

TEEN BOOK CLUB KITS – EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL LIBRARY

13 Little Blue Envelopes by Maureen Johnson

When seventeen-year-old Ginny receives a packet of mysterious envelopes from her favorite aunt, she leaves New Jersey to criss-cross Europe on a sort of scavenger hunt that transforms her life.

Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian by 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.

Acceleration by Graham McNamee

Stuck working in the Lost and Found of the Toronto Transit Authority for the summer, seventeen-year-old Duncan finds the diary of a serial killer and sets out to stop him.

Airborn by Kenneth Oppel

Matt dreams of flying an airship one day, but for now he's a penniless cabin boy. His life changes when he meets a rich, headstrong girl intent on discovering a mysterious flying mammal.

Among The Hidden by Margaret Peterson Haddix **(J)** 153 pages. In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, Luke has lived all his twelve years in isolation and fear, until another "third" convinces him that the government is wrong.

Angel Experiment by James Patterson

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Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing: The Pox Party by M. T. Anderson

Various diaries, letters, and other manuscripts chronicle the experiences of Octavian, a young African American, from birth to age sixteen, as he is brought up as part of a science experiment in the years leading up to and during the Revolutionary War.

Body of Christopher Creed by Carol Plum-Ucci

Torey Adams, a high school junior with a seemingly perfect life, struggles with doubts and questions surrounding the mysterious disappearance of the class outcast.

The Book Thief by Mark Zusak

Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death, as the narrator, relates the story of Liesel--a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors.

Boy in the Striped Pajamas by John Boyne

Bored and lonely after his family moves from Berlin to a place called "Out-With" in 1942, Bruno, the son of a Nazi officer, befriends a boy in striped pajamas who lives behind a wire fence.

Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis

Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father--the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids.

Chocolate War by Robert Cormier

A high school freshman discovers the devastating consequences of refusing to join in the school's annual fund raising drive and arousing the wrath of the school bullies.

The City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau

This post-apocalyptic page turner tells the story of two twelve year olds that uncover vital clues to escaping the rapidly deteriorating city where they and previous generations have lived for hundreds of years.

Code Talker: Novel about Navajo Marines in WWII by Joseph Bruhac

After being taught in a boarding school run by whites that Navajo is a useless language, Ned Begay and other Navajo men are recruited by the Marines to become Code Talkers, sending messages during World War II in their native tongue.

Cut by Patricia McCormick

While confined to a mental hospital, thirteen-year-old Callie slowly comes to understand some of the reasons behind her self-mutilation, and gradually starts to get better.

Dairy Queen by Catherine G. Murdock

After spending her summer running the family farm and training the quarterback for her school's rival football team, sixteen-year-old D.J. decides to go out for the sport herself, not anticipating the reactions of those around her.

Deathwatch by Robb White

Needing money for school, a college boy accepts a job as guide on a desert hunting trip and nearly loses his life.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney

Greg records his sixth grade experiences in a middle school where he and his best friend, Rowley, undersized weaklings amid boys who need to shave twice daily, hope just to survive, but when Rowley grows more popular, Greg must take drastic measures to save their friendship.

Downriver by Will Hobbs

Fifteen-year-old Jessie and the other rebellious teenage members of a wilderness survival school team abandon their adult leader, hijack his boats, and try to run the dangerous white water at the bottom of the Grand Canyon.

Dreamland by Sarah Dessen

After her older sister runs away, sixteen-year-old Caitlin decides that she needs to make a major change in her own life and begins an abusive relationship with a boy who is mysterious, brilliant, and dangerous.

Elsewhere by Gabrielle Zevin

After fifteen-year-old Liz Hall is hit by a taxi and killed, she finds herself in a place that is both like and unlike Earth, where she must adjust to her new status and figure out how to "live."

Extraordinary Adventures of Alfred Kropp by Rick Yancy

Through a series of dangerous and violent misadventures, teenage loser Alfred Kropp rescues King Arthur's legendary sword Excalibur from the forces of evil.

Fat Camp by Deborah Blumenthal

Ralph and Sylvia Nebula and their friend Mavis Goldfarb are bitter at being sent to a bogus weight-loss camp, so they decide to escape and find a way to take revenge on those responsible for promoting the idea that thin is better.

Fever, 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson

The year is 1793 and fourteen-year-old Matilda Cook finds herself in the middle of a struggle to keep herself and her loved ones alive in the midst of the yellow fever epidemic.

Godless by Pete Hautman

When sixteen-year-old Jason Bock and his friends create their own religion to worship the town's water tower, what started out as a joke begins to take on a power of its own.

Guts: The True Stories Behind Hatchet and the Brian Books by Gary Paulsen

The author relates incidents in his life and how they inspired parts of his books about the character, Brian Robeson from Hatchet and the Brian Books.

Hole in My Life by Jack Gantos

The author relates how, as a young adult, he became a drug user and smuggler, was arrested, did time in prison, and eventually got out and went to college, all the while hoping to become a writer.

Holes by Louis Sachar

As punishment at Camp Green Lake's detention center, the boys must each dig a hole a day, five feet across, in the hard earth of the dried-up lake bed. The warden is using the boys to dig for loot buried by an outlaw. (Newbery Award 1999)

Hoot by Carl Hiassen

Roy, who is new to his small Florida community, becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site.

Hush by Jacqueline Woodson

Twelve-year-old Toswiah finds her life changed when her family enters the witness protection program.

I'd Tell You I Love You, But Then I'd Have to Kill You by Ally Carter

As a sophomore at a secret spy school and the daughter of a former CIA operative, Cammie is sheltered from "normal teenage life" until she meets a local boy while on a class surveillance mission.

Inkheart by Cornelia Funke

Twelve-year-old Meggie learns that her father Mo, a bookbinder, can "read" fictional characters to life when an evil ruler named Capricorn, freed from the novel "Inkheart" years earlier, tries to force Mo to release an immortal monster from the story.

Ironman by Chris Crutcher

While training for a triathlon, seventeen-year-old Bo attends an anger management group at school which leads him to examine his relationship with his father.

Jerk, California by Jonathan Friesen

Plagued by Tourette's syndrome and a stepfather who despises him, Sam meets an old man in his small Minnesota town who sends him on a road trip designed to help him discover the truth about his life.

Looking for Alaska by John Green

Miles "Pudge" Halter is in search of "the great perhaps." He abandons his very ordinary life at his very ordinary high school for his father's alma mater: a boarding school in Alabama. Once there, he gets more than he bargained for; after meeting a very odd, but fun-seeking, intelligent group of pranksters who challenge the rules as well as the upper-class social scene. Not only does Miles finally get some adventure, he falls madly in love with the ever-elusive Alaska. But the fun comes mixed with tragedy, and Miles search for the great-perhaps is bitter-sweet.

Maximum Ride: the Angel Experiment by James Patterson

After the mutant Erasers abduct the youngest member of their group, the "birdkids," who are the result of genetic experimentation, take off in pursuit and find themselves struggling to understand their own origins and purpose.

Monster by Walter Dean Myers

While on trial as an accomplice to a murder, sixteen-year-old Steve Harmon records his experiences in prison and in the courtroom in the form of a film script as he tries to come to terms with the course his life has taken.

A Northern Light by Jennifer Donnelly

An astonishing and heartbreaking debut - this is the story of a young woman's coming of age and the murder that rocked America.

No More Dead Dogs by Gordan Korman

Eighth-grade football hero Wallace Wallace is sentenced to detention attending rehearsals of the school play where, in spite of himself, he becomes wrapped up in the production and begins to suggest changes that improve not only the play but his life as well.

Rag and Bone Shop by Robert Cormier

Trent, an ace interrogator from Vermont, works to procure a confession from an introverted twelve-year-old accused of murdering his seven-year-old friend in Monument, Massachusetts.

Skellig by David Almond

Unhappy about his baby sister's illness and the chaos of moving into a dilapidated old house, Michael retreats to the garage and finds a mysterious stranger who is something like a bird and something like an angel.

Someone Like You by Sarah Dessen

Halley's junior year of high school includes the death of her best friend Scarlett's boyfriend, the discovery that Scarlett is pregnant, and Halley's own first serious relationship.

Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli

Singing to people on their birthdays, bringing her lunch in a canvas bag with a life-size sunflower painted on it, cheering for both her team and the opposing team, Stargirl is different from everyone else at Mica High School. Will she be accepted or shunned?

A Step from Heaven by An Na (YA) 156 pages. In her mesmerizing first novel, Na traces the life of Korean-born Young Fu from the age of four through her teenage years, wrapping up her story just a few weeks before she leaves for college.

Tangerine by Edward Bloor

Twelve-year-old Paul, who lives in the shadow of his football hero brother Erik, fights

for the right to play soccer despite his near blindness and slowly begins to remember the incident that damaged his eyesight.

Thief Lord by Cornelia Funke

Two brothers, having run away from the aunt who plans to adopt the younger one, are sought by a detective hired by their aunt, but they have found shelter with--and protection from--Venice's "Thief Lord."

True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle by Avi

As the lone "young lady" on a transatlantic voyage in 1832, Charlotte learns that the captain is murderous and the crew rebellious.

Twisted by Laurie Halse Anderson

After finally getting noticed by someone other than school bullies and his ever-angry father, seventeen-year-old Tyler enjoys his tough new reputation and the attentions of a popular girl, but when life starts to go bad again, he must choose between transforming himself or giving in to his destructive thoughts.

When Zachary Beaver Came to Town by Kimberly Holt

During the summer of 1971 in a small Texas town, thirteen-year-old Toby and his best friend Cal meet the star of a sideshow act, 600-pound Zachary, the fattest boy in the world.

White Darkness by Geraldine McCaughrean

Taken to Antarctica by the man she thinks of as her uncle for what she believes to be a vacation, Symone--a troubled fourteen year old--discovers that he is dangerously obsessed with seeking Symme's Hole, an opening that supposedly leads into the center of a hollow Earth.

Witch Hunt: Mysteries of the Salem Witch Trials by Marc Aronson

Salem, Massachusetts, 1692. In a plain meetinghouse, a poor, unpopular woman who had her first child before she was married stands before her judges. Her accusers, girls and young women, are overexcited. The girls begin to wail, tear their clothing . . . the nightmare in Salem has begun. Acclaimed historian Aronson sifts through the facts, myths, half-truths and theories about the Salem witch trials to present a vivid narrative of one of the most compelling mysteries in American history.