

Nonfiction

In order by call number in the Teen Spaces (YA) or Children's areas (JUV) at Kennedy (K) and/or Westergard (W).

How They Croaked YA 920 BRAGG (K)
A look at the deaths of several famous people throughout history and the circumstances surrounding those deaths.

Most Dangerous YA B ELLSBERG (K/W)
The story of Daniel Ellsberg and his decision to steal and publish secret documents about America's involvement in the Vietnam War.

Red Madness YA 614.5939 JARROW (K)
Traces the pellagra epidemic, drawing on real-life cases to describe its impact.

Positive YA B RAWL (K/W)
A teenager's memoir of the experiences of bullying, being HIV positive, and becoming a force for positive change in the world.

The Port Chicago 50
YA 940.5453 SHEINKIN (K/W)
Presents an account of the 1944 civil rights protest involving African-American Navy servicemen who were unjustly charged with mutiny for refusing to work in unsafe conditions after the Port Chicago explosion.

Chasing Lincoln's Killer
YA 973.7092 SWANSON (K/W)
Recounts the escape of John Wilkes Booth, Lincoln's assassin, and follows the search for him and his accomplices.

Terrible Typhoid Mary YA B TYPHOID (W)
What happens when a person's reputation has been forever damaged? This biography tells the story of Mary Mallon, the deadliest cook in America.

Graphic Novels

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Drowned City
YA COMIX 976.335 BROWN (K/W)
Tells the tale of Hurricane Katrina and the drowning of New Orleans.

Dogs of War YA COMIX DOGS (W)
Three fictional stories about soldiers in WWI, WWII, and the Vietnam War who were aided by combat dogs.

The Girl Who Owned a City
YA COMIX GIRL (W)
When a plague sweeps over the earth killing everyone except kids under 12, Lisa organizes a group to rebuild a new way of life.

The Graveyard Book
YA COMIX RUSSELL (K/W)
Nobody Owens is a normal boy, except that he has been raised by ghosts in a graveyard.

Sisters YA COMIX SISTERS (K/W)
In a semi-autobiographical graphic novel, Raina's disappointing bond with a cranky, independent younger sister is further challenged by the arrival of a baby brother and an estrangement in their parents' marriage.

Mo & Erica's Quick Picks for Middle School



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Fiction

In order by author's last name in the Teen Spaces (YA) or Children's areas (JUV) at Kennedy (K) and/or Westergard (W).

I Kill the Mockingbird

YA FIC ACAMPORA (K/W)

Lucy, Elena, and Michael are excited to see "To Kill A Mockingbird" on the summer reading list, but not everyone shares their enthusiasm. To change this, they come up with a plan to get the entire town talking about the book.

The Strange Case of Origami Yoda

JUV FIC ANGLEBERGER (W)

Tommy and his friends describe their interactions with a paper finger puppet of Yoda, as they try to determine if the puppet really can predict the future.

The Question of Miracles JUV FIC ARNOLD (K)

Unhappy about moving and grieving over the death of her best friend, Iris looks for a miracle, and may find one in new friend Boris.

Zombie Baseball Beatdown

JUV FIC/YA FIC BACIGALUPI (W)

While practicing for their next baseball game, friends Rabi, Miguel, and Joe discover that the activities of their local meatpacking plant have caused cows to turn into zombies.

The Finisher YA FIC BALDACCI (K/W)

When Quentin is chased from his village into the Quag, a dark forest, Vega uses her skills as a talented decoder to uncover dangerous secrets.

Soar JUV FIC BAUER (K)

After moving to Hillcrest, Ohio, Jeremiah, a heart transplant recipient, has sixty days to find a baseball team to coach.

When Audrey Met Alice

YA FIC BEHRENS (W)

When the Secret Service destroys another chance for the president's daughter to make any new friends, Audrey discovers former first daughter Alice Roosevelt's hidden diary.

The Thing About Jellyfish

YA FIC BENJAMIN (K/W)

Suzy copes with her intense grief over the loss of her best friend by investigating the rare jellyfish she is convinced was responsible for the death.

Doll Bones JUV FIC (K)/YA FIC BLACK (W)

Zach, Alice, and Poppy embark on a quest to bury a doll made from the ashes of a dead girl.

Summerlost YA FIC CONDIE (K/W)

Following the sudden deaths of her father and brother, Cedar Lee spends the summer working at a Shakespearean theater festival, making a new friend, and coming to terms with her grief.

The Bubble Wrap Boy JUV FIC EARLE (K)

Social outcast Charlie searches for a hobby, but when he discovers skateboarding, much to the disapproval of his overprotective mother, he also uncovers a huge family secret.

The Apple Tart of Hope

YA FIC FITZGERALD (K/W)

Oscar has gone missing, and everyone but Meg and Stevie thinks he is dead. Can Meg and Stevie figure out what happened to him?

Where You'll Find Me YA FIC FRIEND (W)

After her mother's attempted suicide, Anna goes to live with her father and his new family, and learns to navigate the shifting loyalties of middle school friendships.

Can you Say Catastrophe

YA FIC FRIEDMAN (W)

April just wants what any normal 13-year-old would want: to disown her parents and obnoxious sisters, to escape to summer camp, and to make a good impression on the new boy next door, but nothing goes according to plan.

The Secret Hum of a Daisy

YA FIC HOLCZER (W)

After Grace's mother's sudden death, Grace is forced to live with a grandmother she's never met.

The Nethergrim YA FIC JOBIN (W)

An evil force has been awakened from years of sleep and it is up to 14-year-old Edmund, an aspiring sorcerer, and his friends to stop it.

Rain Reign JUV FIC MARTIN (K)

Struggling with Asperger's, Rose shares a bond with her dog, but when the dog goes missing during a storm, Rose must confront the limits of her comfort levels.

Trash YA M MULLIGAN (K/W)

Raphael, Gardo, and Rat team up to figure out the mysteries surrounding a bag Raphael finds during their daily life of sorting through trash.

The Girl in the Well is Me

JUV FIC/YA FIC RIVERS (W)

Kammie reflects on her life as she fights claustrophobia while waiting to be rescued from a well she fell into while trying to impress some mean girls.

A Time to Dance YA FIC VENKATRAMAN (K)

In India, a girl who excels at Bharatanatyam dance refuses to give up after losing a leg in an accident.

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