

Reading Suggestions From Wapiti Regional Library
Grade Eleven Reading List

Title: The Adoration of Jenna Fox

Author: Pearson, Mary E.

Description: In the not-too-distant future, when biotechnological advances have made synthetic bodies and brains possible but illegal, a seventeen-year-old girl, recovering from a serious accident and suffering from memory lapses, learns a startling secret about her existence.

Title: Amber House

Author: Moore, Kelly; Reed, Tucker; Reed, Larkin

Description: After her grandmother's death Sarah Parsons, nearly sixteen, delights in exploring her family's centuries-old Maryland estate with new friend Jackson, but soon she is having vivid visions of her ancestors, one of whom may be a threat to Sarah's autistic brother, Sam.

Title: Between Shades of Gray

Author: Sepetys, Ruta

Description: In 1941, fifteen-year-old Lina, her mother, and brother are pulled from their Lithuanian home by Soviet guards and sent to Siberia, where her father is sentenced to death in a prison camp while she fights for her life, vowing to honor her family and the thousands like hers by burying her story in a jar on Lithuanian soil. Based on the author's family, includes a historical note.

Title: Bog Child

Author: Dowd, Siobhan

Description: In 1981, the height of Ireland's "Troubles," eighteen-year-old Fergus is distracted from his upcoming A-level exams by his imprisoned brother's hunger strike, the stress of being a courier for Sinn Fein, and dreams of a murdered girl whose body he discovered in a bog.

Title: The Book of the Lion

Author: Cadnum, Michael

Description: 17-year-old Edmund finds himself traveling to the Holy Land as squire to a knight crusader on his way to join the forces of Richard the Lionheart.

Title: Bunheads

Author: Flack, Sophie

Description: Hannah Ward, nineteen, revels in the competition, intense rehearsals, and dazzling performances that come with being a member of Manhattan Ballet Company's corps de ballet, but after meeting handsome musician Jacob she begins to realize there could be more to her life.

Title: Code Name Pauline: Memoirs of a World War II Special Agent

Author: Cornioley, Pearl Witherington

Description: Pearl Witherington Cornioley, one of the most celebrated female World War II resistance fighters, shares her remarkable story in this firsthand account of her experience as a special agent for the British Special Operations Executive (SOE).

Title: Copper Sun

Author: Draper, Sharon M.

Description: Two fifteen-year-old girls--one a slave and the other an indentured servant--escape their Carolina plantation and try to make their way to Fort Moses, Florida, a Spanish colony that gives sanctuary to slaves.

Title: Courage Has No Color: The True Story of the Triple Nickles: America's First Black Paratroopers

Author: Stone, Tanya Lee

Description: Examines the role of African-Americans in the military through the history of the Triple Nickles, America's first black paratroopers, who fought against attacks perpetrated on the American West by the Japanese during World War II.

Title: A Curse Dark as Gold

Author: Bunce, Elizabeth C.

Description: Charlotte faces an uphill battle to keep her woolen mill running, with a huge mortgage and...a curse?

Title: Dairy Queen

Author: Murdock, Catherine Gilbert

Description: Sixteen-year-old D.J. decides to go out for football after spending the summer training the rival team's quarterback.

Title: Dark Water

Author: McNeal, Laura

Description: Living in a cottage on her uncle's avocado ranch since her parents' messy divorce, fifteen-year-old Pearl Dewitt meets and falls in love with an illegal migrant worker, and is trapped with him when wildfires approach his makeshift forest home.

Title: Darkwater

Author: Fisher, Catherine

Description: Sixteen-year-old Sarah sells her soul to reclaim her family's estate and is given 100 years to atone for their sins, but as the bargain nears its end, modern-day Tom, yearning to attend the private school that Darkwater Hall has become, gets caught up in the bargain.

Title: Drama High

Author: Sokolove, Michael Y.

Description: Explores the life, career, and influence of Levittown, Pa., high school teacher and theater director Lou Volpe, focusing on his last school years and following a group of student actors as they work through dramas, both on stage and off.

Title: An Earthly Knight

Author: McNaughton, Janet

Description: In 1162 Scotland, 16-year-old Lady Jeanette hopes of redeeming her family's station through marriage. Yet she is haunted by the memory of a compelling young man from home--a man with a dark and terrible secret.

Title: Epitaph Road

Author: Patneau, David

Description: In 2097, men are a small and controlled minority in a utopian world ruled by women, and fourteen-year-old Kellen must fight to save his father from an outbreak of the virus that killed ninety-seven percent of the male population thirty years earlier.

Title: Every Bone Tells a Story

Author: Rubalcaba, Jill; Robertshaw, Peter

Description: When did language begin? How did early humans populate the globe? By looking closely at four of the most significant hominins ever discovered, the authors explain how Turkana Boy, Lapedo

Child, Kennewick Man, and Iceman have influenced debates about the nature of the earliest members of the family Hominidae.

Title: Eyes of the Emperor

Author: Salisbury, Graham

Description: Following orders from the United States Army, several young Japanese American men train K-9 units to hunt Asians during World War II.

Title: Eyes Wide Open: Going Behind the Environmental Headlines

Author: Fleischman, Paul

Description: We're living in an aha moment. Take 250 years of human ingenuity. Add abundant fossil fuels. The result: a population and lifestyle never seen before. The downsides weren't visible for centuries, but now they are. Suddenly everything needs rethinking -- suburbs, cars, fast food, cheap prices. It's a changed world. This book explains it. Using politics, psychology, and history for altitude, Eyes Wide Open shows how to see the principles driving events and attitudes, from vested interests to denial to big-country syndrome. Here's the briefing you need to comprehend the twenty-first century.

Title: The First Part Last

Author: Johnson, Angela

Description: Bobby's life is forever changed after he becomes a father.

Title: Grammar Girl Presents the Ultimate Writing Guide for Students

Author: Fogarty, Mignon; Haya, Erwin (Illustrator)

Description: For beginners to more advanced students, this guide covers it all: the parts of speech, sentences, and punctuation are all explained clearly and concisely with the warmth, wit, and accessibility Grammar Girl is known for.

Title: Guinea Pig Scientists: Bold Self-experimenters in Science and Medicine

Author: Boring, Mel; Dendy, Leslie; Mordan, C. B. (Illustrator); Mordan, C. (Illustrator)

Description: Stories of ten men and women, from the 1770s to the present, who devoted their lives, and sometimes risked them, to answer some of the big questions in science and medicine.

Title: Half Brother

Author: Oppel, Kenneth

Description: For thirteen years, Ben Tomlin was an only child. But all that changes when his mother brings home Zan -- an eight-day-old chimpanzee.

Title: Impossible

Author: Werlin, Nancy

Description: When seventeen-year-old Lucy discovers her family is under an ancient curse by an evil Elfin Knight, she realizes to break the curse she must perform three impossible tasks before her daughter is born in order to save them both.

Title: The Impossible Knife of Memory

Author: Anderson, Laurie Halse

Description: Hayley Kincaid and her father move back to their hometown to try a "normal" life, but the horrors he saw in the war threaten to destroy their lives.

Title: Looking for Alaska

Author: Green, John

Description: Sixteen-year-old Miles' first year at Culver Creek Preparatory 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.

Title: March Toward the Thunder

Author: Bruchac, Joseph

Description: Louis Nolette, a fifteen-year-old Abenaki Indian, joins the Irish Brigade in 1864 to fight for the Union in the Civil War.

Title: Milkweed

Author: Spinelli, Jerry

Description: Set in Nazi-occupied Poland just before the Warsaw ghetto uprising, Spinelli's first historical novel tells a tale of heartbreak, hope, and survival through the eyes of a young orphan.

Title: My Beloved World

Author: Sotomayor, Sonia

Description: An instant American icon--the first Hispanic on the U.S. Supreme Court--tells the story of her life before becoming a judge.

Title: Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave

Author: Douglass, Frederick; Baker Jr., Houston A. (Contribution by); Garrison, William Lloyd (Preface by)

Description: Recounts the life of Frederick Douglass as he recorded it, in one of the most compelling autobiographies ever written.

Title: One Whole and Perfect Day

Author: Clarke, Judith

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

Title: Outcasts United: The Story of a Refugee Soccer Team That Changed a Town

Author: St. John, Warren

Description: American-educated Jordanian Luma Mufleh founds a youth soccer team comprised of children from Liberia, Iraq, Afghanistan, and the Balkan states, and elsewhere in the refugee settlement town of Clarkston, Georgia, bringing the children together to discover their common bonds as they adjust to life in a new homeland.

Title: The Raven Boys

Author: Stiefvater, Maggie

Description: Though she is from a family of clairvoyants, Blue Sargent's only gift seems to be that she makes other people's talents stronger, and when she meets Gansey, one of the Raven Boys from the expensive Aglionby Academy, she discovers that he has talents of his own--and that together their talents are a dangerous mix.

Title: Revolver

Author: Sedgwick, Marcus

Description: Finland, 1910: Fifteen-year-old Sig is shocked to see a hole in the frozen lake outside his family's cabin and to find his father's corpse nearby. Why did Einar steer his dog sled across the lake instead of taking the safer land route? Sig's sister and stepmother go for help, leaving Sig alone with Einar's body in the cabin. Soon after, an armed stranger barges in, demanding a share of Einar's stolen gold.

Title: Rook

Author: Cameron, Sharon

Description: In the Sunken City that was once Paris, the guillotine rules again, while Sophia Bellamy from the Commonwealth across the Channel Sea tries to rescue as many of the revolution's victims as she can smuggle out, and some prisoners disappear from their cells, with a red-tipped rook feather left in their place – but who is the mysterious Red Rook and where does Sophia's wealthy fiancé, Rene Hasard, fit in?

Title: Seraphina

Author: Hartman, Rachel

Description: In a world where dragons and humans coexist in an uneasy truce and dragons can assume human form, Seraphina, whose mother died giving birth to her, grapples with her own identity amid magical secrets and royal scandals, while she struggles to accept and develop her extraordinary musical talents.

Title: Sir Charlie: Chaplin, the Funniest Man in the World

Author: Fleischman, Sid

Description: A Newbery Medalist presents one of the most compelling rags-to-riches stories of modern times, in this biography of the legendary Little Tramp, Charlie Chaplin.

Title: Smiles to Go

Author: Spinelli, Jerry

Description: Will Tuppence's life has always been ruled by science and common sense but in ninth grade, shaken up by the discovery that protons decay, he begins to see the entire world differently and gains new perspective on his relationships with his little sister and two close friends.

Title: Star-Crossed

Author: Collison, Linda

Description: Having been discovered as a stowaway as she tries to reach Barbados, teenaged English orphan Patricia Kelley struggles to survive by learning to be a ship's doctor and by disguising herself as a man when necessary.

Title: Story of a Girl

Author: Zarr, Sara

Description: After her father catches her in the backseat of a car with a boy, Deanna becomes an outcast.

Title: Stupid Fast

Author: Herbach, Geoff

Description: Just before his sixteenth birthday, Felton Reinstein has a sudden growth spurt that turns him from a small, jumpy, picked-on boy with the nickname of "Squirrel Nut" to a powerful athlete, leading to new friends, his first love, and the courage to confront his family's past and current problems.

Title: Taking Flight: From War Orphan to Star Ballerina

Author: DePrince, Michaela; DePrince, Elaine

Description: The memoir of Michaela DePrince, who lived the first few years of her life in war-torn Sierra Leone until being adopted by an American family. Now seventeen, she is one of the premiere ballerinas in the United States.

Title: The Teen's Guide to World Domination: Advice on Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Awesomeness

Author: Shipp, Josh

Description: Teen advice guru and motivational speaker Shipp delivers a hilarious, inspirational guide for the millennial generation that covers everything from broken self-esteem to family crisis to what to do after high school.

Title: Touching Spirit Bear

Author: Mikaelson, Ben

Description: After his anger erupts into violence, Cole, in order to avoid going to prison, agrees to participate in a sentencing alternative based on the native American Circle Justice, and he is sent to a remote Alaskan Island where an encounter with a huge Spirit Bear changes his life.

Title: Under My Hat: Tales from the Cauldron

Author: Strahan, Jonathan

Description: An anthology of short fiction about witches.

Title: Zombies vs. Unicorns

Author: Black, Holly (Editor); Larbalestier, Justine (Editor)

Description: Twelve short stories by a variety of authors seek to answer the question of whether zombies are better than unicorns

Title: Saving Montgomery Sole

Author: Tamaki, Mariko

Description: Montgomery Sole is a square peg in a small town, forced to go to a school full of jocks and girls who don't even know what irony is. It would all be impossible if it weren't for her best friends, Thomas and Naoki. The three are also the only members of Jefferson High's Mystery Club, dedicated to exploring the weird and unexplained, from ESP and astrology to super powers and mysterious objects.

Title: The Dark Missions of Edgar Brim

Author: Peacock, Shane

Description: Edgar Brim is a sensitive orphan who, exposed to horror stories from his father as a young child, is afraid of almost everything and suffers from nightly terrors. His stern new guardian, Mr. Thorne, sends the boy to a gloomy school in Scotland where his dark demons only seem to worsen and he is bullied and ridiculed for his fears. But years later, when sixteen-year-old Edgar finds a journal belonging to his novelist father, he becomes determined to confront his nightmares and the bullies who taunt him. After the horrific death of a schoolmate, Edgar becomes involved with an eccentric society at the urging of a mysterious professor who believes that monsters from famous works of literature are real and whose mandate is to find and destroy these creatures. With the aid of a rag-tag crew of friends, the fear-addled teen sets about on his dark mission