

Trickum Middle School 6th Grade Summer Reading List 2016-2017

Students should choose **TWO** books from the list below and read them over the summer.

Be prepared to do activities with those two books in the fall.

- ***The Apothecary*** by Maile Malloy (Lexile Level: 980) Fantasy-Adventure
 - After moving Los Angeles to London in 1952, fourteen-year-old Janie becomes friends with Benjamin Burrows, an apothecary's son whose life dream is to be a spy. Soon Janie and Benjamin are caught up in more intrigues than they expected in this fantasy-adventure novel.
- ***Almost Home*** by Joan Bauer (Lexile Level: 590) Realistic Fiction
 - Homeless 12-year-old Sugar and her mother struggle to relocate to Chicago. With the help of a rescue dog, Shush; a foster family; a supportive teacher; a love of poetry; and her own grace and good humor, Sugar comes to understand that while she can't control the hand life deals her, she can control how she responds.
- ***Zane and the Hurricane*** by Rodman Philbrick (Lexile Level: 860) Historical Fiction
 - In this historical, realistic fiction novel, Zane Dupree's visit to meet his great-grandmother for the first time turns into a nightmare when Hurricane Katrina hits New Orleans. Separated from his family, this charismatic 12-year-old biracial boy soon teams with a kind, elderly musician and a scrappy young girl to overcome the obstacles and trials of this natural disaster.
- ***How to Survive Middle School*** by Donna Gephart (Lexile Level: 660) Humor
 - Eleven-year-old, new 6th grader David Greenberg dreams of becoming a TV superstar like his idol, Jon Stewart. With a wacky sense of humor and hilarious Top 6½ Lists, David spends his free time making Talk Time videos, which he posts on YouTube. When his new, cool friend Sophie shares links to his videos with all her friends, David has to decide if he's ready for his newfound middle-school 'stardom.'
- ***Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*** by Ransom Riggs (Lexile Level: 890) Fantasy
 - Interspersed with vintage photographs throughout, this haunting fantasy thriller will appeal to readers who love the author Lemony Snicket or the book *Coraline*. A skeptical 16-year-old Jacob grew up listening to the fantastical tales of his grandfather's childhood in an orphanage filled with children with unusual powers and evil monsters lurking in the shadows. When Jacob's grandfather dies under mysterious circumstances, Jacob travels to that orphanage to investigate, discovering that the people...and monsters...might be real after all.
- ***The War that Saved my Life*** by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley (Lexile: 580) Historical Fiction
 - Nine-year-old Ada has never left her one-room apartment. Her mother is too humiliated by Ada's twisted foot to let her outside. So when her little brother Jamie is shipped out of London to escape the war, Ada doesn't waste a minute—she sneaks out to join him.
- ***Countdown*** by Deborah Wiles (Lexile Level: 800) Historical Fiction
 - Book one in a trilogy. It's 1962, and it seems everyone is living in fear. Eleven-year-old Franny Chapman lives with her family in Washington, D.C., and can feel the fear of the nation in the days surrounding the Cuban Missile Crisis. Amid the pervading threat of nuclear war, Franny must face the tension between herself and her younger brother, figure out where she fits in with her family, and look beyond outward appearances. For Franny, as for all Americans, it's going to be a life-changing week.

(Book summaries from Amazon.com)

- **Revolution** by Deborah Wiles (Lexile Level: 840) Historical Fiction
 - Book two in a trilogy. It's 1964, and Sunny's town is being invaded. Or at least that's what the adults of Greenwood, Mississippi are saying. All Sunny knows is that people from up north are coming to help people register to vote. They're calling it Freedom Summer. Meanwhile, Sunny can't help but feel like her house is being invaded, too. She has a new stepmother, a new brother, and a new sister crowding her life, giving her little room to breathe. And things get even trickier when Sunny and her brother are caught sneaking into the local swimming pool, where they bump into a mystery boy whose life is going to become tangled up in theirs.
- **Drive Me Crazy** by Terra Elan McVoy (Lexile Level: Middle Grades) Historical Fiction
 - A tween rivalry-turned-friendship story bursting with humor and heart—perfect for fans of Lisa Graff and Lynda Mullaly Hunt. Lana and Cassie have met only once before, at the wedding of Lana's Grandpa Howe and Cassie's Grandma Tess two months ago. The two girls couldn't be more different, and they didn't exactly hit it off—but they're about to spend an entire week together for their grandparents' honeymoon, road-tripping from California to Maine in the backseat of a Subaru. It's going to be a disaster.
- **Book Scavenger** by Jennifer Bertman (Lexile Level: 810) Mystery
 - Twelve-year-old Emily is on the move again. Her family is relocating to San Francisco, home of her literary idol: Garrison Griswold, creator of the online sensation Book Scavenger, a game where books are hidden all over the country and clues to find them are revealed through puzzles. But Emily soon learns that Griswold has been attacked and is in a coma, and no one knows anything about the epic new game he had been poised to launch. Then Emily and her new friend James discover an odd book, which they come to believe is from Griswold and leads to a valuable prize. But there are others on the hunt for this book, and Emily and James must race to solve the puzzles Griswold left behind before Griswold's attackers make them their next target.
- **The Iron Trial: Magisterium, Book One** by Cassandra Clare & Holly Black (Lexile Level: 810) Fantasy
 - Most kids would do anything to pass the Iron Trial. Not Callum Hunt. He wants to fail. All his life, Call has been warned by his father to stay away from magic. If he succeeds at the Iron Trial and is admitted into the Magisterium, he is sure it can only mean bad things for him. So he tries his best to do his worst, and fails at failing. Now the Magisterium awaits him. It's a place that's both sensational and sinister, with dark ties to his past and a twisty path to his future. The Iron Trial is just the beginning, for the biggest test is still to come...
- **Circus Mirandus** by Cassie Beasley (Lexile Level: 710) Fantasy
 - Micah Tuttle believes in magic. Even though his awful Great-Aunt Gertrudis doesn't approve, Micah believes in the stories his dying Grandpa Ephraim tells him of the magical Circus Mirandus: the invisible tiger guarding the entrance, the beautiful flying birdwoman, and the magician more powerful than any other: the Man Who Bends Light. Finally, Grandpa Ephraim offers proof. The circus is real. And the Lightbender owes Ephraim a miracle. With his friend Jenny Mendoza in tow, Micah sets out to find the circus and the man he believes will save his grandfather. The only problem is, the Lightbender doesn't want to keep his promise. And now it's up to Micah to get the miracle he came for.
- **Death by Toilet Paper** by Donna Gephart (Lexile Level: 790) Realistic Fiction
 - Benjamin is about to lose a whole lot more than good toilet paper. But even with his flair for clever slogans, will he be able to win a cash prize large enough to keep a promise he made to his dad before he died?



Trickum Middle School

Rising 7th

2016 Summer Reading List



1. Read TWO books from the list below.

2. Complete a Response Sheet for each book. 3. Due August 15, 2016

*Reading Response Sheets can be found at <http://www.gwinnett.k12.ga.us/TrickumMS/home.html> under "Academics".

SUMMER READING LIST:

The Book Thief by Zusak, Markus (Historical Fiction-730L)

Zusak has created a work that deserves the attention of sophisticated teen and adult readers. Death himself narrates the World War II-era story of Liesel Meminger from the time she is taken, at age nine, to live in Molching, Germany, with a foster family in a working-class neighborhood of tough kids, acid-tongued mothers, and loving fathers who earn their living by the work of their hands. The child arrives having just stolen her first book—although she has not yet learned how to read—and her foster father uses it, *The Gravediggers Handbook*, to lull her to sleep when she's roused by regular nightmares about her younger brother's death. Across the ensuing years of the late 1930s and into the 1940s, Liesel collects more stolen books as well as a peculiar set of friends: the boy Rudy, the Jewish refugee Max, the mayor's reclusive wife (who has a whole library from which she allows Liesel to steal), and especially her foster parents.

33 Minutes...Until Morgan Sturtz Kicks My Butt by Hasak-Lowy, Todd (Realistic Fiction-590L)

This is the story of the worst day in Sam's life. Sam is a seventh grader and his friendship with Morgan has broken. Something has happened and all we know is that in 33 minutes Morgan is going to kick Sam's butt.

Copper Sun by Draper, Sharon (Historical Fiction-820L)

This action-packed, multifaceted, character-rich story describes the shocking realities of the slave trade and plantation life while portraying the perseverance, resourcefulness, and triumph of the human spirit. Amari is a 15-year-old Ashanti girl who is happily anticipating her marriage to Besa. Then, slavers arrive in her village, slaughter her family, and shatter her world. Shackled, frightened, and despondent, she is led to the Cape Coast where she is branded and forced onto a boat of death for the infamous Middle Passage to the Carolinas. There, Percival Derby buys her as a gift for his son's 16th birthday. Trust and friendship develop between Amari and Polly, a white indentured servant, and when their mistress gives birth to a black baby, the teens try to cover up Mrs. Derby's transgression.

Gifted Hands by Carson, Ben (Narrative Nonfiction-950L)

A brief, easy-to-read autobiography of a black man who is one of today's leading neurosurgeons. While pursuing his career, Carson encountered prejudice, negative peer pressure, and politics in getting a job. His sense of humor, faith in God, patience, and his belief in the work ethic come through without preaching. In the last chapter, Carson gives recommendations to students on ways to live and to achieve.

Racing in the Rain: My Life as a Dog by Stein, Garth (Fiction-Outdoors/Sports-720L)

Meet one funny dog—Enzo, the lovable mutt who tells this story. Enzo knows he is different from other dogs: most dogs love to chase cars, but Enzo longs to race them. He learns about racing and the world around him by watching TV and by listening to the words of his best friend, Denny, an up-and-coming race car driver, and his daughter, Zoë, his constant companion. Enzo finds that life is just like being on the racetrack—it isn't simply about going fast. And, applying the rules of racing to his world, Enzo takes on his family's challenges and emerges a hero. In the end, Enzo holds in his heart the dream that Denny will go on to be a racing champion with his daughter by his side. For theirs is an extraordinary friendship—one that reminds us all to celebrate the triumph of the human (and canine) spirit.

This is a special adaptation for young people of the acclaimed New York Times bestselling adult novel *The Art of Racing in the Rain*.

Secrets, Lies, and Algebra by Lichtman, Wendy (Realistic Fiction-1050L)

Tess loves math because it's the one subject she can trust—there's always just one right answer, and it never changes. But then she starts algebra and is introduced to those pesky and mysterious variables, which seem to be everywhere in eighth grade. When even your friends and parents can be variables, how in the world do you find out the right answers to the really important questions, like what to do about a boy you like or whom to tell when someone's done something really bad?

Will Tess's life ever stop changing long enough for her to figure it all out?

A Face First by Cummings, Priscilla (Realistic Fiction-680L)

After a catastrophic automobile accident, twelve-year-old Kelley wakes up to find her face and body severely burned. To recover, she must suffer through skin-graft operations, painful dressings, and hand exercises that seem akin to torture. Worst of all, she must wear a plastic mask so that her facial skin won't grow back puffy and hard. How will she ever face the world again?

All the Broken Pieces by Burg, Ann E. (Historical Fiction-680L)

Matt Pin would like to forget: war torn Vietnam, bombs that fell like dead crows, and the terrible secret he left behind. But now that he is living with a caring adoptive family in the United States, he finds himself forced to confront his past. And that means choosing between silence and candor, blame and forgiveness, fear and freedom.

By turns harrowing, dreamlike, sad, and triumphant, this searing debut novel, written in lucid verse, reveals an unforgettable perspective on the lasting impact of war and the healing power of love.

SERIES LIST: You may choose any book in the series. The description listed below is for the first book in the series.

Game Changers Series by Lupica, Mike (Sports/ 870-940L)

Game Changers: Book One of the Game Changers Series

Ben McBain is every football team's dream player. He's a jack-of-all-trades guy that can handle almost any position. When the game is on the line, Ben's number is the one being called for the final play. But Ben wants to be the starting quarterback and the one thing standing in his way is the coach's son.

Shawn O'Brien looks the part. He has been groomed by his father, a former professional quarterback. But despite his size and arm strength, Shawn is struggling.

Ben is torn between being a good teammate and going after his own dream. As Ben finds out, Shawn isn't the easiest person to help. And when Ben gets an unexpected opportunity, the entire game will change for the both of them.

Best-selling author Mike Lupica kicks off a winning new series about sports and friendship that will captivate readers.

The Lunar Chronicles by Meyer, Marissa (Dystopian Fiction/790L)

Cinder: Book One of The Lunar Chronicles

Humans and androids crowd the raucous streets of New Beijing. A deadly plague ravages the population. From space, a ruthless lunar people watch, waiting to make their move. No one knows that Earth's fate hinges on one girl. . . .

Cinder, a gifted mechanic, is a cyborg. She's a second-class citizen with a mysterious past, reviled by her stepmother and blamed for her stepsister's illness. But when her life becomes intertwined with the handsome Prince Kai's, she suddenly finds herself at the center of an intergalactic struggle, and a forbidden attraction. Caught between duty and freedom, loyalty and betrayal, she must uncover secrets about her past in order to protect her world's future.

Unwind Series by Shusterman, Neal (Fiction/Dystopian 740L-890L)

Unwind: Book One of the Unwind Dystology

In America after the Second Civil War, the Pro-Choice and Pro-Life armies came to an agreement: The Bill of Life states that human life may not be touched from the moment of conception until a child reaches the age of thirteen. Between the ages of thirteen and eighteen, however, a parent may choose to retroactively get rid of a child through a process called "unwinding." Unwinding ensures that the child's life doesn't "technically" end by transplanting all the organs in the child's body to various recipients. Now a common and accepted practice in society, troublesome or unwanted teens are able to easily be unwound.

With breathtaking suspense, this book follows three teens who all become runaway Unwinds: Connor, a rebel whose parents have ordered his unwinding; Risa, a ward of the state who is to be unwound due to cost-cutting; and Lev, his parents' tenth child whose unwinding has been planned since birth as a religious tithing. As their paths intersect and lives hang in the balance, Shusterman examines complex moral issues that will keep readers turning the pages until the very end.

Upon return to school in August, students will complete a book critique over one of the books they read during the summer. Please list the books that your student read over the summer below. This will be due the first week of school. Thank you and we will see you in August!

Book Title	Author	Pages	Rating 1-10	Parent Signature

While only two books are required, students are encouraged to complete and record additional reading books.

Trickum Middle School
Rising 8th Grade
2016-17 Summer Reading List

1. Read **ONE book from the FICTION list and ONE book from the NONFICTION list.**
2. Be prepared to complete an engaging assignment relating to these books when you return to school.
3. Assignment will be due August 17, 2016

FICTION LIST:

Atlantia by Condie, Ally (Science Fiction-680L)

For as long as she can remember, Rio has dreamt of the sand and sky Above—of life beyond her underwater city of Atlantia. But in a single moment, all her plans for the future are thwarted when her twin sister, Bay, makes an unexpected decision, stranding Rio Below. Alone, ripped away from the last person who knew Rio's true self—and the powerful siren voice she has long hidden—she has nothing left to lose. Guided by a dangerous and unlikely mentor, Rio formulates a plan that leads to questions about her mother's death, her own destiny, and the complex system constructed to govern the divide between land and sea. Her life and her city depend on Rio to listen to the voices of the past and to speak long-hidden truths.

Better Off Friends by Eulberg, Elizabeth (Realistic Fiction-590L)

For Macallan and Levi, it was friends at first sight. Everyone says guys and girls can't be just friends, but these two are. They hang out after school, share tons of inside jokes, their families are super close, and Levi even starts dating one of Macallan's friends. They are platonic and happy that way. Eventually they realize they're best friends — which wouldn't be so bad if they didn't keep getting in each other's way. They can't help but wonder . . . are they more than friends or are they better off without making it even more complicated?

If You're Reading This by Reedy, Trent (Mystery/Sports/War-700L)

Mike was seven when his father was killed in mysterious circumstances in Afghanistan. Eight years later, the family still hasn't recovered: Mike's mom is overworked and overprotective, and his quest to be "the man of the family," Mike knows he's missing out on everyday high school life. Then, out of the blue, Mike receives a letter from his father - the first of a series Dad wrote in Afghanistan, just in case he didn't come home, meant to share some wisdom with his son on the eve of Mike's 16th birthday. As the letters come in, Mike revels in spending time with his dad again, and takes his encouragement to try new things. As the answers to these mysteries are revealed, Mike and his family find a way to heal and move forward at last.

The Iron Trial by Clare, Cassandra (Fantasy-830L)

Most kids would do anything to pass the Iron Trial. Not Callum Hunt. He wants to fail. All his life, Call has been warned by his father to stay away from magic. If he succeeds at the Iron Trial and is admitted into the Magisterium, he is sure it can only mean bad things for him. So he tries his best to do his worst - and fails at failing. Now the Magisterium awaits him. It's a place that's both sensational and sinister, with dark ties to his past and a twisty path to his future. The Iron Trial is just the beginning, for the biggest test is still to come . . .

Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson (Fiction/Classic-870L)

One of the most enduringly popular adventure tales, *Treasure Island* began in 1881 as a serialized adventure entitled "The Sea-Cook" in the periodical *Young Folks*. Completed during a stay at Davos, Switzerland, where Stevenson had gone for his health, it was published in 1883 in the form we know today. Set in the eighteenth century, *Treasure Island* spins a heady tale of piracy, a mysterious treasure map, and a host of sinister characters charged with diabolical intentions. Seen through the eyes of Jim Hawkins, the cabin boy of the *Hispaniola*, the action-packed adventure tells of a perilous sea journey across the Spanish Main, a mutiny led by the infamous Long John Silver, and a lethal scramble for buried treasure on an exotic isle.

Fly Girl by Sherri L. Smith (Historical Fiction 680L)

All Ida Mae Jones wants to do is fly. Her daddy was a pilot, and years after his death she feels closest to him when she's in the air. But as a young black woman in 1940s Louisiana, she knows the sky is off limits to her, until America enters World War II, and the Army forms the WASP^N Women Airforce Service Pilots. Ida has a chance to fulfill her dream if she's willing to use her light skin to pass as a white girl. She wants to fly more than anything, but Ida soon learns that denying one's self and family is a heavy burden, and ultimately it's not what you do but who you are that's most important.

Skink--No Surrender by Haaisen, Carl (Mystery-770L)

Classic Malley—to avoid being shipped off to boarding school, she takes off with some guy she met online. Poor Richard—he knows his cousin's in trouble before she does. Wild Skink—he's a ragged, one-eyed ex-governor of Florida, and enough of a renegade to think he can track Malley down. With Richard riding shotgun, the unlikely pair scour the state, undaunted by blinding storms, crazed pigs, flying bullets, and giant gators.

The Testing by Charbonneau, Joelle (Science Fiction-830L)

Keep your friends close and your enemies closer. Isn't that what they say? The Seven Stages War left much of the planet a charred wasteland. The future belongs to the next generation's chosen few who must rebuild it. But to enter this elite group, candidates must first pass *The Testing*—their one chance at a college education and a rewarding career. Cia Vale is honored to be chosen as a Testing candidate, but on the eve of her departure, her father's advice hints at a darker side to her upcoming studies--trust no one. To survive, Cia must choose: love without truth or life without trust.

The Summer I Turned Pretty by Jenny Han (Fiction-600L)

Belly measures her life in summers. Everything good, everything magical happens between the months of June and August. Winters are simply a time to count the weeks until the next summer, a place away from the beach house, away from Susannah, and most importantly, away from Jeremiah and Conrad. They are the boys that Belly has known since her very first summer -- they have been her brother figures, her crushes, and everything in between. But one summer, one wonderful and terrible summer, the more everything changes, the more it all ends up just the way it should have been all along.

The Walk On by Feinstein, John (Fiction/Sports-780L)

Alex Myers is a triple-threat athlete—great at football, basketball, and baseball. But he'll have to fight for a spot on the varsity team. Alex is a quarterback, but from the first day of football practice, it's clear that that position is very much filled by the coach's son, Matt. Alex has the better arm, but Matt has more experience. Alex finally gets a chance to show what he can do when Matt is injured, but just when his star is rising, Alex gets blindsided—the state has started drug testing, and Alex's test comes back positive for steroids. Alex knows that's not right. But he doesn't know if it's a mistake—or if someone wants to make sure he can't play. . . .

Fiction List (continued):

Edgar Allan Poe's Tales of Death and Dementia by Edgar Allan Poe and Gris Grimly (1310L)

Stories of lost love, lost ways . . . and lost minds! Gris Grimly's mysterious, morbid, and macabre illustrations capture four Poe classics with an unmatched ghoulish charm. This second installment of illustrated Poe tales, a companion to Edgar Allan Poe's Tales of Mystery and Madness, includes the perennial favorite The Tell Tale Heart, as well as The System of Dr. Tarr and Professor Fether, The Oblong Box, and The Facts in the Case of M. Valdemar. With little trimming and lots of gory visuals, these stories have never looked better or more frightening!

Skinny by Donna Cooner (670L)

This novel kickstarted a national conversation on weight, beauty, and transformation. In it, we meet Ever, a fifteen-year-old girl who weighs over 300 pounds and is haunted by a voice in her head she calls "Skinny." Skinny tells Ever she is ugly. Fat. Unlovable. And Ever believes her. When Ever makes the controversial choice to have gastric bypass surgery, she does start losing weight and gains the interest of boys...but Skinny is still there, louder than before. Ever will need to confront that voice before she can truly find, and accept, her own.

Nonfiction List:

Courage Has No Color: the true story of the Triple Nickles, America's first black paratroopers by Stone, Tanya Lee (1090L)

World War II is raging, and thousands of American soldiers are fighting overseas against the injustices brought on by Hitler. Back on the home front, the injustice of discrimination against African Americans plays out as much on Main Street as in the military. Enlisted black men are segregated from white soldiers and regularly relegated to service duties. At Fort Benning, Georgia, First Sergeant Walter Morris's men serve as guards at The Parachute School, while the white soldiers prepare to be paratroopers. Morris knows that for his men to be treated like soldiers, they have to train and act like them, but would the military elite and politicians recognize the potential of these men as well as their passion for serving their country? Tanya Lee Stone examines the role of African Americans in the military through the history of the Triple Nickles, America's first black paratroopers, who fought in a little-known attack on the American West by the Japanese.

The Dark Game by Janeczko, Paul (1200L)

From clothesline codes to surveillance satellites and cyber espionage, Paul B. Janeczko uncovers two centuries' worth of true spy stories in U.S. history. Ever since George Washington used them to help topple the British, spies and their networks have helped and hurt America at key moments in history. In this fascinating collection, Paul B. Janeczko probes such stories as that of Elizabeth Van Lew, an aristocrat whose hatred of slavery drove her to be one of the most successful spies in the Civil War; the staggering engineering behind a Cold War tunnel into East Berlin to tap Soviet phones; and many more famous and less-known examples. Colorful personalities, daring missions, the feats of the loyal, and the damage of traitors are interspersed with a look at the technological advances that continue to change the rules of gathering intelligence.

Get Real: what kind of world are YOU buying? by Rockliff, Mara (890L)

Can you change the world with your wallet? You already do. In this frank, teen-friendly manifesto, Mara Rockliff reveals what you're really buying when you spend your money on a cell phone, a cheap t-shirt, or fast food—and shows the way to better choices, both for people and the planet.

Fourth Down and Inches: concussions and football's make-or-break moment by McClafferty, Carla (1070L)

When the 1905 football season ended, nineteen players were dead and countless others were critically injured. The public was outraged. The game had reached a make-or-break moment fourth down and inches. Rule changes and reforms after 1905 saved the game and cleared the way for it to become America's most popular sport. But they didn't fix everything. Today, football faces a new injury crisis as dire as 1905's. With increased awareness about brain injury, reported concussions are on the rise among football players. But experts fear concussions may only be the tip of the iceberg. The injuries are almost invisible, but the stakes couldn't be higher: the brains of millions of young football players across the country.

In My Hands: Memories of a Holocaust Rescuer by Opdyke, Irene Gut (890L)

Irene Gut Was just 17 in 1939, when the Germans and Russians devoured her native Poland. Just a girl, really. But a girl who saw evil and chose to defy it. This book recounts her experiences, as a young Polish girl, as she hid and saved Jews during the Holocaust. "No matter how many Holocaust stories one has read, this one is a must, for its impact is so powerful."—School Library Journal, Starred

Navy Seal Dogs: my tale of training canines for combat by Ritland, Mike (1140L)

From the author of Team Dog, Trident K9 Warriors gave readers an inside look at the Navy SEAL teams' elite K9 warriors—who they are, how they are trained, and the extreme missions they undertake to save lives. From detecting explosives to eliminating the bad guys, these powerful dogs are also some of the smartest and highest skilled working animals on the planet. Mike Ritland's job is to train them.

Outcasts United: the story of a refugee soccer team that changed a town by St. John, Warren (980L)

This young people's version of the adult bestseller, Outcasts United: An American Town, a Refugee Team, and One Woman's Quest to Make a Difference, is a complex and inspirational story about the Fugees, a youth soccer team made up of diverse refugees from around the world, and their formidable female coach, Luma Mufleh. Clarkston, Georgia, was a typical southern town until it became a refugee resettlement center. The author explores how the community changed with the influx of refugees and how the dedication of Luma Mufleh and the entire Fugees soccer team inspired an entire community.

This Star Won't Go Out: The Life and Words of Esther Grace Earl by Earl, Esther (960L)

A collection of the journals, fiction, letters, and sketches of the late Esther Grace Earl, who passed away in 2010 at the age of 16. Photographs and essays by family and friends will help to tell Esther's story along with an introduction by award-winning author John Green who dedicated his #1 bestselling novel The Fault in Our Stars to her.

Witches: the Absolutely True Tale of Disaster in Salem by Schanzer, Rosalyn (1190L)

The riveting, true story of the victims, accused witches, crooked officials, and mass hysteria that turned a mysterious illness affecting two children into a witch hunt that took over a dozen people's lives and ruined hundreds more unfolds in chilling detail in this young adult book.

I Beat the Odds: From Homelessness, to the Blind Side, and Beyond by Michael Oher (1310L)

The football star made famous in the hit film (and book) The Blind Side reflects on how far he has come from the circumstances of his youth. Michael Oher shares his personal account of his story.

