

School-Wide Reading List

Codes for Books

TYPE	
FA	Fantasy
MY	Mystery
F	Fiction
HF	Historical Fiction
NF	Non Fiction
SP	Sports

READING LEVEL	
E	Easy
M	Medium
D	Difficult
MC	Mature Content

Bird Watching: On Playing and Coaching the Game I Love by Larry Bird **SP M**
 Bird's memoir is an endearingly honest self-portrait of a humble man who has made the most of his opportunities and talents. The Hick from French Lick solidifies his reputation as a straight-talker unimpressed with his own legend.

Change we can believe in: Barack Obama's plan to renew America's promise **NF D**
 by Barack Obama In these pages you will find bold and specific ideas about how to fix our ailing economy and strengthen the middle class, make health care affordable for all, achieve energy independence, and keep America safe in a dangerous world.

Dragon rider by Cornelia Funke **FA E**
 Searching for the mythical Rim of Heaven, a place where dragons can be safe forever, Firedrake and Sorrel get assistance from an orphan boy named Ben while battling against an evil dragon hunter bent on their destruction.

Hornet flight by Ken Follett **HF M**
 Have the Nazis perfected radar? British intelligence analyst Hermia Mount thinks so, but a Danish teenager named Harald Olufsen has proof. If only he could figure out how to fly the creaky old Hornet Moth biplane to England and deliver his proof to the British.

Inkheart by Cornelia Funke **FA E**
 Twelve-year-old Meggie learns that her father, who repairs and binds books for a living, can "read" fictional characters to life when one of those characters abducts them and tries to force him into service. Characters from books literally leap off the page in this engrossing fantasy.

Killer angels by Michael Shaara **HF D**
 This historical novel is a superb re-creation of the Battle of Gettysburg. In the four most bloody and courageous days of our nation's history, two armies fought for two dreams. One dreamed of freedom, the other dreamed of a way of life.

Kite runner by Khaled Hosseini **F MC**
 This beautifully written first novel presents a glimpse of life in Afghanistan before the Taliban and traces the unlikely friendship of a wealthy Afghan youth and a servant's son, in a tale that spans the final days of Afghanistan's monarchy through the atrocities of the present day.

Last lecture by Randy Pausch **NF E**

The author, a computer science professor diagnosed with terminal cancer, explores his life, the lessons that he has learned, how he has worked to achieve his childhood dreams, and the effect of his diagnosis on him and his family.

Looking for Alaska by John Green

F M

Sixteen-year-old 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.

Marley & me: life and love with the world's worst dog by John Grogan

NF M

This heartwarming memoir follows the life story of an exuberant Labrador retriever who gets into perpetual trouble and experiences a range of inspiring adventures, from shutting down an entire beach to guarding a seventeen-year-old neighbor after a stabbing attack.

Miracles happen: One Mother, One Daughter, One Journey

NF M

by Brooke and Jean Ellison This is the story of Brooke Ellison who was hit by a car at the age of 11 and paralyzed from the neck down. She does not let this deter her from living life to the fullest and, with the help of her mother, goes on to achieve things most able-bodied people can only dream about, including graduating from Harvard University in 2000.

Ophelia speaks: adolescent girls write about their search for self

NF M

by Sara Shandler This collection of the writings of teenage girls from all backgrounds and all parts of the country provides an inside view of their feelings on body image, politics, boys, parents, and much more, showing adolescent girls that they are not alone.

Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe

F M

Based on a true story, this is the fictional account of a man who is shipwrecked on a deserted island for 28 years. He must survive by finding food and defending himself from both cannibals and mutineers while maintaining his own sanity. It is often called "the first novel in English"

Skulduggery Pleasant by Derek Landy

FA E

Twelve-year-old Stephanie Edgley inherits her uncle Gordon's estate and is promptly attacked on her first visit to the property. A mysterious skeleton-detective, Skulduggery Pleasant, comes to her rescue, explaining that he thinks Gordon was murdered and that she may be next. The two join forces and set off to solve the crime in a series of magical adventures.