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Dear Parent/ Guardian,

We are pleased to present the Seaford High School Summer Reading Program. Summer should be a relaxing and joyful time, and we hope that reading will be an important part of your child's summer plans.

To quote author Kate DiCamillo, "Reading should not be presented to a child as a chore, a duty. It should be offered as a gift," and according to a February 2016 article in *English Leadership Quarterly*, giving students choice in reading leads to real and meaningful conversations as well as student independence.

To that end, the English Department of Seaford High School invites your child to select a book of his or her choice for this year's summer reading. Some websites that may be helpful in making this choice include: Good Reads, The 100 Best Young Adult Books of all Time, The Great American Read, NPR's Book Concierge, and YALSA Teen Book Finder Database. Students can also ask their teachers, a librarian or the English Department Chairperson for help in selecting an appropriate title. The book can be of any genre: fiction or nonfiction, novel, graphic novel or drama. Students are asked not to choose a book for which a movie has been made or one that they have read in a prior year's class.

Students who choose to read a book over the summer can earn 1-2 points on their first quarter English average. They will be assessed in September on their knowledge of the book.

Please Note: Students who are taking English 9A, AP Seminar or Research, AP Language and Composition, or AP Literature and Composition have an alternate mandatory summer reading assignment. They are invited to take part in this choice program in addition to that assignment if they wish.

We hope this approach to summer reading will enable students to discover, or re-discover, a natural love of reading. Enjoy the summer with a good book!

The Seaford High School English Department