**The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian**
Sherman Alexie

Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white farm town school where the only other Indian is the school mascot.

**The Adventures of Captain Underpants: An Epic Novel**
Dav Pilkey
Series: *Captain Underpants*

When George and Harold hypnotize their principal into thinking that he is the superhero Captain Underpants, he leads them to the lair of the nefarious Dr. Diaper, where they must defeat his evil robot henchmen.

**The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn**
Mark Twain

Follow Huckleberry Finn’s adventures along the Mississippi River in this mid 19th century story about friendship and the social constructs of the time.

**Angus, Thongs, and Full Frontal Snogging**
Louise Rennison

Presents the humorous journal of a year in the life of a fourteen-year-old British girl who tries to reduce the size of her nose, stop her mad cat from terrorizing the neighborhood animals, and win the love of handsome hunk Robbie.

**The Art of Racing in the Rain: a novel**
Garth Stein

If you’ve ever wondered what your dog is thinking, Stein’s third novel offers an answer. Enzo is a lab terrier mix plucked from a farm outside Seattle to ride shotgun with race car driver Denny Swift as he pursues success on the track and off. Denny meets and marries Eve, has a daughter, Zoë, and risks his savings and his life to make it on the professional racing circuit. Enzo, frustrated by his inability to speak and his lack of opposable thumbs, watches Denny’s old racing videos, coins koan-like aphorisms that apply to both driving and life, and hopes for the day when his life as a dog will be over and he can be reborn a man.

**Beloved: a novel**
Toni Morrison

Set in post-Civil War Ohio, Beloved is the story of Sethe, an escaped slave who has risked death in order to free herself. She lost a husband and buried a child; she is a woman of “iron eyes and backbone to match.”

**The Bermudez Triangle: a novel**
Maureen Johnson

The friendship of three high school girls and their relationships with their friends and families are tested when two of them fall in love with each other.
Beyond Magenta: transgender teens speak out
Susan Kuklin
Call Number: 306.768 K96 2014

A groundbreaking work of LGBT literature takes an honest look at the life, love, and struggles of transgender teens. Author and photographer Susan Kuklin met and interviewed six transgender or gender-neutral young adults and used her considerable skills to represent them thoughtfully and respectfully before, during, and after their personal acknowledgment of gender preference. Portraits, family photographs, and candid images grace the pages, augmenting the emotional and physical journey each youth has taken. Each honest discussion and disclosure, whether joyful or heartbreaking, is completely different from the other because of family dynamics, living situations, gender, and the transition these teens make in recognition of their true selves.

Blood and Chocolate
Annette Curtis Klause

Having fallen for a human boy, a beautiful teenage werewolf must battle both her pack-mates and the fear of the townspeople to decide where she belongs and with whom.

The Bluest Eye
Toni Morrison

Pecola Breedlove, a young black girl, prays every day for beauty. Mocked by other children for the dark skin, curly hair, and brown eyes that set her apart, she yearns for normalcy, for the blond hair and blue eyes that she believes will allow her to finally fit in.

Brave New World
Aldous Huxley

A futuristic take on a "utopian" society in which humans are genetically bred and medicated to passively serve a ruling order.

The Catcher in the Rye
J.D. Salinger

17-year-old Holden Caufield, sick of all the phonies in his life, spends an eventful day wandering around New York City.

Chinese Handcuffs
Chris Crutcher

Still troubled by his older brother's violent suicide, eighteen-year-old Dillon becomes deeply involved in the terrible secret of his friend Jennifer, who feels she can tell no one what her stepfather is doing to her.

A Clockwork Orange
Anthony Burgess

Shocking, radical, and undeniably thought-provoking, A Clockwork Orange remains the most enduring novel by Anthony Burgess—a Fellow of Britain's Royal Society of Literature. With the tone of a nightmarish comedy, Burgess satirically envisions a warped future in which gangs of sadistic youths rule the streets after dark. Meet Alex, a 15-
**The Color Purple**  
Alice Walker

Celie is a poor black woman whose father rapes and abuses her. Her letters tell the story of 20 years of her life, beginning at age 14 and continuing over the course of her marriage to "Mister," a brutal man who terrorizes her.

**The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time**  
Mark Haddon

Despite his overwhelming fear of interacting with people, Christopher, a mathematically-gifted, autistic fifteen-year-old boy, decides to investigate the murder of a neighbor's dog and uncovers secret information about his mother.

**Crank**  
Ellen Hopkins

Kristina Georgia Snow is the perfect daughter, gifted high school junior, quiet, never any trouble. But on a trip to visit her absentee father, Kristina disappears and Bree takes her place. Bree is the exact opposite of Kristina. Through a boy, Bree meets the monster: crank. And what begins as a wild ecstatic ride turns into a struggle through hell for her mind, her soul - her life.

**Doing It**  
Melvin Burgess

Three teenage friends, Dino, Jonathon, and Ben, confront the confusions, fears, and joys of adolescent male sexuality.

**Drama**  
Raina Telgemeier  
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Callie rides an emotional roller coaster while serving on the stage crew for a middle school production of Moon over Mississippi as various relationships start and end, and others never quite get going.

**The Earth, My Butt, and Other Big, Round Things**  
Carolyn Mackler

Feeling like she does not fit in with the other members of her family, who are all thin, brilliant, and good-looking, fifteen-year-old Virginia tries to deal with her self-image, her first physical relationship, and her disillusionment with some of the people closest to her.

**Eleanor & Park**  
Rainbow Rowell

Set over the course of one school year in 1986, this is the story of two star-crossed misfits--smart enough to know that first love almost never lasts, but brave and desperate enough to try.
Ray Bradbury's *Fahrenheit 451* gives the reader a glimpse of a future American society in which reading is against the law and firemen start fires to burn books.

Two high school seniors believe their love to be so strong that it will last forever.

A memoir done in the form of a graphic novel by a cult favorite comic artist offers a darkly funny family portrait that details her relationship with her father--a funeral home director, high school English teacher, and closeted homosexual.

Given his lifetime assignment at the Ceremony of Twelve, Jonas becomes the receiver of memories shared by only one other in his community and discovers the terrible truth about the society in which he lives.

Describes the challenges faced by gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered teens, offers practical advice, real-life experiences, and accessible resources and support groups.

Based on the diary of a fifteen-year-old drug user chronicling her struggle to escape the pull of the drug world.

Accompanied by her daemon, Lyra Belacqua sets out to prevent her best friend and other kidnapped children from becoming the subject of gruesome experiments in the Far North.

Manga based on the Gossip girl novels written by Cecily von Ziegesar.
The Handmaid's Tale
Margaret Atwood

Offred is a Handmaid in the Republic of Gilead, a totalitarian and theocratic state that was once the United States of America. While Offred tells the story of her daily life, she often has flashbacks, from which we can reconstruct the events that lead to the end of the United States of America.

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone
J.K. Rowling
Series: Harry Potter

Rescued from the outrageous neglect of his aunt and uncle, a young boy with a great destiny proves his worth while attending Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

The Hunger Games
Suzanne Collins
Series: Hunger Games

In a future North America, where the rulers of Panem maintain control through an annual televised survival competition pitting young people from each of the twelve districts against one another, sixteen-year-old Katniss's skills are put to the test when she voluntarily takes her younger sister's place.

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings
Maya Angelou
Call Number: 305.896073 A584Za 1969

This memoir by Maya Angelou traces her childhood in a small, rural community during the 1930s.

Identical
Ellen Hopkins

Sixteen-year-old identical twin daughters of a district court judge and a candidate for the United States House of Representatives, Kaeleigh and Raeanne Gardella desperately struggle with secrets that have already torn them and their family apart.

Kingdom of Little Wounds
Susann Cokal

On the eve of Princess Sophia's wedding the Scandinavian city of Skyggehavn prepares to fete the occasion with a sumptuous display of riches. Yet beneath the veneer of celebration, a shiver of darkness creeps through the palace halls. A mysterious illness plagues the royal family, threatening the lives of the throne's heirs, and a courtier's wolfish hunger for the king's favors sets a devious plot in motion.

The Kite Runner
Khaled Hosseini

Amir is the son of a wealthy man, but his best friend is Hassan, the son of one of his father's servants. His father encourages the friendship and dotes on Hassan, who worships the ground Amir walks on. Amir is envious of Hassan and not nearly as loyal to Hassan, One day, when he comes across a group of local bullies raping Hassan, he does nothing.
Looking for Alaska: a novel
John Green

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.

Lord of the Flies
William Golding

*Lord of the Flies* is a gripping adventure tale about a group of British schoolboys marooned on a tropical island. Alone in a world of uncharted possibilities, devoid of adult supervision or rules, the boys attempt to forge their own society, failing, however, in the face of terror, sin, and evil.

The Miseducation of Cameron Post
Emily Danforth

In the early 1990s, when gay teenager Cameron Post rebels against her conservative Montana ranch town and her family decides she needs to change her ways, she is sent to a gay conversion therapy center.

Of Mice and Men
John Steinbeck

*Of Mice and Men* tells the tragic story of two displaced migrant ranch workers, George Milton and Lennie Small, during the Great Depression in California.

Perks of Being a Wallflower
Stephen Chbosky

"Dear friend, I am writing to you because she said you listen and understand." In his letters to a never-identified person, 15-year-old Charlie's freshman high-school year and coming-of-age ring fresh and true.

Persepolis
Marjane Satrapi
Call Number: 741.5944 S253ZspE 2003

A graphic novel about one girl's journey growing up in Iran.

Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark
Alvin Schwartz
Call Number: 398.25 S399s 1981

Stories of ghosts and witches, "jump" stories, scary songs, and modern-day scary stories.

Speak
Laurie Halse Anderson

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

The memoir of Jaycee Dugard who was kidnapped on June 10, 1991, when she was 11 years old, and was missing for over 18 years before her reappearance in 2009.

**Thirteen Reasons Why**
Jay Asher

When high school student Clay Jenkins receives a box in the mail containing thirteen cassette tapes recorded by his classmate Hannah, who committed suicide, he spends a bewildering and heartbreaking night crisscrossing their town, listening to Hannah's voice recounting the events leading up to her death.

**To Kill A Mockingbird**
Harper Lee

A young girl growing up in an Alabama town in the 1930s learns of injustice and violence when her father, a widowed lawyer, defends a black man falsely accused of rape.

**ttyl**
Lauren Myracle

Chronicles, in "instant message" format, the day-to-day experiences, feelings, and plans of three friends, Zoe, Maddie, and Angela, as they begin tenth grade.

**Twilight**
Stephnie Meyer
Series: *The Twilight Saga*

When seventeen-year-old Bella leaves Phoenix to live with her father in Forks, Washington, she meets an exquisitely handsome boy at school for whom she feels an overwhelming attraction and who she comes to realize is not wholly human.

**Two Boys Kissing**
David Levithan

The title of this book refers to a Guinness World Record attempt at the longest kiss by two boys. This is the basic plot of the novel, but the real stories are those of several teens whose lives intersect as the main event plays out in small-town America. The ghost narrator is a collective “we” – a generation of gay men ravaged by AIDS – who are watching the individual dramas unfold with both sadness and hope. This is a story about love – falling in love, falling out of love, not finding love anywhere, being afraid of love, and being thankful for love. Anyone who has ever opened their hearts in the hope that their infatuation will be mutual and real will find truth in these pages. Levithan works some of the same magic he did in his novel “Every Day” by reminding us that we all crave love and acceptance, no matter what our outer wrapping might be.
**Whale Talk**  
Chris Crutcher

Intellectually and athletically gifted, TJ, a multiracial, adopted teenager, shuns organized sports and the gung-ho athletes at his high school until he agrees to form a swimming team and recruits some of the school's less popular students.

**What My Mother Doesn't Know**  
Sonya Sones

Sophie describes her relationships with a series of boys as she searches for Mr. Right.

**The Working Poor: Invisible in America**  
David K. Shipler  
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A damning report on poverty in America. In *The Mystery of Capital* (2000), economist Hernando de Soto wondered why the Third World's poor lack the fungible assets that their American counterparts hold—assets that keep them from being, well, so poor. Pulitzer Prize–winning journalist Shipler (*A Country of Strangers*, 1997) reveals that this may be illusory: for many of the men and women he portrays here, any property of worth has been mortgaged and remortgaged, and when it is sold, often in a hurry and for less than it's worth, any proceeds go to paying down the mountains of debt that the poor accumulate. These American poor—natives and immigrants alike—"suffer in good times and bad," writes Shipler. They are sometimes the victims of addiction, ignorance, and bad choices; in most instances, however, the working poor are single mothers and single wage-earners with several children and few options.

**A Wrinkle in Time**  
Madeleine L'Engle

Meg Murry and her friends become involved with unearthly strangers and a search for Meg's father, who has disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government.