



# CHECK OUT A BOOK

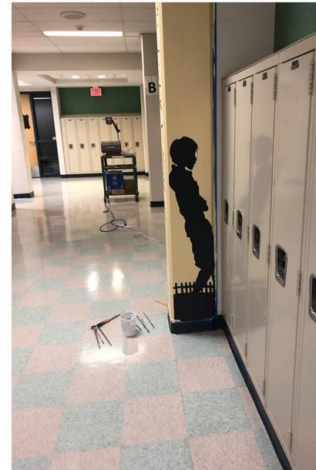
**Girl Scout Gold Award Project  
designed by  
Isabella Dupont**

During the summer of 2019, I transformed the English Wing of Columbia High School into a Literary Wonderland. For many years the English Staff has been interested in having murals created to enrich the students' love of literature. These murals dovetail my love for art with my love for English and books. The column outside each teacher's room has the book's title along with a focal illustration (i.e. *To Kill a Mockingbird* has paintings of Scout and Jem). On some of the inside walls facing the teacher's door, there is an inspirational quote taken from the work. This artwork will benefit all 4,500 students and faculty who attend our school (as most every student and many faculty members traverse this hallway daily). It will bring a very dreary hallway some much-needed energy and might inspire more reading!



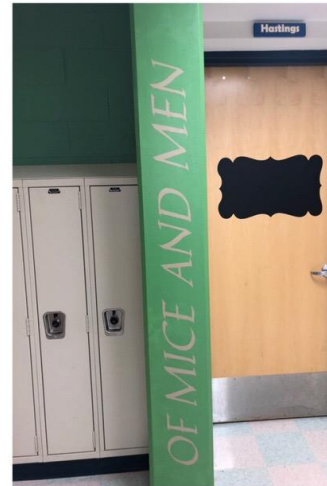
# *TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD*

The novel tells the story of the lives of Scout and her brother, Jem, children growing up in Maycomb, Alabama during the 1930s. Along with their summer friend, Dill, the children become entranced with the idea of getting a glimpse of their reclusive and unseen neighbor, Boo Radley. Meanwhile, their attorney father, Atticus Finch, has decided to defend Tom Robinson, a black man falsely accused of raping a local white woman, Mayella Ewell.



# OF MICE AND MEN

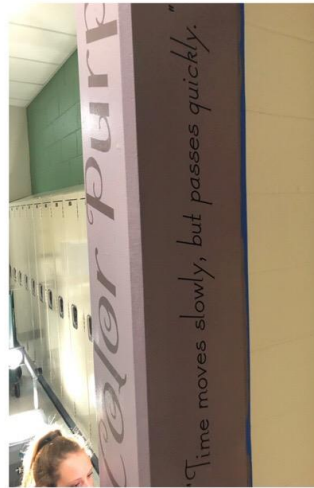
*Of Mice and Men* focuses on the lives of George Milton and Lennie Small, two friends who are working towards a shared dream of owning their own piece of land during the Great Depression. The novella explores themes of human interaction, dependence, and the damaging effects of isolation.





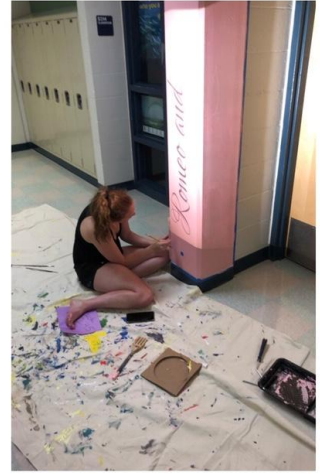
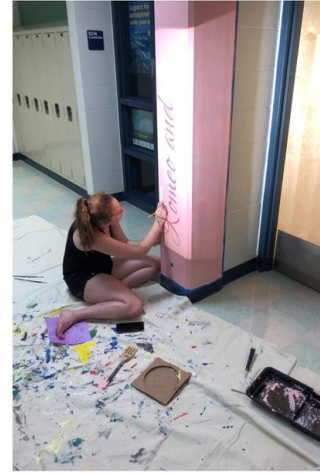
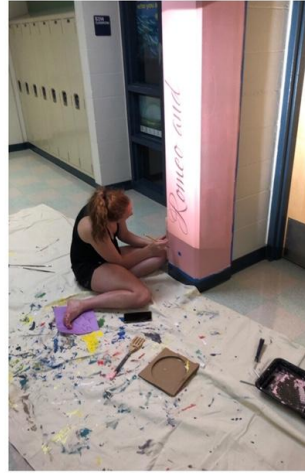
# THE COLOR PURPLE

*The Color Purple* documents the traumas and gradual triumph of Celie, an African American teenager raised in rural isolation in Georgia, as she comes to resist the paralyzing self-concept forced on her by others. Celie narrates her life through painfully honest letters to God.



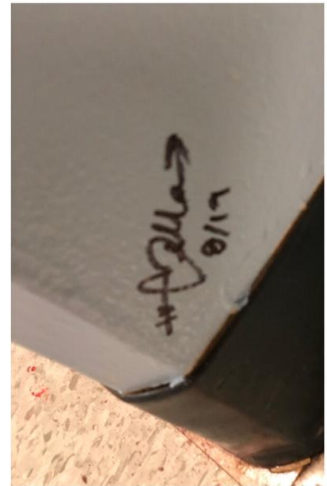
# ROMEO AND JULIET

*Romeo and Juliet* is a play written by Shakespeare. It is a tragic love story where the two main characters, Romeo and Juliet, are supposed to be sworn enemies but fall in love. ... Romeo Montague and his friends gatecrash a Capulet party and Romeo meets Juliet Capulet. He falls in love with her instantly.



# INTO THE WILD

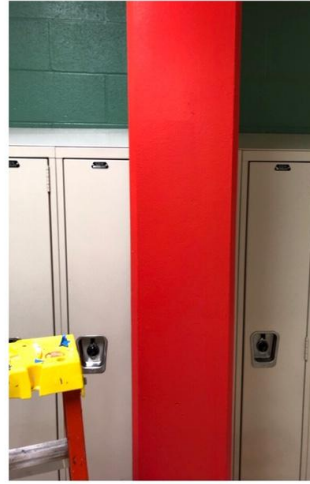
Christopher McCandless, son of wealthy parents, graduates from Emory University as a top student and athlete. However, instead of embarking on a prestigious and profitable career, he chooses to give his savings to charity, rid himself of his possessions, and set out on a journey to the Alaskan wilderness.





# MACBETH

A brave Scottish general named Macbeth receives a prophecy from a trio of witches that one day he will become King of Scotland. Consumed by ambition and spurred to action by his wife, Macbeth murders King Duncan and takes the Scottish throne for himself. He is then wracked with guilt and paranoia.





# THE CRUCIBLE

*The Crucible* takes place in Salem, Massachusetts, in 1692 during the Salem witch trials. The play is a fictionalized version of the trials and tells the story of a group of young Salem women who falsely accuse other villagers of witchcraft.



# TUESDAYS WITH MORRIE

Morrie is an extremely lovable college professor who—in his late sixties—finds out that he is dying. The story of his last few weeks on Earth is told by Mitch, one of Morrie's former students, who happens to bump into him during his final days.



# *JULIUS CAESAR*

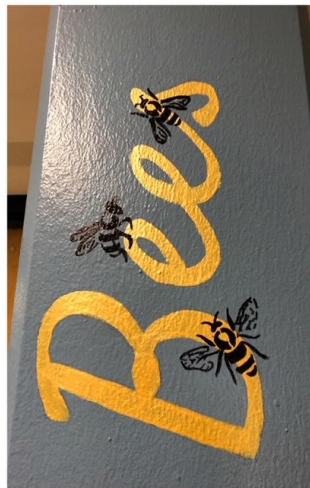
Jealous conspirators convince Caesar's friend Brutus to join their assassination plot against Caesar. To stop Caesar from gaining too much power, Brutus and the conspirators kill him on the Ides of March. Mark Antony drives the conspirators out of Rome and fights them in a battle.





# SECRET LIFE OF BEES

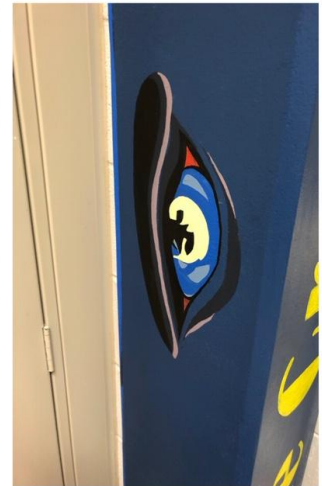
Haunted by memories of her late mother and abused by her father, 14-year-old Lily Owens runs away with her friend and caregiver Rosaleen to the South Carolina town that holds the key to her mother's past. There, Lily meets the Boatwright sisters, who take her in and teach her about beekeeping, honey, and the Black Madonna. Lily also discovers that the truth about her mother is closer than she thinks.





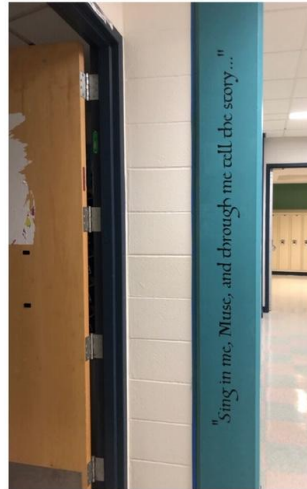
# THE GREAT GATSBY

*The Great Gatsby* is the story of eccentric millionaire Jay Gatsby as told by Nick Carraway, a Midwesterner who lives on Long Island but works in Manhattan. Gatsby's enormous mansion is adjacent to Carraway's modest home, and Carraway becomes curious about his neighbor after being invited to one of his famous parties.



# THE ODYSSEY

The Odyssey is Homer's epic of Odysseus' 10-year struggle to return home after the Trojan War. While Odysseus battles mythical creatures and faces the wrath of the gods, his wife Penelope and his son Telemachus stave off suitors vying for Penelope's hand and Ithaca's throne long enough for Odysseus to return.





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