

Terror at Bottle Creek by Watt Key

Call number: F KEY

Thirteen-year-old Cort is caught in a battle against a Gulf Coast hurricane. Cort's father is a local expert on hunting and swamp lore in lower Alabama who has been teaching his son everything he knows. But when a deadly Category 3 storm makes landfall, Cort must unexpectedly put his all skills-and bravery-to the test.



Undefeated by Steve Sheinkin

Call number: 796.332 SHE

Jim Thorpe and football legend Pop Warner met in 1904 at the Carlisle Indian Industrial School in Pennsylvania, they forged one of the winningest teams in American football history. Called "the team that invented football," they took on the best opponents of their day, defeating much more privileged schools such as Harvard and the Army in a series of breathtakingly close calls, genius plays, and bone-crushing hard work .



Nine, Ten A September 11th Story by Nora Raleigh Baskin

Call number: F BAS

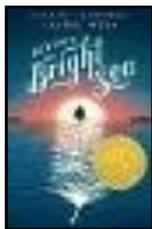
A look at the days leading up to the tragic events of September 11, 2001, and how that day impacted the lives of four middle schoolers. These four don't know one another, but their lives are about to intersect in ways they never could have imagined.



Lily and Dunkin by Donna Gephart

Call number: F GEP

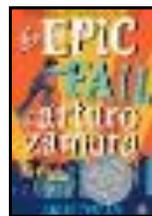
Eighth graders Lily Jo and Dunkin both dislike their birth names (Timothy and Norbert, respectively) and struggle with the ways they feel their bodies betray them: for trans Lily because others assume she is a boy, and for bipolar Dunkin because he needs mood stabilizing and antipsychotic medication. While their tentative friendship is repeatedly tried by bullies, Gephart delivers an optimistic novel full of hope and heart.



Beyond the Bright Sea by Lauren Wolk

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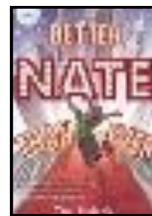
Crow has lived her entire life off the coast of Massachusetts. Her only companions are Osh, the man who rescued her from a tiny skiff as an infant and raised her, and Miss Maggie, their neighbor across the sandbar. One night a mysterious fire appears across the water that an unspoken question of her own history forms in her heart and an unstoppable chain of events is triggered.



Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora by Pablo Cartaya

Call number: F CAR

Tells the story of Arturo, who is looking forward to a relaxing summer until Carmen, a cute and funny girl moves into his apartment complex and while he deals with his stomach turning into a deep fryer over a girl, a smarmy land developer rolls into town and threatens to change it.



Better Nate Than Ever by Tim Federle

Call number: F FED

Nate Foster begins this narrative with his trip to New York to audition for a role in E.T. the Musical. Nate is unsure of what he will encounter, and has many adventures that cause him to lose faith, yet Nate finds it within himself to keep going.



Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand

Call number: 940.54 HIL

A biography of Olympic runner and World War II bombardier, Louis Zamperini, who had been rambunctious in childhood before succeeding in track and eventually serving in the military, which led to a trial in which he was forced to find a way to survive in the open ocean after being shot down.



Refugee by Alan Grantz

Call number: F GRA

Although separated by continents and decades, Josef, a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany; Isabel, a Cuban girl trying to escape the riots and unrest plaguing her country in 1994; and Mahmoud, a Syrian boy in 2015 whose homeland is torn apart by violence and destruction, embark on harrowing journeys in search of refuge, discovering shocking connections that tie their stories together .



Girl on a Plane by Miriam Moss

Call number: F MOS

This is a fictionalized story based on the amazing real life experiences of Miriam Moss, a fifteen year old English school girl who was held hostage on a plane hijacked by the Palestinian Liberation Front in 1970.



Pashmina by Nidhi Chanani

Call number: F CHA

Priyanka is a teenage girl who loves to draw. Her mother emigrated from India years ago, leaving Pri's father behind. Pri is eager to learn about her father and her Indian heritage, but her mother refuses to discuss the subject. Then Pri finds an old pashmina in her mother's suitcase, and when she puts it on, she is magically transported to the India of her dreams.



Full Cicada Moon by Marilyn Hilton

Call number: F HIL

In verse ranging from strictly narrative to absolutely lyrical, Hilton tells of a Californian girl transplanted to Vermont in 1969. Mimi is the daughter of an African American father and a Japanese mother, which would render her an oddity in the community even if she didn't aspire to be an astronaut and prefer taking shop class to home ec.



The Shadow Cipher by Laura Ruby

Call number: F RUB

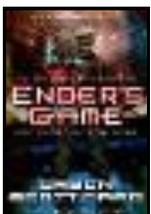
The first book in an epic alternate-history series about three kids who try to solve the greatest mystery of the modern world: a puzzle and treasure hunt laid into the very streets and buildings of New York City.



The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill

Call number: F BAR

13 year-old Luna learns that the forest witch, Xan, has locked within Luna powerful magic, due to the fact that Xan accidentally fed the baby moonlight instead of starlight.



Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card

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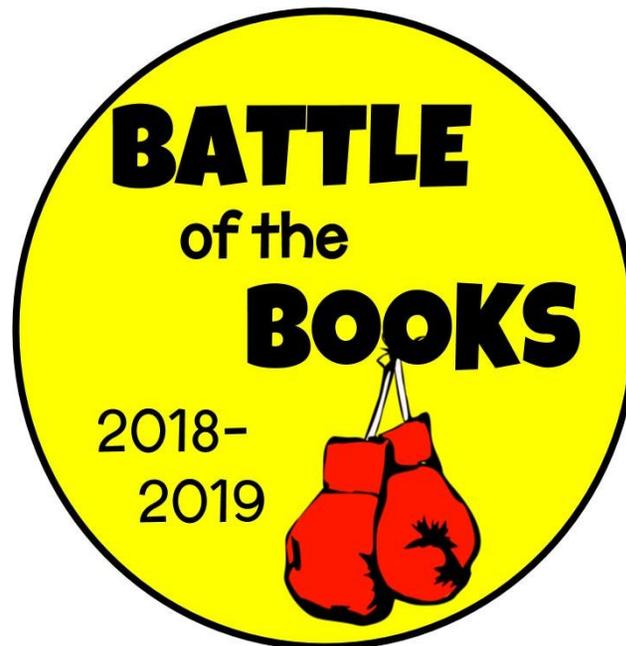
Ender matures from a six year old to a wise-beyond-his-years eleven year old. When he realizes he has been manipulated, he rejects the I.F. and return to Earth. He searches other worlds for colonization.



Legend by Marie Lu

Call number: F LU

The Republic is now a nation perpetually at war with its neighbors, the Colonies. Born into an elite family in one of the Republic's wealthiest districts, June is a military prodigy. June is being groomed for success in the Republic's highest circles. Born into the slums of the Republic's Lake Sector, fifteen-year-old Day is the country's most wanted criminal. But his motives may not be as malicious as they seem.



Inter-School Battle Featuring:
Highlands, Gurrie, McClure,
Park, and Pleasantdale

School Battles: Week of February 11th

Inter-School Battle at Park
March 14th at 9:30am

Rules:

- 16 books need to be read by each team.
- Teams will consist of up to 6 members.
- Teams will compete in a School Battle.
- The top two teams will move onto the Inter-School Battle.
- Questions are answered with the title and author of book.