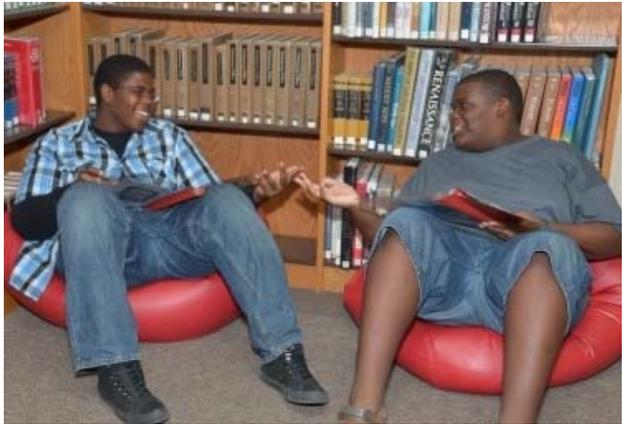
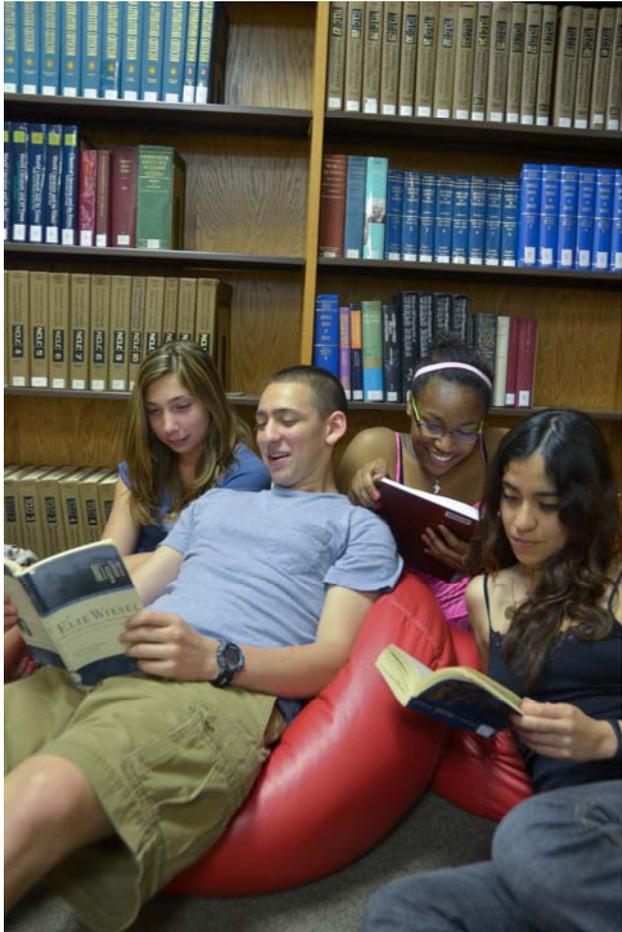


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9th-12th Grade Reading List



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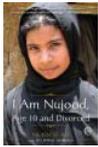
Abadzis, Nick *Laika*

Laika, an abandoned puppy, becomes Earth's first space traveler in the Soviets' Sputnik. Fact and fiction are intertwined in stories of 3 compelling lives highlighting a pivotal moment in modern history. *Fiction*



Alexander, Robert *The Kitchen Boy*

Narrated by 94-year-old Mikhail Semyanov, a Russian immigrant now living outside Chicago, this novel recalls the bloody days of the Russian Revolution, when the royal family is imprisoned in Siberia, in a building known as the House of Special Purpose. *Fiction*



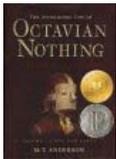
Ali, Nujood *I am Nujood, Age 10 and Divorced*

Chosen by *Glamour* magazine as a Woman of the Year in 2008, Ali Nujood of Yemen became an international hero for her brave resistance to child marriage. *Biography*



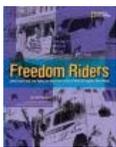
Anderson, Laurie Halse *Wintergirls*

Lia comes to terms with her best friend's death from anorexia as she struggles with the same disorder. *Fiction*



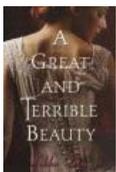
Anderson, M. T. *The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing, Traitor to the Nation: The Pox Party (Vol 1) and Kingdom on the Waves (Vol 2)*

Diaries, letters, and manuscripts chronicle the life of Octavian, an African American raised as part of a science experiment during the American Revolution. In Vol 2 Octavian joins Lord Dunmore's Ethiopian Regiment to gain his freedom. *Fiction*



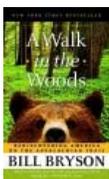
Bausum, Ann *Freedom Riders: John Lewis and Jim Zwerg on the Front Lines of the Civil Rights Movement*

Bausum introduces the 1961 bus integration protests through personal experiences of two participants – one black and one white. *Nonfiction*



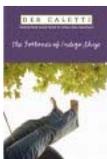
Bray, Libba *A Great and Terrible Beauty*

After many years in India and after the suspicious death of her mother in 1895, Gemma Doyle returns to England. At her school, she realizes she has magical powers. Her adventures continue in *Rebel Angels* and *The Sweet Far Thing*. *Fiction*



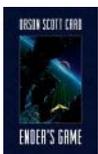
Bryson, Bill *A Walk in the Woods: Rediscovering America on the Appalachian Trail*

If you're going to take a hike, the place to go is probably the woods, and Bill Bryson is surely the most entertaining guide you'll find. *Nonfiction*



Caletti, Deb *The Fortunes of Indigo Skye*

Indigo looks forward to being a full-time waitress after graduation. Her life is turned upside down by a large check from a customer who appreciates that she cares enough to scold him about smoking. *Fiction*



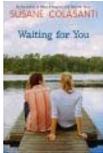
Card, Orson Scott *Ender's Game*

Andrew "Ender" Wiggin is a young genius in Battle School, where he is training to fight the alien Buggers. He must put his skills to the ultimate test sooner than he expected. What will happen when he is forced to leave Earth? The story continues in *Ender in Exile*. *Fiction*



Carroll, Lewis *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* and *Through the Looking-glass and What Alice Found There*

Alice falls down a rabbit hole and discovers a world of nonsensical and amusing characters. She steps through the mirror into a strange world where curious adventures await her. *Fiction*



Colasanti, Susane *Waiting for You*

Marisa, who has an anxiety disorder, decides that this is the year she will get a boyfriend and a social life, but things do not turn out exactly the way she expects. *Fiction*



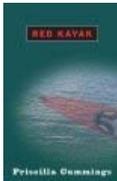
Cornwell, Autumn *Carpe Diem*

Vassar Spore's detailed plans for the next 20 years of her life are derailed when her bohemian grandmother insists that she join her in Southeast Asia for the summer. There Vassar discovers new possibilities. *Fiction*



Crutcher, Chris *Deadline*

Ben Wolf learns he has one year to live. He decides to attempt his greatest fantasies, ponders his life's purpose, and converses with his spiritual guide, "Hey-Soos." *Fiction*



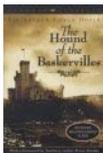
Cummings, Priscilla *Red Kayak*

Living near the water on Maryland's Eastern Shore, Brady and his best friends J.T. and Digger become entangled in a tragedy that tests their friendship and their ideas about right and wrong. *Fiction*



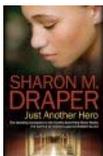
Dessen, Sarah *Lock and Key*

When she is abandoned by her alcoholic mother, Ruby, a high school senior, winds up living with Cora, the sister she has not seen for 10 years. Ruby learns what makes a family, how to let people to help her, and that she too has something to offer others. *Fiction*



Doyle, Arthur Conan *The Hounds of the Baskervilles*

In what is arguably both the best Sherlock Holmes story in the canon and one of the all-time classic mystery novels, Doyle couples his interest in the occult with keen scientific detection in this story that showcases Holmes' sidekick, Dr. Watson. *Fiction*



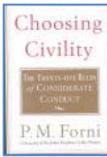
Draper, Sharon M. *Just Another Hero*

In the sequel to *November Blues*, Kofi, Arielle, Dana, November, and Jericho face personal challenges in their senior year of high school. What happens when a misunderstood student brings a gun to class? *Fiction*



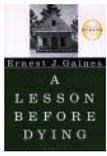
Flake, Sharon *You Don't Even Know Me: Stories and Poems about Boys*

In a lively companion to Flake's *Who Am I Without Him?* teen boys speak in stories and free-verse poems about love, fear, sex, fun, anger, sorrow, and growing up black today. *Fiction*



Forni, P. M. *Choosing Civility: The Twenty-Five Rules of Considerate Conduct*

Choosing Civility is a simple, practical, perfectly measured, and quietly magical handbook on the lost art of civility and compassion. *Nonfiction*



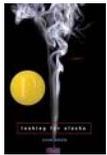
Gaines, Ernest *A Lesson Before Dying*

In rural Louisiana in the 1940s, a primary school teacher tries to restore the dignity of a wrongly accused prisoner before his execution. *Fiction*



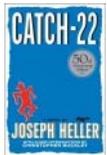
Giovanni, Nikki *100 Best African American Poems*

This vibrant collection reflects the rich roots and visionary future of African-American verse and includes such poets as Robert Hayden, Mari Evans, Kevin Young, and Rita Dove. *Poetry*



Green, John *Looking for Alaska*

Miles' first year at Culver Creek Preparatory School in Alabama includes good friends and great pranks, but is defined by the search for answers about life and death after a fatal car crash. *Fiction*



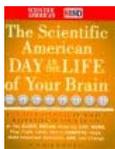
Heller, Joseph *Catch 22*

This intensely serious comedy exposes the madness of war, human nature, and institutions. *Fiction*



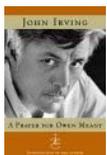
Hoose, Phillip *Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice*

In her own words, Claudette gives a detailed look at segregated life in 1950s Memphis and the start of the civil rights movement. *Biography*



Horstman, Judith *The Scientific American Day in the Life of Your Brain*

What's your brain up to? Read this hour-by-hour round-the-clock journal of your brain's activities. *Nonfiction*



Irving, John *A Prayer for Owen Meany*

A very short schoolboy with a strange voice accidentally kills the beloved mother of his best friend and becomes a prophet with an anti-war, anti-hypocrisy message. *Fiction*



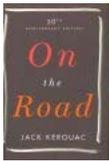
Jones, Lloyd *Mister Pip*

On a tropical island shattered by war, survival is a daily struggle. Eccentric Mr. Watts, the only white man left after the other teachers flee, spends his day reading to the local children from Charles Dickens' classic *Great Expectations*. *Fiction*



Keller, Michael *Charles Darwin's On the Origin of Species: A Graphic Adaptation*

Keller's graphic version of this classic highlights one of the most famous, contested, and important books of all time. *Nonfiction*



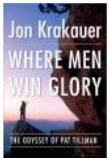
Kerouac, Jack *On the Road*

Three generations of writers, musicians, artists, and poets cite their discovery of *On the Road* as the event that “set them free.” *Fiction*



Kluger, Steve *My Most Excellent Year*

Three teenagers in Boston narrate their experiences of a year of new friendships, first loves, and coming into their own. *Fiction*



Krakauer, Jon *Where Men Win Glory: The Odyssey of Pat Tillman*

Krakauer chronicles the riveting and tragic story of former NFL player Pat Tillman, who walked away from a \$3.6 million football contract after 9/11 to enlist in the US Army and who was killed by friendly fire in Afghanistan. *Biography*



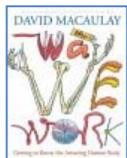
Larson, Erik *Devil in the White City*

Larson tells the stories of two men: Daniel H. Burnham, architect responsible for the 1893 Chicago World's Fair, and H.H. Holmes, a serial killer masquerading as a charming doctor. *Nonfiction*



Levithan, David *How They Met, and Other Stories*

These 18 short stories are about love--from unrequited, to longing, to being smitten, to family love and friendship. Levithan leaves no form untouched, and tells each tale passionately. *Fiction*



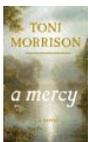
Macaulay, David *The Way We Work: Getting to Know the Amazing Human Body*

Macaulay leads readers on a visual journey through the basic workings of the human body. *Nonfiction*



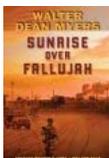
McKissack, Fredrick *Shooting Star*

Jomo Rogers starts taking performance enhancing drugs in order to be an even better high school football player, but his life spins out of control as his game improves. *Fiction*



Morrison, Toni *A Mercy*

A Mercy reveals what lies beneath the surface of slavery. It is the story of a mother who casts off her daughter in order to save her, and of a daughter who may never exorcise that abandonment. *Fiction*



Myers, Walter Dean *Sunrise Over Fallujah*

Robin Perry of Harlem is sent to Iraq in 2003 as a member of the Civilian Affairs Battalion. His time there profoundly changes him. *Fiction*



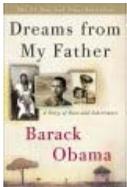
Nelson, Marilyn *A Wreath for Emmett Till*

An illustrated collection of sonnets eulogizes Emmett Till, an African- American boy killed in a brutal, racially-motivated lynching in 1955. *Poetry*



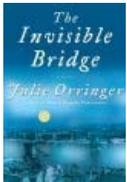
Oates, Joyce Carol *Big Mouth and Ugly Girl*

When Matt is falsely accused of threatening to blow up his high school, his friends turn against him. An unlikely classmate comes to his aid. *Fiction*



Obama, Barack *Dreams From My Father: A Story of Race and Inheritance*

In an unsentimental and compelling memoir, Obama, the son of a black African father and a white American mother, searches for a workable meaning to his life as a black American. *Biography*



Orringer, Julie *The Invisible Bridge*

Set in Paris and Budapest in the 1930s, Orringer's story presents a sweeping yet intimate portrait of a Hungarian Jewish family as two lovers are caught up in the turmoil of the Holocaust. *Fiction*



Pearson, Mary E. *The Adoration of Jenna Fox*

What happens when your body and brain are bioengineered after a near-fatal accident? Jenna is not sure which memories are hers – or who she should believe – as she awakes from a year-long coma. *Fiction*



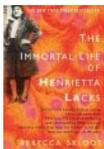
Pekar, Harvey *The Beats: A Graphic History*

Pekar's graphic novel features the Beat generation that spurned mainstream America's conformity and conservatism. They became known for their creativity, experimentation and addictions as seen through the lives of Jack Kerouac, Allen Ginsberg and others. *Graphic Novel*



Sijie, Dai *Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress*

The power of books to excite, to enlighten, and to inspire is the theme of this engaging gem by Chinese-born filmmaker Dai Sijie. *Fiction*



Skloot, Rebecca *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*

Skloot uncovers the story of an African-American woman whose cancer cells were harvested without her knowledge or consent for medical research. *Biography*



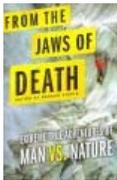
Spiegelman, Art *Maus I; Maus II*

These classic graphic novels tell the story of a son and his father, a Holocaust survivor. Spiegelman transcends the traditional boundaries of visual art, narrative, and biography. *Nonfiction*



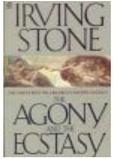
Spillebeen, Geert *Kipling's Choice*

A riveting account of World War I, *Kipling's Choice* could become the next great war novel. It combines historical facts with speculation about John Kipling's short life and gruesome death. *Fiction*



Steele, Brogan *From the Jaws of Death: Extreme True Adventures of Man vs. Nature*

This is a harrowing collection of true tales of death and survival under the most extreme conditions imaginable. *Nonfiction*



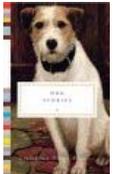
Stone, Irving *The Agony and the Ecstasy: A Novel of Michelangelo*

More than just a chronicle of the life and work of Michelangelo, this rich fictional biography illustrates that all of life is a journey and that passion always comes with a price. *Fiction*



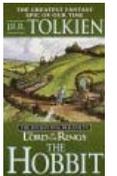
Stratton, Allan *Borderline*

After Homeland Security hauls his father away as a suspect in a possible terrorist attack, Sami sets out to prove his dad's innocence. *Fiction*



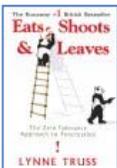
Tsedell, Diana Secker *Dog Stories*

Read about dogs of all sorts, from the savage hunters and woeful mutts of Doris Lessing and Anton Chekhov to Lydia Millet's pampered poodle and Brad Watson's wise seeing-eye dog. *Short Stories*



Tolkien, J.R.R. *The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings trilogy*

Tolkien creates a unique other world, evoked from deep in the well of Time, massively detailed, entertaining, profound in meaning. *Fiction*



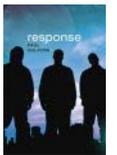
Truss, Lynne *Eats, Shoots & Leaves: The Zero Tolerance Approach to Punctuation*

This impassioned and laugh-out-loud manifesto on punctuation made the best-seller lists in Britain and the US. *Nonfiction*



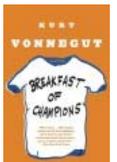
Umrigar, Thirity *First Darling of the Morning: Selected Memories of an Indian Childhood*

This powerful, poignant memoir of bestselling author and Case professor Umrigar, traces the arc of her Bombay childhood and adolescence to her eventual departure for the United States. *Biography*



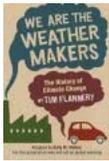
Volponi, Paul *Response*

In this chilling tale, an African-American student is beaten to death in a white neighborhood. Three boys are charged with a hate crime. *Fiction*



Vonnegut, Kurt *Breakfast of Champions*

Kilgore Trout's experiences with an alien feature themes of health versus sickness and humanity versus inhumanity in this savage satire of middle class American values. *Fiction*



Walker, Sally M. (adapter) *We Are the Weather Makers: The History of Climate Change*

This YA edition of Tim Flannery's *The Weather Makers* offers a clear look at the history of climate change, how it will unfold over the next century, and what can be done to prevent a cataclysmic future. *Nonfiction*



Walls, Jeannette *The Glass Castle*

"Being homeless is an adventure," her mom used to say. In this memoir, MSNBC gossip columnist Walls recalls with affection her dysfunctional family and nomadic life. *Biography*



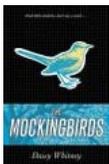
Weatherford, Carol Boston *Becoming Billie Holiday*

Jazz vocalist Billie Holiday looks back on her early years in this fictional memoir written in verse. *Fiction*



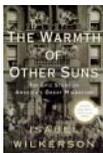
White, T.H. *The Once and Future King*

White retells the Arthurian legend, from Arthur's birth to the end of his reign as King of Camelot. The story is based largely on Sir Thomas Malory's *Le Morte D' Arthur*. *Fiction*



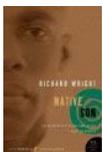
Whitney, Daisy *The Mockingbirds*

After Alex is date-raped at her boarding school, she turns to a secret society of students, The Mockingbirds, to find the justice the school administration cannot provide. *Fiction*



Wilkerson, Isabel *The Warmth of Other Suns: the Epic Story of America's Great Migration*

The 20th-century exodus of more than 6 million black Americans from the South is sensitively retold through the lives of three who left. *Nonfiction*



Wright, Richard *Native Son*

Trapped in the poverty-stricken ghetto of Chicago's South Side, a young black man finds release only in acts of violence. Written in 1940, this book captures the brutal result of inequality and legalized segregation. *Fiction*



X, Malcolm *Autobiography of Malcolm X*

If any one man articulated the anger, struggle, and beliefs of African Americans in the 1960s, that man was Malcolm X. *Biography*



Yang, Gene Luen *American Born Chinese*

This graphic novel explores different aspects of Chinese-American life through 3 characters: Jin, who tries to fit in with his white classmates; the Monkey King, who chafes under his lowly status among gods; and Danny, who tries to escape his embarrassing cousin Chin Yee. *Graphic Novel*



Zusak, Markus *The Book Thief*

Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death tells the story of Liesel—a young German orphan whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family, the Jewish man they are hiding, and their neighbors. *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 *Noodl/Tools* 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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