

YART Meeting , March 3, 2014

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Summer Reading

Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, Douglas Adams

(Jan 1979)

Seconds before the Earth is demolished to make way for a galactic freeway, Arthur Dent is plucked off the planet by his friend Ford Prefect, a researcher for the revised edition of *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* who, for the last fifteen years, has been posing as an out-of-work actor. *I think that this should be required HS reading.*

Wither, Lauren DeStefano

(March 2011)

After modern science turns every human into a genetic time bomb with men dying at age twenty-five and women dying at age twenty, girls are kidnapped and married off in order to repopulate the world.

First book of Chemical Garden Trilogy.

Matched, Ally Condie

(Nov 2010)

Cassia has always trusted the Society to make the right choices for her, so when Xander appears on-screen at her Matching ceremony, Cassia knows he is her ideal mate--until Ky Markham's face appears for an instant before the screen fades to black. Followed by *Crossed* and *Reached*.

After the Snow, S.D. Crockett

(Mar 2012)

Fifteen-year-old Willo Blake, born after the 2059 snows that ushered in a new ice age, encounters outlaws, halfmen, and an abandoned girl as he journeys in search of his family, who mysteriously disappeared from the freezing mountain that was their home.

A Beautiful Friendship, David Weber

(Oct 2011)

Twelve-year-old Stephanie Harrington, a genetically-enhanced girl on the pioneer planet of Sphinx, bonds with a treecat, a telepathic and fully sentient animal, putting her in danger from highly placed enemies who want to ensure that the planet remains entirely in human hands. First book of the series called *Star Kingdom*.

My Brother Sam is Dead, James Lincoln Collier and Christopher Collier

(Oct 1974)

Recounts the tragedy that strikes the Meeker family during the Revolution when one son joins the rebel forces while the rest of the family tries to stay neutral. *I was surprised to learn that this was a banned book at least in some places.*

Delirium, Lauren Oliver

(Feb 2011)

Lena looks forward to receiving the government-mandated cure that prevents the delirium of love and leads to a safe, predictable, and happy life, until ninety-five days before her eighteenth birthday and her treatment, when she falls in love. Followed by *Pandemonium* and *Requiem*.

Feed, M.T. Anderson

(Oct 2002)

In a future where most people have computer implants in their heads to control their environment, a boy meets an unusual girl who is in serious trouble.

"The crystalline realization of this wildly dystopic future carries in it obvious and enormous implications for today's readers—satire at its finest. (Fiction. YA) (Kirkus Reviews, September 1, 2002)

Non-fiction

Stiff, the Curious Lives of Human Cadavers, Mary Roach

(May 2004)

Stiff is an oddly compelling, often hilarious exploration of the strange lives of our bodies postmortem. For two thousand years, cadavers—some willingly, some unwittingly—have been involved in science's boldest strides and weirdest undertakings. In this fascinating account, Mary Roach visits the good deeds of cadavers over the centuries and tells the engrossing story of our bodies when we are no longer with them. *Not scary but for older teens.*

Fire Bubbles and Exploding Toothpaste: More Unforgettable Experiments that Make Science Fun, Steve Spangler

(Oct 2011)

This second volume of extraordinary home experiments is guaranteed to knock your socks off! Seriously, your socks are going to fly across the room. The materials are easy to find and the directions are simple to follow, but the end result is guaranteed to produce lots of oohs and aahs. Steve Spangler takes his geek-chic approach to exposing some of the coolest science tricks that will surprise teachers and amaze your friends. Over 200 color photographs accompany the step-by-step instructions, and simple explanations uncover the how-to and why for each activity. *His first book was Naked Eggs and Flying Potatoes. Something of a sales pitch for some of the needed equipment for the experiments. The teacher experiments require safety goggles and a big room with tough walls or the great outdoors.*

Cool Stuff 2.0 and how it Works, Chris Woodford and John Woodcock

Sept 2007)

Following on the success *Cool Stuff and How it Works*, this spectacular book shows and explains, in a brilliantly visual and easy-to-understand way, exactly how the technology that shapes our world works. *Good stuff!*

You Can't Read This! : Why Books get Banned, Pamela Dell

(Jan2010) *You Can't Read This!* focuses on censorship and censored books, but only briefly discusses the subject of the subtitle, "Why Books Get Banned." (School Library Journal, 12/09) *Not great but a good start.*

Volunteering: A How-to Guide, Audrey Borus

(Nov2011)*Good guide on how teens can volunteer with existing programs and a good guide on how to start their own programs.*

Fire Fighters, Clint Willis, editor

(June2002)In oral-history format, New York firefighters relate harrowing accident scenes, from flaming warehouses to plane crashes, which they bravely entered. West of the Hudson, Willis sifted the literature of forest fires and includes excerpts from Norman MacLean's wildly popular *Young Men and Fire* (1992) plus several authors' direct experiences of

working the fire line at Yellowstone and the Grand Canyon. (Booklist, May?2002)*Over 20 different firemen telling their stories-Maybe a few too many stories?*

Generation Green: The Ultimate Teen Guide to Living an Eco-Friendly Life, Linda Silvertsen & Tosh Silvertsen

(Aug2008)

From School Library Journal: "Grade 9 Up—A thorough yet accessible manual on green living. Sivertsen and her teenage son draw on scientific findings, personal experience, and interviews with celebrities and teens to provide readers with environmentally responsible lifestyle alternatives, from organic cosmetics to natural kitchen cleaners to green career opportunities. The "Five Rs"—Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rethink, Refuse—provide a framework for embracing an alternative to rampant consumerism.

Make your Own Purses & Bags, Anna-Marie D’Cruz (Jan2009)

Easy projects with good results

The Complete Book of Polymer Clay, Step-by-Step Instructions, Original Projects, Inspirational Gallery, Lisa Pavelka

(2010)

Title says it all! This is too much for me but a brave soul could make some gorgeous pieces.