



Kaufman Silverberg Library Grade 9-10 Suggested Reading List 2015

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Books with Judaic Content

Intentions, by Deborah Heiligman. After fifteen-year-old Rachel overhears her rabbi committing infidelity, she must come to terms with the fact that adults make mistakes, too--and that she is old enough to be held responsible for her own mistakes.

Call number: Z FIC HEI

Like no other, by Una LaMarche. Though their relationship is strictly forbidden, Devorah and Jax arrange secret meetings and risk everything to be together. But how far can they possibly go? Just how much are they willing to give up?

Call number: M FIC LAM

Playing with matches, by Suri Rosen. When 16-year-old Raina Resnick is expelled from her Manhattan private school, she's sent to live with her strict aunt, but Raina feels like she's persona non grata no matter where she goes. Her sister Leah blames her for her broken engagement, and she's a social pariah at her new school. In the tight-knit Jewish community, Raina finds she is good at one thing: matchmaking. As the anonymous 'MatchMaven,' Raina sets up hopeless singles desperate to find the One.

Call number: M FIC ROS

Storm, by Donna Jo Napoli. Having lost her family in a massive flood, sixteen-year-old Sebah finds her way onto a gigantic ark, where she must conceal herself from Noah and his family until it is safe for her and another stowaway to slip away.

Call number: M FIC NAP

Non Fiction

Bomb: race to build and steal the world's most dangerous weapon, by Steve Sheinkin. Recounts the scientific discoveries that enabled atom splitting, the military intelligence operations that occurred in rival countries, and the work of brilliant scientists hidden at Los Alamos.

Call number: J 623.4 SHE

The Chinese head tax: and anti-Chinese immigration policies in the twentieth century, by Arlene Chan. Through historical photographs, documents, and first-person narratives from Chinese Canadians who experienced the Head Tax or who were children of Head Tax payers, this book offers a full account of the injustice of this period in Canadian history. It documents how this official racism was confronted and finally acknowledged.

Call number: J 971.004 CHA

Japanese Canadian internment during the Second World War, by Pamela Hickman and Masako Fukawa. An illustrated history of the wartime internment of Japanese Canadian residents of British Columbia. Uses a wide range of historical photographs, documents, and images of museum artefacts to tell the story of the internment. Eventually, after years of pressure, the Canadian government admitted that the internment was wrong and apologized for it.

Call number: J 971.004 HIC

The Komagata Maru: and Canada's anti-Indian immigration policies in the twentieth century, by Pamela Hickman. In 1914, Canada was a very British society with anti-Asian attitudes. Although Great Britain had declared that all people from India were officially British citizens and could live anywhere in the British Commonwealth, Canada refused to accept them. This racist policy was challenged by Gurdit Singh, a Sikh businessman, who chartered a ship, the Komagata Maru, and sailed to Vancouver with over 300 fellow Indians wishing to immigrate to Canada. They were turned back, tragically.

Residential schools: with the words and images of survivors, by Larry Loyie with Wayne K. Spear and Constance Brissenden. Presents a story of residential schools as told through survivors' eyes.

Call number: J 371.829 LOY

Space encyclopedia: a tour of our solar system and beyond, by David A. Aguilar. A tour of outer space explores the solar system as well as stars, galaxies, and the birth of planets, and speculates on whether other intelligent beings exist in the universe.

Call number: J 520.3 AGU

Treasury of Greek mythology: classic stories of gods, goddesses, heroes & monsters, by Donna Jo Napoli. An introduction to some of the most prominent beings in the ancient Greek pantheon.

Call number: J 292 NAP

Fiction

The 5th wave: the 5th wave series, bk. 1, by Rick Yancey. Cassie Sullivan, the survivor of an alien invasion, must rescue her young brother from the enemy with help from a boy who may be one of them.

Call number: M FIC YAN

A wrinkle in time, by Madeleine L'Engle. Meg, Charles Wallace, and Calvin O'Keefe adventure through time and space as they search for Meg's father, a scientist.

Call number: M FIC LEN

Between heaven and earth, by Eric Walters. DJ is David McLean's eldest grandson, so he will be the one to scatter his beloved grandfather's ashes. He's always been the best at everything - sports, school, looking after his fatherless family - so climbing Kilimanjaro is just another thing he'll accomplish almost effortlessly. Or so he thinks, until he arrives in Tanzania and everything starts to go wrong...

Call number: M FIC WAL

The Crossover, by Kwame Alexander. Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health.

Call number: M FIC ALE

Eleanor & Park, by Rainbow Rowell. Set over the course of one school year in 1986, this is the story of two star-crossed misfits - smart enough to know that first love almost never lasts, but brave and desperate enough to try.

Call number: FIC ROW

The eye of minds, by James Dashner. Michael is a skilled internet gamer in a world of advanced technology. When a cyber-terrorist begins to threaten players, Michael is called upon to seek him and his secrets out.

Call number: M FIC DAS

The infinite sea: the 5th wave series, bk. 2, by Rick Yancey. Cassie Sullivan and her companions lived through the Others' four waves of destruction. Now, with the human race nearly exterminated

and the 5th Wave rolling across the landscape, they face a choice: brace for winter and hope for Evan Walker's return, or set out in search of other survivors before the enemy closes in.

Call number: M FIC YAN

My name is Parvana: Breadwinner series, bk. 3, by Deborah Ellis. In this stunning sequel to the Breadwinner series, Parvana, now fifteen, is found in a bombed-out school. She is held as a suspected terrorist by American troops in Afghanistan. As Parvana waits for foreign military forces to determine her fate, she remembers the past four years of her life.

Call number: M FIC ELL

The oathbreaker's shadow, by Amy McCulloch. Fifteen-year-old Raim lives in a world where you tie a knot for every promise that you make. Break that promise and you are scarred for life, and cast out into the desert. Raim has worn a simple knot around his wrist for as long as he can remember. No one knows where it came from, and which promise of his it symbolizes. But on the most important day of his life, when he binds his life to his best friend (and future king) Khareh, the string bursts into flames. Scarred now as an oath-breaker, Raim has two options: run, or be killed.

Call number: M FIC MCC

Paperboy, by Vince Vawter. When an eleven-year-old boy takes over a friend's newspaper route in July, 1959, in Memphis, his debilitating stutter makes for a memorable month.

Call number: M FIC VAW

The reluctant journal of Henry K. Larsen, by Susin Nielsen. When thirteen-year-old Henry and his family move to the city to leave behind a secret tragedy, Henry finds a journal is his best friend.

Call number: M FIC NIE

Seraphina, by Rachel Hartman. In a world where dragons and humans coexist in an uneasy truce and dragons can assume human form, Seraphina, whose mother died giving birth to her, grapples with her own identity amid magical secrets and royal scandals, while she struggles to accept and develop her extraordinary musical talents.

Call number: M FIC HAR

Spiked, by Steven Barwin. Eighth-grader Emma is the tallest person in her class. She used to be into sports in a big way, but now that she's hanging out with her new best friend, other things have become more important - like clothes and makeup and fitting in. When Emma gets roped into volunteering for the girls' volleyball team, she feels the urge to play again. First, though, she'll have to overcome her fear of what her new friends will say if she does.

Call number: M FIC BAR

Such wicked intent, by Kenneth Opper. When his grieving father orders the destruction of the Dark Library, Victor retrieves a book in which he finds the promise of not just communicating with the dead, but entering their realm, and soon he, Elizabeth, and Henry are in the spirit world of Chateau Frankenstein, creating and growing a body.

Call number: FIC OPP

The unlikely hero of room 13B, by Teresa Toten. At a support group for kids coping with obsessive-compulsive disorder, he is drawn to her almost before he can take a breath. But when you're fourteen and the everyday problems of dealing with divorced parents and step-siblings are supplemented by the challenges of OCD, it's hard to imagine yourself falling in love...

Call number: M FIC TOT