Classic Literature

*1984.* George Orwell (6) SCI-FI

Depicts life in a totalitarian regime of the future.

*Alice in Wonderland.* Carroll Lewis (2) FANTASY

By falling down a rabbit hole and stepping through a mirror, Alice experiences unusual adventures with a variety of nonsensical characters.

*Brave New World.* Aldous Huxley (3) SCI-FI

A darkly satiric vision of a "utopian" future—where humans are genetically bred and pharmaceutically anesthetized to passively serve a ruling order.

*The Call of the Wild.* Jack London (4) ADVENTURE

The adventures of an unusual dog, part St. Bernard, part Scotch shepherd, that is forcibly taken to the Klondike goldfields where he eventually becomes the leader of a wolf pack.

*The Count of Monte Cristo.* Alexandre Dumas (1) ADVENTURE The story takes place in France, Italy during the historical events of 1815–1838. It is an adventure story primarily concerned with themes of hope, justice, vengeance, mercy and forgiveness.

*Cyrano de Bergerac.*Edmond Rostand (3) 824 ROS

Set in Louis XIII's reign, this is the moving and exciting drama of one of the finest swordsmen in France, gallant soldier, brilliant wit, tragic poet-lover with the face of a clown.

*David Copperfield.* Charles Dickens (4) GENERAL

A classic tale of an orphan growing up in the 1800's of England.

*A Doll’s House.* Henrik Ibsen (1) 839.8 IBS

A searing view of a male-dominated and authoritarian society in which a woman struggles and sacrifices to save her ungrateful husband.

*Dracula.* Bram Stoker (4) HORROR

Vampires, werewolves, creatures dead and yet still living abound amidst people determined to eliminate them.

*Flowers for Algernon.* Daniel Keyes (1) SCI-FI

Mentally retarded Charlie Gordon participates in an experiment which turns him into a genius but only temporarily.

*Frankenstein.* Mary Shelley (5) HORROR

A scientist assembles an eight-foot tall monster from parts of dead bodies which develops a mind of his own as he learns to loathe himself and hate his creator.

*Ivanho.* Sir Walter Scott (5) HISTORICAL

Relates the adventures of Saxon knight, Ivanhoe, in 1194, the year of Richard the Lion-Hearted's return from the Third Crusade.

*The Light in the Forest.* Conrad Richter (2) ADVENTURE

After being raised as an Indian for eleven years following his capture at the age of four, John Butler is forcibly returned to his white parents, but he continues to long fro the freedom of Indian life.

*Lord of the Flies.* William Golding (4) ADVENTURE

Stranded on an island while an atomic war destroys the rest of the world, a group of young boys revert to savagery as they struggle to survive.

*The Martian Chronicles.* Ray Bradbury (1) SCI-FI

The first Earth people to attempt the colonization of Mars try to build their new world in the image of the civilization they left behind.

*The Pearl.* John Steinbeck (5) GENERAL

A beautiful story about the disaster which a giant pearl brings to a simple man and his family.

*Pride and Prejudice.* Jane Austen (6) GENERAL

In early 19th century England, a spirited young woman copes with the courtship of a snobbish gentleman as well as the romantic entanglements of her four sisters.

*Pygmalian.* Bernard Shaw (2) 822.9 SHA

Eliza Doolittle teaches the egotistical phonetics professor Henry Higgins that to be a lady means more than just learning to speak like one.

*Return of the Native.* Thomas Hardy (1) ROMANCE

Clym Yeobright, tired of Paris city life, etuns to Egdon Heath to open a school. There he marries a pleasure-loving girl and tragedy follows.

*Robinson Crusoe.* Daniel Defoe (3) ADVENTURE

During one of his several adventurous voyages in the 1600's, an Englishman becomes the sole survivor of a shipwreck and lives for nearly thirty years on a deserted island.

*A Separate Peace.* John Knowles (2) GENERAL

Gene Forrester looks back fifteen years to a World War II year in which he and his best friend Phineas were roommates in a New Hampshire boarding school.

*A Tale of Two Cities.* Charles Dickens (4) HISTORICAL

During the French Revolution a young Englishman gives up his life to save the husband of the woman he loves.

Contemporary Literature

*After.* Amy Efaw (1) HS GENERAL

Soccer star Devon never admitted to herself that she was pregnant. Now she’s in detention, facing charges of attempted murder after delivering a baby and dumping it in the trash.

*Along for the Ride.* Sarah Dessen (1) HS GENERAL

When Auden impulsively goes to stay with her father, stepmother, and new baby sister the summer before she starts college, all the trauma of her parents' divorce is revived, even as she is making new friends and having new experiences such as learning to ride a bike and dating.

*As Easy as Falling Off the Face of the Earth.* Lynne Perkins (1) ADVENTURE A teenaged boy encounters one comedic calamity after another when his train strands him in the middle of nowhere, and everything comes down to luck.

*Beastly.* Alex Flinn (1) FANTASY

A modern retelling of "Beauty and the Beast" from the point of view of the Beast, a vain Manhattan private school student who is turned into a monster and must find true love to turn back to his human form.

*Beautiful Creatures.* Kami Garcia (1) FANTASY

After graduation, Ethan cannot wait to move out of his unexciting small town of Gatlin, South Carolina. When Lena moves into town, he is immediately drawn to her, and his unusual dreams of saving her leads him to believe he has a psychic connection with her.

*Belzhar.*  Meg Wolitzer (1) HS FANTASY

Jam, 15 years old and unable to cope with the loss of her boyfriend, is sent to a therapeutic boarding school where a journal-writing assignment for a mysterious English class transports her to the magical realm of Belzhar.

*Bewitching*. Alex Flinn Kendra Hilferty, (1) FANTASY The witch who curses Kyle Kingsbury in *Beastly*, tells about her immortal existence --- how she discovered she was a witch and the various ways she has used her powers to help people throughout the centuries.

*Big Girl Small.* Rachel DeWoskin (1) HS GENERAL

Judy Lohden is your above-average sixteen-year-old, with a voice that can shake an auditorium. She should be the star of Darcy Arts Academy, so why is she hiding in a seedy motel room? Perhaps it has something to do with a devastating scandal---and the fact that Judy is three feet nine inches tall. "Big Girl Small "is a scathingly funny book about dreams and reality, at once light on its feet and profound.

*Catching Fire.* Suzanne Collins (3) SCI-FI

By winning the annual Hunger Games, District 12 tributes Katniss Everdeen and Peeta Mellark have secured a life of safety and plenty for themselves and their families, but because they won by defying the rules, they unwittingly become the faces of an impending rebellion.

*Dead End in Norvelt.* Jack Gantos (1) GENERAL

Being grounded for the entire summer might be the best thing that could have happened to Jack and his blood-spurting nose.

*The Distance Between Lost and Found.* Kathryn Holmes (1) HS GENERAL Hallie Calhoun, Jonah, and Rachel leave a church youth group hike in the Great Smoky Mountains and become lost for five days, struggling to survive as Hallie finally speaks about the incident that made her a social pariah.

*Divergent.* Veronica Roth (1) HS SC-FI

In a future Chicago, 16-year-old Beatrice Prior must choose among five predetermined factions to define her identity for the rest of her life, a decision made more difficult when she discovers that she is an anomaly who does not fit into any one group, and that the society she lives in is not perfect after all.

*Dumpin’.* Julie Murphy (1) HS General

16 yr old Willowdean wants to prove to everyone in her small Texas town that she is more than just a fat girl, so, she and some other misfits prepare to compete in the beauty pageant her mother runs.

*Falling into Place.* Amy Zhang (1) HS General

High-school junior Liz Emerson steers her car into a tree. and her story unfolds in flashbacks as Liz's friends, foes, and family gather at the hospital and Liz clings to life.

*The Forest of Hands and Teeth.* Carrie Ryan (1) HS HORROR

Mary’s village is protected by a fence keeping out the Unconsecrated-who are undead craving human flesh-until a massive breach launches the teenage girl into a fight for survival.

*Forgive Me, Leonard Peacock.* Matthew Quick (1)

HS GENERAL

Not only can Leonard Peacock recite most of Hamlet, in many ways, he is Hamlet, and he has decided that today is the day when he will answer the ultimate question of to be or not to by killing himself (and his former best friend).

*The Graveyard Book.* Neil Gaiman (1) HORROR

This often chilling story describes the life of a boy growing up in a graveyard as he is looked after by ghosts and a mysterious guardian.

*Gym Candy.* Carl Deuker (1) GENERAL

Groomed by his father to be a star player, football is the only thing that has ever really mattered to Mick Johnson, who works hard for a spot on the varsity team his freshman year, then tries to hold onto his edge by using steroids, despite the consequences to his health and social life.

*Hate List.* Jennifer Brown (1) HS GENERAL

Sixteen-year-old Valerie, whose boyfriend Nick committed a school shooting at the end of their junior year, struggles to cope with integrating herself back into high school.

*The Host.* Stephenie Meyer (1) SCI-FI

Set in a believable futuristic time when Earth and other worlds have been taken over by the "souls”, this is a story of love, betrayal and compassion.

*How to Say Goodbye in Robot. Natalie Standiford (1)* HS GENERAL

Ghost Boy and Robot Girl) use their adopted alter egos to help navigate the difficulties of fractured families and impending adulthood during their senior year.

*Hunger Games.* Suzanne Collins (3) SCI-FI

In a not-too-distant future, the United States of America has collapsed, weakened by drought, fire, famine, and war, to be replaced by Panem, a country divided into the Capitol and 12 districts. Each year, two young representatives from each district are selected by lottery to participate in The Hunger Games.

*I Hunt Killers.* Barry Lyga (1) HS MYSTERY

Seventeen-year-old Jazz learned all about being a serial killer from his notorious father, but believes he has a conscience that will help fight his own urges and right some of his father's wrongs, so he secretly helps the police apprehend the town's newest murderer, "The Impressionist."

*If I Stay.* Gayle Forman (1) HS GENERAL

While in a coma following an automobile accident that killed her parents and younger brother, seventeen-year-old Mia, a gifted cellist, weights whether to live with her grief or join her family in death.

Jasper Jones**. Craig Silvey (1) HS MYSTERY**  
Charlie’s life in an Australian small town is turned upside down when Jasper Jones knocks on his bedroom window late one night and asks for help disposing of a body.

*Kiss Kill Vanish.* Jessica Martinez (1) HS ROMANCE

A teenage girl flees her opulent life in Miami when she witnesses her boyfriend commit a murder that was ordered by her father.

*Lament.* Maggie Stiefvater (1) HS FANTASY

Shy and ordinary Deirdre finds herself caught up in an ancient struggle in the faerie world when she meets Luke, a musician with a very dark past.

*Life as We Knew It.* Susan Beth Pfeffer (1) SCI-FI

Through journal entries sixteen-year-old Miranda describes her family's struggle to survive after a meteor hits the moon, causing worldwide tsunamis, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions.

*Matched.* Ally Condie (1) HS SCI-FI

Cassia has always had complete trust in the Society to make decisions for her, but just as she is being paired with her ideal mate, a second face flashes on the screen. Cassia begins to doubt the Society's infallibility as she tries to decide which man she truly loves.

Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children. **Ransom Riggs (2) HS ADVENTURE** Trailed by a menacing shadow, Jacob tumbles into a time loop and discovers the peculiar children of his grandfather’s childhood.

*Hollow City*

*Library of Lost Souls*

*Mockingjay.* Suzanne Collins (3) HS SCI-FI

Katnis, having survived the Hunger Games twice, learns she and her family and friends are in danger because the Capitol holds her responsible for the unrest and races against time to protect those she cares about and the people of District 12.

*A Monster Calls.* Patrick Ness. (1) FANTASY

The monster comes for Conor just after midnight, again and again. That is, until he’s ready to share how he feels about his mom’s cancer.

*Nation.* Terry Pratchett (1) ADVENTURE

After a devastating tsunami destroys all that they have ever known, Mau, an island boy, and Daphne, an aristocratic English girl, together with a small band of refugees, set about rebuilding their community and all the things that are important in their lives.

*The Naturals.* Jennifer Barnes (1) HS MYSTERY

Seventeen-year-old Cassie Hobbes has always had a gift for getting into people's minds. Maybe she inherited it from her psychic mother, and maybe she would ask her mother about itif she hadn't disappeared five years ago, leaving only a bloody crime scene behind. So when tapped by the FBI to join an elite, secret team that solves cold cases related to serial killers, Cassie doesn't hesitate.

*Nothing but the Truth.* Avi (1)

A ninth-grader's suspension for humming "The Star-Spangled Banner" during homeroom becomes a national news story, and leads to him and his teacher both leaving the school.

*November Blues.* Sharon Draper (1) HS GENERAL

A teenaged boy's death in a hazing accident has lasting effects on his pregnant girlfriend and his guilt-ridden cousin, who gives up a promising music career to play football during his senior year in high school.

*One Whole and Perfect Day.* Judith Clarke (1) GENERAL

As her irritating family prepares to celebrate her grandfather's eightieth birthday, sixteen-year-old Lily yearns for just one whole perfect day together.

*There Will Be Lies.* Nick Lake (1) HS MYSTERY   
After a car accident, Shelby's mother steals her away from the hospital, revealing that her father is not dead but rather a violent man who promised to hunt them down.

*This is What Happy Looks Like.* Jennifer Smith (1)

HS ROMANCE Graham and Ellie meet virtually—accidently. They then share details about their lives, hopes, and fears via email. But they don’t tell each other everything: Graham doesn’t know the secret hidden in Ellie’s family tree, and Ellie is unaware of Graham’s life in the spotlight.

*Thousand Words.* Jennifer Brown (1) HS GENERAL

Talked into sending a nude picture of herself to her boyfriend, Ashleigh became the center of a sexting scandal and is now in court-ordered community service.

*A Time for Dancing.* Davida Hurwin (1) GENERAL

Seventeen-year-old best friends Samantha and Juliana tell their stories in alternating chapters after Juliana is diagnosed with cancer.

*The Tyrant’s Daughter.* J.C. Carlesons (1) HS GENERAL

Exiled after her father is killed in a coup, 15-year-old Laila must cope with a new way of life, the truth of her father's regime, and her mother and brother's ways of adjusting.

*Unwind.* Neil Shusterrman (1) SCI-FI This is a future world where teens are “unwound”—their body parts are harvested for use by others.

*Waiting for Normal.* Leslie Connor (1) GENERAL

Twelve-year-old Addie tries to cope with her mother's erratic behavior and being separated from her beloved stepfather and half-sisters when she and her mother go to live in a small trailer by the railroad tracks on the outskirts of Schenectady, New York.

Where Things Come Back. **John Corey Whaley** (1)

HS GENERAL Cullen’s tired of small-town life, and expects to spend the summer before his senior year with friends fighting off boredom and dreaming of girls—then his younger brother disappears.