

Kaufman Silverberg Library
Grade 11-12 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

Margot, by Jullian Cantor. 1959. Margie Franklin is working in Philadelphia as a secretary at a Jewish law firm. On the surface she lives a quiet life, but Margie has a secret: a life she once lived, a past and a religion she has denied, and a family and a country she left behind. Margie is really Margot Frank, older sister of Anne, who did not die in Bergen-Belsen as reported, but who instead escaped the Nazis for America. But now, as her sister becomes a global icon, Margie's carefully constructed American life begins to fall apart.

Call number: Z FIC CAN

The lost wife, by Alyson Richman. During the last moments of calm in prewar Prague, Lenka, a young art student, and Josef, who is studying medicine, fall in love. With the promise of a better future, they marry--only to have their dreams shattered by the imminent Nazi invasion. Like so many others, they are torn apart by the currents of war.

Call number: Z FIC RIC

You or someone like you, by Chandler Burr. Blond British beauty Anne Rosenbaum can pinpoint the precise moment when her marriage began to fall apart. She and her Hollywood studio-executive husband, Howard, had been living the good life in Los Angeles, doing deals, dining in exclusive restaurants, and delighting in the pleasures of good conversation. Then teenage son Sam returns from a two-week visit to Israel, rattled to the core. He had been summarily ousted from a yeshiva by an Orthodox rabbi who informed him that, because Anne was Gentile, Sam wasn't a real Jew. The news awakens a religious fanaticism in Howard that threatens to unravel his loving relationship with his wife. Anne attempts to communicate with Howard through literature. Can the words of the masters reach her husband when she cannot?

Call number: Z FIC BUR

Non-Fiction

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

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

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

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.

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

A song of ice and fire series:

A game of thrones: A song of ice and fire, bk. 1, by George R. R. Martin. A medieval fantasy on the land of the Seven Kingdoms, chronicling the intrigues of its ruling families as they jockey for power.

Call number: FIC MAR

A clash of kings: A song of ice and fire, bk. 2, by George R. R. Martin. A medieval fantasy on the land of the Seven Kingdoms, chronicling the intrigues of its ruling families as they jockey for power.

Call number: FIC MAR

A storm of swords: A song of ice and fire, bk. 3, by George R. R. Martin. A medieval fantasy on the land of the Seven Kingdoms, chronicling the intrigues of its ruling families as they jockey for power.

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A feast for crows: A song of ice and fire, bk. 4, by George R. R. Martin. A medieval fantasy on the land of the Seven Kingdoms, chronicling the intrigues of its ruling families as they jockey for power.

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A dance with dragons: A song of ice and fire, bk. 5, by George R. R. Martin. A medieval fantasy on the land of the Seven Kingdoms, chronicling the intrigues of its ruling families as they jockey for power.

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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

Such wicked intent, by Kenneth Oppel. 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 girl who was Saturday night, by Heather O'Neill. Gorgeous twins Noushcka and Nicolas Tremblay are hopelessly promiscuous, wildly funny and infectiously charming. They are also the only children of the legendary Quebecois folksinger Etienne Tremblay. Known by the public since they were children as Little Noushcka and Little Nicolas, the two inseparable siblings have never been allowed to be ordinary. On the eve of their twentieth birthday, the twins' self-destructive shenanigans catch up with them when Noushcka agrees to be beauty queen in the local St. Jean

Baptiste Day parade. The media spotlight returns, and the attention of a relentless journalist exposes the cracks in the family's relationships. Though Noushcka tries to leave her family behind, for better or worse, Noushcka is a Tremblay, and when tragedy strikes, home is the only place she wants to be.

Call number: FIC ONE

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

The nightingale, by Kristin Hannah. As World War II progresses, French sisters Viann and Isabelle have their relationship tested, along with their strength and their individual senses of right and wrong. A vivid story set in a time and place that was filled with great monstrosities, but also great humanity and strength.

Call number: FIC HAN

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

Paper towns, by John Green. Quentin Jacobsen has spent a lifetime loving the magnificent Margo Roth Spiegelman from afar. So when she cracks open a window and climbs back into his life - summoning him for an ingenious campaign of revenge - he follows. When their all-nighter ends and a new day breaks, Margo has disappeared. But Q soon learns that there are clues - and they're for him. Embarking on an exhilarating adventure to find her, the closer Q gets, the less he sees the girl he thought he knew.

Call number: M FIC GRE

The Rosie project, by Graeme Simsion. Don Tillman, professor of genetics, has never been on a second date. Then a chance encounter gives him an idea. He will design a questionnaire - a sixteen-page, scientifically researched document to find the perfect partner. She will most definitely not be a barmaid, a smoker, a drinker or a late-arriver. Rosie Jarman is all these things. She is strangely beguiling, fiery and intelligent. And she is also on a quest of her own. She's looking for her biological father.

Call number: FIC SIM

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

When everything feels like the movies, by Raziell Reid. An edgy and non-sugarcoated novel, full of gender-bending teen glamour, mischief and melodrama. Teenage best friends Jude and Angela navigate high school while framing their experiences with movie terms.

Call number: M FIC REI