SUMMER READING!!!
(Those are two of my FAVORITE words!!!)
Now, you know me, and I’ll bet that ALL of you know that I am CRAZY about books and reading. I would live at the library - well, if they’d let me set up a bed! I collect books, SMELL books, devour books, talk about books, think about books, READ books -

I LOVE BOOKS!!!
So of course I have a summer-reading assignment for you! Summer fun in the sun! Each of you is invited (okay, REQUIRED) to read AT LEAST two books this summer. Obviously, we encourage you to read MORE than the bare minimum; generate a personal goal for YOUR summer reading! My personal goal: 60 books!

Some frequently asked questions about this summer reading:

- Can I re-read a book? Of course! But also read two new books.
- Can I read picture books? Of course! But they don’t count towards your two books. Your two required books should be at or around your level.
- How will you know we’ve read the books? There will fun, beginning-of-the-year activities to demonstrate your reading.
- Do you have any recommendations? YES!!! Below are two helpful websites that provide recommendations. I’ve also attached a list of books recommended by other students and by ME. You don’t HAVE to read a book from this list - they are just ideas.

Websites to visit:
https://bookish.netgalley.com/
https://www.whichbook.net/
https://www.whatshouldireadnext.com/
https://bookseer.com/
Recommended authors/books:

Do you like **realistic fiction** - stories about real life?
- Alyssa Sheinmel - *What Kind of Girl, A Danger to Herself and Others, Faceless*
- Carl Deuker - *Gym Candy, Night Hoops, etc.*
- Jennifer Longo - *What I Carry*
- Nic Stone - *Dear Martin, Clean Getaway, Shuri*
- Angie Thomas - *The Hate U Give, On the Come Up*
- Mindy McGinnis - *Heroine, Be Not Far From Me*
- Jasmine Warga - *Other Words for Home*
- Alicia D. Williams - *Genesis Begins Again*
- TONS of other authors! Samira Ahmed, Elizabeth Acevedo, Gordon Korman, Gary D. Schmidt, Courtney Summers, Tahereh Mafi, Wendelin VanDraanen, Tiffany Jackson, Paul Volponi, Mike Lupica, and MORE

Do you like **dystopian adventures**? (Maybe you read *Divergent*?)
- Neal Shusterman - *Arc of a Scythe* (series); *Dry*
- Caragh O’Brien - *Birthmarked* (trilogy)
- Pittacus Lore - *I Am Number Four* (series)
- Scott Westerfield - *Uglies* (series)
- Joelle Charbonneau - *The Testing* (series)
- Victoria Aveyard - *Red Queen* (series)
- Rick Yancey - *The Fifth Wave* (series)
- James Dashner - *The Maze Runner* (series); *The Eye of Minds* series

How do you feel about **fantasy and/or unrealistic fiction**?
- Mark Frost - *The Paladin Prophecy*
- Kristin Cashore - *Graceling* (trilogy), *Jane Unlimited*
- Tomi Adeyeme - *Children of Blood and Bone, Children of Virtue and Vengeance*
- Leigh Bardugo - *Six of Crows*
- Madeleine L’Engle - *A Wrinkle in Time* (series)
- TONS of other authors: Maggie Stiefvater, Lois Lowry, Rick Riordan, Cassandra Clare, Stephanie Garber, Victoria Schwab, and more!

Do you like **mystery**?
- Kimberly McCreight - *Reconstructing Amelia*
- Karen McManus - *One of Us Is Lying, One of Us is Next*
- Natalie D. Richards - *Six Months Later, We All Fall Down, One Was Lost, What You Hide*
- Adriana Mather - *Killing November*
Do you like **LOVE** stories?
- Sarah Dessen - ALL of her books - *Just Listen, Dreamland, This Lullaby, Keeping the Moon, That Summer, Saint Anything*, etc.
- Kasie West - ALL of them
- Sandhya Menon - *There’s Something about Sweetie, When Dimple Met Rishi*
- David Yoon - *Frankly in Love*
- Jenny Han - *The Summer I Turned Pretty* (series)

Do you love **informational text**?
- **Memoirs** - Jeanette Walls’ *The Glass Castle*; Trevor Noah’s *Born a Crime*; Rex Ogle’s *Free Lunch*; Malala Yousafzai’s *I Am Malala*; Chris Crutcher’s *King of the Mild Frontier*
- **Sports** - *Outcasts United* by Warren St. John (soccer); *The Greatest: Muhammed Ali* by Walter Dean Myers; *Into Thin Air* by Jon Krakauer (climbing Everest)
- **Information** - *Stamped* by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi, *Kent State* by Deborah Wiles (this is more historical fiction but very informational), *How They Croaked* by Georgia Bragg

Do you like **historical fiction**?
- Ruda Sepetys - *Between Shades of Gray*
- Kip Wilson - *White Rose*
- Alan Gratz - *Allies, Refugee, etc.*
- Mitali Perkins - *You Bring the Distant Near*

Do you love **graphic** texts?
- Gene Luen Yang - *Dragon Hoops*
- RJ Palacio - *White Bird*
- Dylan Meconis - *Queen of the Sea*
- George Takei - *They Called Us Enemy*

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**Librarians, friends, siblings, parents, book stores, and more can also make suggestions!**

And, of course, check out my Instagram (bookstagram):

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