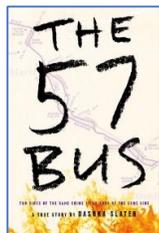
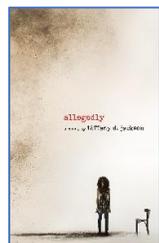


# Summer Beaver Readers 2018-2019

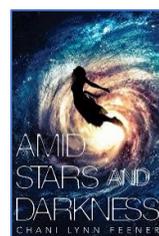
Each time you read one of these featured reads, let your school librarian, Eager Beaver Readers, or Library Leaders know so you can participate in the monthly prize drawings.



**The 57 Bus by Dashka Slater:** One wore a skirt. One had a lighter. One moment changed their lives forever. If not for the 57 bus, they'd never have met. But one reckless act left Sasha, a white teen, severely burned; and Richard, a black teen, facing life in prison. (NF)

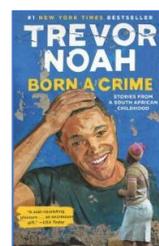


**Allegedly by Tiffany Jackson:** A young girl, convicted of murder as a child, serves her sentence only to be placed in a group home, where, upon her release, she must grapple with starting over and an unplanned pregnancy. (RF)



**Amid Stars and Darkness by Chani Lynn Feener:** Delaney's entire world is thrown into chaos after she is mistaken for Lissa Olena, an alien princess hiding out on earth in order to escape an arranged marriage. Kidnapped by the princess' head bodyguard, Ruckus, and imprisoned in an alien palace, Delaney is forced to impersonate the princess until Olena can

be found. If she fails, it will lead to an alien war and the eventual enslavement of the entire human race. (SF)



**Born A Crime- stories from a South African childhood by Trevor Noah:** Trevor was born to a white Swiss father and a black Xhosa mother at a time when such a union was punishable by five years in prison. .... Born a Crime is the story of a mischievous young boy who grows into a restless young man as he struggles to find himself in a world where he was never

supposed to exist. (NF)

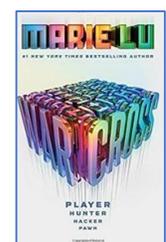


**The Black Witch by Laurie Forest:** Elloren Gardner is the granddaughter of the last prophesied Black Witch, Carnissa Gardner, who drove back the enemy forces and saved the Gardnerian people during the Realm War. But while she is the absolute spitting image of her famous grandmother, Elloren is utterly devoid of power in a society that prizes magical

ability above all else. (FAN)

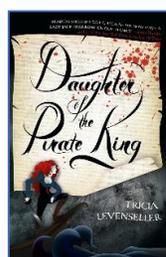


**The Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyami:** Seventeen-year-old Zelig, her older brother Tzain, and rogue princess Amari fight to restore magic to the land and activate a new generation of magi, but they are ruthlessly pursued by the crown prince, who believes the return of magic will mean the end of the monarchy. (FAN)



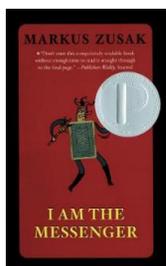
**Warcross By Marie Lu:** when a game called Warcross takes the world by storm, one girl hacks her way into its dangerous depths. For the millions who log in every day, Warcross isn't just a game - it's a way of life. Struggling to make ends meet, teenage hacker Emika Chen works as a bounty hunter, tracking down players who bet on the game illegally. When Emika

hacks into the game illegally, she's convinced she'll be arrested, and is shocked when she gets a call from the game's creator, the elusive young billionaire Hideo Tanaka, with an irresistible offer. He needs a spy on the inside of this year's tournament in order to uncover a security problem . . . and he wants Emika for the job. (SF)

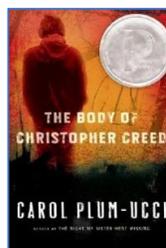


**Daughter of the Pirate King by Tricia Levenseller:** When her father, the ruthless pirate king, discovers that a legendary treasure map can be found on an enemy ship, his daughter Alosa knows that there's only one pirate for the job - herself. Leaving behind her beloved ship and crew, Alosa deliberately facilitates her own kidnapping to ensure her

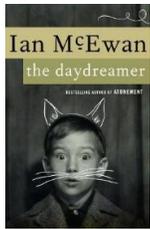
welcome on the ship. (FAN)



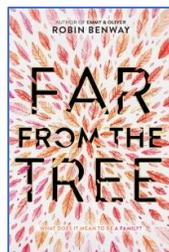
**I Am The Messenger by Markus Zusak:** After capturing a bank robber, nineteen-year-old cab driver Ed Kennedy begins receiving mysterious messages that direct him to addresses where people need help, which helps him start to get over his lifelong feeling of worthlessness. (MYS)



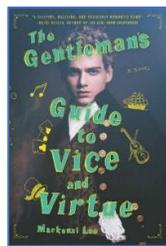
**The Body of Christopher Creed by Justina Ireland:** Sixteen-year-old Torey Adams embarks on a path of terror and pain when he sets out to investigate the disappearance of Christopher Creed, a weird kid who vanished from his small hometown of Steepleton, leaving only a cryptic E-mail message as a possible clue to what happened to him. (MYS)



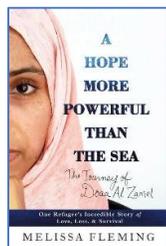
**The Daydreamer by Ian McEwan:** Living somewhere between dream and reality, Peter experiences fantastical transformations: he swaps bodies with the wise old family cat; exchanges existences with a cranky infant; encounters a very bad doll who has come to life and is out for revenge, and rummages through a kitchen drawer filled with useless objects to discover some not-so-useless cream that actually makes people vanish. Finally, he wakes up as an eleven-year-old inside a grown-up body and embarks on the truly fantastic adventure of falling in love. (F)



**Far from the Tree by Robin Benway:** Being the middle child has its ups and downs. But for Grace, an only child who was adopted at birth, discovering that she is a middle child is a different ride altogether. After putting her own baby up for adoption, she goes looking for her biological family, including Maya, her loudmouthed younger bio sister, who has a lot to say about their newfound family ties. (RF)



**The Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue by Mackenzi Lee:** A young bisexual British lord embarks on an unforgettable Grand Tour of Europe with his best friend/secret crush. An 18th-century romantic adventure for the modern age. (HF)



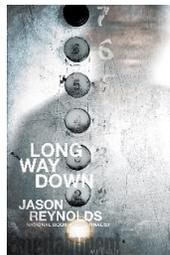
**A Hope More Powerful Than the Sea by Melissa Fleming:** The story of a young Syrian refugee's attempt to reach Sweden, focusing on her ordeal in icy waters after the dilapidated fishing vessel in which she was traveling--along with 500 others--sinks. (NF)



**Freewill by Chris Lynch:** Will is trying to recover from the tragic death of his father and stepmother and believes himself to be responsible for the rash of teen suicides occurring in his high school. (MYS)



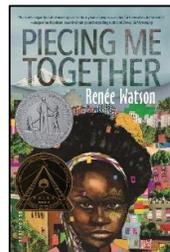
**The Librarian of Auschwitz by Antonio Iturbe:** Fourteen-year-old Dita is one of the many imprisoned by the Nazis at Auschwitz. Taken, along with her mother and father, from the Terezin ghetto in Prague, Dita is adjusting to the constant terror that is life in the camp. When Jewish leader Freddy Hirsch asks Dita to take charge of the eight precious volumes the prisoners have managed to sneak past the guards, she agrees. And so Dita becomes the librarian of Auschwitz. (HF)



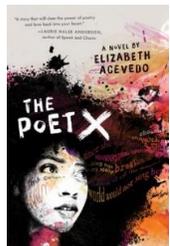
**Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds:** As Will, fifteen, sets out to avenge his brother Shawn's fatal shooting, seven ghosts who knew Shawn board the elevator and reveal truths Will needs to know. (P)



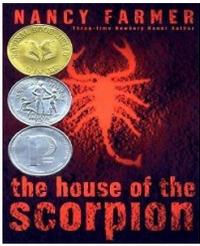
**One of Us is Lying by Karen McManus:** When the creator of a high school gossip app mysteriously dies in front of four high-profile students all four become suspects. It's up to them to solve the case. (MYS)



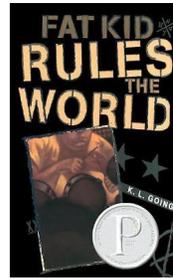
**Piecing Me Together by Renee Watson:** Tired of being singled out at her mostly-white private school as someone who needs support, high school junior Jade would rather participate in the school's amazing Study Abroad program than join Women to Women, a mentorship program for at-risk girls. (RF)



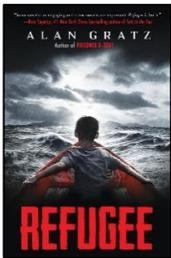
**The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo:** Xiomara Batista feels unheard and unable to hide in her Harlem neighborhood. Ever since her body grew into curves, she has learned to let her fists and her fierceness do the talking. (P)



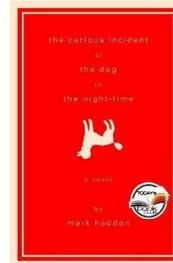
**The House of the Scorpion by Nancy Farmer:** Matteo Alacran was not born; he was harvested. His DNA came from El Patron, lord of a country called Opium-- Matt struggles to understand his existence, he is threatened by a sinister cast of characters, including El Patron's power-hungry family, and he is surrounded by a dangerous army of bodyguards. Escape is the only chance Matt has to survive. But escape from the Alacran Estate is no guarantee of freedom, because Matt is marked by his difference in ways he doesn't even suspect. (FAN)



**Fat Kid Rules the World by K.L. Going:** Seventeen-year-old Troy, depressed, suicidal, and weighing nearly three hundred pounds, gets a new perspective on life when Curt, a semi-homeless teen who is a genius on guitar, asks Troy to be the drummer in a rock band. (RF)

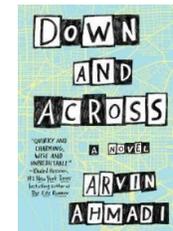
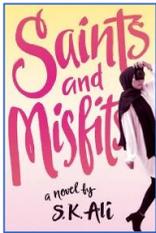


**Refugee by Alan Gratz:** Although separated by continents and decades, Josef, a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany; Isabel, a Cuban girl trying to escape the riots and unrest plaguing her country in 1994; and Mahmoud, a Syrian boy in 2015 whose homeland is torn apart by violence and destruction, embark on harrowing journeys in search of refuge, discovering shocking connections that tie their stories together. (HF)

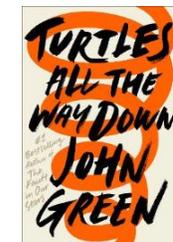


**The curious incident of the dog in the night-time by Mark Haddon:** Despite his overwhelming fear of interacting with people, Christopher, a mathematically-gifted, autistic fifteen-year-old boy, decides to investigate the murder of a neighbor's dog and uncovers secret information about his mother. (MYS)

**Saints and Misfits by S.K. Ali:** Fifteen-year-old Janna Yusuf, a Flannery O'Connor-obsessed book nerd and the daughter of the only divorced mother at their mosque, tries to make sense of the events that follow when her best friend's cousin--a holy star in the Muslim community--attempts to assault her at the end of sophomore year. (RF)



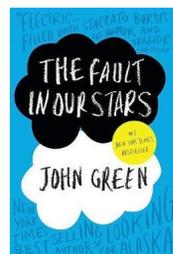
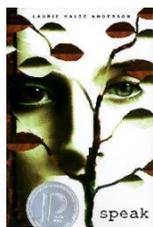
**Down and Across by Arvin Ahmadi:** Sixteen-year-old Scott Ferdowski's impromptu trip to a famous professor for advice about success turns into a summer of freedom that brings him answers in unexpected place. (RF)



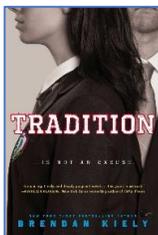
**Turtles All the Way Down by John Green:** Aza Holmes is a young woman navigating daily existence within the ever-tightening spiral of her own thoughts. (RF)



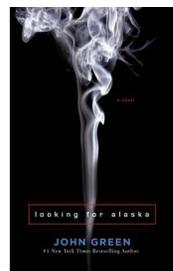
**Speak—the graphic novel by Laurie Halse Anderson:** A traumatic event near the end of the summer has a devastating effect on Melinda's freshman year in high school. (Graphic Novel adaptation) (RF, GN)



**The fault in our stars by John Green:** Sixteen-year-old Hazel, a stage IV thyroid cancer patient, has accepted her terminal diagnosis until a chance meeting with a boy at cancer support group forces her to reexamine her perspective on love, loss, and life. (RF)



**Tradition by Brendan Kiely:** At Fullbrook Academy, where tradition reigns supreme, James Baxter and Jules Devereux take on privilege, sexism, and the importance of consent. (RF)



**Looking for Alaska by John Green:** Sixteen-year-old Miles' first year at Culver Creek Preparatory School in Alabama includes good friends and great pranks, but is defined by the search for answers about life and death after a fatal car crash. (RF)



Books can be checked out at [spl.org](http://spl.org) or Ballard High School **July**

**19<sup>th</sup>** and **August 16<sup>th</sup>** (3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month!)



Read as many books as possible but in the fall during library orientation we

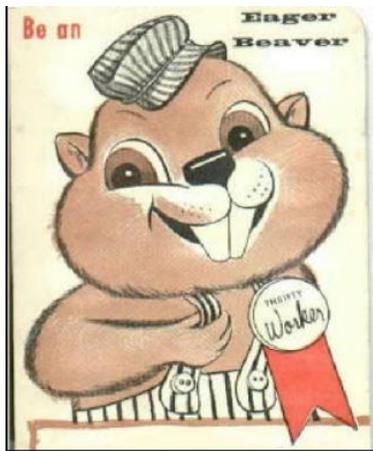
will ask you about **three books** you've read over the summer!

### Ways to stay involved at Ballard High School include:



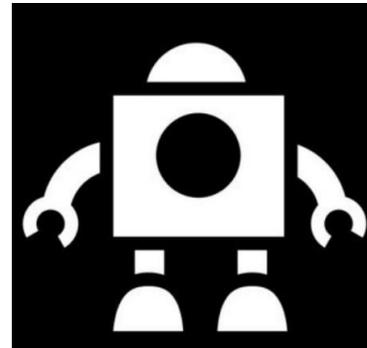
**Library Leaders:** Read 10 books from the list, join Ballard Virtual Reality Club, assist and organize our Makerspace, work with schools across the district, come in and

work three days a week before, during, or after school. Community service hours available!



**Eager Beaver Readers:** Read and recommend books, write book reviews, liaison with bookstores, create PowerPoints for best books to read, and you must love books! Meet once a week before, during, or after school. Community service hours available!

**Ballard Virtual Reality Club:** Play virtual reality, recruit new members, lead workshops, meet after school once a week.



**Makers:** Learn new technology, learn how to use a 3D printer and teach others, enjoy experimenting and designing things for the world. Meet once a week.



**Beaver Book Club:** Attend Book Club with Ms. Chambers and Mr. Wynkoop, eat yummy food, and recruit new members. We meet once a month during lunch.

If you have any questions contact Ms. Chambers at [tschambers@seattleschools.org](mailto:tschambers@seattleschools.org) or stop by the library on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month in July and August!

**Book Key:**  
 MYS-Mystery  
 RF-Realistic Fiction  
 FAN-Fantasy  
 HF-Historical Fiction  
 GN-Graphic Novel  
 P-Poetry  
 F-Fiction  
 NF-Nonfiction  
 SF-Science Fiction

**Note:** Book summaries gathered from the Follett database