Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Keith Valley Middle School Library provides services to a diverse learning population. In addition to providing instruction and curriculum-based resources, the Library provides an extensive collection of books to nurture and encourage reading habits. **We offer a wide selection of non-fiction, and our fiction collection includes all genres plus picture books, graphic novels, and YA titles. Your child will learn to identify the genre stickers on the spines of the KVMS Library books.**

**Young Adult (YA) fiction refers to books that are considered appropriate for ages 12 to 18 years (two examples are The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton and Deenie by Judy Blume). Generally speaking, these are stories of adolescent characters with plots that involve teen issues that the characters must overcome.** These books are included in our collection so that we can meet the interests of older students and provide challenging material to more advanced and/or more mature readers. In some cases there may be objectionable behavior portrayed in the story.

We respect your role as parent and want you to be informed about the opportunities available to your child. **If you wish to withhold your permission for your child to borrow books with YA stickers, you may request an opt-out form from the Keith Valley Middle School Library.**

We encourage you to talk with your child about his/her book choices; you may even want to read with her/him. There are book review websites that can provide you with more information on a book title. Listed are just two such resources:

www.schoollibraryjournal.com  
www.ala.org/yalsa

You are welcome to discuss books or specific concerns with the school librarian. Mrs. Quinn is available to speak with you by telephone or email, and you are always welcome to visit/tour the KV Library.

Thank you,

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