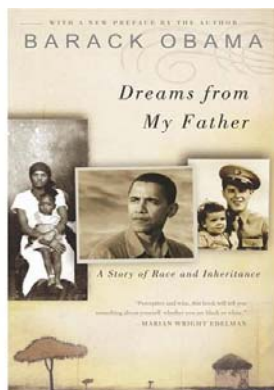




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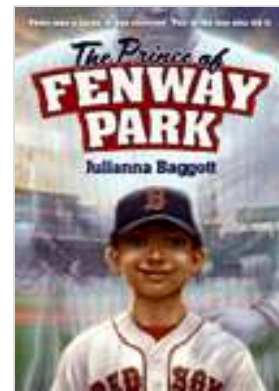
During the summer of 2009, Hingham Middle School and Hingham High School will take part in the Community Read Program. All members of the school community – students, parents, teachers, administrators, and support staff – are encouraged to share in a common reading experience. It is hoped that this endeavor will enable all readers to engage in meaningful literary discussions about a common text and its related themes. The selections for the summer of 2009 are as follows:

**Hingham High School**



This memoir was selected because of its topical relevance as well as its strong connection to a series of grade-level essential questions recently designed to frame our high school summer reading selections. A review from *Booklist* on Amazon.com has this to say about the book: *[Obama] dismisses stereotypes and then shows how much we are all caught between messy contradictions and disparate communities. ...He find[s] community and authenticity...with "honest, decent men and women who have attainable ambitions and the determination to see them through."*

**Hingham Middle School**



This novel is set in our own town of Hingham, MA, and at Fenway Park in Boston during the miraculous 2004 Red Sox season. The story takes young readers through some familiar and some mysterious settings as it explores history and local myth, and as it confronts issues of self-discovery, family dynamics, racism, and faith.

Various plans for school and community-based discussions of the reading selections are underway. During the second week of school, a day will be set aside for discussions and/or programs related to these books. The assessment for these books will take place during the first week (cycle) of school on a day to be determined by the English teachers.