



"Fans of R.J. Palacio's *Wonder* will appreciate this feel-good story of friendship and unconventional smarts. "Kirkus Reviews."

Ally has been smart enough to fool a lot of smart people. Every time she lands in a new school, she is able to hide her inability to read by creating clever yet disruptive distractions. She is afraid to ask for help; after all, how can you cure dumb? However, her newest teacher Mr. Daniels sees the bright, creative kid underneath the trouble maker. With his help, Ally learns not to be so hard on herself and that dyslexia is nothing to be ashamed of. As her confidence grows, Ally feels free to be herself and the world starts opening up with possibilities. She discovers that there's a lot more to her and to everyone than a label, and that great minds don't always think alike.

Dear Students and Parents,

Summer break brings many opportunities for each of us to experience new adventures and reunite with family and friends, as well as time to relax. The Riverside Intermediate School faculty also requests, towards continued educational growth, that ALL incoming Intermediate School students read a common novel this summer. Early September Language Arts classwork and assignments will necessitate having read or listened to this title before the first day of school.

For 2018 the summer novel chosen is [Fish in a Tree](#) by Lynda Mullaly Hunt. This book is available in a variety of formats—text, eBook, and audio; at bookstores and public libraries, as well as at *Bookshare*, a database of eBooks in multiple formats and a free service to Riverside School students.

*Bookshare* family account information for free eBook downloads or web reading is included. Extra copies of all summer reading materials are available at the school web site. Please feel free to contact me at the email address below should there be questions.

Whether you are headed to the beach, to summer camp, or spending time at home with your family and friends, remember to take the time to do something positive for continued educational growth – get involved with literature! Photographs of students experiencing literature are welcome! Share at [cbachmann@riversideschool.org](mailto:cbachmann@riversideschool.org)

Sincerely,

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