

Students Entering 12th Grade



Reading Suggestions 2016

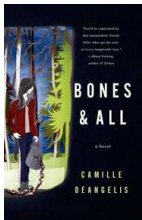
FICTION



The Coldest Girl in Coldtown

By Holly Black

Tana lives in a world where walled cities called Coldtowns exist. In them, quarantined monsters and humans mingle in a decadently bloody mix of predator and prey. The only problem is, once you pass through Coldtown's gates, you can never leave.



Bones & All

By Camille DeAngelis

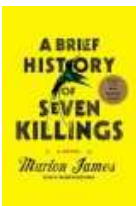
Maren Yearly is a young woman who wants the same things we all do. She wants to be someone people admire and respect. She wants to be loved. But her secret, shameful needs have forced her into exile. She hates herself for the *bad* thing she does. She didn't choose to be this way.



All the Light We Cannot See

By Anthony Doerr

The paths of two young people, a blind girl living in occupied France and a German boy caught up in the Nazi youth, converge in this beautiful World War II novel.



A Brief History of Seven Killings

By Marlon James

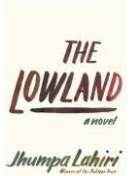
On December 3, 1976, just before the Jamaican general election and two days before Bob Marley was to play the Smile Jamaica Concert to ease political tensions in Kingston, seven unnamed gunmen stormed the singer's house, machine guns blazing. *A Brief History of Seven Killings* is a fictional exploration of that dangerous and unstable time in Jamaica's history and beyond.



Those Who Wish Me Dead

By Michael Koryata

When 13-year-old Jace witnesses a brutal murder, he's plunged into a new life, issued a false identity and hidden in a wilderness skills program for troubled teens. The killers, known as the Blackwell Brothers, are slaughtering anyone who gets in their way in a methodical quest to reach him. Now all that remains between them and the boy are the participants in the wilderness survival program.



The Lowland

By Jhumpa Lahiri

The gulf that separates expatriate Bengali parents from their American-raised children and the children from India remains Lahiri's subject from this set of eight stories.



September Girls

By Bennett Madison

Whisked away by his father to an unusual beach town in the Outer Banks, Sam finds himself having the summer vacation most guys dream of. He's surrounded by beautiful blonde girls, and, better yet, they all seem inexplicably attracted to him. But there's definitely something strange about the Girls. Can he figure it out before it is too late?



Confessions

By Kanae Minato

Following an accident on the grounds of the middle school where she teaches, Yūko has given up and tendered her resignation. But first she has one last lecture to deliver. She tells a story that upends everything her students ever thought they knew about two of their peers, and sets in motion a maniacal plot for revenge.



Everything I Never Told You

By Celeste Ng

Lydia is the favorite child of Marilyn and James Lee, and her parents are determined that she will fulfill the dreams they were unable to pursue. But when Lydia's body is found in the local lake, the delicate balancing act that has been keeping the Lee family together is destroyed, tumbling them into chaos.



This Song Will Save Your Life

By Leila Sales

Throughout Elise's life, she's been the butt of every joke and the outsider in every conversation. When a final attempt at popularity fails, Elise nearly gives up. Then she stumbles upon a warehouse party where she discovers a love for DJing.



Ghosts of Heaven

By Marcus Sedgwick

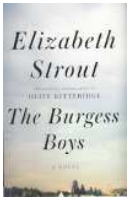
Four linked stories of obsession and creation through the ages include the tales of a Paleolithic girl whose cave drawings become an earliest writing form and a 1920s asylum doctor whose own sanity is tested by a mad poet.



Mr. Penumbra's 24 Hour Bookstore

By Robin Sloan

After a layoff during the Great Recession sidelines his tech career, Clay Jannon takes a job at a bookstore in San Francisco, and soon realizes that the establishment has a strange secret.



Burgess Boys

By Elizabeth Strout

A pair of brothers confronts painful psychological issues surrounding the freak accident that killed their father when they were boys, a loss linked to a heartbreaking deception that shaped their personal and professional lives.



All the Rage

By Courtney Summers

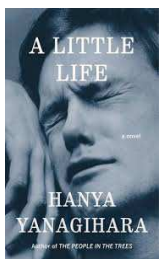
The sheriff's son, Kellan Turner, is not the golden boy everyone thinks he is, and Romy Grey knows that for a fact. Because no one wants to believe a girl from the wrong side of town, the truth about him has cost her everything—friends, family, and her community.



The Martian

By Andy Weir

Six days ago, astronaut Mark Watney was one of the first people to walk on Mars. Now, he'll be the first person to die there. After a dust storm nearly kills him and forces his crew to evacuate while thinking him dead, Mark is stranded alone with no way to even signal Earth. Even if he could, he wouldn't last until rescue arrived. Chances are, though, he won't starve -- so many other things are likely to kill him first. But Mark isn't ready to give up yet.



A Little Life

By Hanya Yanagihara

Following four college classmates—broke, adrift, and buoyed only by their friendship and ambition—as they move to New York in search of fame and fortune. While their relationships, which are tinged by addiction, success, and pride, deepen over the decades, the men are held together by their devotion to the brilliant, enigmatic Jude, a man scarred by an unspeakable childhood trauma

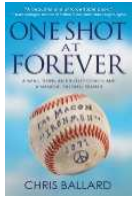


Everything Everything

By Nicola Yoon

Carla is allergic to the world. She has not left her house in seventeen years. The only people she ever sees are her mom and her nurse.

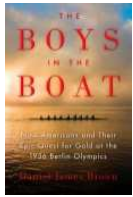
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One Shot at Forever: A Small Town, an Unlikely Coach, and a Magical Baseball Season

By Chris Ballard

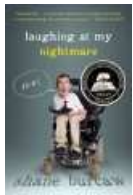
From *Sports Illustrated* writer Chris Ballard, this is the inspirational story of a coach, a baseball team, and the season they will never forget.



The Boys in the Boat

By Daniel James Brown

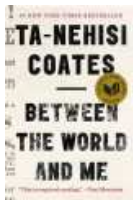
Out of the depths of the Depression comes an irresistible story about beating the odds and finding hope - the improbable, intimate account of how nine working-class boys from the American West showed the world at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin what true grit really meant.



Laughing at my Nightmare

By Shane Burcaw

Shane describes the challenges he faces as a twenty-one-year-old with spinal muscular atrophy. From awkward handshakes to having a girlfriend and everything in between, Shane handles his situation with humor and a "you-only-live-once" perspective on life.



Between the World and Me

By Ta-Nehisi Coates

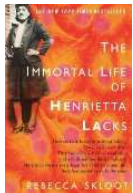
Told through the author's own evolving understanding of the subject over the course of his life comes a bold and personal investigation into America's racial history and its contemporary echoes



Zeitoun

By Dave Eggers

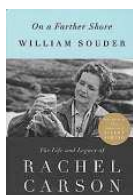
In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, longtime New Orleans residents Abdulrahman and Kathy Zeitoun are cast into an unthinkable struggle with forces beyond wind and water.



Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks

By Rebecca Skloot

Her name was Henrietta Lacks, but scientists knew her as HeLa. She was a poor Southern tobacco farmer who worked the same land as her slave ancestors, yet her cells—taken without her knowledge—became one of the most important tools in medicine. As the first "immortal" human cells grown in culture, they are still alive today!



On a Farther Shore: The Life and Legacy of Rachel Carson

By William Souder

Rachel Carson's writing awakened the world to the heedless contamination of the environment and eventually led to the establishment of the EPA and to the banning of DDT and a host of related pesticides. By drawing frightening parallels between dangerous chemicals and the then-pervasive fallout from nuclear testing, Carson opened a fault line between the gentle ideal of conservation and the more urgent new concept of environmentalism.



Suggested Summer Reading Students Entering 11th Grade

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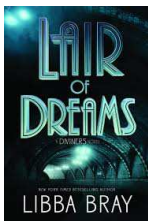
FICTION



The Scorpion Rules

By Erin Bow

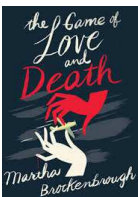
Greta is a Duchess and a Crown Princess. She is also a Child of Peace, a hostage held by the de facto ruler of the world, the great Artificial Intelligence, Talis. This is how the game is played: if you want to rule, you must give one of your children as a hostage. Start a war and your hostage dies.



Lair of Dreams (Second in a Series)

By Libba Bray

After a supernatural showdown with a serial killer, Evie O'Neill has outed herself as a Diviner. With her uncanny ability to read people's secrets, she's become a media darling, and earned the title "America's Sweetheart Seer." Everyone's in love with the city's newest It Girl...everyone except the other Diviners.



The Game of Love and Death

By Martha Brockenbrough

Flora and Henry were born a few blocks from each other, innocent of the forces that might keep a white boy and an African American girl apart; years later they meet again and their mutual love of music sparks an even more powerful connection.



The Testing

By Joelle Charbonneau

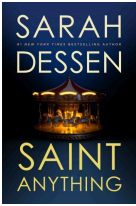
Cia is graduating and all she can think about is whether she'll be chosen for The Testing, a program that selects the best and brightest to become possible leaders of the slowly revitalizing post-war civilization. When Cia is chosen, her father finally tells her about his own nightmarish half-memories of The Testing. Can she survive?



Breakfast Served Anytime

By Sarah Combs

Haunted by the death of her brother, Andi is taken to Paris by her estranged father where an encounter with a mysterious diary may bring her back from the edge.



Saint Anything

By Sarah Dessen

Sydney's charismatic older brother, Peyton, has always been the center of attention in the family but when he is sent to jail, Sydney struggles to find her place at home and in the world until she meets the Chathams, including gentle, protective Mac, who makes her feel appreciated for the first time.



***Earth Girl* (first in a series)**

By Janet Edwards

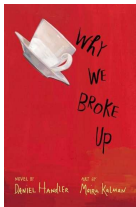
Abandoned on Earth because of her inability to survive on other planets, Jarra crafts a fake background for herself to join a class of norms who are excavating the dangerous ruins of the old cities.



A Thousand Pieces of You

By Claudia Gray

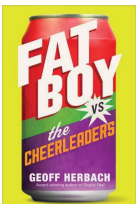
When eighteen-year-old Marguerite Caine's father is killed, she must leap into different dimensions and versions of herself to catch her father's killer and avenge his murder.



Why We Broke Up

By Daniel Handler

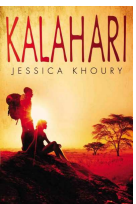
Min Green and Ed Slaterton are breaking up, so Min is writing Ed a letter and giving him a box. Inside the box is why they broke up: two bottle caps, a movie ticket, a folded note, a box of matches, a protractor, books, a toy truck, a pair of ugly earrings, a comb from a motel room, and every other item collected over the course of a giddy, intimate, heartbreaking relationship. Item after item is illustrated and accounted for, and then the box, like a girlfriend, will be dumped.



Fat Boy vs. the Cheerleaders

By Geoff Herbach

Gabe relishes his role as class clown, fending off harassment from students and teachers with his own brand of irreverent, self-deprecating humor. But when the cheerleading team takes over the funds previously collected by the band, Gabe will not stand for it. Something must be done.



Kalahari

By Jessica Khouri

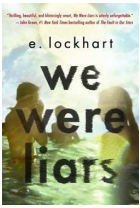
When an educational safari goes wrong, five teens find themselves stranded in the Kalahari Desert without a guide. It's up to Sarah, the daughter of zoologists, to keep them alive and lead them to safety, calling on survival know-how from years of growing up in remote and exotic locales.



Charm and Strange

By Stephanie Kuehn

A lonely teenager exiled to a remote Vermont boarding school in the wake of a family tragedy must either surrender his sanity to the wild darkness inside his mind or learn that surviving means more than not dying.



We Were Liars

By E. Lockheart

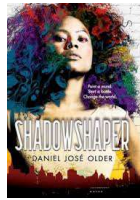
A modern, sophisticated suspense tale that follows the revolutionary activities of four friends who turn against each other in the wake of trauma, differing political views and a devastating secret.



***Proxy* (first in a series)**

By Alex London

Born into one of the City's wealthiest families and paired with a Proxy named Syd, who endures punishments for Knox's misdeeds, Knox discovers that he has more in common with Syd than either of them previously understood when his father's manipulations prompt a cross-country chase that forces the boys to save each other.



Shadowshaper

By Daniel Older

Sierra Santiago planned an easy summer of making art and hanging out with her friends. But then a corpse crashes the first party of the season. Her stroke-ridden grandfather starts apologizing over and over. And when the murals in her neighborhood begin to weep real tears we know something more sinister than the usual Brooklyn ruckus is going on.



Vanishing Girls

By Lauren Oliver

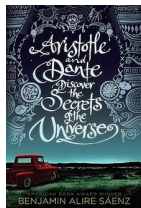
Two sisters inexorably altered by a terrible accident, a missing nine-year-old girl, and the shocking connection between them.



Leaving Time

By Jodi Picoult

Alice Metcalf was a devoted mother, loving wife, and accomplished scientist who studied grief among elephants. Yet it's been a decade since she disappeared under mysterious circumstances, leaving behind her daughter, husband, and the animals to which she devoted her life. All signs point to abandonment... or worse.



Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe

By Benjamin Alire Sáenz

Aristotle is an angry teen with a brother in prison. Dante is a know-it-all who has an unusual way of looking at the world. When the two meet at the swimming pool, they seem to have nothing in common. But as the loners start spending time together, they discover that they share a special friendship—the kind that changes lives and lasts a lifetime



Boy 21

By Matthew Quick

Basketball has always been an escape for Finley. He lives in broken-down Bellmont, a town ruled by the Irish mob, drugs, violence, and racially charged rivalries. He's always dreamed of getting out someday, but until he can, putting on that number 21 jersey makes everything seem okay. In his final year of high school, a unique friendship may turn out to be the answer he needs.



Dr. Bird's Advice for Sad Poets

By Evan Roskos

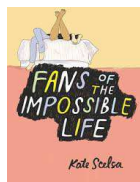
A sixteen-year-old boy wrestling with depression and anxiety tries to cope by writing poems, reciting Walt Whitman, hugging trees, and figuring out why his sister has been kicked out of the house



Eleanor and Park

By Rainbow Rowell

Set over the course of one school year in 1986, this is the story of two star-crossed misfits--smart enough to know that first love almost never lasts, but brave and desperate enough to try.



Fans of the Impossible Life

By Kate Scelsa

A captivating and profound debut novel about complicated love and the friendships that have the power to transform you forever. It is perfect for fans of *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*.

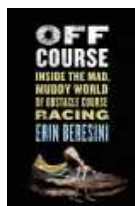


Winger

By Andrew Smith

Two years younger than his classmates at a prestigious boarding school, 14-year-old Ryan Dean West grapples with living in Opportunity Hall, the dorm for troublemakers; falling for his female best friend who thinks of him as just a kid; and playing wing on the Varsity rugby team with some of his frightening new dormmates, including the biggest bully on the team.

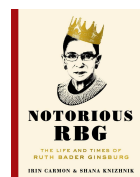
NON-FICTION



Off Course: Inside the mad, muddy world of obstacle racing

By Erin Beresini

Obstacle course racing is the fastest-growing sport in U.S. history. Every week, thousands of marathoners, CrossFitters, and casual weekend warriors shell out money to run through mud and fire, crawl under barbed wire, scramble over ten-foot walls, and dodge baton-wielding gladiators. Dive straight into this strange world to reveal a new subculture of military-inspired amateur competition and the industry that's rapidly growing to support it!



Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Across America, people who weren't even born when Ginsburg first made her name as a feminist pioneer are tattooing themselves with her face, setting her famously searing dissents to music, and making viral videos in tribute.



Elena Vanishing: A memoir

By Elena and Clare Dunkle

Elena is vanishing. Every day means renewed determination, so every day means fewer calories. This is the story of a girl whose armor against anxiety becomes artillery against herself as she battles on both sides of a lose-lose war in a struggle with anorexia.

Steve Jobs by Walter Isaacson



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Based on more than 40 interviews with Steve Jobs conducted over two years—as well as interviews with more than 100 family members, friends, adversaries, competitors and colleagues--the author offers a fascinating look at the co-founder and leading creative force behind the Apple computer company.



Freedom Summer: The 1964 struggle for civil rights in Mississippi

By Susan Rubin

This book offers an account of the civil rights crusade in Mississippi fifty years ago that brought on shocking violence and the beginning of a new political order.

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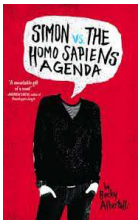


FICTION

Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda

By Becky Albertalli

Sixteen-year-old and not-so-openly gay Simon Spier prefers to save his drama for the school musical. But when an email falls into the wrong hands, his secret is at risk of being thrust into the spotlight. Now change-averse Simon has to find a way to step out of his comfort zone before he's pushed out—without alienating his friends, compromising himself, or fumbling a shot at happiness with the most confusing, adorable guy he's never met.



Famous Last Words

By Katie Alender

Willa is freaking out. It seems like she's seeing things. A dead body in her swimming pool. A reflection that is not her own. It's almost as if someone is trying to send her a message. Meanwhile, a killer is stalking Los Angeles -- a killer who reenacts famous movie murder scenes. Could Willa's strange visions have to do with these murders?



Six of Crows

By Leigh Bardugo

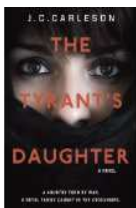
Ketterdam: a bustling hub of international trade where anything can be had for the right price--and no one knows that better than criminal prodigy Kaz Brekker. Kaz is offered a chance at a deadly heist that could make him rich beyond his wildest dreams. But he can't pull it off alone.



The Tyrant's Daughter

By JC Carleson

When her father is killed in a coup, Laila and her family leave their war-torn homeland for a fresh start in the suburbs of Washington, DC. At her new high school, Laila makes mistakes, makes friends, and even meets a boy who catches her eye. But this new life brings unsettling facts to light.



***Lady Midnight* (second in a series)**

By Cassandra Clare

It's been five years since the events of *City of Heavenly Fire* that brought the Shadowhunters to the brink of oblivion. Emma Carstairs is no longer a child in mourning, but a young woman bent on discovering what killed her parents and avenging her losses.

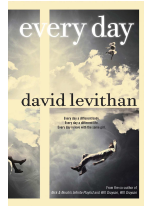




Origin (first in a series)

By Jessica Khoury

Pia was genetically engineered to start a new race, a line of descendants who will bring an end to death. For as long as she can remember, Pia's greatest desire has been to fulfill this goal – that is, until she begins to piece together the truth about her origin.



Every Day

By David Levithan

Waking up in the body of a different person every day and struggling to pass through each experience without raising alarm, "A" endures a lonely existence before falling in love with a girl named Rhiannon.



Dumplin'

By Julie Murphy

Questioning her plus-sized body for the first time when an athletic boy appears to return her affections, Willowdean enters her city's beauty pageant and uses her sassy styles and talents to compete against thinner contestants.



I'll Give You The Sun

By Jandy Nelson

At thirteen, Jude and her twin brother, Noah, are incredibly close. But three years later, Jude and Noah are barely speaking. Something has happened to wreck the twins in different and dramatic ways. Can they find their way back to one another and have a chance to remake their world?



All American Boys

By Jason Reynolds

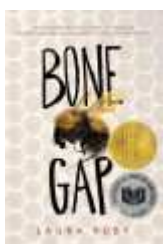
In this Coretta Scott King Honor Award–winning novel, two teens—one black, one white—grapple with the repercussions of a single violent act that leaves their school, their community, and, ultimately, the country bitterly divided by racial tension.



Jackaby

By William Ritter

Newly arrived in 1892 New England, Abigail Rook becomes assistant to RF Jackaby, an investigator of the unexplained with the ability to see supernatural beings, and she helps him delve into a case of serial murder which Jackaby is convinced is due to a nonhuman creature.



Bone Gap

By Laura Ruby

Everyone knows Bone Gap is full of gaps. So when young, beautiful Roza went missing, the people of Bone Gap weren't surprised. But Finn knows what really happened to Roza. He knows she was kidnapped by a dangerous man whose face he cannot remember.



Written In The Stars

By Aisha Saeed

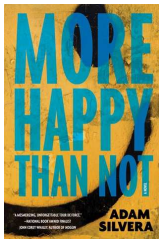
Naila's vacation to visit relatives in Pakistan turns into a nightmare when she discovers her parents want to force her to marry a man she's never met.



She Is Not Invisible

By Marcus Sedgwick

A London teenager who is blind and her younger brother travel to New York to find their missing father, using clues from his notebook



More Happy Than Not

By Adam Silvera

In the months after his father's suicide, it's been tough for sixteen-year-old Aaron Soto to find happiness again—but he's still gunning for it. With the support of his girlfriend Genevieve and his overworked mom, he's slowly remembering what that might feel like. But grief and the smile-shaped scar on his wrist prevent him from forgetting completely.



***The Raven King* (fourth in a series)**

By Maggie Stiefvater

All her life, Blue has been warned that she will cause her true love's death. She doesn't believe in true love and never thought this would be a problem, but as her life becomes caught up in the strange and sinister world of the Raven Boys, she's not so sure anymore.



Wink Poppy Midnight

By April Tucholke

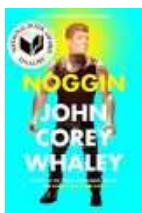
The intrigue of *The Raven Boys* and the "supernatural or not" question of *The Unbecoming of Mara Dyer* coalesce in this young adult mystery, where nothing is quite as it seems, no one is quite who you think, and everything can change on a dime.



The List

By Siobhan Vivian

Enduring a cruel annual ritual through which an anonymous list is posted naming each grade's prettiest and ugliest girl, eight selected high school girls explore how they see themselves and each other.



Noggin

By John Corey Whaley

After dying at age sixteen, Travis Coates' head was removed and frozen for five years before being attached to another body. Now, the old Travis and the new must find a way to coexist while figuring out changes in his relationships.

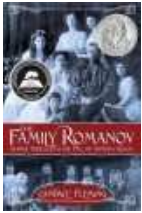
NON-FICTION



The Nazi Hunters: How a team of spies and survivors captured the world's most notorious Nazi

By Neal Bascomb

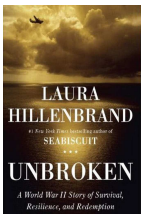
At the end of World War II, Adolf Eichmann, the head of operations for the Nazis' Final Solution, walked into the mountains of Germany and vanished from view. Sixteen years later, an elite team of spies captured him at a bus stop in Argentina and smuggled him to Israel, resulting in one of the century's most important trials



The Family Romanov: Murder, rebellion, and the fall of imperial Russia

By Candace Fleming

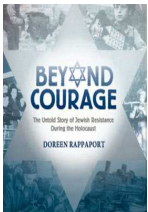
When Russia's last tsar, Nicholas II, inherited the throne in 1894, he was unprepared to do so. While he and his four daughters (including Anastasia), only son, Nicholas, and his reclusive wife, Alexandra, buried their heads in the sand, living a life of opulence as World War I raged outside their door and political unrest grew into the Russian Revolution.



Unbroken: a World War II airman's story of survival, resilience, and redemption

By Laura Hillenbrand

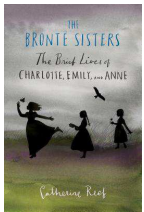
This book tells the gripping true story of a U.S. airman who was the sole survivor when his bomber crashed into the sea during World War II and had to face thousands of miles of open ocean, leaping sharks, a foundering raft, thirst and starvation, enemy aircraft and beyond.



Beyond Courage

By Doreen Rappaport

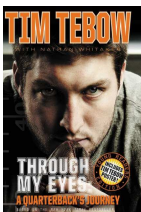
A stirring chronicle that shares meticulously researched accounts of heroic Jews who organized to help others and sabotage the Nazis during the Holocaust including information about Georges Loinger's efforts to smuggle thousands of children from occupied France into Switzerland and the four brothers who led more than 1,200 refugees into the forest to build a village and an army.



Bronte Sisters: the brief lives of Charlotte, Emily and Anne

By Catherine Reef

This book explores the turbulent lives of the three literary siblings and the oppressive times in which they lived, and offers insight into their classic nineteenth-century novels.



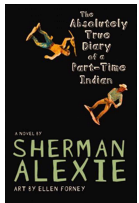
Through My Eyes

By Tim Tebow

One of the best quarterbacks in the history of college football traces his path to success, discussing his childhood as the son of Christian missionaries and how his faith combined with his drive to succeed have made him the person he is today.



Suggested Summer Reading Students Entering 9th Grade 2016



FICTION

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian

By Sherman Alexie

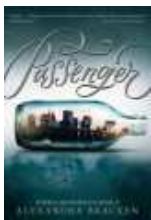
Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white farm town school where the only other Indian is the school mascot.



Red Queen

By Victoria Aveyard

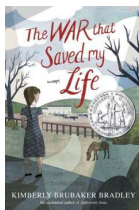
Mare Barrow's world is divided by blood—those with common, Red blood serve the Silver-blooded elite, who are gifted with superhuman abilities. Mare is a Red, scraping by as a thief in a poor, rural village, until a twist of fate throws her in front of the Silver court. There, before the king, princes, and all the nobles, she discovers she has an ability of her own.



Passenger

By Alexandra Bracken

Violin prodigy Etta Spencer had big plans for her future, but a tragic accident has put her once-bright career at risk. Closely tied to her musical skill, however, is a mysterious power she doesn't even know she has. When her two talents collide during a stressful performance, Etta is drawn back hundreds of years through time.



The War That Saved My Life

By Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother.



Stranger

By Rachel Brown and Sherwood Smith

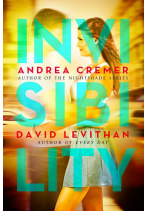
After a mysterious cataclysm destroyed the world as we know it, a mutation arose granting some people unique powers. When teenager Ross Juarez finds an ancient book containing a power no one has ever had before, his life is in grave danger.



Etiquette and Espionage

By Gail Carriger

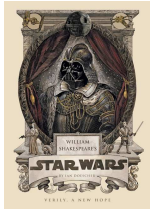
14 year old Saphronia is a trouble-maker. Sent off to finishing school to polish her rough edges, Saphronia realizes that she is actually attending a spy school. Part steampunk, part supernatural, all fun!



Invisibility

By Andrea Cremer and David Levithan

To break his curse of invisibility, a boy is helped by a girl, who is the only one who can see him.



Shakespeare's Star Wars: Verily A New Hope

By Ian Doescher

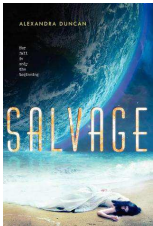
Return once more to a galaxy far, far away with this sublime retelling of George Lucas's epic Star Wars in the style of the immortal Bard of Avon. The saga of a wise (Jedi) knight and an evil (Sith) lord, of a beautiful princess held captive and a young hero coming of age.



Salt to the Sea

By Ruta Sepetys

Racing to freedom with thousands of other refugees as Russian forces close in on their homes in East Prussia, Joana, Emilia, and Florian meet aboard the doomed ship *Wilhelm Gustloff* and are forced to trust each other in order to survive.



Salvage

By Alexandra Duncan

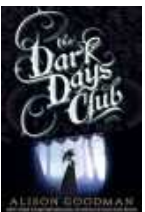
Ava, a teenage girl living aboard the male-dominated, conservative deep space merchant ship *Parastrata*, faces betrayal, banishment, and death. Taking her fate into her own hands, she flees to the Gyre, a floating continent of garbage and scrap in the Pacific Ocean. This is a sweeping and harrowing novel about a girl who can't read or write or even withstand the forces of gravity.



Conviction

By Kelly Gilbert

An aspiring high school baseball pitcher confronts an impossible choice and a test of his faith when his father is accused of murder.



The Dark Days Club

By Alison Goodman

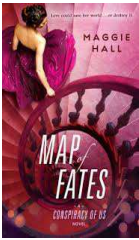
In 1812 London, 18-year-old Lady Helen Wrexhall is on the eve of her debut presentation to the Queen, but instead of preoccupation with gowns, dancing and securing a suitable marriage, she's drawn to the shadows of Regency London to investigate the disappearance of one of the family's house maids, and there encounters William, the Earl of Carlston, who has also noticed the disappearance.



Half Bad

By Sally Green

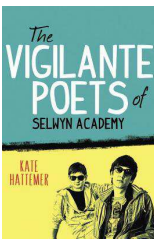
Wanted by no one. Hunted by everyone. Nathan lives in a cage: beaten, shackled, and trained to kill. With two warring factions of witches, Nathan is an abomination, the illegitimate son of the world's most terrifying and violent witch, Marcus. Nathan's only hope for survival is to escape his captors, track down Marcus, and receive the three gifts that will bring him into his own magical powers—before it's too late.



Map of Fates

By Maggie Hall

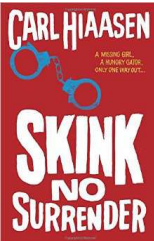
Two weeks. That's how long it took for Avery West's ordinary life to change forever. In two weeks, she discovered she was heiress to a powerful secret society known as the Circle, learned her mother was taken hostage by the Circle's enemies, and fell for a boy she's not allowed to love, just as she found out another was her unwelcome destiny.



Vigilante Poets Society of Selwyn Academy

By Kate Hattemer

Ethan attends Selwyn Arts Academy, which has been hijacked by a sleazy reality-television show. Ethan secretly writes and distributes a long poem to protest the show. But the forces behind the show are craftier than they seem and it's up to Ethan, his friends, and a heroic gerbil named Baconnaise to save Selwyn.



Skink: No Surrender

By Carl Hiassen

When your cousin goes missing under suspicious circumstances, who do you call? There's only one man for the job: a half-crazed, half-feral, one-eyed ex-governor named Skink. Skink joins 14-year-old Richard on a breakneck chase across Florida, undaunted by lightning storms, poisonous snakes, flying bullets, and giant gators.



Promise of Shadows

By Justina Ireland

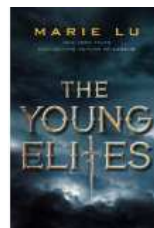
Zephyr Mourning has never been very good at being a Harpy. She was ready for a future pretending to be a normal human instead of a half-god assassin. But all that changed when her sister was murdered—and Zephyr used a forbidden dark power to save herself from the same fate. How can she save everyone else when she can barely take care of herself?



These Broken Stars

By Amie Kaufman and Meagan Spooner

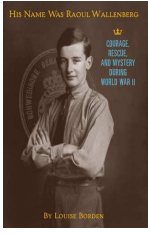
Two star-crossed lovers must fight for survival when they crash land on a seemingly uninhabited planet.



The Young Elites

By Marie Lu

Adelina is a survivor of the blood fever. Most of the infected perished, while many of the children who survived were left with strange markings. Some of the fever's survivors are rumored to possess more than just scars—they are believed to have mysterious and powerful gifts, and though their identities remain secret, they have come to be called the Young Elites.

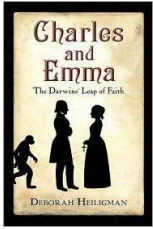


NON-FICTION

His name was Raoul Wallenberg

By Louise Borden

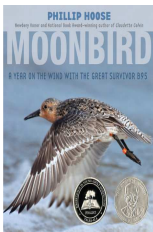
An amazing and inspirational World War II story about how one man saved the lives of many.



Charles and Emma: the Darwin's Leap of Faith

By Deborah Heiligman

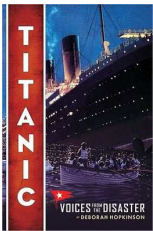
Charles Darwin and his wife, Emma, were deeply in love and very supportive of each other, but their opinions often clashed. Emma was extremely religious, and Charles questioned God's very existence.



Moonbird : a year on the wind with the great survivor B95

By Phillip M. Hoose

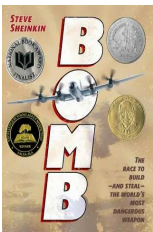
Travel with the world's most celebrated shorebird, see the obstacles his species face and meet a team of scientists and conservationists trying to save them. With inspiring prose, thorough research and stirring images, this book explores the tragedy of extinction through the triumph of a single bird.



Titanic: voices from the disaster

By Deborah Hopkinson

This gripping drama is packed with heart stopping action, fascinating history, loads of archival photographs, and quotes from primary sources. It follows the *Titanic* and its passengers from the ship's celebrated launch at Belfast to her cataclysmic icy end.



Bomb: the race to build and steal the world's most dangerous weapon

By Steve Sheinkin

A dramatic introduction to the international competition to create the first atomic bomb recounts the scientific discoveries that enabled atom splitting, the military intelligence operations that occurred in rival countries and the work of brilliant scientists hidden at Los Alamos.



Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights

By Steve Sheinkin

On July 17, 1944, a massive explosion rocked the segregated Navy base at Port Chicago, California, killing more than 300 sailors who were at the docks. On August 9th, 244 men refused to go back to work until unsafe and unfair conditions at the docks were addressed. When the dust settled, fifty were charged with mutiny, facing decades in jail and even execution.



Popular: Vintage Wisdom for a Modern Geek

By Maya Van Wagenen

Stuck near the bottom of the social ladder, Maya has never been popular. But before starting eighth grade, she decides to begin a unique social experiment: spend the school year following a 1950s popularity guide written by former teen model Betty Cornell. The real-life results are hilarious, painful, and filled with unexpected surprises.