

Dear Families:

LREI's **WELL REaD** event is coming up on Thursday, April 7th from 6-8 pm.

This year WELL REaD offers a book club model in place of the panel of librarians we've had in the past. This means audience participation! You will be reading the books in advance and joining in the discussion. Each group has an overarching thread that the librarians have pulled out, and each book chosen is there for specific reasons. Where the discussion goes is entirely up to the group! This is what makes it so exciting!

We invite you to choose a book according to your interest (not necessarily by your child's age).

- Perhaps you are interested in the supernatural or have heard all of the buzz around the **Hunger Games** series – sign up for Karyn Silverman's group (**Shiver** by Maggie Stiefvater , and **The Hunger Games** by Suzanne Collins).
- If graphic novels are your thing, sign up for Jesse Karp's group (**American Born Chinese** by Gene Yang and **The Arrival** by Shaun Tan).
- Are you interested in exploring a mix of dystopian and realistic fiction? Jennifer Hubert Swan's group (**The Schwa Was Here** by Gary Schmidt, **Life As We Knew It**, by Susan Beth Pfeffer) demonstrates just how fabulous middle grade fiction can be.
- If you are interested in teasing out positivity and exploring social justice in a more subtle way, come to my group with a mix of a picture book, a graphic novel and an illustrated novel (**A Beach Tail** by Karen Lynn Williams, **Cameron and His Dinosaurs** by Scott Christian Sava, and **The Popularity Papers** by Amy Ignatow).

We are very excited to have this opportunity to “talk books” on a deeper level with you all! You'll find information about when and where you can sign up for a book group and purchase these books in the PA's section of today's blog, and a sign up to attend at the front desk of the Sixth Avenue building. If you have any questions at all, please feel free to stop by the library and speak with one of the librarians!

We hope to see you there!

Sincerely,
Stacy Dillon
Lower School Librarian