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Dear Students and Parents/Guardians:

The Morris Hills Regional District's Summer Read Program is founded on the belief that encouraging and inspiring students to read year-round is a key element in the development of lifelong learners. With your support, we have been able to create some wonderful opportunities for our students and staff. I thank you for your continued support and effort to make the Districtwide Summer Read an exceptional experience year after year.

This year, we will take a slight departure from the One Book-One District model. All students entering grades 9-12 in September 2020 are required to select one book of their CHOICE and complete the Summer Snapshot Assignment found on the school website. Our district librarians have created guides that include recommendations for students based on a variety of interests, but ultimately, the selection is the choice of the student in consultation with his or her parent/guardian. In our current climate, it is our hope that this will be a fun, light, way to spark an interest in reading.

Please be advised that there will be additional summer reading titles and assignments for students enrolled in the **International Baccalaureate Program at Morris Knolls High School (11th and 12th graders), 9th graders entering the Academy for Math, Science, and Engineering at Morris Hills High School, and students enrolled in Service Learning, AP English Language, and AP English Literature at both high schools.** These assignments will also be posted on the [school websites](#).

Local libraries and bookstores will receive notification of all summer reading requirements so they may stock their shelves accordingly, however students are responsible for obtaining their own copies. To assist in that process, our school librarians have confirmed that all of the titles for the additional summer reading are available as downloadable ebooks and/or audio through Morris County Library. Please note that these titles may be single use only, and will only circulate to one person at a time. Additionally, if an ebook or pdf copy of a book is available online, it has been linked to the "Summer Reading Titles and Resources" document. I have also created "Finding a Book" for other ways to obtain copies of summer reading books. All summer reading documents can be downloaded from the school websites.

Reading is important for all students year round regardless of age or placement. I appreciate your support as we continue this initiative.

Respectfully,

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