

2010 NWS LIBRARY 9TH GRADE READING RECOMMENDATIONS

Anderson, Laurie Halse - **SPEAK**

A traumatic event near the end of the summer has a devastating effect on Melinda's freshman year in high school.

Armstrong, Kelly - **THE SUMMONING**

After Chloe starts seeing ghosts, she is sent to Lyle House, a group home for mentally disturbed teenagers, where she discovers that neither Lyle House nor its inhabitants are exactly what they seem.

2011 YRCA nominee.

Bodeen, S.A. - **THE COMPOUND**

After spending six years in a vast underground compound built by his father to protect their family from a nuclear holocaust, 15-year-old Eli discovers that his father has perpetrated a monstrous hoax.

2011 Evergreen nominee.

Bray, Libba - **GOING BOVINE**

Cameron knew there was something wrong when he started seeing pillars of fire and angels, but he never imagined he had mad cow disease.

2011 Printz Award Winner.

Bunce, Elizabeth - **A CURSE DARK AS GOLD**

When Charlotte takes over the family's woolen mill after her father's death, she is faced with unexpected catastrophes, and a hidden curse that threatens her family's future.

2011 YRCA nominee.

Cashore, Kim - **GRACELING**

In a world where some people are born with extreme skills called Graces, Katsa struggles for redemption from her own horrifying Grace, the Grace of killing.

2011 Evergreen and YRCA nominee.

Castellucci, Cecil - **THE PLAIN JANES**

A group of teenage girls survive the miseries of high school by forming a secret club devoted to street art.

2010 YRCA NWS favorite.

Clare, Cassandra - **CITY OF BONES**

When Clary discovers she sees supernatural beings that no one else can see, she learns that her mother is somehow mysteriously connected to all the strange happenings around her.

2010 YRCA winner. First in series.

Collins, Suzanne - **THE HUNGER GAMES**

In a society where the rulers maintain control through an annual televised survival competition, 16-year-old Katniss's skills are put to the test against other teens.

Evergreen and YRCA 2011 nominee. Series.

Crutcher, Chris - **WHALE TALK**

Intellectually and athletically gifted, TJ shuns organized sports at his high school until he agrees to form a swimming team with some of the school's less popular students.

Dessen, Sarah - **LOCK AND KEY**

When she is abandoned by her alcoholic mother, high school senior Ruby winds up living with Cora, the sister she has not seen for ten years.

2011 Evergreen nominee.

Deuker, Carl - **HIGH HEAT**

When sophomore Shane Hunter's father is arrested for money laundering, the star pitcher's life of affluence and private school begins to fall apart.

Doctorow, Cory - **LITTLE BROTHER**

It's up to Marcus, computer geek, to save everyone from the police state that results from another major terrorist attack.

2011 Evergreen and YRCA nominee.

D'Orso, Michael - **EAGLE BLUE**

A team, a tribe, and a high school basketball season in Arctic Alaska.

Farr, Richard - **EMPERORS OF THE ICE**

Apsley Cherry-Garrard shares his adventures as the youngest member of Robert Scott's expedition to Antarctica in the early 20th century.

2009 Washington State Book Award.

Frank, Anne - **THE DIARY OF A YOUNG GIRL**

Discovered in the attic in which she spent the last years of her life, Anne Frank's remarkable diary has since become a world classic--a powerful reminder of the horrors of war and an eloquent testament to the human spirit.

Gaiman, Neil - **THE GRAVEYARD BOOK**

To escape his parent's murderer, Bod hides out in a graveyard, where he is adopted by ghosts who protect him.

2011 Evergreen and YRCA nominee.

2009 Newbery winner.

Godbersen, Anna - **THE LUXE**

In Manhattan in 1899, five teens of different social classes lead dangerously scandalous lives, despite the strict rules of society and the best-laid plans of parents and others.

Green, John - **PAPER TOWNS**

Quentin idolizes his next door neighbor, Margo.

When she disappears, Q must follow the clues to find her.

2011 YRCA nominee.

Haddon, Mark - **THE CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE DOG IN THE NIGHT-TIME**

Christopher, a mathematically-gifted, autistic 15-year-old boy, decides to investigate the murder of a neighbor's dog and uncovers secret information about his mother.

Harmon, Michael – **LAST EXIT TO NORMAL**
To get him on the right track, Ben's dad and stepdad accompany him to Montana, where he encounters small town life, homophobia, an abused boy, and a special girl.

2011 Evergreen nominee.

Heiligman, Deborah – **CHARLES AND EMMA: THE DARWINS' LEAP OF FAITH**

Charles Darwin and his wife, Emma, were deeply in love but their opinions often clashed. Emma was extremely religious, and Charles questioned God's very existence.

2100 Printz Honor Book.

Kibuishi, Kazu – **AMULET: THE STONEKEEPER.**

Em and Navin, desperate not to lose their mother, follow her into an underground world inhabited by demons, robots, talking animals and a terrifying monster.

2011 YRCA nominee. Graphic novel.

Kidd, Sue Monk – **THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES**

A young girl is taken in by three black, bee-keeping sisters. As she enters their mesmerizing world of bees and honey, she finds the thing her heart longs for.

Krakauer, Jon – **INTO THIN AIR**

Jon Krakauer's harrowing eye-witness account of the ill-fated 1996 Mt. Everest expedition.

Lockhart, E. – **THE DISREPUTABLE HISTORY OF FRANKIE LANDAU BANKS**

Sophomore Frankie starts dating senior Matthew Livingston, but when she is excluded from his all-male secret society, Frankie decides to infiltrate the society.

2008 National Book Award Finalist.

Marchetta, Melina - **JELICOE ROAD**

Taylor Markham was abandoned by her mother when she was eleven and is finally ready to discover the reason why.

2009 Printz Award.

Myers, Walter Dean – **SUNRISE OVER FALLUJAH**

Robin Perry, from Harlem, is sent to Iraq in 2003 as a member of the Civilian Affairs Battalion, and it profoundly changes him.

2011 YRCA nominee.

Pearson, Mary – **THE ADORATION OF JENNA FOX**

Jenna Fox wakes from a year-long coma. As her memory begins to return, she has questions about who she was, and who she is now.

2011 Evergreen nominee.

Pollan, Michael - **THE OMNIVORE'S DILEMMA**

Pollan follows each of the food chains--industrial food, organic or alternative food, and food we forage ourselves--from the source to the final meal.

Raddatz, Martha – **THE LONG ROAD HOME**

A riveting account of hand-to-hand combat during the war in Iraq and at the same time an intimate portrait of the close-knit community of families back home.

2010 Evergreen nominee.

Shusterman, Neal – **UNWIND**

In a future world where teenagers can have their lives "unwound" and their body parts harvested for use by others, three teens go to extreme lengths to uphold their beliefs and save their own lives.

2010 Evergreen Award winner.

Tolkien, J.R.R - **THE HOBBIT**

Bilbo Baggins, a respectable, well-to-do hobbit, lives comfortably in his hobbit-hole until the day the wandering wizard Gandalf chooses him to share in an adventure from which he may never return.

Classic.

Werlin, Nancy – **RULES OF SURVIVAL**

17-year-old Matthew recounts his attempts to free himself and his sisters from the grip of their emotionally and physically abusive mother.

Westerfeld, Scott – **LEVIATHAN**

In an alternate 1914 Europe, Austrian Prince Alek is on the run from the Clankers, who are attempting to control the globe with mechanical contraptions.

Yang, Gene Luen - **AMERICAN BORN CHINESE**

Three interrelated stories about the problems of young Chinese Americans trying to participate in the popular culture.

2007 Michael Printz Award winner.

Zarr, Sara – **SWEETHEARTS**

High school senior Jenna has successfully remade her life, but has to confront long-suppressed memories of a traumatic childhood.

2011 Evergreen nominee.

Zusak, Marcus – **THE BOOK THIEF**

Death relates the story of Liesel, a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding during World War II.

NWS favorite.