

## Portage CommuniTEEN Read

Q: What is the Portage CommuniTEEN Read?

A: The CommuniTEEN read is a common read program developed in collaboration by both Portage High Schools, the Portage District Library, and Bookbug bookstore. Our vision is to create a strong connection between teens, their families and the community through the shared enjoyment of reading. Our mission is to spark a joy of reading in teens through an on-going shared reading experience that engages peers, teachers, families, community members and authors.

Q: What book has been chosen for the next CommuniTEEN Read?

A: The reading selection for the 2018 Portage CommuniTEEN Read is "Code Name Verity" by Elizabeth Wein.



Q: Why this book?

A: *Code Name Verity* was a 2013 Printz Honor Book. It is a fast-paced and well-researched piece of historical fiction with proven teen appeal. It tells the story of two teenage girls serving as ferry pilots for the Allies during World War II and begins after their plane has crashed down in Nazi-occupied France. It's a book that is as exciting as it is gorgeously written.

Q: What events are planned?

A: Elizabeth Wein will be traveling from Scotland to Portage to talk with approximately 1,000 students who have read the book. These events will take place early March, during the school day at both high schools. There will also be an evening event with the author (location TBD), that is free and open to the public. Book sales and signing will follow. Other plans are in the works. Stay tuned for more information.

Q: What can I do?

A: Read the book! Encourage your children or your parents to read the book and attend the event. If you are interested in being a donor or sponsor please contact Sara Brown at [sbrown@portageps.org](mailto:sbrown@portageps.org).