

FOR INCOMING 10th GRADERS

Adams, Douglas: ***A Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy***

An insanely funny satire about the end of the world and the days that follow it as a dynamic duo journey through space aided by quotes from *The Hitchhiker's Guide* and a galaxy-full of fellow travelers.

Agee, James: ***A Death in the Family***

In this compassionate semi-autobiographical novel, six-year-old Rufus Follet, his younger sister Catherine, his mother, and various relatives all react differently when Rufus's father is fatally injured in an automobile accident.

Austen, Jane: ***Pride and Prejudice***

An enchanting classic of wit, social satire, and tender romance: an eligible bachelor moves into Netherfield Park, and the five Bennett sisters set their sights on marrying him.

Sense and Sensibility

An endearing, intelligent portrait of manners and morals of English society in eighteenth-century England.

Asimov, Issac: ***I, Robot***

The book chronicles the development of the robot through a series of interlinked stories: from its origins to the present to its ultimate perfection in the not-so-distant future—where humanity itself may be rendered obsolete.

Bauer, Joan: ***Backwater***

A teenaged girl rebels against her parents' wishes for her to become a lawyer. She travels to the Adirondacks to seek advice from an eccentric relative she has yet to meet.

Baldwin, James: ***If Beale Street Could Talk***

A powerful novel of a young black couple and their brave struggle to live with dignity in a society riddled with hatred.

Bissinger, H.G.: ***Friday Night Lights: A Town, a Team and a Dream***

Bissinger scouts the Permian Panthers high school football team from Odessa, Texas.

Bradbury, Ray: ***Dandelion Wine***

Unknown, supernatural events are transformed into everyday occurrences in this story of Douglas Spaulding's strange twelfth summer, during which he discovers

that his small town contains a human time-machine and a "wax witch" with a gift for telling the future.

Bronte, Emily: ***Wuthering Heights***

Set in the raw beauty of the Yorkshire moors, this popular nineteenth-century English classic is a portrait of the passionate but tormented relationship between Heathcliff and Catherine.

Carey, Lorene: ***Black Ice***

The autobiography of a young African-American woman who attended a private prep school on a scholarship and competed successfully in that world.

Dorris, Michael: ***A Yellow Raft in Blue Water***

Lyrical saga of three generations of Indian women beset by hardship and torn by angry secrets.

Dumas, Alexander: ***The Count of Monte Cristo***

Sentenced to life for a crime he did not commit, the hero escapes, determined to exact revenge from his enemies.

The Three Musketeers

A swashbuckling "cloak and sword" adventure story set in sixteenth-century France.

Finney, Jack: ***Time and Again***

Science-fiction cult classic. Simon Morley is transported back to 1880's New York where he falls in love with a beautiful woman of yesteryear.

Haley, Alex: ***Roots***

Magnificent saga tracing the heritage of an American family from 18th-century Africa to the present.

Hammet, Dashiell: ***The Maltese Falcon***

Modern classic of mystery and suspense as private-eye Sam Spade tracks down a statuette worth a fortune.

Hassler, Jon: ***Grand Opening***

In the tradition of *To Kill a Mockingbird*, a bittersweet novel about the dark side of small town life and one boy's moral awakening.

Kingsolver, Barbara: ***Pigs in Heaven***

In the adventurous, hilarious sequel to ***The Bean Trees***, Taylor Greer and Turtle's lives are changed forever by a freak accident that will leave them vulnerable to the secrets of Turtle's past.

Krakauer, Jon: ***Into Thin Air; Into the Wild***

Exciting adventures of struggle and survival on Mt. Everest and the deep woods of Alaska.

Marchetta, Melina: ***Looking for Alibrandi***

A love story of a 17- year-old Italian girl living in Australia.

McMurtry, Larry: ***Lonesome Dove***

Pulitzer Prize-winning epic masterpiece of the American West that chronicles the adventures of two former Texas Rangers and their sidekicks on a migratory cattle drive from Texas to Montana.

Miller, Walter: ***A Canticle for Leibowitz***

Science fiction linking the history of man with his future in a mesmerizing tale of the terrible aftermath of nuclear war.

Myers, Walter Dean: ***The Greatest: Muhammad Ali***

This is a quick read about the famous boxer. It covers his sports career as well as his political stance on war and civil rights.

Powell, Randy: ***Run If You Dare***

Very engaging, enjoyable coming of age book about a fifteen- year-old boy who emulates his father. Strong emphasis on friendship, follow your dreams themes.

Pullman, Phillip: ***The Golden Compass, The Subtle Knife, The Amber Spyglass (His Dark Materials)***

A fantasy and its sequel tell the adventures of Will who becomes the bearer of an extraordinary knife that is used to solve mysteries.

Stoker, Bram: ***Dracula***

The infamous Transylvanian count makes his way to London to find new victims to satisfy his need for human blood.

Stone, Irving: ***The Agony and the Ecstasy***

A fictional depiction of the Italian Renaissance artist, Michelangelo.

Lust for Life

A fictional account of the brilliant but disturbed artist, Vincent Van Gogh.

Wittlinger, Ellen: ***Razzle***

Coming of age book set on Cape Cod. Fifteen year old boy, who loves photography, falls in love with the wrong girl, while a true friend waits in the wings.

Wolff, Virginia Euwer: ***True Believer***

This is a story of a fifteen year-old girl who has a very strong relationship with her mom. She wants to attend college and needs to take accelerated courses. She is divided between her old friends and the new friends she meets in her classes. This is a sequel to *Make Lemonade* by the same author. You do not have to have read it to enjoy this novel.

Woodward and Bernstein: ***All the President's Men***

A chronicle of two Washington Post reporters as they uncover the Watergate scandal.