



The ARTS

Absolutely on Music: Conversations with Seiji Ozawa (Murakami) *This book is transcribed from six extended conversations the author had with Seiji Ozawa while he was recovering from esophageal cancer.* **784.2092 OZAWA**

Born to Run (Springsteen) *An autobiography by Jersey boy and "The Boss Bruce Springsteen", a rock and roll legend.* **BIO SPRINGSTEEN**

Eight Girls Taking Pictures; A Novel (Otto) *Inspired by the careers of ground-breaking photographers Otto combines her personal passion for the art of photography with her impressions of what life must have been like for these artists.* **FICTION OTTO**

Hurry Up and Wait (Handler and Kalman) *An accessible introduction to looking at works of art and seeing the possibilities beyond the literal image, ideal for sparking ideas for creative endeavors.* **TEEN 779.2 KALMAN**

A Piece of the World (Kline) *For fans of Andrew Wyeth, this historical novel provides context for how he found his subject in his most famous painting, Christina's World.* **FICTION KLINE**

The Secret Life of the American Musical (Viertel) *A guide to the winning formula that makes a musical classical theater.* **792.6097 VIERTEL**

Symphony for the City of the Dead: Dmitri Shostakovich and the Siege of Leningrad (Anderson) *In a gripping narrative, helped along by ample photos and shockingly accurate historical details, the author offers readers a captivating account of a genius composer and the brutally stormy period in which he lived.* **TEEN BIO SHOSTAKOVIC**

COURAGE and PERSEVERENCE

Be The One: Six True Stories of Teens Overcoming Hardship with Hope (Pitts) *The book begins with "Where do you go, where do you hide, when the world hurts too much?" Inspirational stories of six teens who overcame unbelievable odds.* **TEEN 362.709 PITTS**

The Boys In the Boat (Brown) *An irresistible story about beating the odds and finding hope in the most desperate of times—the improbable, intimate account of how nine working-class boys from the American West at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin showed what true grit really meant.* **797.123 BROWN**

The Geeks Shall Inherit the Earth (Robbins) *The author explains the fascinating psychology and science behind popularity and outcasthood. She reveals that the things that set students apart in high school are the things that help them stand out later in life.* **TEEN 305.235 ROBBINS**

In the Heart of the Sea: The Tragedy of the Whaleship Essex (Philbrick) *A timeless account of the human spirit under extreme duress, a tragic tale of survival against all odds.* **910.45 PHILBRICK**

Invisible Man, Got the Whole World Watching: A Young Black Man's Education (Smith) *Asking the question "How do you learn to be a black man in America?", the author explores various assumptions, issues and conflicts.*

Laughing At My Nightmare (Burcaw) *In this focused, intelligent and hilarious memoir, the author recalls the endured experiences of living with spinal muscular atrophy.* **TEEN BIO BURCAW**

The Meaning of Michelle: 16 Writers on the Iconic First Lady and How Her Journey Inspires Our Own (Chambers) *Each writer stands up and attests to ways in which Michelle Obama defied stereotypes and pushed forward a vision.* **973.932 MEANING**

The Power of One (Courteney) *An inspiring story of a young man named Peekay who struggles in South Africa during World War II to find that it only takes one to change the world. He overcomes obstacles by using his courage to show the power of one.* **FICTION COURTENAY**

Profiles in Courage (Kennedy) *The inspiring true accounts of eight unsung heroic acts by American patriots at different junctures in our nation's history, This Pulitzer Prize, a half-century later, remains a moving, powerful, and relevant testament to the indomitable national spirit and an unparalleled celebration of that most noble of human virtues.* **920 KENNEDY**

FAMILY

The Color of Water (McBride) *The son of a black minister and a woman who would not admit she was white, James McBride grew up in "orchestrated chaos" with his eleven siblings in the poor, all-black projects. As a young man, McBride saw his mother as a source of embarrassment, —and she viewed her children as the "color of water".* **974.7 MCBRIDE**

Girl In Translation (Kwok) *A resolute yet naïve Chinese girl confronts poverty and culture shock with equal zeal when she and her mother immigrate to Brooklyn in this affecting coming-of-age debut.* **FICTION KWOK**

The Girl Who Fell From the Sky (Darrow) *Rachel, the daughter of a Danish mother and a black G.I., becomes the sole survivor of a family tragedy after a fateful morning on their Chicago rooftop.* **FICTION DURROW**

FAMILY_cont.

We Are All Made of Molecules (Nielsen) Told in first person, in alternating viewpoints - Stewart, a child genius who a year and a half ago lost his mother to cancer; and Ashley, the popular and often mean girl who has an innate understanding of the precariousness of her position on top of the social hierarchy and whose parents have separated.

TEEN FICTION NIELSEN

FANTASY/DYSTOPIA/UTOPIA

1984 (Orwell) In 1984, London is a grim city where Big Brother is always watching you and the Thought Police can practically read your mind. Winston is a man in grave danger for the simple reason that his memory still functions.

TEEN FICTION ORWELL & FICTION ORWELL

The Passion of Dolssa (Berry) A historical novel; the main character is a 13th-century female mystic hounded by the Inquisition. **TEEN FICTION BERRY**

Scythe (Shusterman) This first in a planned series is about a utopia just beginning to unravel. Scientists have triumphed over disease and even death, and an elite league of reapers has been commissioned to kill to slow population growth.

TEEN FICTION SHUSTERMAN

Station Eleven (Mandel) The sudden death of a Hollywood actor during a production of King Lear marks the beginning of the world's dissolution in a story told at various past and future.

FICTION MANDEL

The Star-Touched Queen (Chokshi) Gauri, princess of Charata, is a captured prisoner by her kingdom's enemies. Prince Vikram of her enemy kingdom makes her an offer: win back her kingdom by helping him win the Tournament of Wishes. **TEEN FICTION CHOKSHI**

FRIENDSHIP

After Tupac and D. Foster (Woodson) Well-balanced plot lines about a friend's departure and a hero's death

TEEN FICTION WOODSON

Attachments (Rowell) In sweet, silly, and incredibly long digital missives, best newsroom pals Beth and Jennifer trade gossip over their romances. What they don't know is that the newly hired computer guy is charged with weeding out all things unnecessary. A frothy rom-com. **TEEN FICTION ROWELL**

Code Name Verity (Wein) In exchange for a temporary stay of execution and lesser forms of torture, a young female spy captured in Nazi-occupied France writes a confession of her activities in the Resistance. Her story is that of two women who should never have crossed paths, yet were destined to become the best of friends, embarking upon a covert mission that would determine which of them would live or die. **TEEN FICTION WEIN**

Eleanor & Park (Rowell) A book about two people who just really, really like each other and who believe that they can overcome any obstacle standing in the way of their happiness.

TEEN FICTION ROWELL

Like No Other (LaMarche) Jaxon and Devorah inhabit different worlds despite living in the same Brooklyn neighborhood. A fateful combination of a birth, a storm, and an empty stomach trap them together in a hospital elevator.

TEEN FICTION LEMARCHE

Orphan Train (Kline) Foster teen Molly is performing community-service work for elderly widow Vivian, and as they go through Vivian's cluttered attic, they discover that their lives have much in common.

FICTION KLINE

The Undoing Project: A Friendship that Changed Our Minds (Lewis) Sometimes humans placate themselves by creating alternative versions of reality. This title examines the working relationship of two giants in the field of psychology.

612.8233 LEWIS

HISTORY

1491 (Mann) In this groundbreaking work of science, history, and archaeology, the author radically alters our understanding of the Americas before the arrival of Columbus in 1492. **970.011 MANN**

Cod: A Biography of the Fish That Changed the World (Kurlansky) Cod, it turns out, is the reason Europeans set sail across the Atlantic, and it is the only reason they could. **AVAILABLE TO DOWNLOAD as an OVERDRIVE EBOOK**

Natural Born Heroes (McDougall) A retelling of an improbable World War II tale set in Crete, combined with research on the lost secrets of strength and endurance.

940.5349 MCDUGALL

Sailing the Wine Dark Sea: Why the Greeks Matter (Cahill) The author examines ancient Greek civilization through a number of specific roles, such as the warrior, the politician, and the philosopher. **938 CAHILL**

The Underground Railroad (Whitehead) As Whitehead brilliantly re-creates the unique terrors for black people in the pre-Civil War era, his narrative seamlessly weaves the saga of America from the brutal importation of Africans to the unfulfilled promises of the present day. **FICTION WHITEHEAD**

HUMAN and CIVIL RIGHTS

Girl In the Blue Coat (Hesse) A powerful, compelling coming-of-age story set against the dark and dangerous backdrop of World War II. It's an important and page-turning look at the choices all of us--including young adults--have to make in wartime.

NUTMEG TEEN FICTION HESSE

HUMAN and CIVIL RIGHTS cont.

Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption (Stevenson) The founder of the Equal Justice Initiative recounts his experiences as a lawyer working to assist those desperately in need. **345.73 STEVENSON**

Making It Right: Building Peace, Settling Conflict (Peters) This book offers alternative approaches, sometimes called restorative justice, to bring people together to build a more caring community. **TEEN 364.68 PETERS**

March, Books 1, 2 and 3 (Lewis) A graphic novel trilogy written by Congressman John Lewis chronicles the history of the American civil rights movement. **GRAPHIC NOVEL BIO LEWIS**

Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg (Carmon) An original hybrid of reported narrative, annotated dissents, rare archival photos and documents, and illustrations, this book tells a never-before-told story of an unusual and transformative woman who transcends generational divides. **BIO GINSBURG**

The Underground Girls of Kabul (Nordberg) The author follows a group of young women raised as boys in a culture almost entirely ruled by men, where the birth of a son is celebrated and a daughter, mourned. **305.3095 NORDBURG**

IMMIGRATION

Barrio Boy (Galarza) This is the remarkable story of one boy's journey from a Mexican village so small its main street didn't have a name, to the barrio of Sacramento, California, bustling and thriving in the early decades of the twentieth century. **BIO GALARZA**

The Book of Unknown Americans (Henriquez) The story takes place in a run-down apartment building in Delaware, home to nine families who arrived from various South and Central American countries, each looking to better the lives of the next generation. In alternating chapters, these men and women share stories of how their adopted country has left its mark on them, for better and worse. **FICTION HENRIQUEZ**

Funny In Farsi (Dumas) A funny and touching account of growing up in America with Iranian roots. **BIO DUMAS**

Of Beetles and Angels: A Boy's Remarkable Journey from a Refugee Camp to Harvard (Asgedom) This memoir tells the unforgettable story of a young boy's journey from a refugee camp in Sudan to Chicago, where his family survived on welfare. Mawi followed his father's advice to "treat people . . . as though they were angels sent from heaven," and realized his dream of a full-tuition scholarship to Harvard University. **TEEN BIOGRAPHY ASGEDOM**

The Sun Is Also A Star (Yoon) Told in alternating viewpoints and set against immigration issues and family expectations, this

terrific novel speaks to how one decision in one moment can change everything. **TEEN FICTION YOON**

READING and WRITING

The Book Thief (Zusak) Liesel Meminger is a foster girl living outside of Munich, who scratches out a meager existence for herself by stealing when she encounters something she can't resist—books. With the help of her accordion-playing foster father, she learns to read and shares her stolen books with her neighbors during bombing raids as well as with the Jewish man hidden in her basement. **TEEN FICTION ZUSAK**

The Book That Made Me: A Collection of 32 Personal Stories (Ridge) A compilation of 32 pieces by various well-known YA authors about the books that inspired them to become writers. **TEEN 028.8 RIDGE**

Lit Up: One Reporter. Three Schools. Twenty-four Books That Can Change Lives (Denby) This book reminds us that the study of literature can be life-changing, especially for adolescents who are deciding who they are and who they hope to be. **028 DENBY**

The Republic of Imagination: America In Three Books (Fafisi) Do novels still matter in a world where real-life stories are so dramatic? This blend of memoir, biography, and a deep reading of three quintessentially American literary texts makes a successful case for the importance of fiction. **813 NAFIS**

SCIENCE and TECHNOLOGY

Death by Black Hole and Other Cosmic Quandries (deGrasse Tyson) A series of articles on how the universe works originally published in *Natural History* magazine. **523.8875 TYSON**

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks (Skloot) Her name was Henrietta Lacks, but scientists know her as HeLa. She was a poor black tobacco farmer whose cells—taken without her knowledge in 1951—became one of the most important tools in medicine, vital for developing the polio vaccine, cloning, gene mapping, and more. **616.0277 SKLOOT**

Eyes Wide Open: Going Behind the Environmental Headlines (Fleischman) An overview of today's environmental challenges and how to decode conflicting information.

Hidden Figures (Shetterly) Through the stories of five women who fought racism and sexism at all levels as they helped drive the Space Race, this book shows us an inspiring part of history. **510.92 SHETTERLY**

The Innovators: How a Group of Hackers, Geniuses and Geeks Created the Digital Revolution (Isaacson) A revealing story of the people who created the computer and the Internet. **044.092 ISAACSON**

SCIENCE and TECHNOLOGY cont.

Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer (French) Tells the story of this doctor's efforts to diagnose and cure infectious diseases and to bring modern medicine to countries and people who need them most.

Neurocomic (Ros) This title is a great introduction to the complexities of the brain for laymen.

Packing for Mars: The Curious Science of Life In the Void (Roach) As Mary Roach discovers, it's possible to preview space without ever leaving Earth. From the space shuttle training toilet to a crash test of NASA's new space capsule (cadaver filling in for astronaut), Roach takes us on a surreally entertaining trip into the science of life in space and space on Earth. 5793.0919
ROACH

Pinpoint: How GPS Is Changing Technology, Culture, and Our Minds (Milner) While GPS has brought us breathtakingly accurate information about our planet, it has created new forms of human behavior. 910.285 MILNER

The Science of Shakespeare (Falk) Shakespeare lived during a period we now know as the start of the Scientific Revolution.

Smarter Than You Think: How Technology is Changing Our Minds for the Better (Thompson) Shows how every technological advance over time has been disparaged, caused hand-wringing, etc., but actually has improved life for the better.

SPORTS

Dust Bowl Girls: The Inspiring Story of the Team that Barnstormed Its Way to Basketball Glory (Reeder) Player interviews and scrapbooks tell the story of the Cardinals, who in 1932 became the first women's collegiate team to win the American Athletic Union's National Basketball Tournament.
HOOPLA E-BOOK

Life In Motion: An Unlikely Ballerina (Copeland) Misty Copeland makes history, telling the story of her journey to become the first African-American principal ballerina at the prestigious American Ballet Theatre. BIO COPELAND

Out of Nowhere (Padian) Performing community service for pulling a stupid prank against a rival high school, soccer star Tom tutors a Somali refugee with soccer dreams of his own.
TEEN FICTION PADIAN

Playbook: 52 Rules to Aim, Shoot, and Score in This Game Called Life (Alexander) This title is filled with uplifting stories, inspiring words of wisdom from favorite sports figures, and 52 rules to follow both on and off the court. J 796.01 ALEX

Queen of Katwe: A Story of Life, Chess and One Extraordinary Girl's Dream (Crothers) A young girl from a dirt-poor slum in Uganda meets a man, a missionary from a similar background, who inspires her to take up chess, a game so unknown in her country that there is not even a word for it in her language. The

girl rises to national champion and travels to the Chess Olympiad in Siberia, a journey that opens her eyes to a world she might never have known.

794.1092 CROTHERS

Selection Day (Adiga) Living in a Mumbai slum, two brothers are cricket prodigies. Sporting accomplishments could spell financial freedom for the family but they must decide on their true path.
FICTION ADIGA

A Sense of Where You Are: Bill Bradley at Princeton (McPhee) A biography on an incredible basketball player. The title comes from Bill Bradley always knowing his position in relation to the basket.

Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team (Sheinkin) The story of a group of young men who came together at school, the overwhelming obstacles they faced both on and off the field, and their absolute refusal to accept defeat.
TEEN BIO THORPE

2018 NUTMEG BOOK AWARD NOMINEES FOR HIGH SCHOOL

On DISPLAY in the TEEN ZONE of the Canton Public Library

Dumplin' by Julie Murphy

Girl in the Blue Coat by Monica Hesse

More Happy Than Not by Adam Silvera

Red Rising by Pierce Brown

The Rest of Us Just Live Here by Patrick Ness

Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda by Becky Albertalli

Traffick by Ellen Hopkins

The Way I Used to Be by Amber Smith

We Are the Ants by Shaun David Hutchinson

X: A Novel by Ilyasah Shabazz and Kekla Magoon

About This List ...

Our students are highly encouraged to read for pleasure as well as for information throughout the vacation weeks. All student selected a "community read" to be read over the summer through their English classes. This supplementary list serves as a guide for selecting additional books for reading pleasure. Please note, additional titles may be required for specific courses. All of the titles on this list as well as other required titles are available at Canton Public Library and at the local bookstore. Questions about this list may be directed to Joanna Eickenhorst, Library Media Specialist CHS and CMS, jeickenhorst@cantonschools.org, or, Dr. Ruth Kidwell, English Department Chair 7-12, rkidwell@cantonschools.org.

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Suggested Summer Reading