



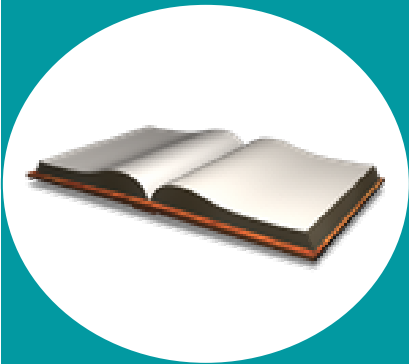
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Books & Beyond

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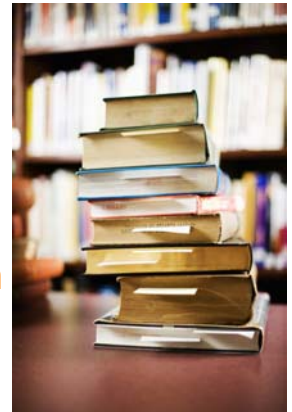


Mission Statement

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Project Overview:

Books & Beyond will allow the sixth grade students at Day Middle School to experience differentiated reading instruction and meaningful, peer-led discussions about “just right” young adult fiction with their classmates. By purchasing multiple copies of a number of book titles, teachers will be able to differentiate instruction and materials in order to accommodate the wide range of student learning styles and abilities. In addition, having at our disposal many small sets of novels will allow students to experience a range of genres, authors, and themes, allowing for a multicultural approach to instruction. Units of instruction around the new sets of books will afford students the opportunity to engage in small group literature circle activities. Students will engage in literary analysis about the books and discuss elements, such as plot, theme, and author’s craft.



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