



OUR LADY & ST. BEDE
CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Reading Matters



Hello!

Spring has largely sprung, here in the Northern Hemisphere, anyway. In honour of the seasonal upswing—and to celebrate April's Earth Day—pick up a book about nature. Whether you like learning facts through non-fiction books about newly discovered plants or want to live vicariously through a fictitious tale of a climate disaster, there are plenty of books to choose from in the library.

Recent science has uncovered some startling evidence to support the idea of consciousness in plants and trees, a great idea for any genre to explore!

This April has been a great time for spiritual reflection with Easter, Passover, and Ramadan coinciding. With Easter break allowing more reading time, we had over 300 books in circulation this month—surprisingly, the most popular topic for this time of year has been historical fiction full of tragedy.

As the flowers bloom outside, we are beginning our annual weeding process of retiring the out of date books that have not seen much love recently. This is a good thing because we are keen to make way for more books and in fact, we have recently added 200 new books in our collection. They've proven to be very popular as they didn't even stay on the shelves for more than a day before being snatched up by an eager reader.

As always, I am always open to recommendations and suggestions so please let me know if there is a book you believe we should *absolutely* add to our collection.

I hope you and your family had a wonderful Easter.

Happy Reading,

Ms. Jawaid



Librarian's Recommendations

The following books are some that explore the affects of climate change. These books are a blend of apocalyptic visions and futuristic living, with a specific deciding factor: the climate. We need to know what life has the potential to become.



Dry

By Neal Schusterman

A lengthy California drought escalates to catastrophic proportions, turning Alyssa's quiet suburban street into a warzone, and she is forced to make impossible choices if she and her brother are to survive.



All That's Left in the World

By Eric J. Brown

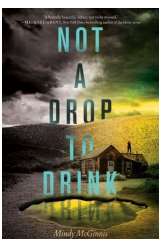
Jamie and Andrew are strangers, and two of the last people on Earth. They don't know what they'll find on their perilous journey ... but they may just find each other.



The Big Melt

By Ned Tillman

Marley and Brianne find their lives turned upside down as a series of climate catastrophes descend on their town. They struggle to find their voices and their purpose for living while attempting to save their family and friends, their town, and civilization as we know it.



Not a Drop to Drink

By Mindy McGinnis

Sixteen-year-old Lynn will do anything to protect her valuable water source, but the arrival of new neighbors forces her to reconsider her attitudes

Student Librarians' Recommendations

Student Librarians, this month, chose books of hope.



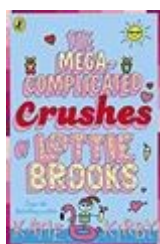
Green Rising

By Lauren James

After teenagers develop the ability to grow plants from their skin, recruits hired by an energy corporation must learn to use their powers to help fight climate change.

An upbeat and exciting story. - Aryanna

Cute and age-appropriate. - Rosie



The Mega-Complicated Crushes of Lottie Brooks

By Katie Kirby

When 12-year-old Lottie Brookes FINALLY gets to go on her first day with Daniel, she thinks she's in love. But when the summer holiday arrives and she goes off to France, she feels conflicted

Inspirational and emotional. - Penny

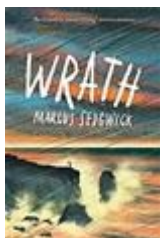


The Places I've Cried in Public

By Holly Bourne

Amelie tries to find a way to move on after a coercive relationship by revisiting all the places Reese made her cry.

Helps us value our environment. - Vania



Wrath

By Marcus Sedgwick

Cassie believes she can hear a humming noise, a sound she believes is the Earth calling out in distress. When her belief leads to her being bullied at school, she soon disappears. Her friend Fitz is fascinated by her and determined to find her.



Little Women

By Louisa May Alcott

This classic story chronicles the joys and troubles of the four March sisters - Meg, Jo, Amy, Beth - as they grow into young ladies.

A creative and fun main character. - Phoebe



Julia and the Shark

By Kiran Millwood Hargrave

When Audrey meets Harry, it's the start of a truly cinematic romance - or is it? Audrey knows that Harry is every movie cliché rolled into one. But she still chooses to let him into her heart...

Library Events



Every spring, the library joins CILIP, in shadowing.

Our group of pupils taking part are known as 'shadowers' as they 'shadow' the judging process for the Yoto Carnegie Medals; they read, discuss and review the books on each shortlist, engage in reading related activity and will vote for their favourites to win the Shadowers' Choice Awards.

This month, pupils have been reviewing each of the books on the short list as they read them.

The group meets every Thursday in the library. There is still time to join and voice your opinions!

Here are some of the most interesting reviews available on our group page, 'OLSB SHADOWERS':

The Light in Everything

The book is detailed, with different perspectives to show you how the characters deal with situations and how they feel. However, I thought this book was dry sometimes. It pulled me in the first few chapters but it did take me a few tries to keep on reading. The book starts off with Zofia's dad and Tom's mum having a baby, so they have to move into Zofia's little cottage near the sea together. But, they don't like each-other. Their personalities clash, and they can't stand one another. The book shows you how their relationship blooms. Sadly, I felt like the ending was predictable. I would recommend this book to readers of all ages.

Sophia

When Shadows Fall

A poignant story of the protagonist, Kai, and how he copes with his difficult teen years. The novel explores difficult topics such as loss and agony, it shows how easy it is to lose the things that are significant to you. It is such a heart-rending and touching plot, the author skilfully combines graceful poetry with discordant problems with families. I adored the illustrations and how it gorgeously portrays the emotions of the characters, it explores the relevance of friendship and family. However, it can be quite confusing and difficult to grasp the plot, but I definitely recommend it to people who enjoy empathetic and uplifting stories.

Aryanna

Needle

Needle is about a young, independent teenage girl who struggles to control her life full of conflict with her love of knitting. I find this book very relatable and realistic. It displays the reality of lives and the despair people go through to live. Charlene is a well-written character and in my opinion, is very inspirational to girls to keep fighting for what they want.

Angelu



Gotta catch 'em all!™

POKÉMON CLUB



EVERY WEDNESDAY

DURING LUNCH in the Library

12:55-1:20 pm

Please see Ms. Jawaid for more information.

First Chapter Friday Library Book Club

Join us as we read the first chapter of a new book each week, and discover your next great read!

**Fridays in the library,
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12:55—1:20 pm



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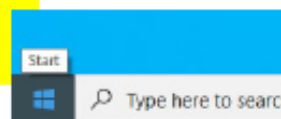
5 Write your score down in your Reading Record

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If you need a reading book, please see your English teacher or the librarian, Ms Jawaid.

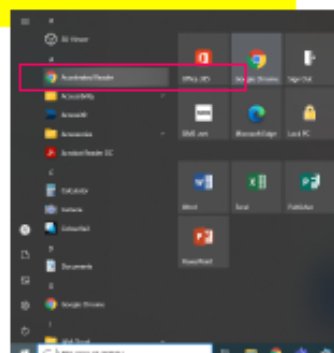
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