

Regional School District #10
Har-Bur Middle School
2008 Summer Reading List
Grade 8

** As you read focus on making text-to-text, text-to-world and text-to-self connections*

Author: Marina Budhos
Title: Ask Me No Questions

After Nadira's father, an illegal immigrant from Bangladesh, is arrested, her older sister grows more sorrowful with each passing day. Nadira, no longer living in her sophisticated sister's shadow, must cope with the difficulties of being a Muslim in post-9/11 America.

Author: Catherine Gilbert Murdock
Title: Dairy Queen

Since her father's injury, DJ Schwenk has been doggedly running her family's dairy farm. But the summer before 11th grade, the rival school's football coach sends his stuck-up, lazy quarterback, Brian, to help DJ out on the farm. DJ finds herself coaching Brian, and she starts to wonder if there is more out there for her than farm work.

Author: Neal Shusterman
Title: The Schwa Was Here

When Antsy Bonano and his friends discover that fellow eighth grade classmate Calvin Schwa can become invisible, they use the knowledge to hatch a money making plot. What begins as a surefire scheme turns into something else, as you weave through this funny, yet thought provoking journey with Cal, Antsy, and Lexie.

Author: Scott Westerfeld
Title: Uglies

When Tally turns sixteen, she will transition from an Ugly to a Pretty, receiving society's mandated plastic surgery to look like everyone else: model beautiful. But before her birthday, she meets some Uglies who have never had the surgery. And they have a secret to share with her.

Author: Gabrielle Zevin
Title: Elsewhere

This novel asks the question: what happens to us when we die? When Liz Hall dies at fifteen, she discovers Elsewhere, an afterlife where people and animals age backwards until they are reborn again. But Liz desperately wants to grow up, fall in love, and get her driver's license, not rewind to fourteen!