



***“There is no such thing as a child who hates to read; there are only children who have not found the right book.”***  
**Frank Serafini**

Listed below is a selection of books which are suitable for Years 8 and 9 students. These are a mix of old favourites, classics and new titles. Many of these titles are available for students to borrow from the school library.

Although we encourage students to read books within their range, we understand that a student might want to choose a more challenging read. The library has a wide range of genres and titles on offer to suit all tastes. There is also a large selection of titles available in the Short Reads section of the library.

New book titles are regularly added to the library shelves.

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## **Recommended Reading List**

### **Adventure**

A Good Day for Climbing Trees by Jaco Jacobs

Gone (series) by Michael Grant

H.I.V.E. (series) by Mark Walden

Hoot by Carl Hiaasen

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain

The Kite Rider by Geraldine McCaughrean

The Recruit by Robert Muchamore

The Star Outside My Window by Onjali Q Rauf

The Thief Lord by Cornelia Funke

The Way Past Winter by Kiran Millwood Hargrave

Twilight Robbery by Frances Hardinge

## **Animals**

A Different Dog by Paul Jennings

Redwall (series) by Brian Jacques

The Cry of the Wolf by Melvin Burgess

## **Classics**

A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll

Animal Farm by George Orwell

Anne of Green Gables (series) by L M Montgomery

Around the World in Eighty Days by Jules Verne

Carries's War by Nina Bawden

Dracula by Bram Stoker

Frankenstein by Mary Shelley

Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte

Journey to the Center of the Earth by Jules Verne

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

Lord of the Flies by William Golding

Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen

Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe

Swiss Family Robinson by J D Weiss

Sword in the Stone by T H White

The Chronicles of Narnia (series) by C S Lewis

The Hobbit by J R R Tolkein

The Lord of the Rings trilogy by J R R Tolkein

The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Treasure Island by Robert-Louis Stevenson

War of the Worlds by H G Wells

Watership Down by Richard Adams

## **Coming of Age (facing life's challenges)**

A Pure Swift Cry by Siobhan Dowd

All the Bright Places by Jennifer Niven

Apple and Rain by Sarah Crossan

Chandra by Mary Hendry

Concentr8 by William Sutcliffe

Face by Benjamin Zephania

Fault in Our Stars by John Green

Finding Violet Park by Jenny Valentine

Glimmer of Hope: How Tragedy Sparked a Movement by Various Authors

Mockingbird by Kathryn Erskine

My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece by Annabel Pitcher

The Apple Tart of Hope by Sarah Moore Fitzgerald

The Boy in the Tower by Polly Ho-Yen

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas (contains bad language, violence, racism)

The Terrible Thing That Happened to Barnaby Brocket by John Boyne

Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech

Weight of Water by Sarah Crossan

Wonder by R J Palacio

## **Dystopian**

Blood Red Road trilogy by Moira Young

Chaos Walking trilogy by Patrick Ness

Divergent trilogy by Veronica Roth

Exodus by Julie Bertagna

Ink trilogy by Alice Broadway

Matched trilogy by Ally Condie

Maze Runner (series) by James Dashner

Noughts and Crosses (series) by Malorie Blackman

The Darkest Minds (series) by Alexandra Braken

## **Dystopian (continued)**

The Enemy (series) by Charlie Higson  
The Hunger Games trilogy by Suzanne Collins  
The Other Life by Susanne Winnacker  
The Sun is also a Star by Nicola Yoon  
The Supernaturalist by Eoin Colfer  
Twilight (series) by Stephanie Meyer

## **Fantasy**

13 Treasures by Michelle Harrison  
A Song for Ella Grey by David Almond  
Artemis Fowl (series) by Eoin Colfer  
Burn by Patrick Ness  
Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi  
Eragon (series) by Christopher Paolini  
Harry Potter series by J K Rowling  
Here Lies Arthur by Philip Reeve  
His Dark Materials trilogy by Philip Pullman  
La Belle Sauvage: The Book of Dust by Philip Pullman  
Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children by Ransom Riggs  
Percy Jackson (series) by Rick Riordan  
Red Queen by Victoria Aveyard  
Rooftoppers by Katherine Rundell  
Sabriel trilogy by Garth Nix  
Skulduggery Pleasant (series) by Derek Landy  
Snowglobe by Amy Wilson  
Spooks (series) by Joseph Delaney  
The Girl of Ink and Stars by Kiran Hargrave Millwood  
The House with Chicken Legs by Sophie Anderson  
The Phantom Tollbooth by Norton Juster

## **Fantasy (continued)**

The Potion Diaries by Amy Alward  
The Sleeper and the Spindle by Neil Gaiman  
The Weirdstone of Brisingamen by Alan Garner  
The Wind of Fire Trilogy by William Nicholson  
Throne of Glass (series) by Sarah J Maas  
Tinder by Sally Gardener

## **Historical**

A Kind of Spark by Elle McNichol  
Bog Child by Siobhan Dowd  
Buffalo Soldier by Tanya Landman  
Five Children on the Western front by Kate Saunders  
Flesh and Blood by Chris Priestley  
Freedom by Catherine Johnson  
Kiss the Dust by Elizabeth Laird  
Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys  
Star by Star by Sheena Wilkinson  
The Bone Sparrow by Zana Fraillon  
The Book Thief by Markus Zusak  
The Diary of Anne Frank by Anne Frank and Otto Frank  
The Enigma Game by Elizabeth Wein  
The Fountains of Silence by Ruta Sepetys  
The Island at the End of Everything by Kiran Millwood Hargrave  
The Merrybegot by Julie Hearn  
The Missing by Michael Rosen  
The Skylark's War by Hilary McKay  
Things a Bright Girl Can Do by Sally Nicholls  
Where the World Ends by Geraldine McCaughrean  
Young, Gifted and Black by Jamia Wilson

## **Home/Family/Relationships**

Blood Family by Anne Fine

Fire Colour One by Jenny Valentine

Lark by Anthony McGowan

Life an Exploded Diagram by Mal Peet

Lost by Ele Fountain

My Sister Lives on the Mantlepiece by Annabel Pitcher

No Fixed Address by Susin Neilson

The Eleventh Trade by Alyssa Hollingsworth

The Girl Who became a Tree by Joseph Coelho

The Island at the End of Everything by Kiran Millwood Hargrave

The Key to Flambards by Linda Newbery

The Reluctant Journey of Henry K. Larsen

Turtle Boy by M. Evan Wolkenstein

## **Horror and Ghost**

A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness

My Sword Hand is Singing by Marcus Sedgwick

The Lie Tree by Frances Hardinge

The Saga of Darren Shan (series) by Darren Shan

Thirteen Chairs by Dave Shelton

## **Humour**

Bubble Wrap Boy by Phil Earle

Geek Girl (series) by Holly Smale

Petunia Perry and the Curse of the Ugly Pigeon by Pamela Butchart

Ruby Redfort (series) by Lauren Child

Spy School by Stuart Gibbs

The Boy Who Swam with Piranhas by David Almond

The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole aged 13¾ by Sue Townsend

Time Travelling With a Hamster by Ross Welford

## **Other Cultures**

Across the Nightingale Floor by Lian Hearn

Artichoke Hearts by Sita Brahmachari

Boy 87 by Ele Fountain

Chinese Cinderella by Adeline Yen Meh

Encounters by Jason Wallace

I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzai

In the Sea There Are Crocodiles by Fabio Geda

Now is the Time for Running by Michael Williams

The Bone Sparrow by Zana Fraillon

## **Science Fiction**

Blood Red Road by Moira Young

Contagion by Teri Terry

Floodworld by Tom Huddleston

Gone (series) by Michael Grant

Railhead by Philip Reeve

The Ask and the Answer trilogy by Patrick Ness

The Crystal Stair by Catherine Fisher

## **Sport**

Armistice Runner by Tom Palmer

Booked by Kwame Alexander

Kick by Mitch Johnson

## **Thriller**

Code Name Verity by Elizabeth Wein

Code Red (series) by Chris Ryan

Ketchup Clouds by Annabel Pitcher

Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds

**Thriller (continued)**

Looking for JJ by Anne Cassidy

Maggot Moon by Sally Gardner

Ruby in the Smoke by Philip Pullman

Runners by Ann Kelley

Sara's Face by Melvin Burgess

Silverfin (series) by Charlie Higson

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time by Mark Haddon

The Deathless Girls by Kiran Millwood Hargrave

Young Bond (series) by Steve Cole

The Bunker Diary by Kevin Brooks

Hello Darkness by Anthony McGowan

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