Summer Beaver Readers 2019-2020

Each time you read one of these featured reads, let your school librarian, Eager Beaver Readers, or Library Leaders know so you can get the #BeaverReader respect and applause you deserve!

*There, There* by Tommy Orange
A story of twelve unforgettable characters, Urban Indians living in Oakland, California, who converge and collide on one fateful day. (RF)

*An Unkindness of Ghosts* by Rivers Solomon
A story of eccentric Aster was born into slavery on--and is trying to escape from--a brutally segregated spaceship that for generations has been trying to escort the last humans from a dying planet to a Promised Land. (SF)

*Becoming* by Michelle Obama
In her memoir, a work of deep reflection and mesmerizing storytelling, Michelle Obama invites readers into her world. (NF)

*Washington Black* by Esi Edugyan
The story of two unlikely adventurers; twelve-year-old slave, Washington Black, and eccentric inventor Christopher “Tisch” Wilde, and the flying machine that bonds them both. (FAN)

*Spinning Silver* by Naomi Novak
The descendant of two generations of Moneylenders, Miriam’s new-found ability to change silver into gold has put her with odds with both the dark forces of the wood and of the King of the realm. (FAN)

*The Hiding Place* by C.J. Tudor
In a story of betrayal, murder, and suicide, and what happened to his sister, Joe never thought he’d come back to his hometown of Anthill. But it’s happening again, and only Joe knows who’s at fault. (MYS)
Black Leopard, Red Wolf by Marlon James
A story of a band of weird, secretive hunters trying to find a small boy, and the web of half-truths and lies surrounding him. The novel explores the fundamentals of truths, the limits of power, the excesses of ambition, and our need to understand them all. (FAN)

Red Rising by Pierce Brown
The story of Darrow, a Martian slave turned freedom fighter when he learns of the lies that have kept him and his people from the surface of Mars. (SF)

Truly Devious by Maureen Johnson
Decades ago, a kidnapping/murder shocked Ellington Academy. The culprit was known only as “Truly Devious”. Cut to the present, and once again Truly Devious is back! Can crime aficionado Stevie Bell crack the old case? (MYS)

The Art of Losing by Lizzy Mason
17-year old Harley finds love and redemption from an unlikely source after a tragedy involving her ex-boyfriend and younger sister. (RF)

Four Dead Queens by Astrid Scholte
Skilled thief Kerelie Corrington finds herself and upstanding citizen Varin caught up in a conspiracy in which all four queens of the Nation of Quadara have been killed. With no other choice, Kerelie and Varin must join forces to find the killer and clear their names. (FAN)

Opposite of Always by Justin A. Reynolds
A love story with a twist, Jack must go back in time to save the life of his love, Kate when the act of her death sends Jack to the beginning of their romance. (FAN, ROM)

Love, Hate & Other Filters by Samira Ahmed
American-born seventeen-year-old Maya Aziz is torn between worlds, confronting Islamophobia and a reality she can neither explain nor escape. (RF)

Girls with Sharp Sticks by Suzanne Young
The girls of Innovations Academy are obedient, well-behaved young ladies, free from arrogance or defiance, until Mena starts to realize that their carefully controlled existence may not be quite as it seems. (SF)
Internment by Samira Ahmed
Set in a horrifying near-future United States, seventeen-year-old Layla Amin and her parents are forced into an internment camp for Muslim American citizens. (FAN, DYS)

Once & Future by Amy Rose Capetta and Cori McCarthy
Ari Helix crash lands on Old Earth, finds the magical Sword Excalibur, and realizes she is the reincarnation of King Arthur. (SF)

If Beale Street Could Talk by James Baldwin
Tish and Fonny want to get married, but Fonny is accused of a terrible crime. As their families try to clear his name, Tish and Fonny experience a kaleidoscope of emotions-affection, despair, and hope. (RF, CLAS)

The Girl He Used to Know by Tracey Garvis Graves
Annika and Jonathan rekindle an old college romance after an unforeseen tragedy that forces them apart, shattering their connection and leaving them to navigate their lives alone. (RF, ROM)

The Gangster We Are All Looking For by Lê Thi Diem Thúy
This acclaimed novel reveals the life of a Vietnamese family in America through the knowing eyes of a child finding her place and voice in a new country. (RF)

The Darkest Hour by Barbara Erskine
Seventy years after the Battle of Britain, Lucy, an art historian tries to unravel a mystery concerning a painting and two war torn lovers, accidentally ends up stirring up a hornet’s nest of history in the process. (HF, MYS)

PostSecret: Extraordinary Confessions from Ordinary Lives by Frank Warren
Frank Warren began handing out postcards to strangers and leaving them in public places for a community art project -- asking people to write down a secret they had never told anyone and mail it to him, anonymously. What started out as a simple art project has turned into a global phenomenon. (NF)

The Great Believers by Rebecca Makkai
A dazzling new novel of friendship and redemption in the face of tragedy and loss set in 1980s Chicago and contemporary Paris. (HF)
**Vox** by Christina Dalcher
Set in an America where the government decrees that women can only speak 100 words daily, VOX is the harrowing, unforgettable story of what one woman will do to protect herself and her daughter. (SF)

**The Mars Room** by Rachel Kushner
A story about the day to life of serving time in California’s Stanville Women’s Correctional Facility and how one woman deals with it. (RF)

**The Night Tiger** by Yangsze Choo
A sweeping historical novel about a dancehall girl and an orphan boy whose fates entangle over an old Chinese superstition about men who turn into tigers. (FAN)

**Missoula: Rape and the Justice System in a College Town** by Jon Krakauer
A stark, powerful, meticulously reported narrative about a series of sexual assaults at the University of Montana — stories that illuminate the human drama behind the national plague of campus rape. (NF)

**The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life and Freedom on Death Row** by Anthony Ray Hinton
The story of Anthony Ray Hinton’s wrongful conviction of murder and how he coped with the mental and emotional torture of his situation. (NF)

**The Lost Girls of Paris** by Pam Jenoff
A remarkable story of friendship and courage centered around three women and a ring of female spies during World War II. (HF)

**The Poet X** by Elizabeth Acevedo
A young girl in Harlem discovers slam poetry as a way to understand her mother’s religion and her own relationship to the world. (P, RF)
The Tattooist of Auschwitz by Heather Morris
Lale Sokolov, a Slovakian Jew, finds unlikely love under the shadow of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp, based on his experiences as a Tätowierer (the German word for tattooist), tasked with permanently marking his fellow prisoners. (HF)

Let's Go Swimming on Doomsday by Natalie C. Anderson
Forced to become a child soldier, Abdi, a sixteen-year-old Somali refugee must confront his painful past in this haunting, thrilling tale of loss and redemption. (RF)

Loser's Bracket by Chris Crutcher
A story of Annie coping with being in a foster home while dealing with the less than stable lives of her mother and sister. (RF)

The Map of Salt and Stars by Zeyn Joukhadar
The story of two girls living eight hundred years apart—Nour, a modern-day Syrian refugee seeking safety and Rawiya, a medieval adventurer apprenticed to a legendary mapmaker. (HF)

Dry by Neal and Jarrod Shusterman
In this 20 minutes into the future novel, a drought in California (aka the Tap Out) escalates to catastrophic proportions, one teen is forced to make life and death decisions for her family in this harrowing story of survival. (SF, DYS)

The Lonely Dead by April Henry
A killer is on the loose, and only one girl has the power to find him. But in this genre-bending YA thriller, she must first manage to avoid becoming a target herself. (MYS, HOR)
In the Country We Love: My Family Divided by Diane Guerrero, and Michelle Burford. The star of Orange is the New Black and Jane the Virgin presents her personal story of the real plight of undocumented immigrants in this country. (NF)

Rayne & Delilah's Midnite Matinee
by Jeff Zentner. A contemporary novel about two best friends who must make tough decisions about their futures—and the TV show they host—in their senior year of high school. (RF)

Graphic Novels can be found on SPL.org on Hoopla

Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?
by Philip K. Dick. It was January 2021, and Rick Deckard had a license to kill. Somewhere among the hordes of humans out there, lurked several rogue androids. Deckard's assignment—find them and then..."retire" them. Trouble was, the androids all looked exactly like humans, and they didn't want to be found! (GN, SF)

My Friend Dahmer
by Derf Backderf. Jeffrey Dahmer—the most notorious serial killer since Jack the Ripper—through the eyes of a high school friend. (GN, NF)

Blue Is the Warmest Color
by Julie Maroh and Ivanka Hahnenberger. A graphic novel about growing up, falling in love, and coming out. A chance encounter with Emma finds Clementine in a relationship that will test her friends, parents, and her own ideas about herself and her identity. (GN, RF, ROM)

A Fire Story
by Brian Fies. A graphic novel that tells an honest account of the California wildfires. (NF)
Saga by Brian K. Vaughan and Fiona Staples
When two soldiers from opposite sides of a never-ending galactic war fall in love, they risk everything to bring a fragile new life into a dangerous old universe. (GN, FAN)

Red Eye, Black Eye by K. Thor Jensen
A fractured portrait of 21st century American life, cartoonist K. Thor Jensen packed a backpack, bought a bus pass and took to the open road in the days after 9/11. (GN, NF)

While making his way back home after a stay in prison Shadow meet the mysterious Mr. Wednesday, who claims to be the King of America. Together they embark on a profoundly strange journey across the heart of the USA, whilst all around them a storm of preternatural and epic proportions threatens to break. (GN, FAN)

Paper Girls, Vol. 1 by Brian K. Vaughan, and Cliff Chiang
In the early hours after Halloween of 1988, four 12-year-old newspaper delivery girls uncover the most important story of all time! (GN, FAN)

Books can be checked out at spl.org or Ballard High School July 10th and 24th

Read as many books as possible but in the fall during library orientation we will ask you about four 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 the 3D Printing 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!

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

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

If you have any questions, contact Ms. Chambers at tschambers@seattleschools.org or stop by the library at Ballard High School.

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

Note: Book summaries created by Kirk Van Irwin and Cherise Fuselier

Please share what books you are interested in reading and how you want to be involved in the library!