

Arapahoe High School Library – New Books

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General Fiction



Best Friends Forever by Jennifer Weiner

Fic Weiner

Addie Downs and Valerie Adler were close until a betrayal during their teen years drove them apart; but twenty years later, a terrified Val shows up on Addie's doorstep wearing a bloody coat, pushing them both into a wild adventure where they must rely on one another again.



Carter Finally Gets It by Brent Crawford

Fic Crawford

Freshman year for Will Carter is far from normal as he struggles to find his place in the world and a little bit of romance in the process while dealing with ADD, a stuttering problem, and constant battles with a bully who just won't back off.



Chasing Boys by Karen Tayleur

Fic Tayleur

When her father takes off and the family has to start life all over in a new town, El Marini goes to her new school with every intention of fitting in, but as she tries to transform herself into the girl she thinks her new crush, Eric Callahan, wants, she loses herself in the process until an artistic boy, Dylan, helps her see the error of her ways.



Earthgirl by Jennifer Cowan

Fic Cowan

Sabine Solomon undergoes a transformation when she joins the environmental movement and becomes involved with activist Vray Foret, but when his activities involve something that is potentially illegal, she begins to question her identity and values.



Funny How Things Change by Melissa Wyatt

Fic Wyatt

Remy, a talented, seventeen-year-old auto mechanic, questions his decision to join his girlfriend when she starts college in Pennsylvania after a visiting artist helps him to realize what his family's home in a dying West Virginia mountain town means to him.

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I Can See Clearly Now by Brendan Halpin

Fic Halpin

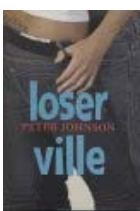
It's 1972 and Levon, Peter, Sarah and Julie, a group of idealistic young musicians, are holed up in the basement of ATN studios in New York City, attempting to write educational jingles for a Saturday morning children's program called "Pop Goes the Classroom." The group is led, albeit astray, by Pamela Sanchez, a brown-rice-and-millet-eating, aura-reading semi-famous folk singer. At first it feels like a dream job: no regular working hours, free food stolen from the employee cafeteria, a warm place to crash, etc. The gang is briefly blissed out, but the freewheeling atmosphere can't survive the office politics, crash-and-burn relationships and selfish manipulations that run rampant in the hazy basement studios.



Looking After Pigeon by Maud Carol Markson

Fic Markson

The narrator of this novel, seemingly set in the early 1970s, is five-year-old Pigeon. She observes her family's changes during the summer after her parents' separation and during which her 16-year-old sister becomes pregnant. Pigeon is bright and remarkably self-sufficient, and as she describes her mother's child-rearing methods, her self-reliance is credible enough to make the story compelling.



Loserville by Peter Johnson

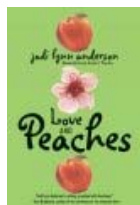
Fic Johnson

After their sophomore year of high school, Lucas and four of his friends experience a summer filled with laughter, love, tears, and loss, including the devastating aftermath of Derek's appearance on a reality television show.

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Love and Peaches by Jodi Lynn Anderson

Fic Anderson

In this conclusion to the series that began in *Peaches*, the author delights once again with more friendship, love, and, of course, peaches. After their freshman year at different universities, Birdie, Leeda, and Murphy return to Bridgewater, Georgia, for one last summer at the peach orchard where they became best friends, and where they now face secrets, doubts, and new responsibilities.



Map of the Known World by Lisa Ann Sandell

Fic Sandell

Keeping herself isolated from everyone as a way to cope with the loss of her brother, Cora finds solace in drawing detailed maps of exotic places far away, but when she falls for her brother's friend Nate, she discovers a secret about her brother that finally allows her heart to begin to heal.



A Mighty Wall by John Foley

Fic Foley

Seventeen-year-old Jordan, a skilled, self-confident rock climber, plans to turn his favorite sport into a lifelong career until an ascent near the small town of Vantage, Washington, turns deadly.



Ransom My Heart by Princess Mia Thermopolis, With Help and an Introduction by Meg Cabot

Fic Cabot

The gimmick to accompany the conclusion of the Princess Diaries is this historical romance written by series heroine Princess Mia Thermopolis (“with help from” Cabot, who is donating all proceeds to Greenpeace).

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Rough & Tumble by Mark Bavaro

Fic Bavaro

A tale by a forefront NFL tight end, inspired by *North Dallas Forty*, follows the story of Giants player Dominic Fucillo, a deeply religious athlete who struggles with rage, a complicated love life, and devastating injuries that give way to scandal when he is nearly beaten to death for his unethical nightlife.



Secret Life of Prince Charming by Deb Caletti

Fic Caletti

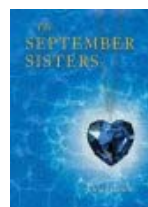
After getting dumped and experiencing a heartbreaking fate much like the other women in her life, Quinn becomes enraged when she discovers the shady dealings of her womanizing father and so sets out on a mission to right her father's wrong with the help of a step-sister she met for the first time in her life.



Secrets of Peaches by Jodi Lynn Anderson

Fic Anderson

Follows three southern girls--Murphy, Leeda, and Birdie--as they prepare to leave the Darlington Peach Orchard, vowing to remain friends as they go their separate ways. Sequel to *Peaches*.



September Sisters by Jillian Cantor

Fic Cantor

Feeling tremendous guilt and loss when her sister is kidnapped, Abigail struggles to come to terms with the bad relationship they had and the devastating impact this event is having on the family she loves.



Sophomore Switch by Abigail McDonald

Fic McDonald

Both Tasha, a California beach babe who prefers fun in the sun to studying in the library, and Emily, her British polar opposite, are forced out of their comfort zones in this amusing story of a student exchange gone wrong. The only thing that these girls have in common is that they are both trying to escape something.

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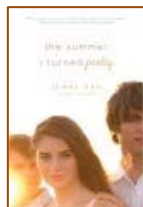
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Surf Mules by G. Neri

Fic Neri

When his best friend dies in a surfing accident and his father bankrupts the family, Logan turns to hauling illegal drugs across country to make money and save up for college, but when his partner's mistakes impact their safety and they are suddenly trailed by a sinister stranger, Logan knows he must find a way out of the dangerous situation before it's too late.



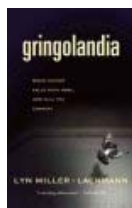
Summer I Turned Pretty by Jenny Han

Fic Han

Belly has always loved summers at the beach house with her mother's friend Susannah and Susannah's sons Jeremiah and Conrad. For years, the boys have seen Belly as a little girl, but the summer she turns sixteen marks a new beginning, with everyone noticing Belly's blossoming prettiness. In this breezy summer romance, Belly is a believable character—childish at times, empathetic, and effervescent.

—*Horn Book*

With a Hispanic connection



Gringolandia by Lyn Miller-Lachmann

Fic Miller-Lachmann

Opens in 1980 in Santiago, Chile, as young Daniel witnesses the violent arrest of his activist father by Pinochet's secret police. Five years later, Marcelo is released from prison and reunited with his wife and children in Madison, WI (derisively called "Gringolandia"). Years of torture have taken a terrible physical and emotional toll on him. Unable to reconnect with his family, he begins plotting his return to Chile even as he succumbs to alcoholism. Daniel, now 17, struggles to balance his volatile home situation with high school; his girlfriend, Courtney; and hopes of U.S. citizenship.

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Historical Fiction



Escape by Sea by L. S. Lawrence

Fic Lawrence

When the Romans attack her city, killing her brother and forcing her and her father to run for their lives, Sara, settling in to life aboard a trade ship, must rely on her own wits to survive when her father dies.



Lacuna by Barbara Kingsolver

Fic Kingsolver

Harrison William Shepherd, a highly observant writer, is caught between two worlds –in Mexico, working for communists Diego Rivera, Frida Kahlo and Leon Trotsky, and later in America, where he is caught up in the patriotism of World War II– in a gripping story about identity and the power of words.

Mystery/Suspense



Marine One by James Huston

Fic Huston

After the president is killed when his official helicopter crashes on its way to a mysterious meeting in Camp David, Marine Corps reserve pilot and trial attorney Mike Nolan begins an investigation to discover the cause of the crash.



Trust No One by Gregg Hurwitz

Fic Hurwitz

Late one night, the Secret Service snatches 36-year-old Nick Horrigan, who's led a quiet life since making a fatal mistake in his teens, and whisks him to the San Onofre, California nuclear plant. There a terrorist threatens to set off a bomb unless he can talk to Nick, who hasn't got the slightest idea why he's been summoned. After the terrorist gets his head blown off, Nick realizes this and subsequent events are connected to the death years earlier of his Secret Service agent stepfather. Working with his homeless pal, Homer, and his computer whiz ex-girlfriend, Induma, Nick pieces together a string of clues that point to a paternity case against either the U.S. president, Andrew Bilton, or Sen. Jasper Caruthers, Bilton's opponent in an upcoming election.

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Science Fiction/Fantasy



After the Downfall by Harry Turtledove

Fic Turtledove

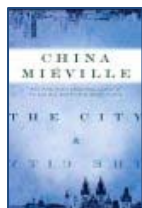
In an alternate history novel, Russian troops invade 1945 Berlin where German officer Hasso Pemsel is thrown into another universe filled with wizards, dragons, unicorns, and the Lenelli people, to whom he teaches warfare tactics.



Blue Moon by Alyson Noel

Fic Noel

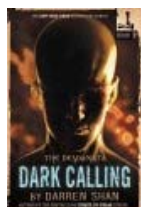
Eager to learn everything she can about her new abilities as an Immortal, Ever turns to her beloved Damen to show her the way, but just as her powers are increasing, his are in decline, and as she searches for a way to save him, she finds herself with a wrenching choice to make. Book 2 of the Immortals series.



City & the City by China Mieville

Fic Mieville

A blend of near-future science fiction and police procedural, this novel is a successful example of the hybrid genre so popular of late. In a contemporary time period, two fantastical cities somewhere between Europe and Asia exist, not adjacent to one another, but literally occupying the same area. Forbidden to acknowledge the existence of one another, residents in both cities have honed the ability to "unsee" people, places, and events existing in the other realm. This ticklish balance ruptures when Inspector Tyador Borlú of the Extreme Crime Squad must investigate the murder of a foreign archaeological student.



Dark Calling by Darren Shan

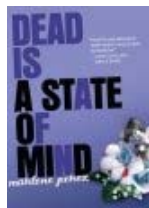
Fic Shan

Certain that something has gone seriously awry in the world around him, Kernel Fleck has to find a way to make the Disciples aware of the situation before the evil forces silence him forever. The latest in the Demonata series.

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Science Fiction/Fantasy continued...



Dead Is a State of Mind by Marlene Perez

Fic Perez

When a gorgeous new student's prediction that a teacher will be murdered comes true, Daisy is determined to solve the crime, but when all signs point to the killer being a werewolf, she fears that she is in over her head. Sequel to *Dead Is the New Black*.



Dead Is So Last Year by Marlene Perez

Fic Perez

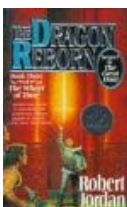
Strange events, sightings of long lost relatives, and major physical transformations of all the boys in town make one sleepy summer in Nightshade anything but dull as the Giordano sisters delve into the mysteries to uncover dark secrets impacting the lives of the people they know and love. Follow-up to *Dead Is the New Black* and *Dead Is a State of Mind*.



Dragon in Chains by Daniel Fox

Fic Fox

Escaping to the island of Taishu after being deposed by a usurper, young Chien, the rightful emperor, finds a magical piece of jade that imbues him with superhuman abilities, while a ruthless pirate slaughters a community of monks, and a boy slave must keep a great dragon imprisoned beneath the waters that separate Taishu from the mainland.



Dragon Reborn by Robert Jordan

Fic Jordan

Able to touch the One Power, but powerless to control it, Rand Al'Thor, the Dragon Reborn, must face the Dark One in a battle to the death. Book 3 of the Wheel of Time series.



Eternal by Cynthia Leitich Smith

Fic Smith

When Miranda's guardian angel Zachary recklessly saves her from falling into an open grave and dying, the result is that she turns into a vampire and he is left to try to reinstate his reputation by finally doing the right thing.

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Eye of the World by Robert Jordan

Fic Jordan

Relates a tale of the bestial Trollocs, the witch Moiraine, and three boys, one of whom is fated to become the Dragon--the World's only hope and the sure means of its destruction. Book 1 of the Wheel of Time series.



Gathering Storm by Robert Jordan and Brandon Sanderson

Fic Jordan

A first installment in a new arc in the Wheel of Time series follows the efforts of Dragon Reborn Rand al'Thor to unite a fractured network of kingdoms and alliances to prepare for battle against the Shadow, in a book planned by the late best-selling author before his death. Book 12 in the series.



Here Lies Arthur by Philip Reeve

Fic Reeve

When her village is attacked and burned, Gwyna seeks protection from the bard Myrddin, who uses Gwyna in his plan to transform young Arthur into the heroic King Arthur.



Need by Carrie Jones

Fic Jones

When her family falls apart and she is sent to live with her grandmother in a rural town in Maine, Zara begins to feel as though she may be able to start life anew--until a stalking pixie with bad intentions makes himself known and causes chaos in her emotionally fragile world.



Shadowland by Alyson Noel

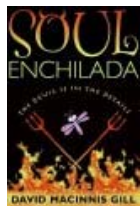
Fic Noel

In the third installment of The Immortals series, Ever's beloved Damen has been poisoned--to break the curse, she travels to Summerland in search of an antidote, immersing herself in magic and receiving help from a new friend; but instead of finding the cure, they find something far more sinister. Book 3 of the Immortals series.

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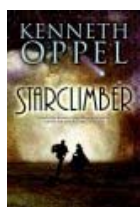
Science Fiction/Fantasy continued...



Soul Enchilada by David Gill

Fic Gill

When, after a demon appears to repossess her car, she discovers that both the car and her soul were given as collateral in a deal made with the Devil by her irascible grandfather, eighteen-year-old Bug Smoot, given two-days' grace, tries to find ways to outsmart the Devil and his minions.



Starclimber by Kenneth Oppel

Fic Oppel

In this sequel to *Airborn* and *Skybreaker*, Matt and Kate face great dangers on their first expedition to outer space when a cast of strange and unsettling creatures surrounds their vessel and major mechanical problems leave them stranded in hostile territory.



Tempted by P. C. Cast and Kristin Cast

Fic Cast

A latest entry in the House of Night series that includes *Hunted* and *Chosen* finds High Priestess-in-training Zoey Redbird juggling three prospective love interests while investigating a dark force lurking beneath the Tulsa Depot that is forcing her into a confrontation with Kalona.



Way of Shadows by Brent Weeks

Fic Weeks

Determined to escape the Warrens, Azoth seeks out Durzo Blint, the city's most ruthless assassin, to persuade him to take him on as an apprentice and to teach him the deadly Way of Shadows, in the first volume in a new Night Angel fantasy trilogy.



Wings by Aprilynne Pike

Fic Pike

When a plant blooms out of fifteen-year-old Laurel's back, it leads her to discover the fact that she is a faerie and that she has a crucial role to play in keeping the world safe from the encroaching enemy trolls.

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Wondrous Strange by Lesley Livingston

Fic Livingston

Seventeen-year-old Kelley discovers her secret heritage after meeting Sonny, a guard of the gate that separates the fairy world from the mortal one, while a war band of fairies plan to force their way through the gate on Halloween night.

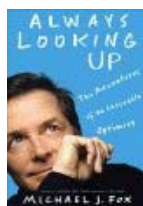


Zombie Blondes by Brian James

Fic James

Noticing a strange quality amongst the most popular clique in school, Hannah eagerly considers doing anything to fit in, but when her friend Lukas warns her about the dead-eyed cheerleaders, Hannah has to move with caution or end up being blonde, beautiful, and dead like the rest of them.

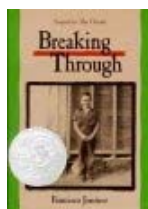
Biography



Always Looking Up: The Adventures of an Incurable Optimist by Michael Fox

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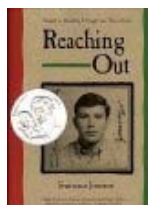
The popular film and television actor evaluates the personal philosophy that has enabled his positive outlook in spite of his battle with degenerative Parkinson's disease, and discusses how he has become a happier person by recognizing the gifts of everyday life.



Breaking Through by Francisco Jimenez

921 Jimenez

This sequel to *The Circuit* completes the telling of the young life of Francisco Jimenez, a young Mexican immigrant who worked, struggled, and sacrificed with his large family to stay alive and stay together in their new homeland.



Reaching Out by Francisco Jimenez

921 Jimenez

In a sequel to the award-winning *Breaking Through*, the author describes the many challenges he faced during his quest to continue his education, including poverty, family turmoil, guilt, and self-doubt, and become an academic success.

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Biography continued...



Unforgiving Minute: A Soldier's Education by Craig Mullaney

921 Mullaney

A West Point graduate, Rhodes scholar, and Army Ranger describes his extensive military education, the ways in which his service in Afghanistan shaped his views, and his work as a Naval Academy instructor.

Poetry

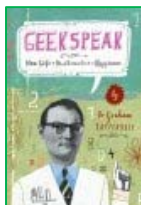


How to (Un)Cage a Girl by Francesca Lia Block

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In this three-part autobiographical poetry collection, the author brings to life the emotional journey from girlhood to womanhood, showing girls that by sharing their stories they will never be alone.

Math



Geekspeak : How Life + Mathematics = Happiness by Graham Tattersall

510 TAT

This collection of essays is a good choice for teens who suspect what geeks already know—that mathematics is interesting and, yes, even fun. The selections are geek lite, covering such questions as "How heavy is your house?" and "Which is more powerful—your brain or a PC?" The answers provided are short (typically four to eight pages); humorous; and, best of all for the mathematically challenged, easy to understand.

Science



Face on Your Plate : The Truth About Food by J. Moussaieff Masson

641.3 MAS

The author of *When Elephants Weep* explores humanity's relationship with animals that are cultivated for food, in a provocative account that explores the moral, health, and environmental consequences of meat consumption as well as how eating meat is regarded in a variety of cultures.

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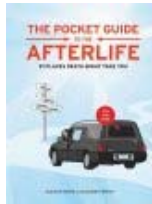
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Social Studies



Out of Exile : The Abducted and Displaced People of Sudan edited by Craig Walzer
962.404 OUT

A riveting collection of 17 narratives that puts a human face on the human-rights tragedy of Sudan.



Pocket Guide to the Afterlife : 91 Places Death Might Take You

by Augusta Moore and Elizabeth Ripley

202.3 MOO

A whimsical handbook of forty of the world's religions features information about what each believes about life after death, in a treasury of fun facts that covers everything from eternal damnation and apocalypse prophecies to reincarnation and nirvana.



War Is... Soldiers, Survivors and Storytellers Talk About War

edited by Marc Aronson and Patty Campbell

810.8 WAR

Presents a provocative anthology of fiction, speeches, poems, and essays about the nature of war by such contributors as Rita Williams-Garcia, Mark Twain, Bob Dylan, Ernie Pyle, Helen Benedict, and others.