

# 62nd Annual Great Books at Colby College Waterville, Maine July 22 – July 28, 2018

## *Woes of Wooing*

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, *The Sorrows of Young Werther*

Roland Barthes, *A Lover's Discourse*

William Shakespeare, *Antony and Cleopatra*

Choderlos de Laclos, *Les Liaisons Dangereuses*

Penelope Fitzgerald, *The Blue Flower*

Philip Roth, *Goodbye, Columbus*

Join our annual week of lively discussion at Colby College. We are a community of people who enjoy reading and discussing Great Books. Have you ever closed a book after reading the last page and wished you could share your thoughts with someone? This week offers an opportunity to collaborate in discovering insights rarely achieved just reading alone. This is an inexpensive but classy vacation where readers who love to think and talk about the world's great literary works can derive pleasure from spending time with others who share that enthusiasm. For two hours each morning, readers discuss their understanding of thought-provoking classics through the Great Books Foundation's Shared Inquiry Method. After their daily discussions, participants are invited to use many of the recreational, athletic and cultural opportunities available to all on campus. Located on a beautiful campus, Colby features a great library, an excellent Museum of Art, tennis courts and first-class athletic facilities with an Olympic swimming pool, as well as waterfront property at a nearby lake open to our participants. Our theme this year is *Woes of Wooing*. In matters of the heart "the course of true love never did run smooth". Join us in examining how these great writers explore difficulties with love.

Registration covers books and discussions, as well as lectures, films, group social activities, use of the athletic facilities and tennis courts, a real Maine lobster bake and nightly musical performances by participants of the Atlantic Music Festival. On campus registration includes a single or double dormitory room (six nights: Sunday through Friday night) and all meals. You can stay over Saturday night either before the week (July 21st) or after the week (July 28th) for an additional charge. Either night allows you to attend the Atlantic Music Festival's free outstanding classical music concert. We also offer a Children's Program for ages three and above. Commuters participate in all activities, but live on their own, off-campus, and receive lunch each day and the Friday night lobster bake.

Application and Refunds: A deposit for each person is required with your application, one half refundable for cancellations received before July 8, 2018. The balance is due at registration on Sunday, July 22, 2018. We accept credit cards, as well as cash and checks. Books and additional information are mailed after November upon receipt of your initial deposit, usually within two to three weeks, so that you can read beforehand. Last day for registration is June 30, 2018. On-line

registrations are processed by Colby College, and after December 1, 2017, you can register online at the Colby website: <http://www.colby.edu/greatbooks>. Consider using the credit card option for the full registration amount. If you are a previous attendee and register someone new to Colby, you are eligible for a \$25 discount, unless you are already receiving discount such as pre-registration or scholarship. To register by mail, make your check payable to **Great Books at Colby**, and send your deposit to: **Great Books at Colby, PO Box 424, Newtown Square, PA 19073**.

FEES	On Campus		Commuters	
	Fee	Deposit	Fee	Deposit
Adult	\$670	\$335	\$350	\$350
Young Adult (Grades 6+)	\$440	\$220	\$220	\$220
Children (Grades K-5)	\$390	\$200	\$200	\$200
Children (Ages 3-4) [No Books]	\$250	\$125	\$190	\$190

No charge for children under 3 years of age. Scholarships are available on a need basis.

### Annual Wednesday Bus Trip

Frequently, we have sponsored bus trips on Wednesday afternoon of the week at Colby. Participants visit Maine sights, have an opportunity for shopping, and have dinner out at their own expense. Participants leave after the morning discussion with a box lunch. The trip usually costs about \$35. Due to insufficient interest, we cancelled our proposed trip last year. This year we are letting Colby take the initiative in organizing a trip that would be open to other groups at Colby. Further information will be available at a later date.

**Optional Saturday Nights to Attend the Atlantic Music Festival’s Concert:** Extra nights: Saturday, July 21st (\$90, lodging, dinner, breakfast, and Sunday lunch) or July 28th (\$85, lodging, dinner and breakfast). Concerts are free. Please prepay for additional nights with your registration deposit.

For more information or additional flyers visit our website at [www.GreatBooks-atColby.org](http://www.GreatBooks-atColby.org) after January 1st. You can also direct questions to John Dalton at 610-608-7711, or email him at [agreatbook@aol.com](mailto:agreatbook@aol.com)

On campus participants reside in Colby dormitories, eat meals together, and participate in formal discussion groups that meet for two hours each morning, Monday through Saturday. These discussions follow the rules of the Great Books Foundation’s Shared Inquiry Method. No outside sources are allowed so that discussion is egalitarian, and the emphasis is truly on readers and the text. Books are mailed to participants after registration, and people are expected to have read the assigned texts completely before arriving at Colby. Most discussion groups have assigned leaders, who move from group to group during the week. Some experienced participants opt for a “leaderless” group.

People attending Colby Great Books vary in age, background, and interests, but all share a love of reading. Some have come to Colby for decades, but many newcomers arrive each year. Everyone is welcome. The goal is shared inquiry, shared laughter, and shared experience. Results are often friendship, fun and sometimes even glimpses of truth. In addition to an opening night orientation and a Thursday evening Talent Show (strictly voluntary), there are a wide variety of activities during the week. Our week coincides with Atlantic Music Festival offerings, which means attending musical performances is an option almost every night. We also have a social gathering place each night. Named after Great Books at Colby's founder, Is Wachs, the *Wachs Works* is our version of a friendly pub with an emphasis on socialization and relaxation.

Food at Colby is good and plentiful. Living arrangements are in comfortable dorm rooms. Fans, phones, reading lights and bed boards are available. It is dormitory living, however, with no frills and no air conditioning. (Our Maine location means this usually is not a problem.) We have private bedrooms with shared bath facilities. All buildings are smoke-free. The school provides towels and bed linen. Arrangements can usually be made for people with special needs. If you have special medical or other needs, please include that on your application. That information is forwarded to Sylvia Eusebi (Sylvia@softhands.net) who assigns rooms and oversees accommodations.

Participants make their own travel arrangements. Many arrive by car, but there is air service to Portland and Bangor, ME; Manchester, NH; and Boston, MA. Rental cars, buses and limousine service are available from there. There is also a Greyhound bus terminal in Waterville. For those without cars, rides with other participants can sometimes be arranged. Coordination of carpooling can be made by emailing participants. An email list from last year's participants is available upon request. There is also a Facebook page for sharing ride info: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Wachs-Great-Books-Summer-Institute-at-Colby-College/156086481080727?ref=ts>

Please see the reverse side for the Junior Great Books Registration form.

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**Mail to: Great Books at Colby, PO Box 424, Newtown Square, PA 19073**

**APPLICATION** (Make checks payable to **Great Books at Colby**)

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Rooming with \_\_\_\_\_  
Rooming near (if possible) \_\_\_\_\_  
We are commuting (names) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Please circle your choice.**

Lobster Bake choice: [Indicate choice] *Lobster*  
*Steak Halibut Vegetarian*

Previously attended Colby Great Books: Yes or No

Prefer Leaderless Group: Yes or No

Need Handicapped Access: Yes or No

Need Bed Board: Yes or No

Need Email List: Yes or No

Extra night choice: July 21 for \$90; July 28 for \$85

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**Great Books at Colby Summer Institute**  
**July 22 – July 28, 2018**

**OLDER JUNIOR GREAT BOOKS**

Lauren Wolk, *Wolf Hollow*  
 Jane Austen, *Pride and Prejudice*  
 F. Scott Fitzgerald, *Diamond as Big as the Ritz*  
 Meg Kearney, *The Secret of Me: A Novel in Verse*

**MIDDLE JUNIOR GREAT BOOKS**

Lauren Wolk, *Wolf Hollow*  
 Sharon Creech, *Love that Dog*  
 Scott O'Dell, *Sing Down the Moon*  
 Pam Munoz Ryan, *Esperanza Rising*

**YOUNGER JUNIOR GREAT BOOKS**

Lindsay Mattick, *Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear*  
 Jean George, *My Side of the Mountain*  
 Peter Brown, *The Wild Robot*  
 Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, *The Little Prince*

Junior Great Books at Colby is an excellent summer program for intellectually curious children and teens whose parents and/or grandparents enjoy the Great Books experience with them. Some Colby-affiliated children or teens can join the program without an accompanying parent/grandparent. [Please contact John Dalton for approval if you would like to pursue this option. John can be reached at 610-608-7711, or through email at [agreatbook@aol.com](mailto:agreatbook@aol.com).] Four afternoons are scheduled for discussions of the assigned books which are mailed to participants to be read BEFORE arrival.

During the morning, counselors supervise fun activities for all Junior Great Books attendees and siblings (age 3 and up). Following lunch on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, counselors take participants to book discussions, which start at 1 p.m. There are no Junior Great Books discussions on Wednesday, the day of the bus trip, nor on Saturday. Parents pick children up directly from camp. In the afternoons, there are other activities, including movies, games, and if desired, Talent Show rehearsals. Facilities are available for swimming, tennis, and volleyball. Colby has a bookstore and library, as well as computers for online access. Junior Great Book attendees and their families are housed near each other. Each child has his or her own room, unless otherwise requested. The nearby arts and crafts rooms are open to Junior Great Books participants / siblings.

The On Campus Registration fee covers accommodations in a dormitory room (single or double), meals, discussions and books, as well as swimming, tennis, counselor-supervised activities, and a real Maine lobster bake. The cost for commuters (people who participate in group activities but live off-campus) includes lunches and other activities and the lobster bake. All prices are on page two above. To register by June 30, 2018, please complete the form below and send with the proper deposit per person to the address below. After December 1, 2017, you can register online at the Colby website: <http://www.colby.edu/greatbooks>

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[Please use separate form for each Junior Great Books Registrant and sibling. ALL INFO IS REQUIRED.]

**Junior Great Books Registration** (Please make checks payable to *Great Books at Colby*)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age in Sept. 2018: \_\_\_\_ Grade in Sept. 2018: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Accompanying\*\* Adult(s) Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 We are Commuting (names) \_\_\_\_\_

Please tell us your  
**Hobbies:**  
  
**Favorite Book:**  
  
**Talent for Talent Show:**

**Lobster Bake choice** [indicate choice]    Lobster [    ]    Steak [    ]    Halibut [    ]    or    Vegetarian [    ]

**\*\*Accompanying adult (s) will assume responsibility for junior attendees and their respect for other attendees.**