

Dear Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> Graders,

We recognize that this summer will not be a “typical” one given all that is and has occurred. We, as your future 9<sup>th</sup> grade teachers, are now asking you to read more than ever. We ask that you read a wide variety of texts on many topics, and from the perspectives of others that may be of different race, gender, age, etc. It is important to read works in which you see yourself and others in order to truly be educated. These books are all available in the e-book or audiobook format through the Arlington Public library. You may still have access to your middle school library where copies are also available. The Arlington Public libraries will be open soon to pick up requested titles. Feel free to branch out and find other books you may enjoy! Wishing you continued good health and safety,

Your 9th Grade English Teacher(s)

Mrs. Bruesewitz

Mrs. Holcombe

Ms. Jackson

Ms. Larsen

Potential Options:

Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi

The Sun is Also a Star by Nicola Yoon

Almost American Girl by Robin Ha

Hey Kiddo by Jarrett J. Krosoczka

New Kid by Jerry Craft

Eliza and Her Monsters by Francesca Zappia

For Every One by Jason Reynolds

George by Alex Gino

Redwood and Ponytail by K.A. Holt

I Am Not Dying With You Tonight by Jones and Segal

Swing by Kwame Alexander and Mary Rand Hess

Illegal by Colfer and Donkin

The Unwanted: Stories of Syrian Refugees by Don Brown

They Called Us Enemy by George Takei

Indian No More by Mcmanis and Sorell

The Marrow Thieves by Cherie Dimaline

Lighter Than My Shadow by Katie Green

Other Words for Home by Jasmine Warga

Pet by Akwaeke Emezi

Piecing Me Together by Renee Watson

Refugee by Alan Gratz

Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You by Reynolds and Kendi

The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo

The Truth As Told By Mason Buttle by Leslie Connor

Monday's Not Coming by Tiffany Jackson

The 57 Bus by Dashka Slater

They Both Die at the End by Adam Silvera