Dear families,

Happy winter break! I feel so thankful to be the librarian at Eckstein because of the students, families, and colleagues I get to work with as well as the books, resources, and materials I get to share. This fall has been busy – I’ve done booktalks on a weekly or monthly basis with almost all of the language arts classes; I’ve worked with different classes on research projects from topics ranging from health to the 1960s to game design; students planned and organized the haunted library; students have used the MakerSpace to make buttons, games, stickers, signs, and more; the MakerSpace TAs have started learning how to design pieces for the Glowforge laser cutter and will start to learn the art of sewing machines in January; Library Lunch Club has been busy and active; TAs have done book trivia and Guess the Book, students have discussed all genres of books in Talkabout Thursdays, our cozy book discussion group during lunch, to name a few things! Follow @ecksteinlibrary to get a peek at what we do! Also, check out Seattle Public Library for fun activities to do over break if you’re around.

I love end-of-the-year book lists – both making and reading them! To that end, I’ve compiled a list of best books read last year from students, staff, other librarians, some community members, and of course myself.

Note #1: The books on the list were not necessarily published in the past year but instead were ones people read and loved in the past year so you might notice some oldies but goodies!

Note #2: Each book has reading age suggestions: Preschool and up / 3rd grade and up / 5th grade and up / 8th grade and up / Adult. That said, there is no hard and fast rule for what determines the age suggestion, so you may find yourself disagreeing with the age level if you’ve read the book. It also doesn’t mean that some books listed as older cannot be read by younger students. In general, books that are 8th grade and up might deal with tougher issues, use more unfamiliar or harsh language, incorporate slightly more mature situations, or just be more applicable to older readers. Many adult books are appropriate for teens, but the ones labeled adult are ones I either haven’t read and are published for adults so I don’t know how appropriate they are for teens, or include adult situations.

Note #3: The categories are Adventure / Adult Books / Adult Books Appropriate for Teens / Author of Color / Biography and Memoir / Fantasy / Funny / Graphic Novels and Manga / Historical Fiction / Horror / LGBTQ+ / Mystery / Nonfiction / Realistic Fiction – Lighthearted / Realistic Fiction – Tough Issues / Romance / Sci-Fi / Sports

Happy winter break!

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! A student’s pick!
+ A librarian’s pick!
~ A staff member’s pick
^ A community member’s pick!
**ADVENTURE**

* The Bridge Home by Padma Venkatraman (5th grade and up)
* Cape by Kate Hannigan (3rd grade and up)
! Charlie Thorne and the Last Equation by Stuart Gibbs (5th grade and up)
* Dactyl Hill Squad by Daniel José Older (5th grade and up)
* Death Prefers Blondes by Caleb Roehrig (8th grade and up)
* The Endling and the sequel by Katherine Applegate (5th grade and up)
* Girl Gone Viral by Arvin Ahmadi
~ Last Places by Lawrence Millman (8th grade and up)
* The Last True Poets of the Sea by Julia Drake (8th grade and up)
! Lockdown: Escape from Furnace (8th grade and up)
! Mister Max: The Book of Lost Things (5th grade and up)
! A Night Divided by Jennifer Nielsen (5th grade and up)
* Not If I Save You First by Ally Carter (5th grade and up)
~ Renegades by Marissa Meyer (5th grade and up)
* A Royal Guide to Monster Slaying by Kelley Armstrong (5th grade and up)
* A Talent for Trouble by Natasha Farrant (3rd grade and up)
* Wildfire by W. R. Philbrick (5th grade and up)
* A Wolf Called Wander by Rosanne Parry (5th grade and up)
ADULT BOOK

~ All the Flowers in Paris by Sara Jio (Adult)
~ The American Agent: A Maisie Dobbs Novel (Adult)
~ An American Marriage (Adult)
! And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie (5th grade and up)
* Becoming by Michelle Obama
+ The Captain and the Glory by Dave Eggers (8th grade and up)
~ The Crazy Rich Asian series (Adult)
* Educated by Tara Westover (8th grade and up)
^ Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine (8th grade and up)
! The Glass Castle (8th grade and up)
* Good Talk by Mira Jacobs (Adult)
+ Hollow Kingdom by Kira Jane Buxton (Adult)
+ How To Do Nothing: Resisting the Attention Economy by Jenny Odell (5th grade and up)
+ I Am, I Am, I Am (Adult)
^ Into the Raging Sea (Adult)
! Is Everyone Hanging Out Without Me? By Mindy Kaling (8th grade and up)
^ John Adams by David McCullough (8th grade and up)
+ The Library Book (Adult)
~ Overstory (8th grade and up)
* The Rook by Daniel O’Malley (8th grade and up)
~ Surfacing by Kathleen Jamie (Adult)
~ Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens (8th grade and up)
^ Winter in the Blood by James Welch (Adult)
^ A Woman is No Man (Adult)
AUTHOR OF COLOR

* An American Marriage (Adult)
* Anger is a Gift by Mark Oshiro (8th grade and up)
* Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe by Benjamin Alire Sáenz (8th grade and up)
* The Astonishing Color of After by Emily X. R. Pan (8th grade and up)
* A Woman is No Man (Adult)
* Barely Missing Everything by Matt Mendez (8th grade and up)
* Becoming by Michelle Obama
* Blended by Sharon M. Draper (5th grade and up)
* The Bridge Home by Padma Venkatraman (5th grade and up)
* The Bone Witch by Rin Chupeco (8th grade and up)
* Born a Crime by Trevor Noah (There is a young adult version aimed at 5th and up and an adult version)

* Checked by Cynthia Kadohata (5th grade and up)

~ The Crazy Rich Asian series (Adult)

! The Crystal Ribbon (5th grade and up)

* Dactyl Hill Squad by Daniel José Older (5th grade and up)
* Dread Nation by Justina Ireland (8th grade and up)
* The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora by Pablo Cartaya (5th grade and up)
! Everything, Everything by Nicola Yoon (5th grade and up)
+ For Black Girls Like Me by Mariama J. Lockington (5th grade and up)

* Front Desk by Kelly Yang (3rd grade and up)
* Ghost, Lu, Sunny, and Patina by Jason Reynolds (5th grade and up)
* Girl Gone Viral by Arvin Ahmadi
* A Good Kind of Trouble by Lisa Moore Ramée (5th grade and up)

! The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas (8th grade and up)

* Here to Stay by Sara Farizan (5th grade and up)
* Hurricane Child by Kacen Callender (5th grade and up)

! I Am Malala (5th grade and up)
* Internment by Samira Ahmed (8th grade and up)

! Is Everyone Hanging Out Without Me? By Mindy Kaling (8th grade and up)

* Kings, Queens, and In-Betweens by Tanya Boteju (8th grade and up)

* The Last Last-Day-of-Summer by L. R. Giles (5th grade and up)

! The Lines We Cross (8th grade and up)

+ Look Both Ways by Jason Reynolds (5th grade and up)

* The Marrow Thieves by Cherie Dimaline (5th grade and up)

* Merci Suárez Changes Gears (5th grade and up)

* Monday’s Not Coming by Tiffany D. Jackson (8th grade and up)

* Monster: A Graphic Novel by Guy A. Sims (8th grade and up)

! Naruto (5th and up)

* New Kid by Jerry Craft (5th grade and up)

+ The Night Diary (5th grade and up)

* On the Come Up by Angie Thomas

* Opposite of Always by Justin A. Reynolds (5th grade and up)

+ Other Words for Home by Jasmine Warga (5th grade and up)

! Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper (3rd grade and up)

+ Patron Saints of Nothing (8th grade and up)

+ Pet by Akwaeke Emezi (8th grade and up)

* The Prince and the Dressmaker by Jen Wang (5th grade and up)

* Proud: Living My American Dream by Ibtihaj Muhammad (5th grade and up)

! The Reader by Traci Chee (5th grade and up)

* The Skin I’m In by Sharon G. Flake (5th grade and up)

+ Slay by Brittney Morris (8th grade and up)

* Since You Asked by Maurene Goo (5th grade and up)

* The Sun is Also a Star by Nicola Yoon (8th grade and up)

! The Stars Beneath Our Feet (5th grade and up)

* They Both Die at the End by Adam Silvera (8th grade and up)

* They Call Me Guero: A Border Kid’s Poems by David Bowles (5th grade and up)

* Under the Broken Sky by Mariko Nagai (3rd grade and up)
! Unstoppable Octobia May by Sharon Flake (3rd grade and up)
* The Usual Suspects by Maurice Broaddus (5th grade and up)
* A Very Large Expanse of Sea by Tahereh Mafi (8th grade and up)
! Warcross by Marie Lu (5th grade and up)
* We Hunt the Flame by Hafsah Faizal (8th grade and up)
* With the Fire on High by Elizabeth Acevedo (8th grade and up)
* Becoming by Michelle Obama

~ Born a Crime by Trevor Noah (There is a young adult version aimed at 5th and up and an adult version)

+ Charlie Takes His Shot: How Charlie Sifford Broke the Color Barrier in Golf (1st grade and up)

^ A Day of Pleasure: Stories of a Boy Growing up in Warsaw by Isaac Bashevis Singer (5th grade and up)

+ The Faithful Spy: Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Plot to Kill Hitler by John Hendrix (5th grade and up)

* Funny, You Don’t Look Autistic by Michael McCreary (5th grade and up)

! The Glass Castle (8th grade and up)

+ I Am, I Am, I Am (Adult)

! I Am Malala (5th grade and up)

! Is Everyone Hanging Out Without Me? By Mindy Kaling (8th grade and up)

^ John Adams by David McCullough (8th grade and up)

* Shout by Laurie Halse Anderson (8th grade and up)

! Smile, Sisters, and Guts by Raina Telgemeier (3rd grade and up)

~ Surfacing by Kathleen Jamie (Adult)

+ They Call Us Enemy by George Takei (5th grade and up)

! Unbroken (2 versions – young adult and adult version)

+ We Are Displaced by Malala Yousafzai (5th grade and up)
* The Afterward by E.K. Johnston (8th grade and up)
* The Book of Dust Volume 1 and Volume 2 by Phillip Pullman (5th grade and up)
* The Cruel Prince and its sequels by Holly Black (8th grade and up)
  - The Crystal Ribbon (5th grade and up)
  - Echo (5th grade and up)
  - Harry Potter series (3rd grade and up)
  - The Hazel Wood (8th grade and up)
* Heartless by Marissa Meyer (5th grade and up)
  - His Dark Materials series by Phillip Pullman (5th grade and up)
  - Keeper of the Lost Cities series by Shannon Messenger (5th grade and up)
* King of Scars by Leigh Bardugo (8th grade and up)

* Lalani of the Distant Sea by Erin Entrada Kelly (3rd grade and up)
  - Land of Stories series by Chris Colfer (3rd grade and up)
  - Last Apprentice series (5th grade and up)
  - Lord of the Rings by J.R. Tolkien (5th grade and up)
  - Mort by Terry Pratchett (5th grade and up)
  - Name of the Wind by Patrick Rothfuss (8th grade and up)
  - The Princess Bride (8th grade and up)
  - The Reader by Traci Chee (5th grade and up)
  - Renegades and Archenemies by Marissa Meyer (5th grade and up)
  - Rump (5th grade and up)
  - A Tale Dark and Grimm series by Adam Gidwitz (5th grade and up)
  - Three Dark Crowns (5th grade and up)
* Throne of Glass (8th grade and up)
  - The Tiny Hero of Ferny Creek Library (3rd grade and up)
  - Twilight by Stephanie Meyer (5th grade and up)
  - Wings of Fire series by Tui Sutherland (3rd grade and up)
  - Wishtree by Katherine Applegate (3rd grade and up)
* We Hunt the Flame by Hafsah Faizal (8th grade and up)

**FUNNY**

* Apocalypse Taco by Nathan Hale (5th grade and up)
~ Born a Crime by Trevor Noah (There is a young adult version aimed at 5th grade and up and an adult version)
+ The Captain and the Glory by Dave Eggers (8th grade and up)
! Dog Man by Dav Pilkey (3rd grade and up)
^ Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine (8th grade and up)
* The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora by Pablo Cartaya (5th grade and up)
* Frankly in Love by David Loon (8th grade and up)
* Funny, You Don’t Look Autistic by Michael McCreary (5th grade and up)
! The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams (5th grade and up)
* Hot Dog Girl by Jennifer Dugan (5th grade and up)
* It’s Trevor Noah: Born a Crime by Trevor Noah (5th grade and up)
! The Last Kids on Earth by Max Braillier (3rd grade and up)
! Mort by Terry Pratchett (5th grade and up)
* Marcus Vega Doesn’t Speak Spanish by Pablo Cartaya (5th grade and up)
* My Life Uploaded by Rae Earl (5th grade and up)
! Pickle by Kimberly Baker (3rd grade and up)
! Rump by Liesl Shurtliff (5th grade and up)
! Smile, Drama, Sister, and Guts by Raina Telgemeier (3rd grade and up)
* Since You Asked by Maurene Goo (5th grade and up)
! The Terrible Two (3rd grade and up)
* The Usual Suspects by Maurice Broaddus (5th grade and up)
GRAPHIC NOVELS/MANGA

* Amulet by Kazu Kibuishi
* Apocalypse Taco by Nathan Hale (5th grade and up)
! Big Nate (3rd grade and up)
* The Breakaways by Cathy G. Johnson (3rd grade and up)
* Check, please! By Ngozi Ukazu (5th grade and up)
! Death Note (8th grade and up)
* El Deafo by Cece Bell (3rd grade and up)
! Honor Girl (8th grade and up)
! Illegal (5th grade and up)
* Invisible Emmie (3rd grade and up)
! Naruto (5th and up)
! New Kid by Jerry Craft (5th grade and up)

* On a Sunbeam by Tillie Walden (8th grade and up)

! A Silent Voice (5th grade and up)

! Smile, Drama, Sister, and Guts by Raina Telgemeier (3rd grade and up)

* Sunny Side Up and sequels (3rd grade and up)

+ They Call Us Enemy by George Takei (5th grade and up)

+ White Bird by R.J. Palacio (5th and up)
HISTORICAL FICTION

~ All the Flowers in Paris by Sara Jio (Adult)
* Allies by Alan Gratz (5th grade and up)
! Audacity by Melanie Crowder (5th grade and up)
! The Book Thief by Marcus Zusak (5th grade and up)
! The Crystal Ribbon (5th grade and up)
* The Day the World Stopped Turning by Michael Morpurgo (3rd grade and up)
* The Day the Universe Exploded My Head by Allan Wolf (5th grade and up)
! Echo by Pam Muñoz Ryan (5th grade and up)
* How I Became a Spy: A Mystery of WWII London by Deborah Hopkinson (5th grade and up)
* Lovely War by Julie Berry (8th grade and up)
+ The Night Diary (5th grade and up)

! A Night Divided by Jennifer Nielsen (5th grade and up)
! Soldier Dog by Sam Angus (5th grade and up)
* Stolen Girl by Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch (5th grade and up)
* Sweep by Jonathan Auxier (5th grade and up)
* Under the Broken Sky by Mariko Nagai (3rd grade and up)
! Unstoppable Octobia May by Sharon Flake (3rd grade and up)
~ The War That Saved My Life and sequel by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley (5th grade and up)

^ A Woman is No Man (Adult)
+ White Bird by R.J. Palacio (5th grade and up)
HORROR

* The Agony House by Cherie Priest (8th grade and up)
* The Bone Houses by Emily Lloyd-Jones (5th grade and up)
* The Bone Witch by Rin Chupeco (8th grade and up)
* Dread Nation by Justina Ireland (8th grade and up)
* The Night Gardener by Jonathan Auxier (5th grade and up)
* Rules for Vanishing by Kate Alice Marshall (8th grade and up)
* Sawkill Girls by Claire Legrand (8th grade and up)
* The Screaming Staircase (5th grade and up)
  ! The Shining by Stephen King (8th grade and up)
* Small Spaces by Katherine Arden (5th grade and up)
  ! S.T.A.G.S (8th grade and up)
* Vassa in the Night by Sarah Porter (8th grade and up)
+ Wilder Girls by Rory Porter (8th grade and up)

! Zom-B by Darren Shan (5th grade and up)
LGBTQ+

* The Afterward by E.K. Johnston (8th grade and up)
* Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe (8th grade and up)
* Beast by Brie Spangler (8th grade and up)
* The Brightsiders by Jen Wilde (8th grade and up)
  ! Georgia Peaches and Other Forbidden Fruit (8th grade and up)
  ! Honor Girl (8th grade and up)
* Hot Dog Girl by Jennifer Dugan (5th grade and up)
* Hurricane Child by Kacen Callender (5th grade and up)
  ! Inexplicable Logic of My Life (8th grade and up)
  ! Ivy Aberdeen’s Letter to the World (5th grade and up)
* Kings, Queens, and In-Betweens by Tanya Boteju (8th grade and up)
  ! Leah on the Offbeat by Becky Albertali (8th grade and up)
* The Mighty Heart of Sunny St. James by Ashley Herring Blake (5th grade and up)
  + Pet by Akwaeke Emezi (8th grade and up)
* Ramona Blue by Julie Murphy (8th grade and up)
* Sawkill Girls by Claire Legrand (8th grade and up)
* Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda (8th grade and up)
* They Both Die at the End by Adam Silvera (8th grade and up)
  ! What If It’s Us by Becky Albertali (8th grade and up)
~ The American Agent: A Maisie Dobbs Novel (Adult)
! And Then She Was Gone by Rosalind Noonan (8th grade and up)
! And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie (5th grade and up)
+ The Lost Causes of Bleak Creek by Rhett McLaughlin (8th grade and up)
! Charlie Thorne and the Last Equation by Stuart Gibbs (5th grade and up)
! In the Woods by Tana French (8th grade and up)
+ The Library Book by Susan Orlean (Adult)
! Looking for Alaska by John Green (8th grade and up)
! Masterminds (5th grade and up)
! Mister Max: The Book of Lost Things (5th grade and up)
! One of Us is Lying (8th grade and up)
! Perfect Liars by Kim Reid (8th grade and up)
! The Perfectionists by Sara Shepard (5th grade and up)
! Sherlock Holmes by Arthur Conan Doyle (5th grade and up)
! The Storyteller by Antonia Michaelis (8th grade and up)
! Theodore Boone by John Grisham (5th grade and up)
! Tiny Pretty Things by Sona Charaipotra (8th grade and up)
! The Truth About Keeping Secrets by Savannah Brown (8th grade and up)
! Unstoppable Octobia May by Sharon Flake (3rd grade and up)
~ Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens (8th grade and up)
NONFICTION

* An Indigenous People’s History of the United State for Young People by Roxanne Dunbarr-Ortiz (8th grade and up)
* An Invisible Thread by Laura Schroff (5th grade and up)
* Beyond Words: What Elephants and Whales Think and Feel by Carl Safina (3rd grade and up)
* Born to Fly: The First Women’s Air Race Across America by Steve Sheinkin (3rd grade and up)
* Caught! Nabbing History’s Most Wanted by Georgia Bragg (8th grade and up)
* Dreamland: The True Tale of America’s Opiate Epidemic by Sam Quinones (8th grade and up)
* Gulp: Adventures on the Alimentary Canal by March Roach (8th grade and up)
  + Her Right Foot by Dave Eggers (Preschool and up)
* How To by Randall Munroe (5th and up)
  + How To Do Nothing: Resisting the Attention Economy by Jenny Odell (5th grade and up)
^ Into the Raging Sea (Adult)
! I Will Always Write Back (5th grade and up)
~ Last Places by Lawrence Millman (8th grade and up)
+ The Library Book by Susan Orlean (Adult)
! Math With Bad Drawings (5th and up)
** The Perfect Horse: The Daring Rescue of Horses Kidnapped by Hitler by Elizabeth Letts (3rd grade and up)
* The Undefeated by Kwame Alexander (3rd grade and up)
* Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team (5th grade and up)
REALISTIC FICTION – LIGHTHEARTED/INSPIRING

* The Benefits of Being an Octopus by Ann Braden (5th grade and up)
* Blended by Sharon M. Draper (5th grade and up)
! Far From the Tree by Robin Benway (8th grade and up)
! Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt (3rd grade and up)
+ For Black Girls Like Me by Mariama J. Lockington (5th grade and up)
* Front Desk by Kelly Yang (3rd grade and up)
* A Good Kind of Trouble by Lisa Moore Ramée (5th grade and up)
! Honor Girl by Maggie Thrash (8th grade and up)
! Ivy Aberdeen’s Letter to the World by Ashely Herring Blake (5th grade and up)
+ Look Both Ways by Jason Reynolds (5th grade and up)
+ The Lost Girl by Anne Ursu (3rd grade and up)

* The Mighty Heart of Sunny St. James by Ashley Herring Blake (5th grade and up)
! Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper (3rd grade and up)
! Pickle by Kimberly Baker (3rd grade and up)
! Rain Reign by Ann M. Martin (3rd grade and up)
! Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants by Ann Brashares (8th grade and up)
* Song for a Whale by Lynne Kelly (5th grade and up)
+ Wishtree by Katherine Applegate (3rd grade and up)
~ An American Marriage (Adult)
* Anger is a Gift by Mark Oshiro (8th grade and up)
* Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe by Benjamin Alire Sáenz (8th grade and up)
! And Then She Was Gone by Rosalind Noonan (8th grade and up)
! The Art of Racing in the Rain (2 versions – young adult and adult version)
* The Astonishing Color of After by Emily X. R. Pan (8th grade and up)
+ For Black Girls Like Me by Mariama J. Lockington (5th grade and up)
* Ghost Boys by Jewell Parker Rhodes (5th grade and up)
! Goodbye Days by Jeff Zentner (8th grade and up)
! The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas (8th grade and up)
! I’ll Give You the Sun (8th grade and up)
! Illegal (5th grade and up)
! Inexplicable Logic of My Life (8th grade and up)
+ The Line Tender by Kate Allen (5th grade and up)
! The Lines We Cross (8th grade and up)
! Nowhere Girls (8th grade and up)
+ Other Words for Home by Jasmine Warga (5th grade and up)
* On the Come Up by Angie Thomas
+ Patron Saints of Nothing (8th grade and up)
! Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson (8th grade and up)
! The Stars Beneath Our Feet (5th grade and up)
! They Both Die at the End (8th grade and up)
~ Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens (8th grade and up)
^ Winter in the Blood by James Welch (Adult)
ROMANCE

~ The Crazy Rich Asian series (Adult)

! Everything, Everything by Nicola Yoon (5th grade and up)

! Five Feet Apart (8th grade and up)

! The Fault In Our Stars by John Green (8th grade and up)

! Heartless by Marissa Meyer (5th grade and up)

! Hearts Unbroken by Cynthia Leitich Smith (8th grade and up)

* I Believe in a Thing Called Love by Maurene Goo (8th grade and up)

+ Kiss Me in New York (8th grade and up)

+ Let It Snow by Maureen Johnson and John Green (8th grade and up)

* Pride by Ibi Zoboi (8th grade and up)

~ The Program series by Suzanne Young (8th grade and up)

* The Rest of the Story by Sarah Dessen (8th grade and up)

* The Sun is Also a Star by Nicola Yoon (8th grade and up)

* To All the Boys I’ve Loved Before and sequels (5th grade and up)

! Twilight by Stephanie Meyer (5th grade and up)

* When Dimple Met Rishi by Sandhya Menon (8th grade and up)
* The Afterward by E.K. Johnston (8th grade and up)
+ Divergent series (5th grade and up)
+ The Grace Year (8th grade and up)
! House of the Scorpion by Nancy Farmer (5th grade and up)
! The Hunger Games series (5th grade and up)
! Legend by Marie Lu (5th grade and up)
! Lockdown: Escape from Furnace by Alexander Gordon Smith (8th grade and up)
! The Martian by Andy Weir (8th grade and up)
! The Maze Runner series by James Dashner (5th and up)
+ Pet by Akwaeke Emezi (8th grade and up)
~ The Program series by Suzanne Young (8th grade and up)
! Ready Player One (5th grade and up)

~ Renegades and Archenemies by Marissa Meyer (5th grade and up)
! Replica (5th grade and up)
* Rook by Daniel O’Malley (8th grade and up)
+ Scythe (8th grade and up)
+ Slay by Brittney Morris (8th grade and up)
! They Both Die at the End (8th grade and up)
! The Uglies series (5th grade and up)
! Variant by Robison Wells (5th grade and up)
! Warcross by Marie Lu (5th grade and up)
* After the Shot Drops by Randy Ribay (8th grade and up)
* BarelyMissing Everything by Matt Mendez (8th grade and up)
* Bouncing Back by Scott Osler (5th grade and up)
* Checked by Cynthia Kadohata (5th grade and up)
* Check, please! By Ngozi Ukazu (5th grade and up)
* The Crossover by Kwame Alexander (5th grade and up)
* Game Changer by Tommy Greenwald (5th grade and up)
* Ghost, Lu, Sunny, and Patina by Jason Reynolds (5th grade and up)
* Gravity by Sarah Deming (8th grade and up)
* Gut Check by Eric Kester (8th grade and up)
* Here to Stay by Sara Farizan (5th grade and up)
* Out of Left Field by Ellen Klages (5th grade and up)
* Proud: Living My American Dream by Ibtihaj Muhammad (5th grade and up)
* Rebound by Kwame Alexander (5th grade and up)
* Strike Zone by Mike Lupica (5th grade and up)
* Up for Air by Laurie Morrison