



Arlington Public Schools  
Department of Teaching and Learning – Library Services

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Your child has chosen to participate in their school's Teen Advisory Board (TAB), a reading discussion group available in all APS middle schools. This year is the 32<sup>n</sup> year of this amazing partnership between Arlington Public Schools and Arlington Public Library. Students in TAB read, review, and discuss brand new titles from the TAB collection at their school. These books are chosen by a group of public and school librarians based on positive professional reviews and likely student interest.

Because of the range of reading levels and tastes found in middle schools between younger and older students, not every book at TAB will appeal to every child. We have found that children are very good self-selectors, and will not take a book that makes them uncomfortable or is too difficult. However, a child may occasionally select a book which proves to be upsetting, or to which you as a parent object. In such a case, we would ask you to exercise your parental responsibility and simply tell your child to return the book. Since the reading for TAB is completely voluntary and we do not assign books, any child is free to read or not read what they choose.

We think that the TAB experience is a positive one, introducing children to excellent books and allowing them to develop reading, thinking, and speaking skills. We hope that your child finds participating in TAB to be an enjoyable and rewarding experience. If you have questions regarding TAB, please contact your school's librarian(s) or Amy Hailey, Supervisor of Library Services, via email ([amy.hailey@apsva.us](mailto:amy.hailey@apsva.us)) or phone (703-228-6083).

Sincerely,

Amy Hailey  
Supervisor, Library Services

