

**The Fessenden School
Summer 2016
Reading List Bookmark
Entering Grade 8**

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ADVENTURE

The Eye of Minds (Mortality Doctrine Book 1) by James Dashner
The lines between gaming and reality are blurred in this action packed hackfest.

Phoenix Island by John Dixon

Carl fist fights his way through life until he is sentenced to Phoenix Island--a "terminal youth facility"--until he is eighteen. While there he must decide if he wants to participate in the mysterious government experiment that is going on in "The Chop Shop."

Endgame: The Calling by James Frey & Nils Johnson-Shelton
Twelve contenders battle to save their bloodlines at the end of the world. First in series. Contains cryptic puzzle.

The Rule of Three by Eric Walters

A teen's suburban neighborhood bands together for survival in a world hit by a catastrophic blackout.

The Martian by Andy Weir

Astronaut Mark Watney is stuck on Mars. Now he must overcome starvation, storms, injuries and oxygen issues to survive long enough to see if he can even be rescued.

BIOGRAPHY

Steve Jobs: The Man Who Thought Different

by Karen Blumenthal

Presents the life and career of the computer industry visionary, from his early life and creation of Apple Computer at the age of 20 to his accomplishments in technology and design. (nonfiction)

Escape from Camp 14 by Blaine Harden

The only known account of a person born inside of a North Korean prison camp to ever have escaped; this eye opening biography tells both the story of Shin and the history of the North Korean dictatorship and politics.

March by John Lewis

A firsthand account of the author's lifelong struggle for civil and human rights, including his life-changing meeting with Martin Luther King, Jr. , told in graphic novel form. (nonfiction)

Legends, Icons, & Rebels: Music That Changed the World

by Robbie Robertson et al

A tribute, with CDs, to influential musicians, from Ray Charles and Bob Dylan to Ella Fitzgerald and Johnny Cash. (nonfiction)

X: A Novel by Ilyasah Shabazz & Kekla Magoon

Co-written by Malcom X's own daughter, this fictionalized account follows the civil rights icon through his tumultuous formative years from birth to age twenty.

CLASSICS

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury

A dystopian novel in which books are burned and censorship reigns supreme; until one man begins to question his own reality.

Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card

To combat aliens, the world government is breeding military geniuses and then training them in war games, at which Ender Wiggins is a genius.

A Separate Peace by John Knowles

At an all boys school during WWII, two very different boys come of age together.

A River Runs Through It & Other Stories

by Norman Maclean

The story of 2 young men growing up fly fishing in the Western logging towns along the Blackfoot River of Montana.

The Stories of Edgar Allan Poe by Edgar Allan Poe

Creepy tales from a master of the macabre.

HISTORICAL FICTION

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas by John Boyne

In 1942, Bruno's family moves from Berlin to 'Out-With,' where his father is commandant, and Bruno makes friends with a boy on the other side of a fence.

Code Talker by Joseph Bruchac

A novel about the Navajo Marines of World War II and their vital secret mission.

Wolf by Wolf by Ryan Graudin

Yael embarks on a high stakes motorcycle race across two continents to kill Adolf Hitler.

If I Ever Get Out of Here by Eric Gansworth

Lewis "Shoe" Blake from the Tuscarora Reservation has a new friend--George Haddonfield from the local Air Force base--but in 1975 upstate New York there is a lot of tension and hatred between Native Americans and whites.

Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson

Isabel--a slave during the Revolutionary War-- is granted her freedom, only to be taken into slavery yet again by an evil family of British sympathizers. Will she choose to spy on the Locktons on behalf of the Revolutionaries and risk her life?

Salt to The Sea by Ruta Sepetys

The tragic story of the Wilhelm Gustloff and the ten thousand souls aboard, as told from multiple perspectives.

Code Name Verity by Elizabeth E. Wein

During WWII, a plane carrying two British spies crashes in Nazi occupied France. One will confess to save the other-- this book is her confession. Prinz Award Winner

HUMOR

Hold Me Closer Necromancer by Lish McBride

Sam has a boring life: a job at a fast food joint, a couple of friends he skateboards with, and mouthy side that gets him into trouble. Until one day he mouths off to a necromancer and his life gets more....exciting.

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams

When the Earth is destroyed to make way for a cosmic freeway, Arthur Dent is flung into wild adventures across the universe. First in a series.

Jolted: Newton Starker's Rules for Survival

by Arthur Slade

Newton is cursed to die by lightning strike like everyone else in his family. To beat these odds he leaves his protective bubble and enrolls in Jerry Potts Survival Academy.

Ungifted by Gordon Korman

Due to a mix-up, troublemaker Donovan is sent to a special program for gifted and talented students, after pulling a major prank at middle school.

Losers Take All by David Klass

A band of misfit non-athletes create a soccer team whose primary objective is to LOSE at all cost.

MYSTERY

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A psychological thriller in which a girl with the power to "read people" joins forces with other teens with similar abilities to solve cold cases.

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SYLO by D.J. MacHale

When everyone is quarantined on an island off the coast of Maine, Tucker questions a secret branch of the military claiming that residents have been infected by a deadly virus. First in a series.

Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children by Ransom Riggs

Jacob finds an abandoned orphanage on a trip to a remote island off the coast of Wales; but is it really abandoned?

Jackaby by William Ritter

A serial killer is on the loose in Victorian London and Jackaby and Abigail are on the case.

REALISTIC FICTION

Simon Vs. the Homosapiens Agenda by Becky Albertalli

Simon leaves his computer for a minute and finds that his private email has been read, screenshot, and is now being used to blackmail him.

Darius & Twig by Walter Dean Myers

Two best friends, a writer and a runner, deal with bullies, family issues, social pressures, and their quest for success coming out of Harlem.

The Fault in Our Stars by John Green

Hazel, a terminal cancer patient, meets Gus at a cancer support group, forcing her to reexamine her perspective on love, loss, and life. Honest, funny, and deeply affecting.

All American Boys by Jason Reynolds

Rashad is the victim of a brutal beating by a police officer. Another boy, Quinn, witnesses the beating and the two alternate telling their stories.

Racing in the Rain: My Life as a Dog by Garth Stein

This is the story of a man as told by his dog, Enzo. Enzo knows everything there is to know about Denny, a race car driver, and this funny, sometimes sad account of their lives together will especially resonate with dog lovers..

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Foodprints: The Story of What We Eat

by Paula Ayer and Ross Kinnaird

The evolution of humans and food: from hunter gatherer to GMOs and big agriculture, this is the story of what we eat and how it has changed us. (nonfiction)

The Book of Potentially Catastrophic Science

by Sean Connolly

Subtitle: "50 Experiments for Daring Young Scientists."
(nonfiction)

Zero to Maker: Learn (Just Enough) to Make (Just About) Anything by David Lang

Read up on some of the basics of tools, machines, software and lingo for the Maker Movement. Some fun project ideas as well. (nonfiction)

The Radioactive Boy Scout: The Frightening True Story of a Whiz Kid and His Homemade Nuclear Reactor

by Ken Silverstein

David Hahn, working on his Atomic Energy badge for the Boy Scouts, got a little carried away... (nonfiction)

Red Madness by Gail Jarrow

One hundred years ago an epidemic rendered thousands of Americans insane and disfigured; killing men, women, and children alike. With photos, maps and graphs the author takes you through the discovery of a disease, and the way that knowledge change how we eat today.

SCIENCE FICTION & FANTASY

Ship Breaker by Paolo Bacigalupi

Nailer discovers a beached ship with a girl in the wreckage.

Should he strip the ship for its wealth or rescue the girl?

Sequel: The Drowned Cities.

Shadow and Bone (Grisha Trilogy) by Leigh Bardugo

Alina discovers that she possesses the power to save her war ravaged country by joining the Grisha, a group of magical elites.

Ready Player One by Ernest Cline

In a futuristic world where most people spend their lives "plugged in" to a virtual reality, Wade is no different. Until he solves a puzzle that could potentially make him the richest man in the world, and now it's him against every player in the world, and no one is what they say they are.

This Monstrous Thing by Mackenzi Lee

In this steampunk retelling of Frankenstein, Alasdair resurrects his dead brother with clock pieces.

Steelheart (The Reckoners, book 1)

by Brandon Sanderson

David joins the Reckoners--the only people who are trying to kill the Epics and end their tyranny.

An Ember in the Ashes by Sabaa Tahir

In this award winning new release a slave and a soldier fight back against the tyranny of the Martial Empire. (Ms H. Highly recommends this one!)

SPORTS

Foul Trouble

by John Feinstein

College recruiters all want to sign up Terrell, the #1 basketball player in the country, but who can he trust?

This Way Home

by Wes Moore & Shawn Goodman

A basketball team is torn between loyalty to the game and their own safety when the Blood Street Nation Gang asks them to wear their colors during a big game.

Kick

by Walter Dean Myers and Ross Workman

Soccer star Kevin and police sergeant Brown, who knew his father, try to keep Kevin out of juvenile hall after he is arrested on very serious charges.

Out of Nowhere

by Maria Padian

Soccer star Tom tutors a Somali refugee who has his own soccer dreams.

The Pitcher

by William Hazelgrove

Ricky throws a mean fastball, but will that be enough to get him on the team?

True Legend

by Mike Lupica

Drew "True" Robinson, the best point-guard prospect in high school basketball, learns the consequences of fame through a former player and the man who wants to be his manager in the NBA.

Historical fiction is a literary genre where the story takes place in the past. Historical novels capture the details of the time period as accurately as possible for authenticity, including social norms, manners, customs, and traditions. Many novels in this genre tell fictional stories that involve actual historical figures or historical events. The History of Historical Fiction. Historical fiction as we know it in contemporary Western literature dates back to the early 19th century.