

Reading Suggestions From Wapiti Regional Library

Grade Ten Reading List

Title: 45 Pounds (More or Less)

Author: Barson, K. A.

Description: When Ann decides that she is going to lose 45 pounds in time for her aunt's wedding, she discovers that what she looks like is not all that matters.

Title: Airborn

Author: Opper, Kenneth

Description: Matt Cruse, cabin boy on the great airship Aurora, is about to have an adventure beyond his wildest dreams.

Title: Alligator Bayou

Author: Napoli, Donna Jo

Description: Fourteen-year-old Calogero Scalise and his Sicilian uncles and cousin live in small-town Louisiana in 1898, when Jim Crow laws rule and anti-immigration sentiment is strong, so despite his attempts to be polite and to follow American customs, disaster dogs his family at every turn.

Title: The Archived

Author: Schwab, Victoria

Description: When an otherworldly library called the Archive is compromised from within, sixteen-year-old Mackenzie Bishop must prevent violent, ghost-like Histories from escaping into our world.

Title: The Betrayal of Maggie Blair

Author: Laird, Elizabeth

Description: In seventeenth-century Scotland, sixteen-year-old Maggie Blair is sentenced to be hanged as a witch but escapes to the home of her uncle, placing him and his family in great danger as she risks her life to save them all from the King's men.

Title: The Boys Who Challenged Hitler: Knud Pedersen and the Churchill Club

Author: Hoose, Phillip

Description: The true story of a group of boy resistance fighters in Denmark after the Nazi invasion.

Title: A Certain October

Author: Johnson, Angela

Description: Scotty compares herself to tofu: no flavor unless you add something. And it's true that Scotty's friends and her brother, Keone, make life delicious. But when a terrible accident occurs, Scotty feels responsible for the loss of someone she hardly knew, and the world goes wrong.

Title: Crazy

Author: Nolan, Han

Description: Fifteen-year-old loner Jason lives a precarious life with his mentally ill father.

Title: The Devil's Paintbox

Author: McKernan, Victoria

Description: In 1865, fifteen-year-old Aiden and his thirteen-year-old sister Maddy, penniless orphans, leave drought-stricken Kansas on a wagon train hoping for a better life in Seattle, but find there are still many hardships to be faced.

Title: Discovering Wes Moore

Author: Moore, Wes

Description: The author, a Rhodes scholar and combat veteran, analyzes factors that influenced him as well as another man of the same name and from the same neighborhood who was drawn into a life of drugs and crime and ended up serving life in prison, focusing on the influence of relatives, mentors, and social expectations that could have led either of them on different paths.

Title: The Fellowship of the Ring

Author: Tolkien, J. R. R.

Description: The first volume in the classic fantasy series, the Lord of the Rings, in which the quest to destroy the One Ring begins.

Title: The Gadget

Author: Zindel, Paul

Description: In 1945, having joined his father at Los Alamos, where he and other scientists are working on a secret project to end World War II, thirteen-year-old Stephen becomes caught in a web of secrecy and intrigue.

Title: Going Vintage

Author: Leavitt, Lindsey

Description: When sixteen-year-old Mallory learns that her boyfriend, Jeremy, is cheating on her with his cyber "wife," she rebels against technology by following her grandmother's list of goals from 1962, with help from her younger sister, Ginnie.

Title: Gold Medal for Weird

Author: Sylvester, Kevin

Description: Describes unusual events or facts about the Olympic games, such as the Canadian coin hidden in the ice during the 2002 Winter Games that gave luck to the Canadian hockey team.

Title: Grave Mercy

Author: LaFevers, Robin

Description: Ismae trains as an assassin at the convent of St. Mortain. Can she really do what is asked of her?

Title: Haunting Violet

Author: Harvey, Alyxandra

Description: Sixteen-year-old Violet Willoughby has been part of her mother's Spiritualist scam since she was nine, but during an 1872 house party in Hampshire, England, she is horrified to learn that she can actually see ghosts, one of whom wants Violet to solve her murder.

Title: The Heart Is Not a Size

Author: Kephart, Beth

Description: Fifteen-year-old Georgia learns a great deal about herself and her troubled best friend Riley when they become part of a group of suburban Pennsylvania teenagers that go to Anapra, a squatters village in the border town of Juarez, Mexico, to undertake a community construction project.

Title: Hurricane Dancers: The First Caribbean Pirate Shipwreck

Author: Engle, Margarita

Description: Quebrado has been a slave on captain Bernadino de Talavera's pirate ship for years, but when a hurricane sinks the ship and kills most of the crew, Quebrado escapes to safety and finds acceptance and refuge in a nearby village.

Title: The Improbable Theory of Ana and Zak

Author: Katcher, Brian

Description: Ana is an honor student obsessed with being successful at everything academic, Clayton is her thirteen-year-old genius brother, the youngest student in their high school and Zak is a gamer who is forced to join the quiz team by his teacher--but when Clayton sneaks off to a science fiction convention in Seattle while they are all there for a quiz bowl tournament, Ana is forced to rely on the unreliable Zak to find him.

Title: Is the End of the World Near?: From Crackpot Predictions to Scientific Scenarios

Author: Miller, Ron

Description: Introduces end of the world scenarios, including self-destruction through nuclear war or continued environmental exploitation, humanity wiped out by a pandemic, or an asteroid or comet strike destroying Earth.

Title: Num8ers

Author: Ward, Rachel

Description: Fifteen-year-old Jem knows when she looks at someone the exact date they'll die.

Title: Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story About Brain Science

Author: Fleischman, John

Description: Gage, foreman of a railroad construction gang, survived an iron rod being blasted through his brain in 1848, and the subsequent study of him contributed to the modern understanding of the central nervous system.

Title: The Raft

Author: Bodeen, S. A.

Description: Robbie's last-minute flight to the Midway Atoll proves to be a nightmare when the plane goes down in shark-infested waters. Fighting for her life, the co-pilot Max pulls her onto the raft, and that's when the real terror begins.

Title: The Red Necklace: A Story of the French Revolution

Author: Gardner, Sally

Description: In the late eighteenth-century, Sido, the twelve-year-old daughter of a self-indulgent marquis, and Yann, a fourteen-year-old Gypsy orphan raised to perform in a magic show, face a common enemy at the start of the French Revolution.

Title: Runner

Author: Deuker, Carl

Description: Living with his alcoholic father on a broken-down sailboat on Puget Sound has been hard on seventeen-year-old Chance Taylor, but when his love of running leads to a high-paying job, he quickly learns that the money is not worth the risk.

Title: Rutka's Notebook: A Voice from the Holocaust

Author: Vashem, Yad

Description: More than sixty years after her 1943 death in Auschwitz, the words of fourteen-year-old Rutka Laskier, a young Jewish girl from Bedzin, Poland, recreate the everyday lives of the Polish Jews of her town caught up in the Holocaust.

Title: Shadow and Bone

Author: Bardugo, Leigh

Description: Orphaned by the Border Wars, Alina Starkov is taken from obscurity and her only friend, Mal, to become the protege of the mysterious Darkling, who trains her to join the magical elite in the belief that she is the Sun Summoner, who can destroy the monsters of the Fold.

Title: Ship Breaker

Author: Bacigalupi, Paolo

Description: Scrap metal scavenger Nailer discovers a beached clipper ship and its only survivor, a wealthy heiress.

Title: Signing Their Lives Away: The Fame and Misfortune of the Men Who Signed the Declaration of Independence

Author: Kiernan, Denise; D'Agnese, Joseph

Description: Presents the lives, deaths, and scandals involving the fifty-six signers of the Declaration of Independence, including John Adams, John Hancock, and Thomas Jefferson.

Title: Spite Fences

Author: Krisher, Trudy B.

Description: As she struggles with her troubled relationship with her mother during the summer of 1960, a young girl is also drawn into the violence, hatred, and racial tension in her small Georgia town.

Title: The Story of Owen: Dragon Slayer of Trondheim

Author: Johnston, E. K.

Description: In an alternate world where industrialization has caused many species of carbon-eating dragons to thrive, Owen, a slayer being trained by his famous father and aunt, and Siobahn, his bard, face a dragon infestation near their small town in Canada.

Title: Symphony for the City of the Dead: Dmitri Shostakovich and the Siege of Leningrad

Author: Anderson, M. T.

Description: In September 1941, Adolf Hitler's Wehrmacht surrounded Leningrad in what was to become one of the longest and most destructive sieges in Western history -- almost three years of bombardment and starvation that culminated in the harsh winter of 1943-1944. More than a million citizens perished. Survivors recall corpses littering the frozen streets, their relatives having neither the means nor the strength to bury them. Residents burned books, furniture, and floorboards to keep warm. They ate family pets and -- eventually -- one another to stay alive. Trapped between the Nazi invading force and the Soviet government itself was composer Dmitri Shostakovich, who would write a symphony that roused, rallied, eulogized, and commemorated his fellow citizens -- the Leningrad Symphony, which came to occupy a surprising place of prominence in the eventual Allied victory. This is the true story of a city under siege: the triumph of bravery and defiance in the face of terrifying odds. It is also a look at the power and layered meaning of music in beleaguered lives.

Title: Tree Shaker: The Story of Nelson Mandela

Author: Keller, Bill

Description: The story of Nelson Mandela, who challenged apartheid in South Africa.

Title: Underground

Author: Ferris, Jean

Description: Used to being sold, Charlotte is unfazed by her new position at Mammoth Cave Hotel, until she meets Stephen.

Title: Unnatural Creatures

Author: Gaiman, Neil; Headley, Maria Dahvana; Morrow-Cribbs, Briony (Illustrator)

Description: A number of stories featuring unnatural creatures along with several other creatures who are either unlikely, impossible, or do not exist at all.

Title: We Were Liars

Author: Lockhart, E.

Description: A beautiful and distinguished family. A private island. A brilliant, damaged girl; a passionate, political boy. A group of four friends – the Liars – whose friendship turns destructive. A revolution. An accident. A secret. Lies upon lies. True love. The truth. Spending the summers on her family's private island off the coast of Massachusetts with her cousins and a special boy named Gat, teenaged Cadence struggles to remember what happened during her fifteenth summer.

Title: Wicked Girls: A Novel of the Salem Witch Trials

Author: Hemphill, Stephanie

Description: A fictionalized account, told in verse, of the Salem witch trials, told from the perspective of three young women living in Salem in 1692.

Title: The Wicked and the Just

Author: Coats, J. Anderson

Description: In medieval Wales, follows Cecily whose family is lured by cheap land and the duty of all Englishman to help keep down the "vicious" Welshmen, and Gwenhwyfar, a Welsh girl who must wait hand and foot on her new English mistress.

Title: Witch-hunt: Mysteries of the Salem Witch Trials

Author: Aronson, Marc; Anderson, Stephanie (Illustrator)

Description: Revisit a time of fear and half-truths to make up your own mind about what really happened in Salem Village.

Title: Within Reach: My Everest Story

Author: Pfetzer, Mark; Galvin, Jack

Description: The author describes how he spent his teenage years climbing mountains in the United States, South America, Africa, and Asia, with an emphasis on his two expeditions up Mount Everest.

Title: Exit, Pursued by a Bear

Author: Johnston, E.K.

Description: Hermione Winters is captain of her cheerleading team, and in tiny Palermo Heights, this doesn't mean what you think it means. At PHHS, the cheerleaders don't cheer for the sports teams; they are the sports team—the pride and joy of a tiny town. The team's summer training camp is Hermione's last and marks the beginning of the end of...she's not sure what. She does know this season could make her a legend. But during a camp party, someone slips something in her drink. And it all goes black. In every class, there's a star cheerleader and a pariah pregnant girl. They're never supposed to be the same person. Hermione struggles to regain the control she's always had and faces a wrenching decision about how to move on. The assault wasn't the beginning of Hermione Winter's story and she's not going to let it be the end. She won't be anyone's cautionary tale.

Title: Beware that Girl

Author: Toten, Teresa

Description: *The Haves. The Have-Nots.* Kate O'Brien appears to be a Have-Not. Her whole life has been a series of setbacks she's had to snake her way out of—some more sinister than others. But she's determined to change that. She's book smart. She's street-smart. Oh, and she's also a masterful liar.

As the scholarship student at the Waverly School in NYC, Kate has her work cut out for her: her plan is to climb the social ladder and land a spot at Yale.

Title: The Scorpion Rules

Author: Bow, Erin

Description: The teenage princess of a future-world Canadian superpower, where royal children are held hostage to keep their countries from waging war, falls in love with an American prince who rebels against the brutal rules governing their existences.

Title: Land to Light On

Author: Brand, Dionne

Description: Canadian poetry.