


2019-2020 Lone Star Reading List

Annual award list of 20 recommended titles for students in grades 6-8 including popular young adult books selected by public and school librarians in Texas.

BOOK COVER	TITLE, CALL NUMBER & BRIEF DESCRIPTION
	<p><u>THE EPIC FAIL OF ARTURO ZAMORA</u> Author: Cartaya, Pablo Call Number: J CARTAYA Arturo is looking forward to a relaxing summer until Carmen, a cute, funny girl moves into his apartment complex. While he deals with his stomach turning into a deep fryer over her, a smarmy land developer rolls into town and threatens to change everything. Can 13-year-old Arturo save his family restaurant? Can he get the girl? Can he make his Abuela proud?...or is he in for an EPIC FAIL?</p>
	<p><u>LAST DAY ON MARS</u> Author: Emerson, Kevin Call Number: J EMERSON Earth is gone, burned to a cinder when the sun began going supernova. The human race has fled to Mars, but it's only a temporary solution. Liam and Phoebe will be on the last starliner to depart Mars...or so Liam thinks. Before this day is over, they will discover that the human race is just one of the many in our universe locked in a dangerous struggle for survival.</p>
	<p><u>THE INQUISITOR'S TALE, OR, THE THREE MAGICAL CHILDREN AND THEIR HOLY DOG</u> Author: Gidwitz, Adam Call Number: J GIDWITZ A peasant girl and her holy greyhound, an oblate on a mission from his monastery, and a young Jewish boy travel across medieval France to escape persecution and save holy texts from being burned.</p>
	<p><u>REFUGEE</u> Author: Gratz, Alan Call Number: J GRATZ Although separated by continents and decades, Josef, a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany; Isabel, a Cuban girl trying to escape the riots and unrest plaguing her country in 1994; and Mahmoud, a Syrian boy in 2015 whose homeland is torn apart by violence and destruction, embark on harrowing journeys in search of refuge, discovering shocking connections that tie their stories together.</p>

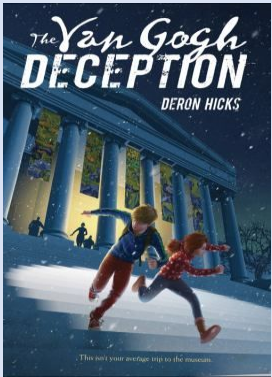


THE UNBEATABLE SQUIRREL GIRL: SQUIRREL MEETS WORLD

Author: Hale, Shannon & Dean

Call Number: J HALE

After Doreen uses her extraordinary powers to stop a group of troublemakers, she becomes a full-fledged superhero called Squirrel Girl.

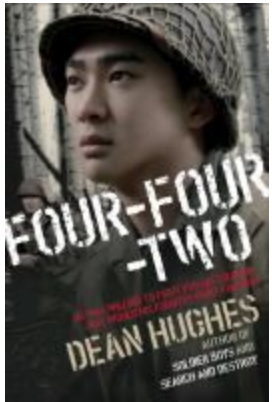


THE VAN GOGH DECEPTION

Author: Hicks, Deron

Call Number: J HICKS

When a tween is discovered in Washington D.C's National Gallery without any memory of who he is, a race begins to unravel the greatest mystery of all: his identity. As the stakes rise, the boy must piece together clues of his origins while trying to stop one of the greatest art frauds ever attempted. Check out the QR codes woven throughout to bring the art straight to your phone.



FOUR-FOUR-TWO

Author: Hughes, Dean

Call Number: YA F HUGHES

Yuki is an American. But during WWII many Japanese Americans are forced into internment camps. Yuki doesn't accept this injustice - it's his country, and he enlists in the army. Yuki and his friend Shig aren't prepared for the experiences of the "Four-Four-Two," a segregated regiment made up Japanese-American soldiers. Before Yuki can return home, he'll face prejudices, combat, and friendships deeper than he knew possible.

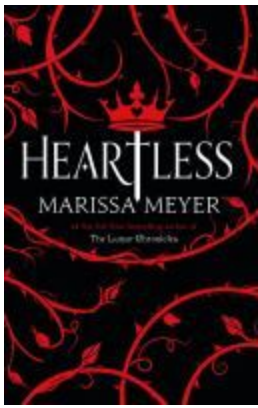


WARCROSS

Author: Lu, Marie

Call Number: YA F LU

Emika Chen didn't mean to glitch into the opening tournament of Warcross and get exposed to the entire world - she just wanted to hack her way into a valuable power-up. Instead of facing jail, she's invited into the tournament with the top-secret task of stopping the real threat to the game. But as she's drawn deeper into the world of Warcross, Emika finds it's not so easy to know who to trust.

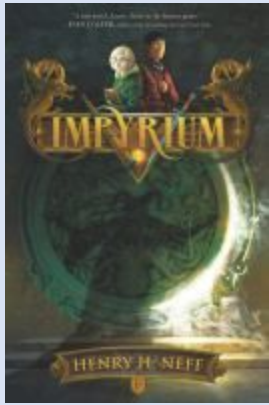


HEARTLESS

Author: Meyer, Marissa

Call Number: YA SF MEYER

In this prequel to Alice in Wonderland, Cath would rather open a bakery and marry for love than accept a proposal from the King of Hearts, especially after meeting the handsome and mysterious court jester.

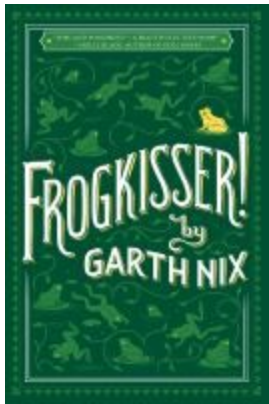


IMPYRIUM

Author: Neff, Henry

Call Number: J NEFF

The Faeregine have ruled Impyrium for over 3,000 years - but their magic and power are fading. Hazel, the youngest and most powerful Faeregine, is happy just to study magic, but the empress has evil plans for her. Hob has been sent to the city to serve the Faeregines - and to spy on them. One wants to protect. The other wants to destroy...but which is which? When Hazel and Hob form a friendship, they may save the realm - or end it forever.

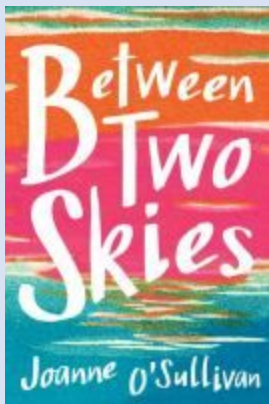


FROGKISSER!

Author: Nix, Garth

Call Number: YA F NIX

Princess Anya has a big problem: Duke Rikard, her step-stepfather is an evil wizard who wants to rule the kingdom and has a habit of changing people into frogs, and her older sister Morven, the heir, is a wimp - so with the help of the librarian Gotfried (who turns into an owl when he is upset), and the Royal Dogs, she must find a way to defeat Rikard, save her sister, and maybe even turn Prince Denholm back into a human being.



BETWEEN TWO SKIES

Author: O'Sullivan, Joanne

Call Number: YA F OSULLIVAN

Bayou Perdu, a tiny fishing town in Louisiana, is 16-year-old Evangeline's home. She has her friends, her beloved Mamere, and two titles in the fishing rodeo. It's a small life, but it is Evangeline's. Then Hurricane Katrina comes, and everything changes. Amid the chaos, pain, and destruction she finds Tru - a fellow refugee, a bluesman, and a balm for Evangeline's aching heart.



MILES MORALES: SPIDER-MAN

Author: Reynolds, Jason

Call Number: YA F REYNOLDS

Miles Morales' spidey-sense has been out of whack. He can't shake the nightmares or the buzz every day in history class amidst his teacher's suspicious lectures on the historical "benefits" of slavery. Something's off, but he has no idea what it might be. After being set up and then suspended, Miles wonders if he's even cut out to be a superhero. As his scholarship is threatened, Miles uncovers an evil in his school - now all he can do is suit up.



THE SHADOW CIPHER

Author: Ruby, Laura

Call Number: J RUBY

In an alternate history of New York, three kids try to solve a modern-world puzzle and complete a treasure hunt laid into the streets and buildings of the city.

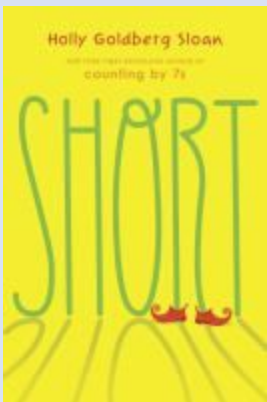


SCYTHE

Author: Shusterman, Neal

Call Number: YA SF SHUSTERMAN

In a world where disease has been eliminated, the only way to die is to be randomly killed by professional reapers called scythes. Two teens must compete with each other to become a scythe - position neither of them wants. The one who becomes a scythe must kill the one who doesn't.



SHORT

Author: Sloan, Holly Goldberg

Call Number: J SLOAN

Very short for her age, Julia grows into her sense of self while playing a munchkin in a summer regional theater production of The Wizard of Oz.

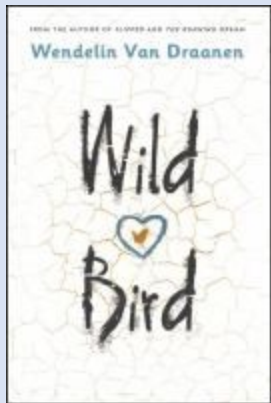


WELL, THAT WAS AWKWARD

Author: Vail, Rachel

Call Number: J VAIL

There are unexpected consequences when 13-year-old Gracie sends texts pretending to be her bashful beautiful best friend, Sienna, and their friend Emmett starts texting back pretending to be shy A.J.

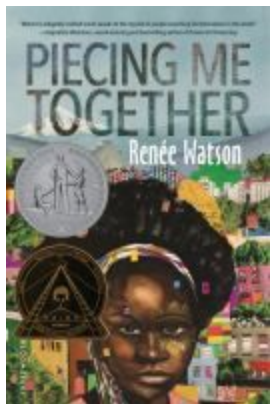


WILD BIRD

Author: Van Draanen, Wendelin

Call Number: YA F VANDRAANEN

When Wren is “kidnapped” and sent to a wilderness camp to help her deal with her alcohol and drug addiction, she thinks her parents are just trying to get rid of her. In her fury, she struggles through the first days in the Utah desert, but this could be Wren’s last chance.



PIECING ME TOGETHER

Author: Watson, Renee

Call Number: YA F WATSON

Scholarship student Jade has worked hard for everything she has, including a spot on a school trip to Costa Rica. Instead, she’s invited to join Women to Women, a mentorship program for “at-risk” girls. Except really, it’s for black girls. From “bad” neighborhoods. Jade doesn’t think she needs the kind of support her mentors want to provide. Can she get these successful women - and her school’s faculty - to see her for who she really is?



BEANSTALKER AND OTHER HILARIOUSLY SCARY TALES

Author: White, Kiersten

Call Number: J WHITE

Do you think you know all there is to know about fairy tales? Think again! First of all, there’s only one stepmother, and you should probably check your sources before you start calling her wicked. Little Red Riding Hood gets way more than she bargained for when she strayed from the path. Cinderella is named for cinders, all right. And “The Princess and the...Pea?” gives a whole new meaning to poor accommodations.