

Reading is Your Passport to the World!
Sayreville War Memorial High School ~ Summer Reading List – 2011
Entering 9th Grade



9th Grade (not honors):

Choose **2** books - either 2 books from this list or 1 from this list and 1 from somewhere else
(must be age appropriate and not a movie!)

9th Grade (honors):

Choose **3** books - 2 from this list and 1 from the 9th grade honors list (see last page).

7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens: Sean Covey. Based on his father's bestselling *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*, Sean Covey applies the same principles to teens, using a vivacious, entertaining style. To keep it fun, Covey writes, he "stuffed it full of cartoons, clever ideas, great quotes, and incredible stories about real teens from all over the world... along with a few other surprises."

Accidental Impact by Brian Hershey

Kyle O'Brian is a 17 year old high school senior who is severely injured when his best friend, Darrian Mathews, in a drunken stupor causes a car accident. Amid a long, painful recovery, Kyle ultimately has to decide whether his friendship with Darrian is strong enough to withstand the lies that surround this horrific event or to simply end the friendship by sending Darrian to prison.

About the Life, After by Sarah Darer Littman

After a terrorist attack kills Dani's aunt and unborn cousin, life in Argentina crumbles quickly. In order to escape a country that is sinking under their feet, Dani and her family move to the United States, in this novel by the author of "Purge."

Accomplice by Eireann Corrigan

Finn and Chloe have it all figured out. Their school guidance counselor has told everyone that it's not enough to get good grades or do community service anymore - kids like that are everywhere, and colleges are bored of them. So what do you do? Chloe decides they should get attention another way. She and Finn will stage her own disappearance - and then Finn will be the only who finds and saves her. What college wouldn't want them after that kind of attention? It seems like a good plan -- until things start going very wrong.

Birthmarked by Caragh O'Brien

After climate change, a dystopian world is divided between those who live inside the wall, and those, like sixteen-year-old midwife Gaia Stone, who lives outside. Fraught with difficult moral choices and rich with intricate layers of codes, *Birthmarked* explores a colorful, cruel, eerily familiar world where a criminal is defined by her genes, and one girl can make all the difference.

Copper Sun: Sharon M. Draper. This action-packed, multifaceted, character-rich story describes the shocking realities of the slave trade and plantation life while portraying the perseverance, resourcefulness, and triumph of the human spirit. Amari is a 15-year-old Ashanti girl who is happily anticipating her marriage to Besa. Then, slavers arrive in her village, slaughter her family, and shatter her world. Shackled, frightened, and despondent, she is led to the Cape Coast where she is branded and forced onto a boat of death for the infamous Middle Passage to the Carolinas.

Firehouse: David Halberstam. Out of all the men who responded to the terrorists' attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, from the Engine 40 Ladder 35 firehouse, only one man survived (*nonfiction, biography*).