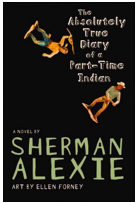




Suggested Summer Reading Students Entering 9th Grade 2016



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

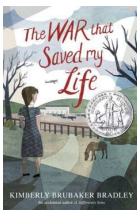
Mare Barrow's world is divided by blood—those with common, Red blood serve the Silver-blooded elite, who are gifted with superhuman abilities. Mare is a Red, scraping by as a thief in a poor, rural village, until a twist of fate throws her in front of the Silver court. There, before the king, princes,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

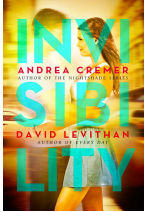
After a mysterious cataclysm destroyed the world as we know it, a mutation arose granting some people unique powers. When teenager Ross Juarez finds an ancient book containing a power no one has ever had before, his life is in grave danger.



Etiquette and Espionage

By Gail Carriger

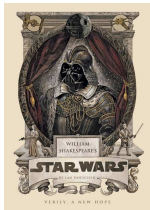
14 year old Saphronia is a trouble-maker. Sent off to finishing school to polish her rough edges, Saphronia realizes that she is actually attending a spy school. Part steampunk, part supernatural, all fun!



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

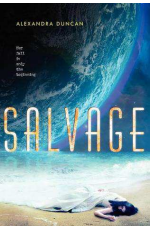
Return once more to a galaxy far, far away with this sublime retelling of George Lucas's epic Star Wars in the style of the immortal Bard of Avon. The saga of a wise (Jedi) knight and an evil (Sith) lord, of a beautiful princess held captive and a young hero coming of age.



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

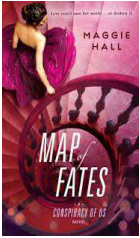
In 1812 London, 18-year-old Lady Helen Wrexhall is on the eve of her debut presentation to the Queen, but instead of preoccupation with gowns, dancing and securing a suitable marriage, she's drawn to the shadows of Regency London to investigate the disappearance of one of the family's house maids, and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



Half Bad

By Sally Green

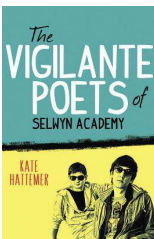
Wanted by no one. Hunted by everyone. Nathan lives in a cage: beaten, shackled, and trained to kill. With two warring factions of witches, Nathan is an abomination, the illegitimate son of the world's most terrifying and violent witch, Marcus. Nathan's only hope for survival is to escape his captors, 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

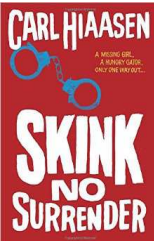
Two weeks. That's how long it took for Avery West's ordinary life to change forever. In two weeks, she discovered she was heiress to a powerful secret society known as the Circle, learned her mother was taken hostage by the Circle's enemies, and fell for a boy she's not allowed to love, just as she found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

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

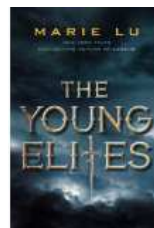
Zephyr Mourning has never been very good at being a Harpy. She was ready for a future pretending to be a normal human instead of a half-god assassin. But all that changed when her sister was murdered—and Zephyr used a forbidden dark power to save herself from the same fate. How can she save everyone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



These Broken Stars

By Amie Kaufman and Meagan Spooner

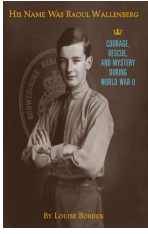
Two star-crossed lovers must fight for survival when they crash land on a seemingly uninhabited planet.



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.

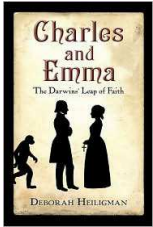


NON-FICTION

His name was Raoul Wallenberg

By Louise Borden

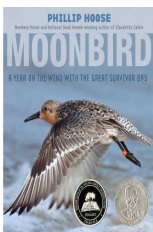
An amazing and inspirational World War II story about how one man saved the lives of many.



Charles and Emma: the Darwin's Leap of Faith

By Deborah Heiligman

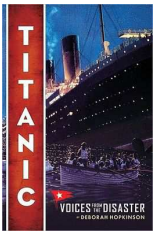
Charles Darwin and his wife, Emma, were deeply in love and very supportive of each other, but their opinions often clashed. Emma was extremely religious, and Charles questioned God's very existence.



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

By Phillip M. Hoose

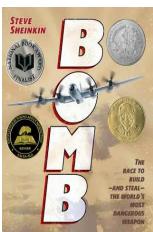
Travel with the world's most celebrated shorebird, see the obstacles his species face and meet a team of scientists and conservationists trying to save them. With inspiring prose, thorough research and stirring images, this book explores the tragedy of extinction through the triumph of a single bird.



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.