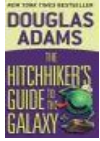




AIS-R Summer Reading -- Grade 9



Adams, Douglas : *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* c1980 humor, science

fiction After narrowly escaping Earth's destruction, Arthur Dent travels the galaxy with the help of tour guide Ford Prefect, on a quest to save the universe.



Anderson, Laurie Halse: *Speak* c1999 realistic fiction Melinda begins high school as a social outcast after a traumatic experience in the summer.



Blackwood, Gary: *The Year of the Hangman* c2002 historical fiction In 1777, 15-year-old Creighton is kidnapped from England and taken to the American colonies, where he becomes involved in the political unrest that can change the course of history.



Cox, Lynne: *Swimming to Antarctica* c2004 nonfiction, memoir This is the story of Lynne Cox, chasing a dream to conquer some of the roughest waters in the world. The story shows that even young people can accomplish great things.



Farmer, Nancy : *The House of the Scorpion* c2002 science fiction In the future, clones are looked down upon by humans. However, Matt, a clone of a powerful leader, experiences special privileges.



Krakauer, John: *Into Thin Air: A Personal Account of the Mount Everest Disaster* c1998 nonfiction, survival In March 1996, a group of people joined an expedition to climb Mount Everest. This group included journalist Jon Krakauer and lead climber Rob Hall. Despite the expertise of the climbers, the expedition met with disaster. Krakauer analyzes why.



Murdock, Catherine: *Dairy Queen* c2006 realistic fiction With humor, sports action, romance and wit, this book will appeal to both male and female. The interesting and empathetic characters in non-conventional roles provide "food for thought" and provide insight into situations not usually covered in young adult fiction.



Going, K.L. : *Fat Kid Rules the World* c2004 realistic fiction Seventeen-year-old Troy, depressed, suicidal, and weighing nearly three hundred pounds, gets a new perspective on life when Curt, a semi-homeless teen who is a genius on guitar, asks Troy to be the drummer in a rock band.



Gruen, Sara : *Water for Elephants* c2006 historical fiction, Ninety-year-old Jacob Jankowski finds himself haunted by memories of his past when he joins a circus.



Westerfeld, Scott : *Uglies* (series) c2005 science fiction Tally is faced with a difficult choice when her new friend Shay decides to risk life on the outside rather than submit to the forced operation that turns sixteen year old girls into gorgeous beauties. She then realizes that there is a whole new side to the pretty world that she doesn't like.



Gardner, Sally: *The Red Necklace: the story of the French Revolution* c2006 historical fiction In the late eighteenth-century, Sido, the twelve-year-old daughter of a self-indulgent marquis, and Yann, a fourteen-year-old Gypsy orphan raised to perform in a magic show, face a common enemy at the start of the French Revolution.



Shusterman, Neal : *Unwind* c2007 science fiction Three teens embark upon a cross-country journey in order to escape from a society that salvages body parts from children ages thirteen to eighteen.

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