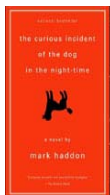


Welcome to the Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders Summer Common Reading Initiative – 2009

New freshman and transfer students admitted into the major of CSD will be assigned to read *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon.



Students will read the book in Summer 2009 and come to the Department Passages meeting (**Friday, August 14th, 9:45-10:30, Fairchild Hall Room 321**) prepared to discuss the book in *small* break-out groups with CSD faculty members and fellow classmates.

Passages Welcome Weekend is your next step in preparing for life at Illinois State. Passages encourages student interaction, university involvement and focuses on connecting you to Illinois State University.

The purpose of the summer common reading initiative is for students to:

- interact and establish relationships with faculty and peers
- gain a better understanding of the college classroom environment and faculty expectations
- share a common reading experience and participate in discussion

Sample discussion questions:

- Which scenes are comical in this novel, and why are they funny? Are these same situations also sad, or exasperating?
- Does the novel's intensive look at Christopher's fascinating and often profound mental life suggest that in certain ways, the pity that well-meaning, "normal" people might feel for him is misdirected?
- Why do "normal" human beings in the novel, like Christopher's parents, find lies so indispensable?
- Does Christopher seem to suffer from his mental and emotional isolation, or does he seem to enjoy it?
- Since Mark Haddon has chosen to make us see the world through Christopher's eyes, what does he help us discover about ourselves?

This book will be available in the Barnes and Noble Bookstore in the Bone Student Center for a discounted price.

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