

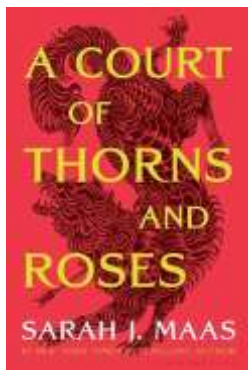


## DHS SUMMER READING LIST 2023-24



**Assignment:** This summer, we invite you to complete the following summer reading enrichment, sponsored by Dulaney faculty across a variety of content areas:

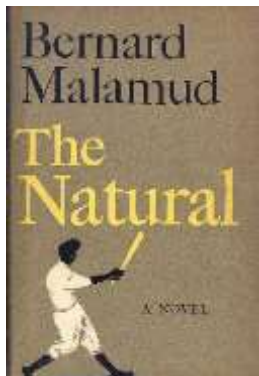
1. Browse the list of novels below and select at least one book of interest to read (*you may select as many books to read as you want!*)
2. Attend and participate in a book talk in the fall with the sponsor of your book- *meeting dates and times TBD.*



*A Court of Thorns and Roses* by Sarah J. Maas

**Sponsored by Mrs. Gillis, Spanish Teacher**

19-year-old huntress Feyre kills a wolf in the woods, a beast-like creature arrives to demand retribution for it. Dragged to a treacherous magical land she only knows about from legends, Feyre discovers that her captor is not an animal, but Tamlin, one of the lethal, immortal faeries who once ruled their world.



*The Natural* by Bernard Malamud. **Sponsored by Mr. LaHatte, History Teacher**

*The Natural* tells the story of Roy Hobbs, a once-promising baseball prodigy who attempts to make a comeback after a gunshot wound ruined his career. The character of Roy Hobbs is very loosely based on the real-life baseball player Eddie Waitkus who was shot by an obsessed fan in 1949.

231 Pages | PG -13

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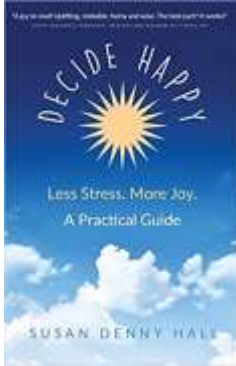


*Most Dangerous* by Steve Sheinkin. **Sponsored by Mrs. Glenna Penner, English Teacher**

In 1964, Daniel Ellsberg was a U.S. government analyst, helping to plan a war in Vietnam. It was the height of the Cold War, and the government would do anything to stop the spread of communism—with or without the consent of the American people.

400 Pages | PG

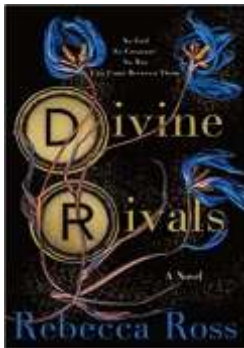
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4. *Decide Happy* by Susan Denny Hall. **Sponsored by Ms. Kendra Swam, Psychology Teacher**

Feeling stressed out, overwhelmed, frustrated or stuck? What does it take for you to feel happier? In *Decide Happy*, you'll discover: 20 habits of happier people, to help you be your most loving, calm, contributing, moving-forward best and simple, practical tools you can use at any time to help you in any situation.

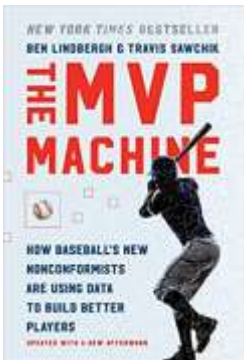
268 Pages | G



5. *Divine Rivals*. By Rebecca Ross. **Sponsored by Ms. Kendra Swam, Psychology Teacher**

When two young rival journalists find love through a magical connection, they must face the depths of hell, in a war among gods, to seal their fate forever.

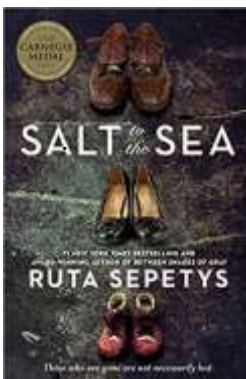
368 Pages | PG -13



6. *The MVP Machine* by Ben Linberg and Travis Sawchik.. **Sponsored by Mr. Jason Bowman, English Teacher**

Lindbergh and Sawchik take us inside the transformation of former fringe hitters into home-run kings, show how washed-up pitchers have emerged as aces, and document how coaching and scouting are being turned upside down.

416 Pages | PG



7. *Salt to the Sea* by Ruta Septys. **Sponsored by Mr. Dirk Frey, English Teacher**

Winter 1945. WWII. Four refugees. Four stories. Each one born of a different homeland; each one hunted, and haunted, by tragedy, lies, war. As thousands desperately flock to the coast in the midst of a Soviet advance, four paths converge, vying for passage aboard the *Wilhelm Gustloff*, a ship that promises safety and freedom.

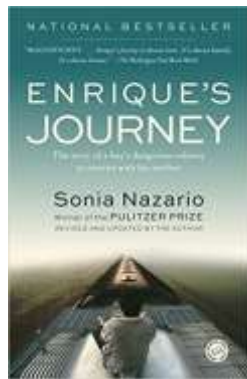
448 Pages | PG



**How Not To Drown in a Glass of Water** by Angie Cruz. **Sponsored by Mrs. Emanda Lenet , School Counselor**

Cara Romero thought she would work at the factory of little lamps for the rest of her life. But when, in her mid-50s, she loses her job. Set up with a job counselor, Cara instead begins to narrate the story of her life. Over the course of twelve sessions, Cara recounts her tempestuous love affairs, her alternately biting and loving relationships with her neighbor Lulu and her sister Angela, and, eventually, what really happened between her and her estranged son.

208 Pages | PG-13/ Some Mature Themes



**Enrique's Journey** by Sonia Nazario. **Sponsored by Ms. Eva Van Horn, ESL Coordinator**

*Enrique's Journey* recounts the unforgettable quest of a Honduran boy looking for his mother, eleven years after she is forced to leave her starving family to find work in the United States. Braving unimaginable peril, often clinging to the sides and tops of freight trains, Enrique travels through hostile worlds full of thugs, bandits, and corrupt cops.

299 Pages | PG

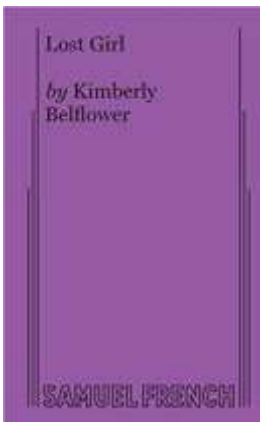
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**There Goes The Neighborhood** by Jade Adia **Sponsored by Mrs. Ashley Sotilli, English Teacher**

A raised fist against the destructive forces of gentrification and a love letter to communities of color everywhere, Jade Adia's unforgettable debut tells the darkly hilarious story of three best friends willing to do whatever it takes to stay together.

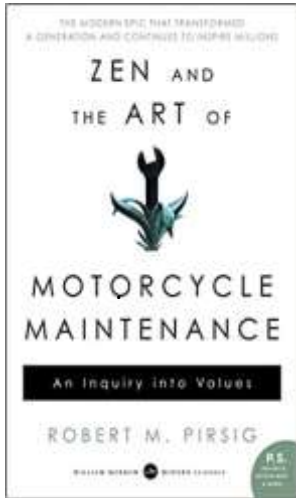
432 Pages | PG



**The Lost Girl** by Kimberly Belflower. **Sponsored by Ms. Hannah Smith, Theater Arts and English Teacher**

Long after returning from Neverland, Wendy decides that she must find Peter to reclaim her kiss and move on with her life. Along the way, she meets other girls who went to Neverland and learns she is not alone. A coming-of-age exploration of first love and lasting loss, this play continues the story of J.M. Barrie's beloved character – the girl who had to grow up.

84 Pages | PG

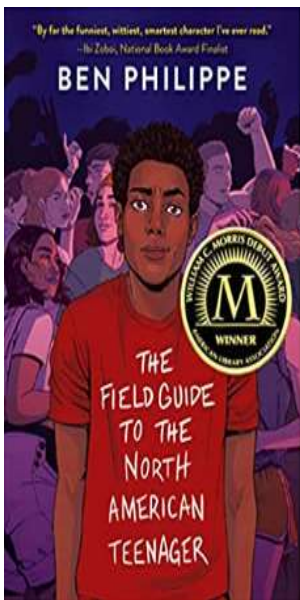


*Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance* by Robert Pirsig. Sponsored by Mr. Dan Lahatte and Mr. John Wagner, Social Studies Teachers

A narration of a summer motorcycle trip undertaken by a father and his son, *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance* becomes a personal and philosophical odyssey into fundamental questions on how to live. The narrator's relationship with his son leads to a powerful self-reckoning, the craft of motorcycle maintenance leads to an austere beautiful process for reconciling science, religion, and humanism.

464 Pages | PG

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*The Field Guide to The North American Teenager* by Ben Philippe. Sponsored by Mr. Friedman, English Teacher

Norris Kaplan is clever, cynical, and quite possibly too smart for his own good. A Black French Canadian, he knows from watching American sitcoms that those three things don't bode well when you are moving to Austin, Texas.

Plunked into a new high school and sweating a ridiculous amount from the oppressive Texas heat, Norris finds himself cataloging everyone he meets: the Cheerleaders, the Jocks, the Loners, and even the Manic Pixie Dream Girl. Making a ton of friends has never been a priority for him, and this way he can at least amuse himself until it's time to go back to Canada, where he belongs.

384 Pages | PG-13

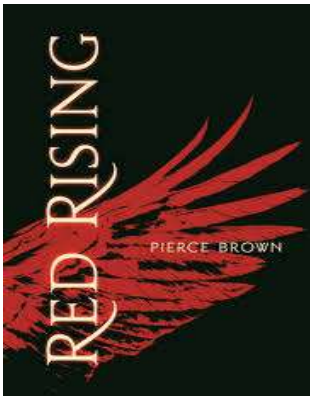


*The Hurting Kind* by U.S. Poet Laureate Ada Limón. Sponsored by Mrs. Meekah Hopkins

In her award-winning poetry collection, Limón explores what it means to be sensitive not only to the world's pain and joys, but to the meanings that "bend in the scrim" between the natural world and the human world. In this way, the poems are organized into sections corresponding to the four seasons.

Some of the poems in the collection were written during isolation for the COVID-19 pandemic, and were sent by Limón as "gifts" to people in her world she could not see in person prior to publication of this work. Limón herself characterized the collection as an answer to "the question of family: What is it to be connected to everything?".

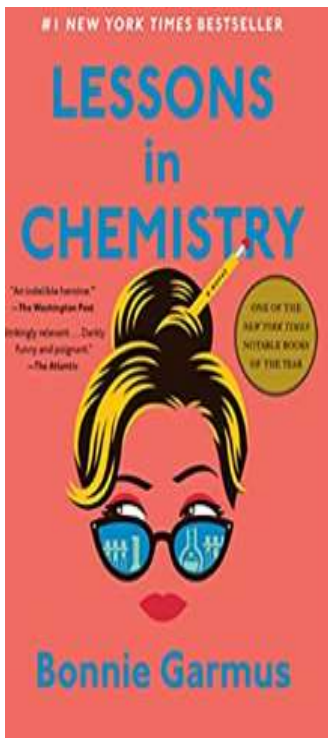
120 Pages | PG- 13



**Red Rising** by Pierce Brown. **Sponsored by Mrs. Alicia Drechsler, English Teacher**

Hailed as a “powerful lesson in leadership”, Pierce Brown’s *Red Rising* is one of Amazon’s 100 Sci-fi and Fantasy Books to Read in a Lifetime. A dystopian science fiction tale set on a terraformed Mars, *Red Rising* follows Darrow as he becomes a revolutionary, taking on the dangerous role in an attempt to bring about social justice.

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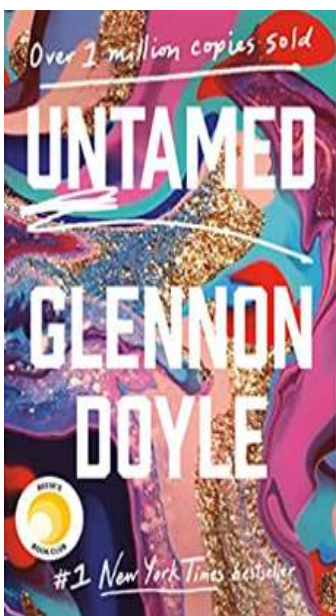


**Lessons in Chemistry** by Bonnie Garmus. **Sponsored by Mrs. Marci Phillips, Science Teacher**

Chemist Elizabeth Zott is not your average woman. In fact, Elizabeth Zott would be the first to point out that there is no such thing as an *average* woman. But it’s the early 1960s and her all-male team at Hastings Research Institute takes a very unscientific view of equality. Except for one: Calvin Evans; the lonely, brilliant, Nobel–prize nominated grudge-holder who falls in love with—of all things—her mind. True chemistry results.

But like science, life is unpredictable. Which is why a few years later Elizabeth Zott finds herself not only a single mother, but the reluctant star of America’s most beloved cooking show *Supper at Six*. Elizabeth’s unusual approach to cooking (“combine one tablespoon acetic acid with a pinch of sodium chloride”) proves revolutionary. But as her following grows, not everyone is happy. Because as it turns out, Elizabeth Zott isn’t just teaching women to cook. She’s daring them to change the status quo.

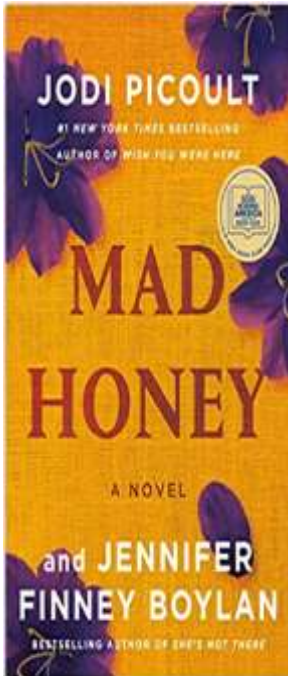
400 Pages | PG-13



**Untamed** by Glennon Doyle. **Sponsored by Mrs. Kristi Korrow, English Teacher**

Soulful and uproarious, forceful and tender, *Untamed* is both an intimate memoir and a galvanizing wake-up call. It is the story of how one woman learned that a responsible mother is not one who slowly dies for her children, but one who shows them how to fully live. It is the story of navigating divorce, forming a new blended family, and discovering that the brokenness or wholeness of a family depends not on its structure but on each member’s ability to bring her full self to the table. And it is the story of how each of us can begin to trust ourselves enough to set boundaries, make peace with our bodies, honor our anger and heartbreak, and unleash our truest, wildest instincts so that we become women who can finally look at ourselves and say: *There She Is*.

392 Pages | PG-13



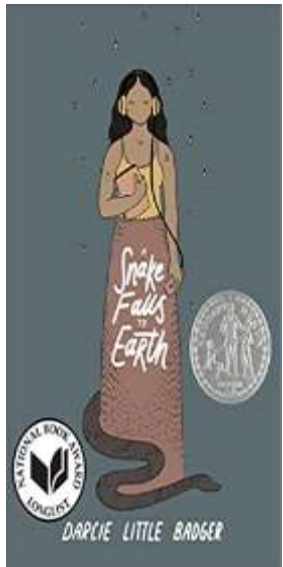
**Mad Honey** by Jodi Picoult. **Sponsored by Ms. Jamie Bare, Business Teacher**

Olivia McAfee knows what it feels like to start over. Her perfect life—living in Boston, married to a brilliant cardiothoracic surgeon, raising their beautiful son, Asher—was upended when her husband revealed a darker side. She never imagined that she would end up back in her hometown, living in the house she grew up in and taking over her father’s beekeeping business.

Lily Campanello is familiar with do-overs, too. When she and her mom relocate to New Hampshire for her final year of high school, they both hope it will be a fresh start. Olivia and Lily’s paths cross when Asher falls for the new girl in school, and Lily can’t help but fall for him, too.

Then one day, Olivia receives a phone call: Lily is dead, and Asher is being questioned by the police. Olivia is adamant that her son is innocent. But she worries about the flashes of his father’s temper she sees in Ash, and as the case against him unfolds, she realizes he’s hidden more than he’s shared with her.

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**A Snake Falls to Earth** by Darcie Little Badger. **Sponsored by Mrs. Britta Schaffmeyer, English Teacher**

*A Snake Falls to Earth* is a breathtaking work of Indigenous futurism.

Nina is a Lipan girl in our world. She's always felt there was something more out there. She still believes in the old stories. Oli is a cottonmouth kid, from the land of spirits and monsters. Like all cottonmouths, he's been cast from home. He's found a new one on the banks of the bottomless lake.

Nina and Oli have no idea the other exists. But a catastrophic event on Earth, and a strange sickness that befalls Oli's best friend, will drive their worlds together in ways they haven't been in centuries. And there are some who will kill to keep them apart.

384 Pages | PG

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