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UKIAH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT'S
Popular Book Selections
for Primary, Middle & High School

Welcome!

The booklist you are holding in your hand is a treasure. Teachers and librarians have spent months choosing wonderful books that we know you will love to read. In this booklist, you'll find stories of mystery, adventure, romance, friends, enemies, great sadness, great joy, and much more. A magical world of reading awaits you!

A note to parents: These books have been carefully chosen by our local teachers and librarians. Some of the middle and high school books may contain mature themes. We encourage you to help your child select a book that is comfortable to you, your child, and your family.

For children entering first and second grade, we encourage parents to read aloud every day. Older elementary school children can begin reading independently, but still love to be read aloud to. Consider seeking out audio versions of these books, or e-versions for a Kindle or other device, at our local libraries.

Happy reading!

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Books with this logo  have been specially identified by the California Teachers Association as a great book for students and their families.

Primary - Books to read to your children entering Grade 1

A Bedtime for Bear *by Bonny Becker*

A small but effervescent overnight guest tries the patience of a curmudgeonly bear who needs absolute quiet to fall asleep.

Sally and the Purple Socks *by Lisze Bechtold*

When her tiny purple socks start to expand, Sally turns them into a scarf and then curtains, but things soon get out of hand.

Beatrice Doesn't Want To *by Laura Numeroff*

On the third afternoon of going to the library with her brother Henry, Beatrice finally finds something she enjoys doing.

When I Was Young in the Mountains *by Cynthia Rylant*

The story of an Appalachian childhood which evokes a love of a place, a family, and a way of life.

Franklin's New Friend *by Paulette Bourgeois*

Franklin, a turtle afraid of crawling into his dark shell, learns a lesson about fear from his mother.

Gorilla *by Anthony Browne*

Neglected by her busy father, a lonely young girl receives a toy gorilla for her birthday and together they take a miraculous trip to the zoo.

How I Became a Pirate *by Melinda Long*

Jeremy Jacob joins Braid Beard and his pirate crew and finds out about pirate language, pirate manners, and other aspects of their life.

Martina the Beautiful Cockroach *by Carmen Agra Deedy*

In this humorous retelling of a Cuban folktale, a cockroach interviews her suitors to decide whom to marry.



Primary - Books to read to your children entering Grade 1-2

My Lucky Day *by Keiko Kasza*

Fox thinks dinner has arrived when a young pig knocks on his door.

Swimmy *by Leo Lionni*

A small black fish finds a way to protect a school of small red fish from their natural enemies.

The Paperboy *by Dav Pilkey*

A paperboy and his dog enjoy the quiet of the early morning as they go about their rounds.

Yoko *by Rosemary Wells*

When Yoko brings sushi to school for lunch, her classmates make fun of what she eats—until one of them tries it for himself.

The Day the Crayons Quit *by Drew Daywalt*

When Duncan opens his box of crayons at school one morning, he finds a stack of letters, one from each of his crayons, complaining about how he uses them.



Bats at the Beach *by Brian Lies*

On a night when the moon can grow no fatter, bats pack their moon-tan lotion and baskets of treats and fly off for some fun on the beach.

Brave Irene *by William Steig*

Brave Irene, the dressmaker's daughter, ventures out into a fierce snowstorm to deliver the beautiful ball gown her mother has made for the duchess.

Carlos and the Squash Plant *by Jan Romero Stevens*

Having ignored his mother's warnings about what will happen if he doesn't bathe after working on his family's New Mexico farm, Carlos awakens one morning to find a squash growing out of his ear.

Primary - Books to read to your children entering Grade 2

Chato's Kitchen by Gary Soto

To get the “ratoncitos” little mice who have moved into the barrio to come to his house, Chato, the cat, prepares all kinds of good food: fajitas, frijoles, salsa, enchiladas, and more.

The Trouble with Chickens by Doreen Cronin

A hard-bitten former search-and-rescue dog helps solve a complicated missing chicken case. BOOK #1 IN A SERIES.

Redwoods by Jason Chin

While reading a book about redwood trees on the subway, a young boy travels as he learns, all the way to the forests of California.



The Dragon in the Sock Drawer by Kate Klimo

Cousins Jesse and Daisy always knew they would have a magical adventure, but they are not prepared when the “thunder egg” Jesse has found turns out to be a dragon egg that is about to hatch.

This House is Made of Mud by Ken Buchanan

A family lives in harmony with the environment in the home they fashioned from the earth.

Little Bear by Else Holmelund Minarek

Little Bear's four adventures include taking a trip to the moon and having a birthday party.

Two Bad Ants by Chris Van Allsberg

When two bad ants desert from their colony, they experience a dangerous adventure that convinces them to return to their former safety.

Grace for President *by Kelly DiPucchio*

Grace decides to run in her school's mock election, where she learns about the American elections, and sets out to be the best person for the job, even though her opponent, Thomas, seems to be winning all the boys' votes.

Dinosaurs Before Dark: Magic Tree House Series

by Mary Pope Osborne

A time-travel fantasy in which two children encounter dinosaurs in their tree house. BOOK #1 IN A SERIES.

Bones *by David Adler*

Everyone needs bones - Detective Jeffrey Bones that is. With his bag of detective tools in hand, read how Jeffrey can solve any mystery.

Earthling! *by Mark Fearing*

This graphic novel follows 9-year-old Bud as he gets tangled up in the wrong solar system. Luckily, there's Gort McGort, who takes Bud under his wing.

Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes *by Eric Litwin*

When Pete the Cat wears his new white shoes while walking down the street, stepping into piles of strawberries, blueberries, and other messes, his shoes change colors.

Ivy and Bean *by Annie Barrows*

Best friends Ivy and Bean experience a series of adventures and escapades. The author's clever and kid-friendly wit, coupled with illustrations that give a kids-eye view of the world, make these books a hit with readers transitioning to chapter books.

James and the Giant Peach *by Roald Dahl*

Wonderful adventures abound after James escapes from his fearsome aunts by rolling away inside a giant peach. A great book to read aloud.

Bad Kitty *by Nick Bruel*

When a kitty discovers there is no cat food in the house, she decides to become very, very bad. First in a popular series for third and fourth-graders!

Mr. Putter and Tabby Walk the Dog *by Cynthia Rylant*

When their neighbor Mrs. Teaberry hurts her foot, Mr. Putter and his cat Tabby agree to walk her dog for a week, not knowing what they are in for.

The Day the Dinosaurs Died *by Charlotte Lewis Brown*

Sixty-five million years ago, a giant asteroid slammed into Earth with devastating effects. Paleontologist Charlotte Lewis Brown and artist Phil Wilson recreate what may have happened to the dinosaurs on that deadly day.

Shattered Peace: The Warriors Series *by Erin Hunter*

Ravenpaw, having left the warrior Clans and enjoying his new life on a peaceful farm, teams up with his new friend, Barley, to protect his life when five rogue cats from Twolegplace arrive.

Danny's Doodles: The Jelly Bean Experiment

by David Adler

Danny is not sure what to make of Calvin Waffle, a quirky and smart new fourth-grader, but when Danny convinces Calvin to use his brain power to help the baseball team, they both have a chance to become heroes. BOOK #1 IN A SERIES.

Alvin Ho: Allergic to Camping, Hiking, and Other Natural Disasters *by Lenore Look*

When Alvin's father takes him camping to instill a love of nature like that of their hometown hero, Henry David Thoreau, Alvin makes a new friend and learns that he can be brave despite his fear of everything.

Athena the Brain - Goddess Girls *by Joan Holub*

Athena learns she is a goddess when she is summoned to Mount Olympus by her father, Zeus, where she makes friends and catches up with all the studies she missed while attending mortal school.

BOOK #1 IN A SERIES.

Frog and Toad are Friends *by Arnold Lobel*

Follow the friendship of Frog and Toad and their adventures in the woods.

Thank You, Mr. Falker *by Patricia Polacco*

At first, Trisha loves school, but her difficulty learning to read makes her feel dumb, until, in the fifth grade, a new teacher helps her understand and overcome her problem.



Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone *by J.K. Rowling*

The classic, riveting tale of a boy wizard at the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Best as a book to read aloud.

BOOK #1 IN A SERIES.

I Survived: The San Francisco Earthquake

by Lauren Tarshis

Eleven-year-old Leo's world is shaken, literally, and he finds himself stranded in the middle of San Francisco as it crumbles and burns to the ground in the devastating earthquake of 1906. One of many "I Survived" books!

Katie Kazoo: Anyone But Me *by Nancy Krulik*

Katie Carew is fed up. Everything keeps going wrong. If only she could be anyone but herself. However, Katie has to be careful what she wishes for, it might just come true! BOOK #1 IN A SERIES.

Primary - *Entering Grade 4-5*

Sophie Simon Solves Them All *by Lisa Graff*

Sophie Simon, a third-grade genius, wants a graphing calculator so she can continue to study calculus while she rides the bus to school, but her parents are more concerned that she does not have any friends.

The Lightning Thief *by Rick Riordin*

Twelve-year-old Percy Jackson learns he is a demigod, the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea. His mother sends him to a summer camp for demigods, where he and his new friends set out on a quest to prevent a war between the gods. BOOK #1 IN A SERIES.

The Outlandish Adventures of Liberty Aimes

by Kelly Easton

Ten-year-old Libby Aimes escapes her prison-like home by using a strange concoction of her father's, then tries to make her way to the boarding school of her dreams, aided by various people and animals.

Anna Hibiscus *by Atinuke*

Anna Hibiscus lives in Africa with her whole family in a wonderful house, but more than anything else in the world, Anna would love to see snow. BOOK #1 IN A SERIES.

Artemis Fowl *by Eoin Colfer*

Twelve-year-old Artemis Fowl is a brilliant criminal mastermind, but even he does not know what he has taken on when he kidnaps a fairy, Captain Holly Short of the LEPrecon Unit. These fairies are armed and they are dangerous. Great audio books. BOOK #1 IN A SERIES.

Big Nate *by Lincoln Peirce*

Supremely confident middle-school student Nate Wright manages to make getting detention from every one of his teachers in the same day seem like an achievement. BOOK #1 IN A SERIES.

Esperanza Rising *by Pam Muñoz Ryan*

Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their life of wealth and privilege in Mexico to work in the labor camps of Southern California on the eve of the Great Depression.

The Secret Kingdom *by Jenny Nimmo*

Upon Timoken's birth, a forest genie bestows magical gifts upon him, but when the peaceful land is attacked, Timoken and his sister, Zobayda, must find a new kingdom to call home. The plot contains violence. BOOK #1 IN A SERIES.

Harry Potter Series *by J.K. Rowling*

Rescued from the outrageous neglect of his aunt and uncle, a young boy with a great destiny proves his worth while attending Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

The Stonekeeper *by Kazu Kibuishi*

After moving to their ancestral home, Emily and Navin's mother is kidnapped by a tentacled creature in the basement that leads the children on a deadly chase into the magical world below their home. A graphic novel. BOOK #1 IN A SERIES.

Hardy Boys: Sabotage at Sea *by Franklin Dixon*

A sea voyage turns into a terror-filled adventure for the Hardy's. ONE OF MANY BOOKS IN A SERIES.

Turtle in Paradise *by Jennifer Holm*

In 1935, when her mother gets a job housekeeping for a woman who does not like children, eleven-year-old Turtle is sent to stay with relatives she has never met in faraway Key West, Florida.

Primary - *Entering Grade 5*

Wonder *by R.J. Palacio*

Ten-year-old Auggie, born with extreme facial abnormalities, goes from being home-schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school, where he endures taunts and bullying and struggles to be seen as just another student.



The Magic Thief Series *by Sarah Prineas*

A young thief is drawn into a life of magic and adventure after picking the pocket of the powerful wizard Nevery Flinglas, who has returned from exile to attempt to reverse the troubling decline of magic in Wellmet.

Bone, Vol. 1: Out From Boneville *by Jeff Smith*

After being run out of Boneville, the three Bone cousins are separated and lost in a vast, uncharted desert. One by one, they find their way into a deep, forested valley filled with wonderful and terrifying creatures. BOOK #1 IN A SERIES

How Tía Lola Came to (Visit) Stay *by Julia Alvarez*

Ten-year-old Miguel learns to love his colorful aunt, Tía Lola, when she comes to Vermont from the Dominican Republic to stay with his mother after his parents' divorce. BOOK #1 IN A SERIES.

Runaway Twin *by Peg Kehret*

Thirteen-year-old Sunny, accompanied by a stray dog, takes advantage of a windfall to travel from her Nebraska foster home to Enumclaw, Washington, to find the twin sister from whom she was separated at age three.

The Billionaire's Curse *by Richard Newsome*

When thirteen-year-old Gerald finds himself the heir to twenty billion pounds from an aunt he never met, he inherits with it a mystery surrounding his aunt's death and various artifacts in the British Museum.



Middle School
Selections



Middle School - *Entering Grade 6*

The Name of this Book is Secret *by Pseudonymous Bosch*

When Cass and Max-Ernest find a mysterious case containing vials of liquid labeled The Symphony of Smells with an encoded message asking for help, the two friendless eleven-year-olds decide to investigate.

The Red Pyramid *by Rick Riordan*

Siblings Carter and Sadie Kane, descendents of Egyptian magicians, must defeat the god Set after the gods are accidentally released in the present. BOOK #1 IN A SERIES

Dead End in Norvelt *by Jack Gantos*

In the historic town of Norvelt, Pennsylvania, twelve-year-old Jack Gantos spends the summer of 1962 grounded for various offenses until he is assigned to help an elderly neighbor with a most unusual chore.

Two-Minute Drill *by Mike Lupica*

Brainy Scott, a great kicker who otherwise struggles with football, and star quarterback, Chris, who has dyslexia, team up to help each other succeed in both football and school.

What the Moon Saw *by Laura Resau*

Clara Luna, fourteen years old, spends the summer with her grandparents in the remote village of Yucuyoo, Mexico, learning about her grandmother's life as a healer, her father's decision to leave home for the United States, and her own place in the world.

The Secret Tree *by Natalie Standiford*

The summer before middle school, Minty and her friend plan to master roller derby moves, annoy their sisters, and stay away from the Mean Boys down the street, until Minty discovers a secret tree, where her neighbors leave anonymous secrets.

Bearwalker *by Joseph Bruchac*

Although the littlest student in his class, thirteen-year-old Baron Braun calls upon the strength and wisdom of his Mohawk ancestors to face both man and beast when he tries to get help for his classmates, who are being terrorized during a school trip.

City of Bones *by Cassandra Clare*

Able to see demons and the Shadowhunters dedicated to returning them to their own dimension, Clary, age fifteen, is drawn into a bizarre world when her mother disappears and Clary herself is almost killed. The plot contains mature situations. BOOK #1 IN A SERIES

The Fairy Ring *by Mary Losure*

This is the true story of two cousins, one who saw fairies and the other with a gift for art, who concocted a story to stay out of trouble and ended up fooling the world when their photographs were found by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, author of Sherlock Holmes.

Soul Surfer *by Bethany Hamilton*

Bethany Hamilton, a 14-year-old aspiring professional surfer from Hawaii, lost her arm in a shark attack. With writer Sheryl Berk and Rick Bundschuh, a pastor whom the teen calls her spiritual advisor, she offers an upbeat chronicle of her life.

From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler

by E.L. Konigsburg

Claudia and her brother Jamie run away from home and take up residence in the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Hatchet *by Gary Paulsen*

After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends 54 days in the wilderness, learning to survive initially with only the aid of a hatchet given to him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce.

Middle School - *Entering Grade 7*

Million Dollar Throw *by Mike Lupica*

Eighth-grade star quarterback Nate Brodie's family is feeling the stress of the troubled economy, and Nate is frantic because his best friend Abby is going blind, so when he gets a chance to win a million dollars if he can complete a pass during the halftime of a New England Patriot's game, he is nearly overwhelmed by the pressure to succeed.

Red Kayak *by Priscilla Cummings*

First hailed as a hero for his dramatic water rescue of a little boy, thirteen-year-old Brady soon makes a discovery that puts him at the heart of a tragedy. Alone with his dark secret, Brady is forced to choose between his friends and the right thing.

Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life

by James Patterson

When Rafe enters middle school, he teams up with his best friend to create a game to make school more fun by trying to break every rule in the school's code of conduct. The plot contains violence.

BOOK #1 IN A SERIES

Root Cellar *by Janet Lunn*

For twelve-year-old Rose, the root cellar is a passage through which she can escape the present and travel back in time to the 1860's and the Civil War.



Wonderstruck *by Brian Selznick*

Twelve-year old Ben, whose story is told in words, loses both his mother and his hearing and leaves home to seek the father he never knew, while Rose, whose story is told in pictures, is also compelled to search for the something missing in her life.



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Cinder *by Marissa Meyers*

In this futuristic take on Cinderella, plague ravages the overcrowded Earth and Cinder, a gifted cyborg, becomes involved with handsome Prince Kai and must uncover secrets about her past in order to protect the world. The plot contains violence. BOOK #1 IN A SERIES.

Matched *by Ally Condie*

Cassia has always trusted the Society to make the right choices for her, so when Xander appears on-screen at her Matching ceremony, Cassia knows he is her ideal mate—until Ky Markham’s face appears for an instant before the screen fades to black.

So B. It *by Sarah Weeks*

After spending her life with her mentally retarded mother and agoraphobic neighbor, twelve-year-old Heidi sets out from Reno, Nevada, to New York to find out who she is.

Surviving Antarctica: Reality TV 2083 *by Andrea White*

In the year 2083, five fourteen-year-olds, who were deprived the opportunity to continue their educations, reenact Scott’s 1910-1913 expedition to the South Pole as contestants on a reality television show, while being secretly aided by a Department of Entertainment employee.

The Egypt Game *by Zilpha Keatley Snyder*

It is only a game for six children, until an oracle tells the truth and a murderer appears.

The Hunger Games *by Suzanne Collins*

In a future North America, where rulers of Panem maintain control through an annual survival competition, sixteen-year-old Katniss’s skills are tested when she voluntarily takes her sister’s place. The plot contains violence. BOOK #1 IN A SERIES.

Middle School - *Entering Grade 8*

Okay for Now *by Gary Schmidt*

Fourteen-year-old Doug Swieteck faces an abusive father, a brother traumatized by Vietnam, and suspicious teachers and police officers, but when he meets a girl known as Lil Spicer, he finds a safe place at the local library.

Ripper *by Stefan Petrucha*

Adopted by Pinkerton Agency Detective Hawking in 1895 New York, 14-year-old Carver hopes to find his birth father, but when he becomes involved in the pursuit of killer Jack the Ripper, he discovers that finding the truth can be worse than ignorance.

Eight Keys *by Suzanne LaFleur*

When twelve-year-old Elise, orphaned since age nine, becomes disheartened by middle school and its bullies, changing relationships, and higher expectations, keys to long-locked rooms and messages from her late father help her cope.

The Circuit *by Francisco Jiménez*

This collection of short stories explores a migrant family's experiences moving through labor camps, facing poverty and impermanence, and discusses how they endure through faith, hope, and back-breaking work.



High School
Selections



Battle Magic *by Tamora Pierce*

When messengers arrive in Gyongxe “inviting” Dedicate Initiate Rosethorn and her two mages to celebrate the birthday of the Emperor of Yanjing, Rosethorn is eager to go, but Briar suspects there is an ulterior motive. The plot contains violence.

Beautiful Creatures *by Kami Garcia*

In a town where little has changed since the Civil War, Ethan is drawn to Lena, with whom he shares a psychic connection and whose family hides a secret. The plot contains mature themes. BOOK #1 IN A SERIES.

Bless Me, Ultima *by Rudolfo Anaya*

Antonió Márez is six years old when Ultima comes to stay with his family in New Mexico. She is a “curandera,” one who cures with herbs and magic.

Bruiser *by Neal Shusterman*

Inexplicable events begin to occur when sixteen-year-old twins Tennyson and Brontë befriend a troubled and misunderstood outcast, aptly nicknamed Bruiser, and his little brother, Cody. The plot contains violence.

Divergent *by Veronica Roth*

In a future Chicago, 16-year-old Beatrice must choose among a faction, a decision made more difficult when she discovers that she does not fit into any one group. The plot contains graphic violence.
BOOK #1 IN A SERIES.

Finnikin of the Rock *by Melina Marchetta*

Finnikin, who was a child when the royal family of Lumatere was murdered and replaced by an imposter, reluctantly joins forces with an enigmatic young novice and fellow-exile, who claims that her dreams will lead them to a way to regain the throne. BOOK #1 IN A SERIES.

We Were Liars *by E. Lockhart*

Surprising, thrilling, and beautifully written, this book details the summers of a girl who harbors a dark secret, and delivers a satisfying, but shocking twist ending. Riveting, brutal and beautifully told.

Monster *by Walter Dean Meyers*

While on trial as an accomplice to a murder, sixteen-year-old Steve Harmon records his experiences in prison and in the courtroom in the form of a film script as he tries to come to terms with the course his life has taken.

The Alchemist *by Michael Scott*

While working at summer jobs, 15-year-old twins, Sophie and Josh, find themselves caught up in a deadly, centuries-old struggle between rival alchemists, Nicholas Flamel and John Dee, over the possession of secret formulas. BOOK #1 IN A SERIES.

The Maze Runner Series *by James Dashner*

Sixteen-year-old Thomas wakes up with no memory in the middle of a maze and realizes he must work with the community in which he finds himself if he is to escape. The plot contains violence.
BOOK #1 IN A SERIES.

The Rules of Survival *by Nancy Werlin*

Seventeen-year-old Matthew recounts his attempts, starting at a young age, to free himself and his sisters from the grip of their emotionally and physically abusive mother.

Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian

by Sherman Alexie

Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white farm town school where the only other Indian is the school mascot. The plot contains profanity and mature themes.

Between a Rock and a Hard Place *by Aron Ralston*

The author, Aaron Ralston, recounts his harrowing experiences of being trapped for six days in Blue John Canyon in Utah and having to amputate his own right arm in order to save his life. Now a major motion picture called “127 Hours.

Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe *by Benjamin Saenz*

Ari, a 15-year-old angry loner with a brother in prison, meets Dante and, after they become friends, Ari starts to ask questions about himself and his family that he has never asked before. The plot contains profanity, violence, and drug use.



Fever 1793 *by Laurie Halse Anderson*

In 1793 Philadelphia, fourteen-year-old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of a yellow fever epidemic.

Persepolis: Story of a Childhood *by Marjane Satrapi*

Contains black-and-white comic strip images in which the author shares the story of her life in Tehran, Iran, where she lived from ages six to fourteen while the country came under control of an extremist regime.

Ship Breaker *by Paolo Bacigalupi*

In a futuristic world, teenaged Nailor scavenges copper wiring from grounded oil tankers for a living, but when he finds a beached clipper ship with a girl in the wreckage, he has a decision to make. The plot contains profanity and violence.

The Fault in Our Stars *by John Green*

Sixteen year old Hazel, who has cancer, meets Augustus at a kids-with-cancer support group and as they fall in love they both wonder how they will be remembered. The plot contains profanity and mature themes.

Stolen *by Lucy Christopher*

When sixteen-year-old Gemma is abducted and taken to the Australian outback, she soon realizes that escape attempts are futile, and in time she learns that her captor is not as bad as she thinks. The plot contains sexual situations.

Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants *by Ann Brashares*

During their first summer apart, four teenage girls, best friends since earliest childhood, stay in touch through a shared pair of secondhand jeans that magically adapts to each of their figures and affects their attitudes to their summer experiences.

Art of Racing in the Rain *by Garth Stein*

Enzo, the dog of professional race car driver Denny Swift, recalls the memories of his life and shares his insight into the human condition that he learned from observing his owner. The plot contains profanity and mature themes.

The Outsiders *by S.E. Hinton*

Rivalry between rich and poor gangs in 1960's Oklahoma leads to the deaths of three teenagers and intense soul-searching for one of the kids involved, a sensitive fourteen-year-old writer named Ponyboy.

Evermore *by Alyson Noel*

Since the car accident that claimed the lives of her family, sixteen-year-old Ever sees auras and hear people's thoughts. She goes out of her way to hide from other people until she meets Damen, another psychic teenager who is hiding even more. BOOK #1 IN A SERIES.

Little Brother *by Cory Doctorow*

Interrogated for days by the Department of Homeland Security in the aftermath of a terrorist attack on San Francisco, seventeen-year-old Marcus is released into what is now a police state and decides to use his expertise in computer hacking to set things right.

Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment

by James Patterson

After the mutant Erasers abduct the youngest member of their group, the “birdkids,” the result of genetic experimentation, take off in pursuit and find themselves struggling to understand their own origins and purpose. The plot contains violence. BOOK #1 IN A SERIES.

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time

by Mark Haddon

Christopher, a mathematically-gifted but socially challenged teen with autism, uncovers secrets about his own family while investigating the murder of a neighbor’s dog.

The Knife of Never Letting Go *by Patrick Ness*

Pursued by power-hungry Prentiss and mad minister Aaron, young Todd and Viola set out across New World searching for answers about his colony’s true past and seeking a way to warn the ship bringing hopeful settlers from Old World.

The Goose Girl *by Shannon Hale*

Princess Anidori, on her way to marry a prince she has never met, is betrayed by her guards and her lady-in-waiting and must become a goose girl to survive until she can reveal her true identity and reclaim the crown that is rightfully hers. BOOK #1 IN A SERIES.

Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children

by Ransom Riggs

When sixteen-year-old Jacob discovers an abandoned orphanage, he learns the children who lived there may have been dangerous and quarantined and may also still be alive. The plot contains mild profanity, and mild violence.

Bloody Jack *by L.A. Meyer*

Reduced to begging and thievery in the streets of London, a thirteen-year-old orphan disguises herself as a boy and connives her way onto a British warship set for high sea adventure in search of pirates.

BOOK #1 IN A SERIES.

American Gods *by Neil Gaiman*

Shadow sets out on a journey across America fighting old myths and the gods of modern technology and material obsession when he takes employment with a man named Wednesday – otherwise known as the god Odin.

Code Name Verity *by Elizabeth Wein*

In 1943, a British fighter plane crashes in Nazi-occupied France. When Verity is arrested by the Gestapo, she intricately weaves her confession by uncovering her past, how she became friends with the pilot, and why she left the pilot in the downed plane.

Handmaid's Tale *by Margaret Atwood*

It is the future world, and Offred is a Handmaid in the home of the Commander and his wife. She is allowed out once a day, she is not permitted to read, and she is hoping the Commander makes her pregnant, because only then will she be valued. The plot contains mature themes

Looking For Alaska *by John Green*

Sixteen-year-old Miles's first year at a prep 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. The plot contains profanity and sexual situations.

Sophie's World *by Jostein Gaardner*

Sophie becomes embroiled in a discussion of philosophy with a faceless correspondent. At the same time, she must unravel a mystery involving a young girl, Hilde, by using everything she is learning. The truth is more complicated.

Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes *by Chris Crutcher*

The daily class discussions about the nature of man, the existence of God, abortion, organized religion, suicide, and other contemporary issues serve as a backdrop for a high-school senior's attempt to answer a friend's dramatic cry for help.

The Blind Side *by Michael Lewis*

This book details the life of University of Mississippi football player Michael Oher, who was raised by a crack addicted mother and adopted at the age of sixteen by a wealthy family. The book also explores the rising importance of the offensive left tackle.

Revolution *by Jennifer Donnelly*

A grieving seventeen-year-old musician travels to Paris to complete a school assignment and uncovers a diary written during the French revolution by a young actress attempting to help an imprisoned little boy, Louis Charles, the lost king of France. 

Thinking in Pictures and Other Reports on My Life with Autism *by Temple Grandin*

This autobiography, complete with Temple's personal photos, takes us inside her extraordinary mind and opens the door to a broader understanding of autism.

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468-5940

102 South School Street, Ukiah
Monday-Wednesday, 9:30 am-5:30 pm
Thursday, 9:30 am-8 pm
Friday, 9:30 am-5:30 pm
Saturday, 10 am-5:30 pm
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