

SUMMER 2016



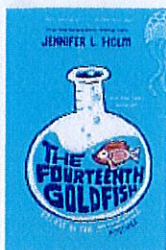
## HMS BOOK CLUBS + CREATIVE WRITING CAMP



The Honest Truth by Dan Gemeinhart (for students currently in grades 5 & 6)

**Book club meets on Wednesday, June 29 from 10-11:15am at HMS (ILC)**

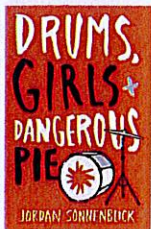
It's never too late for the adventure of a lifetime. In all the ways that matter, Mark is a normal kid. He's got a dog named Beau and a best friend, Jessie. He likes to take photos and write haiku poems in his notebook. He dreams of climbing a mountain one day. But in one important way, Mark is not like other kids at all. Mark is sick. The kind of sick that means hospitals. And treatments. The kind of sick some people never get better from. So Mark runs away. He leaves home with his camera, his notebook, his dog, and a plan. A plan to reach the top of Mount Rainier. Even if it's the last thing he ever does. (synopsis from amazon.com)



The Fourteenth Goldfish by Jennifer L. Holm (for students currently in grade 5 & 6)

**Book club meets on Wednesday, July 27 from 2-3:15pm at HMS (ILC)**

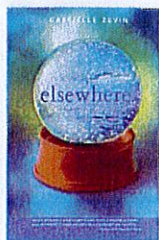
Eleven-year-old Ellie has never liked change. She misses fifth grade. She misses her old best friend. She even misses her dearly departed goldfish. Then one day a strange boy shows up. He's bossy. He's cranky. And weirdly enough . . . he looks a lot like Ellie's grandfather, a scientist who's always been slightly obsessed with immortality. Could this pimply boy really be Grandpa Melvin? Has he finally found the secret to eternal youth? (amazon.com)



Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie by Jordan Sonnenblick (for students currently in grades 6 & 7)

**Book Club meets on Thursday, June 30 from 10-11:15am at HMS (ILC)**

Steven has a totally normal life (well, almost). He plays drums in the All-City Jazz Band (whose members call him the Peasant), has a crush on the hottest girl in school (who doesn't even know he's alive), and is constantly annoyed by his younger brother, Jeffrey (who is cuter than cute - which is also pretty annoying). But when Jeffrey gets sick, Steven's world is turned upside down, and he is forced to deal with his brother's illness, his parents' attempts to keep family in one piece, his homework, band, girls, and Dangerous Pie. (amazon.com)



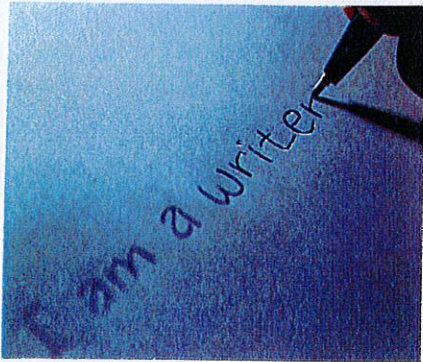
Elsewhere by Gabrielle Charbonnet (for students currently in grades 6 & 7)

**Book Club meets on Thursday, July 28 from 2-3:15pm at HMS (ILC)**

Elsewhere is where fifteen-year-old Liz Hall ends up, after she has died. It is a place so like Earth, yet completely different. Here Liz will age backward from the day of her death until she becomes a baby again and returns to Earth. But Liz wants to turn sixteen, not fourteen again. She wants to get her driver's license and graduate from high school. And now that she's dead, Liz is being forced to live a life she doesn't want. How can Liz let go of the only life she has ever known and embrace a new one? Is it possible that a life lived in reverse is no different from a life lived forward? (amazon.com)



## Creative Writing Camp



(available to students currently in grades 5-7)

**Meets July 12, 13, & 14 from 9-11:30am at HMS (ILC)**

Calling all writers! Do you enjoy writing? Do you like to craft your own stories and/or poems? Do you look for feedback on your writing from peers? If so, join us and be a part of this great opportunity to grow as a writer. We'll help you develop your unique style and voice, while gaining confidence and having fun at the same time! A "Celebration of Writing" will take place on the last day where we share our favorite pieces. Taught by Mrs. Erin Smith, 8th grade ELA teacher.

**Fee = \$10.00** (Checks made payable to Hanover Middle School)

\*Email questions about book clubs / creative writing camp to Erin Smith at [eksmith@hanoverpublic.org](mailto:eksmith@hanoverpublic.org).

Hanover Public School District

Please detach and return to your homeroom teacher or main office by **Friday, April 29th**.

Student's name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's email \_\_\_\_\_

### Book Clubs (Check the box if you wish to participate.)

☐ **The Honest Truth** by Dan Gemeinhart  
\*I need a copy of the book. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **The Fourteenth Goldfish** by Jennifer L. Holm  
\*I need a copy of the book. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie** by Jordan Sonnenblick  
\*I need a copy of the book. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Elsewhere** by Gabrielle Zevin  
\*I need a copy of the book. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Creative Writing Camp** (Check the box if you wish to participate.)

\*Please include payment of \$10 (Checks make payable to Hanover Middle School).