My 7th grade language arts classes are beginning a literature circles unit that will allow some student choice regarding the books that will be read. A general description of the unit is as follows:

Students will choose a book on in-class “Book Fair Day” and form a literature circle, a group of 3-5 students who will all read the same book. These books, like any other class text, will be provided by Albemarle County Public Schools. A complete list of these books and the literature circles unit may be found in blackboard. Students will read the chosen book, complete the written assignments, and participate fully in the literature circle activities.

Alternatively, students may choose a book that is not part of the Book Fair and form a literature circle of 3-5 students who will read the alternative text. The book must have teacher approval, and since the book is not one previously endorsed by ACPS, students must also have written parent permission to read and study the alternative work.

Chuck Miller

7th grade language arts teacher

J.T. Henley Middle School

If your child chooses to read an alternative book, please complete the form below:

My child, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, has my permission to read and

study \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I am aware of the content of the book, and I understand that this is an alternative text that has not been assigned by Mr. Miller and has not been approved as a text by Albemarle County Public Schools.

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 Date Parent Signature