

Hello incoming 8th graders!

Sharing some books with you that I really think you might like.

Please choose **FOUR** to read over the summer for enjoyment.

Happy Reading! Ms. Alberstett

Title	Author	Brief description
<u>A Very Large Expanse of the Sea</u>	Mafi	"It's 2002, a year after 9/11. It's an extremely turbulent time politically, but especially for someone like Shirin, a 16 yr. old Muslim girl who's tired of being stereotyped.
<u>Cinder</u> (1 in series)	Meyers	Tale of a teenage cyborg who must fight for Earth's survival against villains from outer space.
<u>Delirium</u> Trilogy	Oliver	"In this dystopian America, love has been outlawed as the life-threatening source of all discord."
<u>Drums, Girls and Dangerous Pie</u> (1 in series)	Sonnebeck	An 8 th grade boy's world is turned upside down when he has to deal with his brother's cancer diagnosis.
<u>Dry</u>	Schusterman	"The CA drought escalates, and a teen is forced to make life and death decisions for her family."
<u>Dumplin</u>	Murphy	Willowdean Dickson is a fearless, funny and unforgettable heroine who takes on her small town's beauty pageant.
<u>Echo</u>	Ryan	"A grand narrative that examines the power of music to inspire beauty in a world overrun with fear and intolerance."
<u>Ender's Game</u> (1 in series)	Card	To develop a defense against the alien's next attack, government agencies breed child geniuses and train them as soldiers.
<u>Gone</u> (1 in series)	Grant	"If Stephen King had written Lord of the Flies, it might have been a little like this novel."
<u>I am Number Four</u> (1 in series)	Lore	"The intense pace, bigger-than-life fights and good vs. evil showdown set up a series for sci-fi fans.
<u>Incarceron</u> (1 of 2)	Fisher	"A dystopic future where technology and decay coexist in a dazzling kaleidoscope of images and time periods."
<u>Internment</u>	Ahmed	"Set in a horrifying near-future U.S., 17 yr. old Layla Amin and her parents are forced into an internment camp for Muslim American citizens.
<u>Kingdom Keepers</u> (1 in series)	Pearson	5 teens find themselves pitted against Disney villains and witches that threaten both the future WDW and the world outside the walls.
<u>Legend Trilogy</u>	Lu	"A gripping thriller in dystopic future LA."
<u>Let Me Hear a Rhyme</u>	Jackson	"Readers will feel connected to these teens' love of hip-hop, their loyalty to each other and their love for their community...an engaging ode to 90's hip hop."
<u>Long Way Down</u>	Reynolds	This "novel takes place in 60 seconds-the time it takes a kid to decide whether or not he's going to murder the guy who killed his brother."
<u>Poet X</u>	Acevedo	"A powerful, heartwarming tale of a girl not afraid to reach out and figure out her place in the world."
<u>Red Queen</u> (1 in series)	Aveyard	"Readers will be intrigued by a world that reflects today's troubling issues concerning ethnic inequality, unfair distribution of wealth, pollution, warfare, political corruption, and the frightening power of the media."
<u>Steelheart</u> Trilogy	Sanderson	"A straight-up Marvel Comics-style action drama."
<u>Swing</u>	Alexander	"Masterfully combines jazz, art, baseball, friendship and love."

<u>The 57 Bus</u>	Slayer	“One teen in a skirt. One teen with a lighter. One moment that changes their lives forever.”
<u>The Alchemyst</u> (1 in series)	Scott	“An exciting and impeccably thought-out fantasy.” Well suited for Harry Potter fans.
<u>The Astonishing Color of After</u>	Pan	“Alternating between real and magic, past and present, friendship and romance, hope and despair, it is about finding oneself through family history, art, grief, and love.”
<u>The Bitter Side of Sweet</u>	Sullivan	“A gripping and painful portrait of modern-day child slavery in the cacao plantations of the Ivory Coast.”
<u>The Book Thief</u>	Zusak	“It is 1939. Nazi Germany. The country is holding its breath. Death has never been busier.”
<u>The Compound</u> (1 of 2)	Bodeen	The world suffers a nuclear attack and Eli and his family are rushed into The Compound leaving behind Eli’s twin brother and grandma.
<u>The Sun is Also a Star</u>	Yoon	“A novel exploring identity, family, and the love of science and the science of love, dark matter and interconnectedness-about seeing and being seen and the possibility of love.”
<u>The Testing</u> Trilogy	Charbonneau	A chilling and devious dystopian thriller.
<u>The Unwanteds</u> (1 in series)	McMann	A riveting dystopian story. “The Hunger Games meets Harry Potter.” Alex finds out he is Unwanted and expects to die.
<u>Truly Devious</u>	Johnson	“Ellingham Academy is a famous private school in Vermont for the brightest thinkers, inventors, and artists...full of riddles, twisting pathways, and gardens. A place where learning is a game.”
<u>Unwind</u> (1 in series)	Schusterman	“In America, after the 2 nd Civil War, Pro-Choice and Pro-Life armies came to an agreement: human life may not be touched until a child reaches the age of 13.”