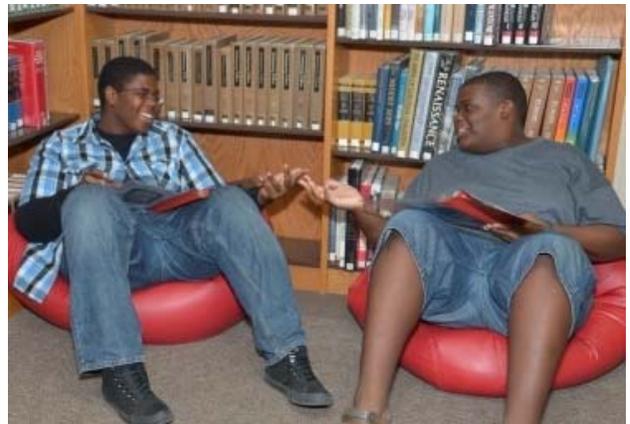
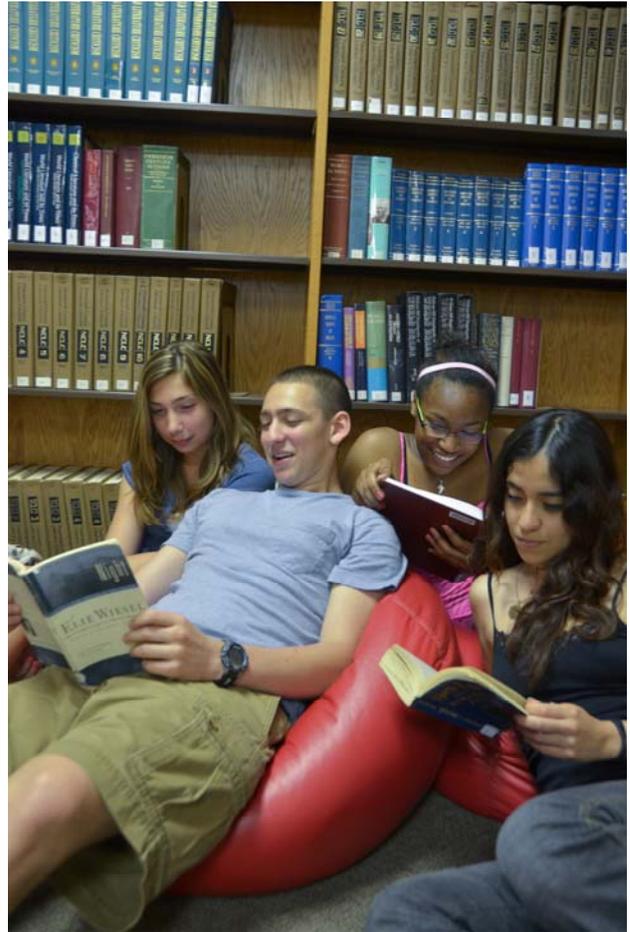
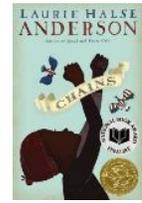
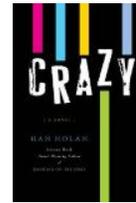
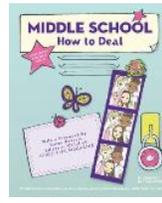
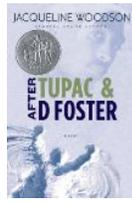


Shaker Heights Schools

7th-8th Grade Reading List



Recommended by your Shaker Schools Librarians



Acampora, Paul ***Defining Dulcie***

When Dulcie's father dies, her mother makes a decision to move them to California, where Dulcie makes an equally radical decision to steal her dad's old truck and head back home. *Fiction*

Anderson, Laurie Halse ***Chains***

After being sold to a cruel couple in New York City, a slave named Isabel spies for the rebels during the Revolutionary War. In the sequel, *Forge*, Curzon is separated from Isabel after their escape from slavery. He serves as a free man in the Continental Army at Valley Forge until he and Isabel are reunited again as slaves. *Fiction*

Armstrong, Jennifer ***Photo by Brady: A Picture of the Civil War***

Renowned photographer Matthew Brady documented the course of the Civil War in a way that had never been done before. *Nonfiction*

Asimov, Isaac ***Foundation and Earth***

Asimov chronicles the rise and fall of the Galactic Empire in this science fiction series which includes *Foundation and Empire*, *Second Foundation*, *Foundation's Edge*, *Foundation*, *Prelude to Foundation*, and *Forward the Foundation*. *Fiction*

Avi ***Beyond the Western Sea: Book 1: The Escape from Home and Book 2: Lord Kirtle's Money***

Maura and her younger brother meet their landlord's runaway son in Liverpool when they are driven from their poor Irish village. Their fates intertwine on board ship and in America. *Fiction*

Bacigalupi, Paolo ***Ship Breaker***

In a futuristic world, Nailer scavenges copper wiring from grounded oil tankers for a living. When he finds a beached clipper ship with a girl in the wreckage, he must decide to strip the ship for its wealth or rescue the girl. *Fiction*

Barron, T. A. ***The Lost Years of Merlin; The Seven Songs of Merlin; Fires of Merlin; The Merlin Effect; The Mirror of Merlin***

Merlin has no memory of his past when he washes ashore on the coast of Wales. Eventually he helps King Arthur found Camelot. *Fiction*

Beccia, Carlyn ***The Raucous Royals: Test Your Royal Wits: Crack Codes, Solve Mysteries, and Deduce Which Royal Rumors Are True***

What do Dracula and Marie Antoinette have in common? Misinformation! See how truth can be twisted over time in this combination picture book, graphic novel, and tabloid magazine featuring leaders in history. *Nonfiction*

Beker, Jeanne ***Passion for Fashion: Careers in Style***

This practical career guide details the ins and outs of fashion production, capturing the inspiration and passion of the fashion industry, from designers, models, photographers, stylists and colorists. *Nonfiction*

Billingsley, Franny ***Chime***

Briony can see spirits that haunt the marshes around the town of Swampsea. She feels responsible for her twin sister's horrible injury. Then a young man enters their lives and exposes secrets that even Briony does not know. *Fiction*

Boas, Jacob ***We are Witnesses***

Using the unfinished diaries of 5 Jewish teenagers, Holocaust survivor Jacob Boas bears powerful witness to ordinary families as they were crowded into ghettos, persecuted, and murdered. *Nonfiction*

Bodeen, S.A ***The Compound***

Eli and his family spend 6 years in a vast underground compound built by his wealthy father to protect them from a nuclear holocaust. Eli discovers that his father has lied to them all. *Fiction*

Bondoux, Anne-Laure ***The Killer's Tears***

When Angel Allegria arrives at the Poloverdos' farmhouse, he kills the farmer and his wife, but spares their child, Paolo. Together the killer and the boy begin a new life in a remote area of Chile. *Fiction*

Bondoux, Anne-Laure ***A Time of Miracles***

In the early 1990s, a boy with a mysterious past and the woman who cares for him endure a 5-year journey across the war-torn Caucasus and Europe, weathering hardships and encounters with other refugees searching for a better life. *Fiction*

Borden, Sara *Middle School: How to Deal*

With humor, 5 middle school girls write about how to navigate middle school and deal with the changes in your life. *Nonfiction*

Budhos, Marina *Ask Me No Questions*

Nadira and her family leave Bangladesh for New York City, but the expiration of their visas and the events of September 11, 2001, bring frustration, sorrow, and terror for the whole family. *Fiction*

Burns, Olive Ann *Cold Sassy Tree*

Will Tweedy, a 14-year-old boy in a Georgia town at the turn of the century, must adjust to the news that his Grandpa Rucker has married a young woman barely three weeks after Grandma's death. *Fiction*

Cabot, Meg *Airhead*

Following a bizarre accident, 16-year-old tomboy Emerson Watts wakes up to find she's in the body of a supermodel. *Fiction*

Carbone, Elisa *Blood on the River: James Town 1607*

When Samuel Collier boards a ship bound for the New World as Captain John Smith's page, he can't believe his good fortune. Samuel can be whoever he wants in Jamestown, but so can everyone else. *Fiction*

Carey, Mike *The Unwritten: Tommy Taylor and the Bogus Identity*

A scandal reveals that Tom might really be a boy-wizard made flesh, and Tom encounters a mysterious, deadly group that has secretly kept tabs on him all his life. *Graphic Novel*

Collins, Suzanne *The Hunger Games*

In the futuristic world of Panem, control is maintained by a televised survival competition that pits young people from each of the 12 districts against one another. Katniss is put to the test when she volunteers to take her younger sister's place. *Fiction*

Condie, Allyson Braithwaite *Matched*

The Society dictates everything in Cassie's life: how to play, where to work, where to live, what to eat and wear, when to die. As Cassie turns 17, she is told whom to marry. Xander is her match, but why is Ky on her match disk too? *Fiction*

Cormier, Robert *The Chocolate War*

A high school freshman refuses to join in the school's annual fund-raising drive and arouses the wrath of the school bullies. *Fiction*

Crane, Stephen *The Red Badge of Courage*

This is a psychological portrait of a country boy who, as a Civil War soldier, must cope with indifference to the horrors of war. *Fiction*

Crutcher, Chris *Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes*

Formerly obese Eric "Moby" Calhoun helps friend Sarah, disfigured at the age of 3, face the world after years of abuse. *Fiction*

Daldry, Jeremy *The Teenage Guy's Survival Guide: The Real Deal on Girls, Growing Up, and Other Guy Stuff*

Boys, you'll like this practical guide to modern life, loaded with advice that'll keep you laughing *and* make you the coolest guy! *Nonfiction*

Deem, James M. *Bodies from the Ice: Melting Glaciers and the Rediscovery of the Past*

Glaciers are now offering up secrets from the past. In the 1990s, 2 mountain climbers discovered on the Austrian border the oldest human mummy on record. *Nonfiction*

Deutsch, Barry *Hereville: How Mirka Got Her Sword*

Strong-willed, spunky Mirka Herschberg dreams of fighting dragons. She becomes the first-ever wisecracking, troll-fighting, Orthodox Jewish heroine. *Graphic Novel*

Dowell, Frances O'Roark *Shooting the Moon*

When her brother is sent to fight in Vietnam, Jamie begins to reconsider the army world that she has grown up in. *Fiction*

Draper, Sharon *Copper Sun*

Two girls - one a black slave and the other a white indentured servant - escape their Carolina plantation and try to make their way to Fort Moses, Florida, a Spanish colony that gives sanctuary to slaves. *Fiction*

Draper, Sharon *Darkness Before Dawn; Forged By Fire; Tears of a Tiger*

Keisha grieves her boyfriend's suicide; Gerald tries to protect his sister from abuse; and Andy was drinking and driving when his best friend was killed - all in the Hazelwood High series books. *Fiction*

Dunkle, Clare B. *The House of Dead Maids*

Tabby Aykroyd, who would later serve as housekeeper for 30 years to the Brönte sisters, is taken from an orphanage to a ghost-filled house on the Yorkshire moors to be nursemaid to a wild young boy. *Fiction*

Elliott, Patricia *The Pale Assassin*

As the French Revolution gains momentum, young Eugenie de Boncoeur finds it difficult to tell friend from foe as she and her royalist brother become the focus of "le Fantome," a sinister spymaster with a grudge against their family. *Fiction*

Emond, Stephen *Happyface*

When tragedy tears Happyface's family apart, this troubled teenager moves to a new school and tries to reinvent himself. *Fiction*

Feinstein, John *The Rivalry: Mystery at the Army-Navy Game*

Eighth-grade sportswriters Stevie and Susan Carol team up to solve a mystery at the famous Army-Navy football game. *Fiction*

Forde, Jasper *The Eyre Affair: A Novel*

In a world where one can literally get lost in literature, Thursday Next, a Special Operative in literary detection, tries to stop the world's Third Most Wanted criminal from kidnapping characters. *Fiction*

Fleming, Candace *Ben Franklin's Almanac: Being a True Account of the Good Gentleman's Life*

A unique scrapbook-style captures the spirit of Ben Franklin, exploring his efforts at invention and his role in America's founding. *Biography*

Flood, Bo *Warriors in the Crossfire*

Joseph helps his family survive when natives of Saipan are caught in the crossfire between the Japanese soldiers and the American troops at the end of World War II. *Fiction*

Freedman, Russell *Freedom Walkers: The Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott*

Freedman covers events surrounding the Montgomery Bus Boycott, which marked the beginning of the end of segregation on buses. *Nonfiction*

Freedman, Russell *Lafayette and the American Revolution*

The Marquis de Lafayette was a strong-willed teen who had never set foot on a battlefield when he defied the French king to join the American Revolution. He was commissioned in the Continental army only out of respect for his title and wealth. He earned the respect of his fellow officers because of his bravery and devotion to the cause of liberty. *Biography*

Freedman, Russell *The War to End All Wars: World War I*

Using photographs from the war, this narrative history tells of alliances, weaponry, and military decisions of the Great War, which people hoped would be the only conflict of its kind – a war to end all wars. *Nonfiction*

Friesner, Esther M. *Nobody's Princess*

Headstrong Helen, determined to fend for herself in a world where only men have real freedom, disguises herself as a boy so she can fight, hunt, and ride horses. She becomes Queen of Sparta - Helen of Troy. *Fiction*

Gardner, Sally *The Red Necklace: A Story of the French Revolution*

Sido, daughter of a self-indulgent marquis, and Yann, a Gypsy orphan raised to perform in a magic show, face a common enemy. *Fiction*

Gifford, Clive *Ten Leaders Who Changed the World*

Gifford profiles the lives of 20th century leaders such as Gandhi, Castro, and Mandela, who have impacted the course of recent history. *Nonfiction*

Golding, Julia *The Diamond of Drury Lane*

Orphan Catherine "Cat" Royal lives at the Drury Lane Theater in 1790s London. She seeks the "diamond" hidden in the theater, unmasking a treasonous political cartoonist and involving her in the gangs of Covent Garden. Read other titles in the *Cat Among the Pigeons* series. *Fiction*

Grandits, John *Technically, It's Not My Fault: Concrete Poems*

You'll enjoy these visual, funny poems that explore moments like a boring school day, a baseball game, a sick day and more. *Poetry*

Grant, K. M. *Blue Flame*

Enemies from the north endanger the Blue Flame. Young lovers Raimon and Yolanda are enmeshed in the 13th century Occitanian conflict, facing separation and death in this first book of a trilogy. *Fiction*

Greenberg, David *A Tugging String: A Novel About Growing Up During the Civil Rights Era*

Greenberg bases this novel on his experiences growing up in Great Neck, NY, during the turbulent civil rights struggles of the 1950s and 1960s, when his father was a lawyer for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund. *Fiction*

Guy, Rosa *The Disappearance*

The disappearance of the daughter of a Brooklyn family casts suspicion on a juvenile offender from Harlem who has come to live with them. *Fiction*

Haddix, Margaret Peterson *Found*

Adopted boys Jonah and Chip receive mysterious letters warning that someone is coming back to get them. They are caught in a mystery involving the FBI, smuggling, and people who appear and disappear at will. *Found* is the first book in "The Missing" series. *Fiction*

Hale, Shannon *Calamity Jack*

In this interpretation of "Jack and the Beanstalk," Jack is a born schemer who, aided by some friends, climbs a magical beanstalk in the hope of exacting justice from a mean giant and gaining a fortune for his widowed mother. *Graphic Novel*

Hale, Shannon *Rapunzel's Revenge*

In this Old West version of the story, Rapunzel is raised in a villa surrounded by towering walls. When she learns that her real mother, Kate, is a slave in Gothel's gold mine, Rapunzel climbs over the wall and teams up with an outlaw named Jack to save her mother. *Graphic Novel*

Hamilton, Virginia *The People Could Fly: American Black Folktales*

This anthology of African-American folktales uses animals, fantasy, and the supernatural to convey the sorrow of slaves as well as their hope and desire for freedom. *Folk Tale*

Haney, Eric L. *Inside Delta Force: The Story of America's Elite Counterterrorist Unit*

One of its founding operatives finally tells the story of how Delta Force, America's elite counterterrorism unit, came to be. *Nonfiction*

Harness, Cheryl *The Groundbreaking, Chance-taking Life of George Washington Carver and Science & Invention in America*

Confederate raiders kidnap young Carver and sell his family to Arkansas slaveholders. Too ill to work in the fields, he spends his days studying plants and becomes the first black student and later the first black faculty member at the state university. *Biography*

Herlong, Madaline *The Great Wide Sea*

Still mourning the death of their mother, 3 brothers sail with their father off the Florida Keys on a trip of harrowing adventure. *Fiction*

Hiaasen, Carl *Star Island*

In this satire of celebrity culture, kidnapers trying to capture drug-addicted pop star "Cherry Pye," grab her stunt body double Ann DeLuisa by mistake. Cherry's entourage must rescue Ann while keeping her existence a secret from Cherry's public--and from Cherry herself. *Fiction*

Horowitz, Anthony *Eagle Strike*

Teen spy Alex Rider survives a bullfight, a high-speed bicycle chase, and a human video-game only to face his most disturbing challenge yet! You'll come back for more in this series: *Stormbreaker*, *Point Blank*, *Skeleton Key*, *Scorpia*, *Ark Angel*, and *Snakehead*. *Fiction*

Johnson, Angela *The First Part Last*

At 16, Bobby is an artist and a single father. Read about his life "now" as he talks about caring for baby Feather and "then" as he remembers her mother's pregnancy. *Fiction*

Johnson, Jen Cullerton *Seeds of Change: Planting a Path to Peace*

Scientist Wangari Maathai is the first African woman and first environmentalist to win a Nobel Peace Prize for her work planting trees in her native Kenya. *Biography*

Kadohata, Cynthia *Weedflower*

Sumiko and her Japanese-American family are relocated from their California farm to an internment camp in Arizona. She becomes friends with a local Indian boy, and dreams of owning a flower shop. *Fiction*

Kidd, Sue Monk *The Secret Life of Bees*

Lily and Rosaleen, a woman who has cared for Lily since her mother's death, flee their home after Rosaleen is victimized by police officers. They find a safe haven in Tiburon, South Carolina, at the home of three beekeeping sisters. *Fiction*

Kuhlman, Evan *The Last Invisible Boy*

In the wake of his father's sudden death, Finn feels he is becoming invisible as his hair and skin become whiter by the day. He writes and illustrates a book to try to understand what is happening and to hold on to himself and his father. *Fiction*

Lasky, Kathryn *Beyond the Burning Time*

When accusations of witchcraft surface in 1691 in her New England village, Mary fights to save her mother from execution. *Fiction*

Lipsyte, Robert *Heroes of Baseball: The Men Who Made It America's Favorite Game*

Read about men who did more than hit home runs or pitch perfect games. These heroes changed the way America looks at itself and the goals we set as people and as a nation. *Nonfiction*

Lisle, Holly *The Ruby Key*

In a world where an uneasy peace binds Humans and Nightlings, Genna and her brother Dan learn of their uncle's plot to gain immortality in exchange for human lives. They strike their own bargain with the Nightling lord. *Fiction*

Lisle, Janet Taylor *Black Duck*

Ruben Hart tells the story of how, in 1929 in Newport, Rhode Island, his family and his best friend's family were caught up in the violent competition for control of the local rum-smuggling trade. *Fiction*

Lobel, Anita *No Pretty Pictures: A Child of War*

Lobel, a well-known illustrator of children's books, tells of her personal experiences during and after World War II in this unforgettable Holocaust survivor story. *Biography*

Lowry, Lois *The Giver*

At the Ceremony of Twelve, Jonas becomes the receiver of memories and discovers the terrible truth about the society in which he lives. Read more in *Gathering Blue* and *The Messenger*. *Fiction*

Lupica, Mike *The Batboy*

Even though his mother feels baseball ruined her marriage to his father, she allows Brian to become a bat boy for the Detroit Tigers, who have just drafted his favorite player back onto the team. *Fiction*

Lynch, Chris *Extreme Elvin*

As he enters high school, 14-year-old Elvin continues dealing with his weight problem and tries to find his place among his peers. *Fiction*

MacLean, Jill *The Present Tense of Prinny Murphy*

Prinny is struggling to deal with an alcoholic mother, a distracted father, schoolyard bullies, and remedial reading lessons with the dour Mrs. Dooks. She gets a reprieve when a substitute teacher introduces her to poetry. *Fiction*

Mayer, Robert H. *When the Children Marched: The Birmingham Civil Rights Movement*

In chronicling the Birmingham (AL) civil rights movement, Mayer spotlights the great leaders of the movement and the role of the children who helped fight for equal rights and an end to segregation in Birmingham. *Nonfiction*

McBride, Lish *Hold Me Closer, Necromancer*

Sam LaCroix, a Seattle fast-food worker and college dropout, discovers that he is a necromancer, part of a world of harbingers, werewolves, and satyrs. Douglas sees Sam as a threat to his lucrative business of raising the dead and causes big problems. *Fiction*

McCaffrey, Anne *Dragonflight; Dragonquest; The White Dragon; Nerilka's Story; Dragonsdawn; The Renegades of Pern; All the Weyrs of Pern*

Meet the inhabitants of Pern in the DragonRiders of Pern series: dragons, their riders, fire lizards, and the harpers who sing songs and legends of this land. Read one or all in any order you choose. *Fiction*

McCaughrean, Geraldine *The Kite Rider*

In 13th-century China, Haoyou tries to save his widowed mother from a horrendous second marriage. He takes to the sky as a circus kite rider and meets the great Mongol ruler Kublai Khan. *Fiction*

McKissack, Patricia, and Arlene Zarembka *To Establish Justice: Citizenship and the Constitution*

Our country was founded on principles of freedom and equality. Do all citizens enjoy the same rights? Find out what the Supreme Court has done to support our rights. *Nonfiction*

McMullan, Margaret *Sources of Light*

After the death of her father, Sam moves with her mother to Jackson, Mississippi. The conservative 1960s values of the town clash with her family's liberal views. Sam struggles to navigate difficult relationships and understand segregation. *Fiction*

McMurphy-Barber, Gina *Free as a Bird*

Ruby Jean Sharp is born with Down syndrome in a time when her disability leads others to call her "retard" and "moron." When her grandmother dies, she ends up in an institution. She survives isolation, boredom, and abuse. *Fiction*

Milford, Kate *The Boneshaker*

When Jake Limberleg brings his traveling medicine show to a small Missouri town in 1913, Natalie senses that something is wrong. Her love of automata and other machines makes her the only one who can set things right. *Fiction*

Moore, Yvette *Freedom Songs*

When her Uncle Pete joins the Freedom Riders down South, Sheryl organizes a gospel concert in Brooklyn to help. *Fiction*

Moranville, Sharelle Byars *A Higher Geometry*

After the death of her grandmother in 1959, Anna is torn between her wish to attend college and her family's expectation that she will marry and be a housewife after high school. *Fiction*

Moss, Marissa *Galen: My Life in Imperial Rome*

Galen describes his life as a slave in Emperor Augustus' palace. His notebook-style jottings and sketches bring Rome to life with gladiator fights, celebrations, and chariot races. *Fiction*

Murdock, Catherine Gilbert *Dairy Queen: A Novel*

After spending her summer running the family farm and training the quarterback of a rival school's football team, D.J. decides to go out for football herself - with unexpected reactions. *Fiction*

Mussi, Sarah *The Door of No Return*

Zac never believed his grandfather's tales about their enslaved ancestors being descended from an African king. When his grandfather is murdered, Zac sets out for Ghana to find King Baktu's long-lost treasure before the murderers do. *Fiction*

Napoli, Donna Jo *Spinners*

Spinners is based on the fairy tale, "Rumpelstiltskin," in which a strange little man helps a miller's daughter spin straw into gold for the king, on the condition that she give him her first-born child. *Fiction*

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds *Sang Spell*

After his mother is killed in an automobile accident, Josh hitchhikes across the country. Strange Appalachian villagers called Melungeons trap him, and he learns no one has ever left their village alive. *Fiction*

Neri, Greg *Yummy: The Last Days of a Southside Shorty*

The story is based on the life of Robert "Yummy" Sandifer, an 11-year-old African-American gang member from Chicago's Southside. He shot a young girl and then was killed by his own gang members. *Graphic Novel*

Nixon, Joan Lowery *Don't Scream*

Jess thinks things are looking up when 2 new guys come to her school, but she isn't aware of their real identities. Can she trust them? *Fiction*

Nielsen, Susin *Dear George Clooney, Please Marry My Mom*

Violet's TV-producer dad lives in LA with his new wife. Violet is stuck in Vancouver with her mom who only seems to date losers. While Violet works on her own dating issues, she tries to get George Clooney to rescue her mom. *Fiction*

Nolan, Han *Crazy*

After his mother's death, Jason tries to hide his father's declining mental condition. When his father disappears, Jason must confide in a therapy group he has been forced to join at school. *Fiction*

Perkins, Mitali *Bamboo People*

Two Burmese boys meet in the jungle. Tu Reh is a Karenni refugee; Chiko is a guerrilla fighter. To survive they must learn to trust each other. *Fiction*

Pixley, Marcella Fleischman *Freak*

The popular girls at her middle school treat smart, quirky Miriam as if she were a freak. In response to their bullying Miriam eventually explodes with an inner strength she did not know she had. *Fiction*

Powell, Ben *Skateboarding Skills: The Rider's Guide*

Become a master boarder with this guide for both first-time riders learning the basic skills and for more experienced riders wanting to perfect a maneuver or finesse a move. *Nonfiction*

Pratchett, Terry *Nation*

After a devastating tsunami destroys all that they have ever known, island boy Mau, and English aristocrat Daphne set about rebuilding their community and all the things that are important in their lives. *Fiction*

Preller, James *Six innings: A Game in the Life*

In the Little League championship game, Sam, who has cancer and is in a wheelchair, has to call the play-by-play instead of participating in the game. *Fiction*

Price, Charlie *Dead Connection*

Murray, a loner who communes with the dead in the town cemetery, hears the voice of a murdered cheerleader and tries to convince the adults that he knows how she was killed. *Fiction*

Resau, Laura *The Ruby Notebook*

When Zeeta and her itinerant mother move to Aix-en-Provence, France, Zeeta is haunted by a mysterious admirer who keeps leaving mementoes for her. When her Ecuadorian boyfriend comes to visit, their relationship seems to have changed. *Fiction*

Reynolds, David *Apollo: The Epic Journey to the Moon*

This spectacular visual history of the Apollo program re-creates the drama and excitement of America's race to the moon in the 1960s. *Nonfiction*

Riordan, Rick *The Battle of the Labyrinth*

When demonic cheerleaders invade his high school, Percy Jackson hurries to Camp Half Blood. He and his demigod friends set out on a quest through the Labyrinth as war between the Olympians and the evil Titan Lord Kronos draws near. *Fiction*

Rosen, Michael *Dickens: His Work and His World*

Influential English author Charles Dickens is profiled, featuring four of his major works including *A Christmas Carol* and *Oliver Twist*. *Biography*

Ruiz Zafn, Carlos *The Prince of Mist*

During WWII the Carver family moves from Spain's capital to the relative safety of a seacoast village, only to find their new home inhabited by a ghost. Siblings Max and Alicia befriend Roland who takes them diving around a wrecked ship in the harbor. Roland's grandfather reveals sinister connections between the wreck, a garden, and the evil Cain. *Fiction*

Russell, P. Craig, adapter *Coraline*

Russell adapts Neil Gaiman's story of Coraline into a graphic novel. Coraline ventures through a mysterious door into an alternate world where she challenges a gruesome entity to save herself, her parents, and the souls of 3 others. *Graphic Novel*

Sandler, Martin W. *Lincoln Through the Lens: How Photography Revealed and Shaped an Extraordinary Life*

Though born in a humble log cabin in the backwoods of Kentucky, Abraham Lincoln was savvy enough to embrace photography --the new technology of his time. His speeches and period photos provide a portrait of this president. *Biography*

Schmidt, Gary *Trouble*

To honor the dying wish of his brother Franklin, Henry hikes Maine's Mount Katahdin with his best friend and dog. Fate adds another companion--the Cambodian refugee accused of fatally injuring Franklin. *Fiction*

Schröder, Monika *The Dog in the Wood*

As World War II draws to an end, Russian soldiers occupy Schwartz, Germany, bringing both friendship and hardship to the family of 10-year-old Fritz, whose grandfather was a Nazi sympathizer. *Fiction*

Scieszka, Jon, editor *Guys Write for Guys Read*

There's something for every boy in this collection of short stories, poems, memories, and advice by some boys' all-time favorite authors. *Nonfiction*

Scott, Michael *The Alchemyst: The Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel*

Twins Sophie and Josh find themselves caught up in the deadly, centuries-old struggle between rival alchemists over possession of a book containing secret formulas for alchemy and everlasting life. *Fiction*

Shull, Megan *Amazing Grace*

Tennis has a new "it" girl, Grace Kincaid. But Grace realizes that being a teen star isn't all it's cracked up to be. With fame and fortune just a backswing away, all she really wants is to be ...NORMAL! *Fiction*

Sleator, William *Beasties*

Doug and his sister Colette move to a wilderness area, where they encounter some weird creatures whose lives are endangered. *Fiction*

Sones, Sonya *One of Those Hideous Books Where the Mother Dies*

Ruby leaves her best friend, her boyfriend, her aunt, and her mother's grave to join her movie star father who left before she was born. *Fiction*

Sones, Sonya *Stop Pretending: What Happened When My Big Sister Went Crazy*

A younger sister has a difficult time adjusting to life after her older sister has a mental breakdown. *Fiction*

Spiegler, Louise *The Amethyst Road*

Having fled the city of Oestia after she attacked an official, 16-year-old Serena--an outcast as well as a mixed-race child of a Gorgio father and Yulang mother--seeks to reunite her family and regain her honor. *Fiction*

Stalder, Erika *Fashion 101: A Crash Course in Clothing*

Ready to be a fashionista? Find out everything you need to know about clothing styles and style setters in this A to Z guide. *Nonfiction*

Staples, Suzanne *Shabanu: Daughter of the Wind*

What will Shabanu do when she's promised to an older man in an arranged marriage that will bring riches to her family? *Fiction*

Stern, Sam *Cooking up a Storm: The Teenage Survival Cookbook*

Read this and eat! Find recipes for basic meals, snacks, party dishes and for boosting brainpower during exams. *Nonfiction*

Strasser, Todd *Con-fidence*

What price is Lauren willing to pay to be part of the popular crowd at school? When an attractive new girl befriends her and offers a chance at popularity, Lauren does not see that she is being manipulated. *Fiction*

Strauss, Rochelle *Tree of Life: The Incredible Biodiversity of Life on Earth*

Explore the diversity of life and the interdependence of species in this marvelously illustrated oversized book. *Nonfiction*

Taylor, Mildred *The Land*

Paul-Edward, son of a white plantation owner and a slave mother, is determined to own his own land. This is a prequel to Taylor's *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*. *Fiction*

Taylor, Theodore *The Cay*

When a German submarine torpedoes their freighter during World War II, a 12-year-old white boy and an elderly black man are stranded on a small desert island in the Caribbean. *Fiction*

Tolan, Stephanie *Surviving the Applewhites*

Jake Semple is a scary kid who burned down his old school. The only place that will take him now is the Applewhites' home school. *Fiction*

Tolkien, J. R. R. *The Lord of the Rings Trilogy: The Fellowship of the Ring; The Two Towers; The Return of the King*

The inhabitants of Middle Earth struggle to keep a magic ring from falling into the hands of the powers of darkness. *Fiction*

Westerfeld, Scott *Uglies*

Tally's 16th birthday brings an operation that turns her from "ugly" into beautiful. Her friend Shay isn't sure she wants to be "pretty." Read the sequels *Pretties* and *Specials*. *Fiction*

Woodson, Jacqueline *After Tupac & D Foster*

Life changes for 2 girls in a New York neighborhood when D Foster joins their double Dutch game. They bond over their love of Tupac's music and find their friendship tested by unpredictable and tragic events. *Fiction*

Woodson, Jacqueline *Hush*

Courageous Evie Thomas leaves behind the past, family, and friends to reinvent herself in a witness protection program. *Fiction*

Yeager, Selene *What's With My Body? The Girls' Book of Answers to Growing Up, Looking Good, and Feeling Great*

Here's a great guide, in a Q&A format, packed with essential information for all the tricky stuff that goes along with growing up. *Nonfiction*

Yee, Lisa *Stanford Wong Flunks Big Time*

After flunking 6th-grade English, basketball prodigy Stanford Wong struggles to pass his summer-school class. *Fiction*



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Strong reading skills are the key to student achievement and lifelong learning. This reading list is intended as an aid in choosing books to provide rich reading experiences for students.

Professional school librarians work with their students—your children— to build strong skills in locating, accessing and analyzing information. This begins with the retelling of stories in the earliest grades, through the teaching of sophisticated web evaluation strategies for older students. These critical thinking skills will serve students well throughout their school career and beyond. Our goal is to help all children make good selections and learn to judge the quality and intent of information in all formats.

Our libraries also provide online resources for students and families to use, accessible from any Internet connection. You can find them on <http://shaker.org> using the “Libraries” link, or by going to your school building and clicking the library link there.

Use the “Information /Databases” link to see the online materials we have for school and home use. You can get the access codes needed from your school library staff. Our databases for high school students include Student Resources in Context, Infohio databases such as *Science Online*, the EBSCO research databases and Learning Express Library for test practice and more. Check out *NoodlTools* for creating projects and citing sources.

We encourage you to use the Shaker Heights Public Library to bring a multitude of good books and reading experiences to your children. They can suggest other great books for you to enjoy, as well as provide events like story hours and their summer reading program.

Reading Links

Looking for more good reading? Here are some websites that will help.

Internet Public Library Teen Division

The Internet Public Library's home page links to Teen Space, where you'll find a link for books and writing. It features all sorts of reading lists and other activities to help in your studies and leisure interests.

<http://www.ipl.org/>

New York Public Library's Teen Links

A variety of booklists and resources are linked, along with their Facebook and Twitter feeds.

<http://www.nypl.org/help/getting-oriented/resources-teens>

Reading Rants: Out of the Ordinary Teen Book Lists

Librarian Jennifer Hubert Swan offers a “thinking teen's” set of book suggestions and organizes them by topic.

<http://www.readingrants.org/>

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