

Pritzker Traubert Family High School Library
Summer 2023 Reading List

FICTION



***Abiké-Íyímídé, Faridah. Ace of Spades, 2021.**

Devon and Chiamaka, two Black students at an elite prep school, compete for valedictorian until anonymous texts reveal their darkest secrets, forcing the pair to fight back, as the cyberbully's game soon turns deadly. Feels like a horror book without the supernatural.



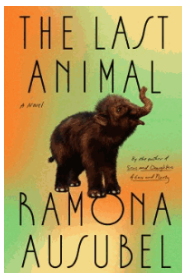
Albertalli, Becky. Imogen, Obviously, 2023.

Pretending to be her queer best friend Lili's former girlfriend, heterosexual Imogen Scott spends a lot of time with Lili's friend Tessa and starts to wonder if her truth was ever all that straight to begin with.



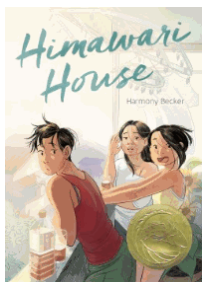
Aoki, Ryka. Light From Uncommon Stars, 2021.

Shizuka Satomi made a deal with the devil: to escape damnation, she must entice seven other violin prodigies to trade their souls for success. She has already delivered six. When Katrina Nguyen, a young transgender runaway, catches Shizuka's ear with her wild talent, Shizuka can almost feel the curse lifting. A story of magic, identity, curses, and hope begins.



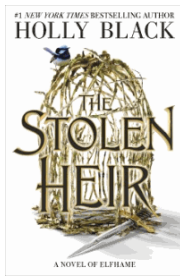
Ausubel, Ramona. The Last Animal, 2023.

Jane is a serious scientist on the cutting-edge team of a bold project looking to "de-extinct" the woolly mammoth. She's privileged to have been sent to Siberia to hunt for ancient DNA, but there's a catch: Jane's two "tagalong" teen daughters Eve and Vera are there with her in the Arctic, and they're bored enough to cause trouble. When Eve and Vera stumble upon a 4,000-year-old baby mammoth that has been perfectly preserved, their discovery sets off a chain of events that pit Jane against her colleagues, and soon her status at the lab is tenuous at best.



Becker, Harmony. Himawari House, 2021. (Graphic novel)

When Nao returns to Tokyo to reconnect with her Japanese heritage, she books a yearlong stay at the Himawari sharehouse. There she meets Hyejung and Tina, two other girls who came to Japan to freely forge their own paths. The trio live together, share meals, and attend the same Japanese-language school, which results in them becoming fast friends. But will they be able to hold one another up as life tests them with new loves, old heart breaks, and the everyday challenges of being fish out of water?



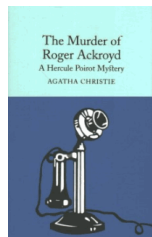
Black, Holly. The Stolen Heir: A Novel of Elfhame, 2023.

The latest installment in The Folk of the Air series starts eight years after the Battle of the Serpent. In the icy north, Lady Nore of the Court of Teeth has reclaimed the Ice Needle Cathedral. She has produced a monster of stick and snow who will do her bidding-- and exact her revenge. Suren, child queen of the Court of Teeth, fled to the human world and lives in the woods. When she is chased through the streets by the hag Bogdana, Suren is saved by Prince Oak, the heir to Elfhame-- and the boy she was once promised to in marriage.



Boulley, Angeline. Warrior Girl Unearthed, 2023.

With the rising number of missing Indigenous women, her family's involvement in a murder investigation, and grave robbers profiting off her Anishinaabe tribe, Perry takes matters into her own hands to solve the mystery and reclaim her people's inheritance.



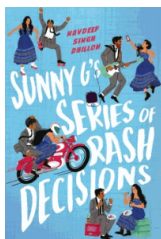
Christie, Agatha. The Murder of Roger Ackroyd, 2023, 1926.

A murder in a small English village leads Hercule Poirot into a strange mystery involving a determined, curious spinster, the local doctor, and a wide range of suspects with possible motives and mysterious relationships.



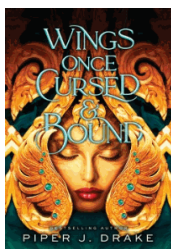
Cotugno, Katie. Liar's Beach, 2023.

When a suspicious accident occurs while staying at his roommate's massive beachfront home at the end of the summer, Linden teams up with his childhood friend, Holiday Proctor, who is convinced there's a potential killer on Martha's Vineyard, to find the truth.



Dhillon, Navdeep Singh. Sunny G's Series of Rash Decisions, 2023.

When Mindi Vang steals the notebook that once belonged to his brother, and that he has filled with rash decisions on prom night, Sunny Gill, who doesn't look like a Sikh anymore, chases after her and has an unexpected all-night adventure filled with reckless, wonderful, romantic, stupid, life-changing decisions.



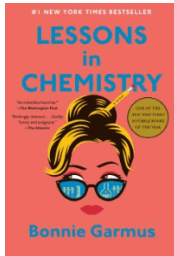
Drake, Piper J. Wings Once Cursed and Bound, 2023.

Bennet Andrews represents a secret organization of supernatural beings dedicated to locating and acquiring mythical objects, tucking them safely away where they cannot harm the human race. When he meets Peeraphan Rahtana, a dedicated dancer, it's too late. She has already stepped into The Red Shoes, trapped by their curse to dance to her death. But, she also learns she's a legendary Thai bird princess and is determined to maintain her freedom.



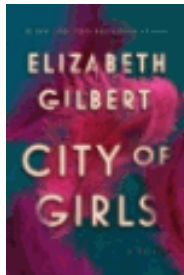
Foley, Lucy. The Paris Apartment, 2022.

Broke and alone, Jess needs a fresh start and leaves her job under less than ideal circumstances. Her half-brother Ben didn't sound thrilled when she asked if she could crash with him, but he didn't say no, and surely everything will look better from Paris. Only when she shows up, he's not there. The longer Ben stays missing, the more Jess starts to dig into her brother's situation, and the more questions she has.



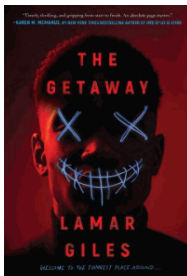
Garmus, Bonnie. Lessons in Chemistry, 2022.

In the early 1960s, chemist and single mother Elizabeth Zott, the reluctant star of America's most beloved cooking show due to her revolutionary skills in the kitchen, uses this opportunity to dare women to change the status quo.



Gilbert, Elizabeth. City of Girls, 2019.

In 1940, nineteen-year-old Vivian Morris has just been kicked out of Vassar College, owing to her lackluster freshman-year performance. Her affluent parents send her to Manhattan to live with her Aunt Peg, who owns a flamboyant, crumbling midtown theater. There Vivian is introduced to an entire cosmos of unconventional and charismatic characters. But when Vivian makes a personal mistake that results in professional scandal, it turns her new world upside down in ways that it will take her years to fully understand.



Giles, Lamar. The Getaway, 2022.

Jay discovers that the mountain resort where he lives and works with his friends and family is also a doomsday oasis for the rich and powerful who expect top-notch customer service even as the world outside the resort's walls disintegrates.



Glass, Ava. Alias Emma, 2022.

In this breakneck, race-against-the-clock thriller, a brand-new secret agent, Emma Makepeace, is tasked with having only 12 hours to bring the son of Russian dissidents into protective custody while avoiding the assassins looking for him in London, one of the world's most-surveilled cities.



Goo, Maurene. Throwback, 2022.

Sent back to the '90s where she finds herself in high school with her 17-year-old mother, Samantha Kang finds the right romance at the wrong time while trying to fit into an analog world and make things right with her mom.



Haynes, Natalie. Stone Blind, 2022.

Classicist and comedian Natalie Haynes turns our understanding of the legendary myth of Medusa on its head, bringing empathy and nuance to one of the earliest stories in which a woman—injured by a powerful man—is blamed, punished, and monstered for the assault.



Hibbert, Talia. Highly Suspicious and Unfairly Cute, 2023.

To win the grand prize at the end of their survival course, ex-best friends Claire and Bradley trudge through mud, dirt and their messy past to find the adventure bringing them closer together, sparking a whole new kind of relationship.



Irwin, Sophie. A Lady's Guide to Fortune-Hunting, 2022.

Kitty Talbot needs a fortune. Or rather, she needs a husband who has a fortune. Left with her father's massive debts, she has only twelve weeks to save her family from ruin. She has never been one to back down from a challenge, so she leaves home and heads toward the most dangerous battleground in all of England: the London season.



***Jackson, Tiffany D. The Weight of Blood, 2022.**

An outcast at her small-town Georgia high school, Madison has always been teased. Then a surprise rainstorm reveals her most closely kept secret: Maddy is biracial. After a viral bullying video pulls back the curtain on Springville High's racist roots, student leaders come up with a plan to change their image: host the school's first integrated prom as a show of unity. The popular white class president convinces her Black superstar quarterback boyfriend to ask Maddy to be his date, leaving Maddy wondering if it's possible to have a normal life. But some of her classmates aren't done with her just yet. And what they don't know is that Maddy still has another secret...one that will cost them all their lives.



Jordan, Robert. The Eye of the World, 2020.

In the Third Age, the bestial Trollocs hunt the villagers, and the Dark One, imprisoned by the Creator at the moment of creation, is now stirring in Shayol Ghul. The first book in *The Wheel of Time* series.



Kuang, R. F. Yellowface, 2023.

After the death of her literary rival in a freak accident, author June Hayward steals her just-finished masterpiece, sending it to her agent as her own work, but as emerging evidence threatens her success, she discovers how far she'll go to keep what she thinks she deserves.



Lee, Deborah. In Limbo, 2023. (Graphic novel)

Set between New Jersey and Seoul, this coming-of-age story follows the author as she returns to South Korea. Caught in limbo, with nowhere safe to go, Deb finds her mental health plummeting, resulting in a suicide attempt. With resilience, she slowly heals with the help of art and self-care, guiding her to a deeper understanding of her heritage and herself.



Lee, Emery. Café con Lychee, 2022.

Theo Mori and Gabriel Moreno have always been at odds. Their parents own rival businesses – an Asian American café and a Puerto Rican bakery. Stuck in the closet and scared to pursue his own dreams, Gabi sees his parents' shop as his future. Under the weight of his parents' expectations, Theo's best shot at leaving Vermont means ensuring his parents' livelihood is secure. So when a new fusion café threatens both shops, Theo and Gabi realize they can only achieve their goals by working together to win back their customers.



Lin, Judy I. Magic Steeped in Poison, 2022.

Ning enters a cutthroat magical competition to find the kingdom's greatest master of the art of brewing tea, but political schemes and secrets make her goal of gaining access to royal physicians to cure her dying sister far more dangerous than she imagined.



Lu, Marie. Stars and Smoke, 2023.

When nineteen-year-old international pop sensation Winter Young is recruited by a covert organization to take down a criminal tycoon, he is paired with Sydney Cossette, a fierce and unpredictable secret agent, but suspicions soon turn to sparks as the two are drawn into a tangled web of secrets and deception.



Ma, Ling. Severance, 2018.

A survivor of an apocalyptic plague maintains a blog about a decimated Manhattan before joining a motley group of survivors to search for a place to rebuild, a goal that is complicated by an unscrupulous group leader.



McBride, Amber. Me (Moth), 2021.

In this novel in verse, Moth, who lost her family in an accident, and Sani, who is battling ongoing depression, take a road trip that has them chasing ghosts and searching for ancestors, and helps them move forward in surprising, powerful, and unforgettable ways.



McCullough, Joy. Enter the Body, 2023.

In the room beneath a theater stage, the ghosts of Juliet, Ophelia, Cordelia, and other teenage girls who died tragically in Shakespeare's plays, share their experiences and trauma and get the chance to retell the stories of their lives in their own terms.



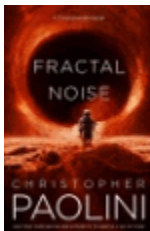
McLemore, Anna-Marie. Self-made Boys: A Great Gatsby Re-mix, 2022.

Three teens chase their own version of the American Dream during the Roaring 20s in this YA remix of The Great Gatsby.



Muniz, Deya. The Princess and the Grilled Cheese Sandwich, 2023. (Graphic novel)

Cam disguises herself as a man to inherit her father's money and estate, and though she tries to keep a low profile, she ends up falling for Crown Princess Brie.



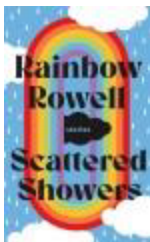
Paolini, Christopher. Fractal Noise, 2023.

On the seemingly uninhabited planet Talos VII, there is a circular pit, not of nature but design, and a small team must journey across the surface to learn who built it and why. They all carry the burdens of lives carved out on disparate colonies in the cruel cold of space. For some the mission is the dream of the lifetime, for others a risk not worth taking, and for one it is a desperate attempt to find meaning in an uncaring universe.



Reintgen, Scott. A Door in the Dark, 2023.

Six teenage wizards are plunked in the wilderness after a malfunctioning spell and one of them is dead on arrival. Ren Monroe, with the most promising skills, is selected and sent to guide the remaining wizards through the punishing wilderness with limited magical resources, stumbling upon tangled secrets while being stalked by something in the dark woods.



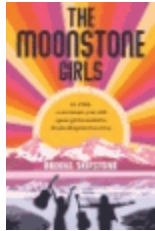
Rowell, Rainbow. Scattered Showers. 2022.

Rowell's first short story collection features nine stories about love and life. It is a feast of irresistible characters featuring best friends, princes, trolls, imaginary boys, Simon Snow, hilarious dialogue, and masterful storytelling.



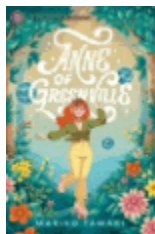
Rowser, Jamila. Wash Day Diaries, 2022. (Graphic novel)

A graphic novel love letter to the beauty and resilience of four Black women who are best friends, their hair, and friendships.



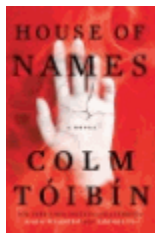
Skipstone, Brooke. The Moonstone Girls, 2021.

Tracy should have been a boy. Even her older brother Spencer says so, though he wouldn't finish the thought with, "And I should have been a girl." Though both feel awkward in their own skin, they have to face who they are—queers in the late 60s. When both are caught with gay partners, their lives and futures are endangered by their homophobic father as their mother struggles to defend them.



Tamaki, Mariko. Anne of Greenville, 2022.

In this contemporary retelling of Anne of Green Gables, Anne Shirley, a queer, half-Japanese disco superfan, moves to a town that seems too small for her big personality and where she becomes embroiled in a series of dramatic and unfortunate events.



Tóibín, Colm. House of Names, 2017.

This is a riveting retelling of the Greek myth of Agamemnon, Clytemnestra and their children. Since her husband King Agamemnon left ancient Mycenae to sail with his army for Troy, Clytemnestra rules along with her lover Aegisthus. Together they plot the bloody murder of Agamemnon on the day of his return. Full of vengeance and complicated family ties, the story sadly, but beautifully, demonstrates that violence begets violence.



Tran, Trang Thanh. She is a Haunting, 2023.

Seventeen-year-old bisexual Jade Nguyn is spending the summer in Vietnam at the French colonial house her estranged father is fixing up as a vacation rental, but unbeknownst to her family, the house and its ghosts have other plans.



Wein, Elizabeth. Stateless, 2023.

Stella North is one of twelve young pilots competing in a 1937 air race meant to promote peace in Europe, but when one of her competitors is sabotaged, Stella races to determine who is capable of murder, and who might be the next victim.

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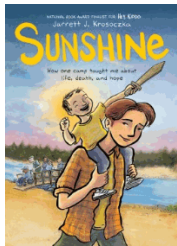
Borzutzky, Daniel. Lake Michigan, 2018.

This series of 19 lyric poems imagines a prison camp located on the beaches of Chicago that is privatized, racially segregated, and overrun by a brutal police force. Thinking about the ways in which economic policy, racism, and militarized policing combine to shape the city, these poems explore the themes of estrangement, state violence and capitalist exploitation, and take a hard look at neoliberal urbanism in the historic city of Chicago.



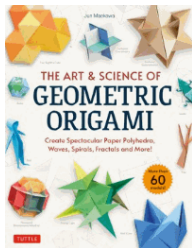
Grande, Reyna and Sonia Guiñansaca, eds. Somewhere We are Human : Authentic Voices on Migration, Survival, and New Beginnings, 2022.

Seeking to shift the immigration debate to humanity and justice, this groundbreaking collection of essays, poetry and art from migrants, refugees and Dreamers – including award-winning writers, artists and activists – reveal what it is like living undocumented today.



Krosoczka, Jarrett J. Sunshine: How One Camp Taught Me about Life, Death, and Hope, 2023. (Graphic novel)

The author shares his extraordinary experiences as a counselor at Camp Sunshine, a camp for seriously ill kids and their families, where he met campers and fellow counselors who forever changed the course of his life.



Maekawa, Jun and Andrew Dewar, translator. The Art & Science of Geometric Origami: Create Spectacular Paper Polyhedra, Waves, Spirals, Fractals and More!, 2022.

Master origami folder and author Maekawa is known for developing innovative new methods of folding origami based on fundamental mathematical principles. In this book, he shows you how to fold over 60 different geometric shapes through clear, easy-to-follow instructions and photos.



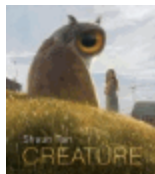
McCurdy, Jennette. I'm Glad My Mom Died, 2022.

A heartbreaking and hilarious memoir by iCarly and Sam & Cat star Jennette McCurdy about her struggles as a former child actor - including eating disorders, addiction, and a complicated relationship with her overbearing mother - and how she retook control of her life.



Sehee, Baek and Anton Hur, translator. I Want to Die But I Want to Eat Tteokbokki, 2018.

The memoir of a successful young South Korean social media director at a publishing house chronicles her ten years of psychiatric treatment for depression and how she fought back against the harmful behaviors that kept her locked in a cycle of self-abuse. Translated from Korean.



Tan, Shaun. Creature: Paintings, Drawings, and Reflections, 2022.

Drawing upon 25 years as a picture book and comics creator, painter, and filmmaker, this visionary artist's collection of doodles and paintings offers an entertaining insight into the endless allure of imaginary, non-human beings and what they might tell us about our so-called "normal" selves.



Thorogood, Zoe. It's Lonely at the Centre of the Earth: An Auto-bio-graphic-novel, 2022.
(Graphic novel)

Cartoonist Zoe Thorogood records 6 months of her own life as it falls apart in a desperate attempt to put it back together again in the only way she knows how. This is an intimate and metanarrative look into the life of a selfish artist who must create for her own survival.



Williams, Florence. The Nature Fix : Why Nature Makes Us Happier, Healthier, and More Creative, 2018.

An investigation into the restorative benefits of nature draws on cutting-edge research and the author's explorations with international nature therapy programs to examine the relationship between nature and human cognition, mood, and creativity.