

## YA (Young adult) summer reading recommended by FMG Book Club members



*“While growing up, some of my most memorable experiences during those long summer breaks happened inside the pages of a book.” – Brandon Mull*



The novels *Looking for Alaska* (John Green), *If I Stay* (Gayle Forman), *Every Day* (David Levithan), *The Giver* (Lois Lowry), *The Maze Runner* (James Dashner), *We All Fall Down* (Eric Walters), and *Room*, (Emma Donoghue) are, for the most part, expected teenage choices, considering the protagonists are adolescents on surreal or challenging journeys: existing between life and death, waking up each day in the body of a new teenage identity, experiencing unrequited love, rebelling against the forces of a totalitarian society, surviving in a post-apocalyptic world, and trying to escape a building on fire set ablaze by a commercial airplane. *Room* is the exception. Narrated by a 5-year-old boy this novel is exempt from teenage romance and angst, is not set in a futuristic society, and there are no teenagers on the run. Rather, it takes place in ordinary society - albeit under horrifying circumstances - realistically portraying the powerful and unbreakable bond between a mother and son held hostage, the sacrifices a mother makes and the risks she takes for the safety and well-being of her child. Definitely mature subject matter for the young reader, *Room* is, above all else, about the love between a parent and child and the resilience of the human spirit – themes with which any of us, at any age, can identify.

For loads of young adult book recommendations, compiled by the *FMG Library Learning Commons* and categorized by **genre**, go to **Reading Suggestions** on our FMG Library website or click on:

<http://www.dpccsb.org/GOETZ/Learning/Library/Reading+Suggestions.htm>

Be sure to sign up for the **FMG Book Club** in September 2015. We look forward to meeting new members, choosing book titles together, and hearing what you have to say about our choices!

Happy summer Gators, and happy reading!!!  
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