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Dear Parents and West Hempstead Regents Level students,

Attached is a list of the 2009 **REQUIRED** Summer Reading Program for the **REGENTS** level (9R, 10R, 11R, 12R).

Students **MUST** read **ONE** book. There will be a multiple choice test on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> on the book you've chosen to read. Your score on this test will be your first grade in Quarter 1; if you choose to read a **second** book, request to take that test also and the results will be considered extra credit.

It is the desire of the English department to promote independent reading, a skill very important to a student's academic development. To achieve this, we need your cooperation; therefore, please see that your child reads at least one selection.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation. The English department carefully chose these titles balancing age level interest and quality of writing.

We thank you for your cooperation.

Enjoy the summer.

Best wishes,

Kathleen O'Farrell  
Director of English & Library Services

## June 2009

The following is a list of summer 2009 reading selections by course:

- 9R** Heaven by Angela Johnson  
Artemis Fowl by Evin Colfer  
Slam by Walter Dean Myers  
**Students choose ONE to read**
- 10R** The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants by Ann Brashores  
Before We Were Free by Julia Alvarez  
Hole in my Life by Jack Gantos  
**Students choose ONE to read**
- 11R** A Walk to Remember by Nicholas Sparks  
Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment by James Patterson  
Monster by Walter Dean Myers  
**Students choose ONE to read.**
- 12R** Twilight by Stephanie Meyer  
Ordinary People by Judith Guest  
The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls  
**Students choose ONE to read.**