

Cecil County Public Schools



Library Media Program

Citizens' Advisory Council

Thursday April 13, 2023

Vision & Purpose of our Libraries

The school library serves the informational, creative, and recreational needs of students and staff. As an organized, multicultural, multi-purpose, cross-curricular collection, it fosters an environment that supports the quest for knowledge and a life-long love of learning and reading. School libraries are the one educational setting where the need to access information to solve problems coexists on an equal plane with a personal desire for literary experiences.

The school library provides students and staff with equitable access to information. The ability to effectively access, evaluate and use information in ever evolving formats is the cornerstone of student achievement. Through an integrated instructional program, school librarians empower students to master the critical information literacy skills necessary for success to become responsible, caring, and ethical citizens.

Provide facilities that are
inviting, nurturing and
conducive to learning.

Develop diverse collections which foster a lifelong appreciation of literature and a and reading to support classroom instruction and personal interests.

Provide equitable and timely access
to organized collections and
professional services.

Collaborate with teachers to facilitate student learning through the integration of information literacy skills in all curricular areas.



Email Mrs. Dyar for help by clicking the mail icon below or fill out the request form.

Ensure that students master information literacy skills to prepare students for college, career, and life readiness.

Support students and
staff in the development
of technology skills.

Podcasting

**Digital music
recording & editing**

Provide learning opportunities that develop critical thinking skills in order to perform authentic research.



Develop partnerships with parents and community members to establish and foster a community of learners.



Connect students to the community through the public library, as well as expand their access to educational resources.

How We Review Our Titles: Older Teen Collection

Category	Regular Collection	Older Teen Collection	Removal From Collection/ Not to be Purchased
Sexual Situations or Activities (sexual identity, sex acts, consensual)	These titles may include <i>implicit</i> descriptions of sexual situations.	These titles may include <i>explicit</i> descriptions of sexual activities.	These titles may include <i>gratuitous</i> descriptions of sexual situations and activities. Consensual sexual relationships between an adult and a minor.
Violence (Abuse, bullying, aggression, non-consensual sexual situations)	These titles may include <i>implicit</i> descriptions of violence.	These titles may include <i>explicit</i> descriptions of violence.	These titles may include <i>gratuitous</i> descriptions of violence.
Substance Use or Abuse	These titles may include <i>implicit</i> descriptions of substance use.	These titles may include <i>explicit</i> descriptions of substance use or abuse.	These titles may include <i>gratuitous</i> descriptions of substance use or abuse.
Harm to Self or Others	These titles may include <i>implicit</i> descriptions of harm to self or others.	These titles may include <i>explicit</i> descriptions of harm to self or others.	These titles may include <i>gratuitous</i> descriptions of harm to self or others.
Profanity	These titles may include <i>implicit</i> profanity and/or few incidents of explicit profanity.	These titles may include <i>repeated use of explicit</i> profanity.	These titles may include <i>gratuitous</i> descriptions and excessive use of vulgarity.
Visual Content	These titles include <i>implicit</i> visual depictions of any of the categories above. Artistic representations of the human body.	These titles may include <i>graphic, detailed, and/or repeated</i> visual depictions of any of the categories above.	These titles may include <i>excessive</i> visual depictions of any of the categories above.

Defined

Implicit: Suggested but not communicated directly

Explicit: Fully expressed without vagueness, implication, or ambiguity

Gratuitous: Uncalled for, lacking good reason, unwarranted, excessive

How We Review Our Titles. CommonSenseMedia.org

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PLUS

THE HATE U GIVE

ANGIE THOMAS

Common Sense says

age 13+

★★★★★

Powerful story of police shooting of unarmed Black teen.

Angle Thomas

Contemporary Fiction

2017

Save

Rate book

Parents say

age 14+

★★★★★

Based on 52 reviews

Kids say

age 13+

★★★★★

Based on 179 reviews

A Lot or a Little?

The parents' guide to what's in this book.

Stands out for positive messages and positive role models.

Educational Value

A+ ●●●●●

Positive Messages

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Positive Role Models

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Violence & Scariness

●●●●●

Sex, Romance & Nudity

●●●●●

Language

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Products & Purchases

\$ ●●●●●

Drinking, Drugs & Smoking

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What Parents Need to Know

Parents need to know that Angie Thomas' *New York Times* best-selling book *The Hate U Give* won a 2018 Coretta Scott King Author Honor, a Michael L. Printz Honor, and the Odyssey Award for best audiobook for kids and teens. Inspired by the Black Lives Matter movement, it involves the police shooting of an unarmed black teen. The book covers topics of race, interracial dating, political activism, grief, friendship, wealth disparity, police brutality, addiction, and the media's depiction of African

ALL AMERICAN BOYS

All American Boys

Haunting tale of two boys' lives changed by police assault.

age 12+

Our Editors Recommend

For kids who love stories of friendship, racism, and social justice

Books About Friendship

Books About Racism and Social Justice

See all recommended book lists

Themes & Topics

Browse titles with similar subject matter.

How We Review Our Titles: CommonSenseMedia.org

A Lot or a Little?

The parents' guide to what's in this book.

🚩 Stands out for positive messages and positive role models.



Positive Role Models

Unlike many books aimed at young adults, this novel is full of positive kid and adult role models. The adults who reach out to mentor and advise the students not only provide guidance but also show vulnerability, which allows the teens in the story to feel comfortable with their own vulnerability. The teens navigate tough situations but show a willingness to learn from mistakes and make amends.

Our Editors Recommend



All American Boys

Illustration of a boy

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Sex, Romance & Nudity

There's talk of an affair between two adults. Teens engage in heavy petting, talk about having sex and condoms. A teen girl is described as being on birth control, and there's discussion of teen pregnancy and the assumption that a married couple is having sex when they go to their bedroom and turn the television up loud. A woman is revealed to be a sex worker.

🚩 Did you know you can flag iffy stuff with Plus? Adjust limits for Sex, Romance & Nudity in your kid's entertainment guide. [See picks](#)

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How We Review Our Titles: Goodreads.org?

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"Stand-out story"
—JORDAN KIRKLAND, Goodreads member of all time



THE HATE U GIVE
ANGIE THOMAS

4.49 798,523 ratings · 71,806 reviews

5 stars	493,192 (61%)
4 stars	228,054 (28%)
3 stars	59,614 (7%)
2 stars	11,462 (1%)
1 star	6,281 (1%)

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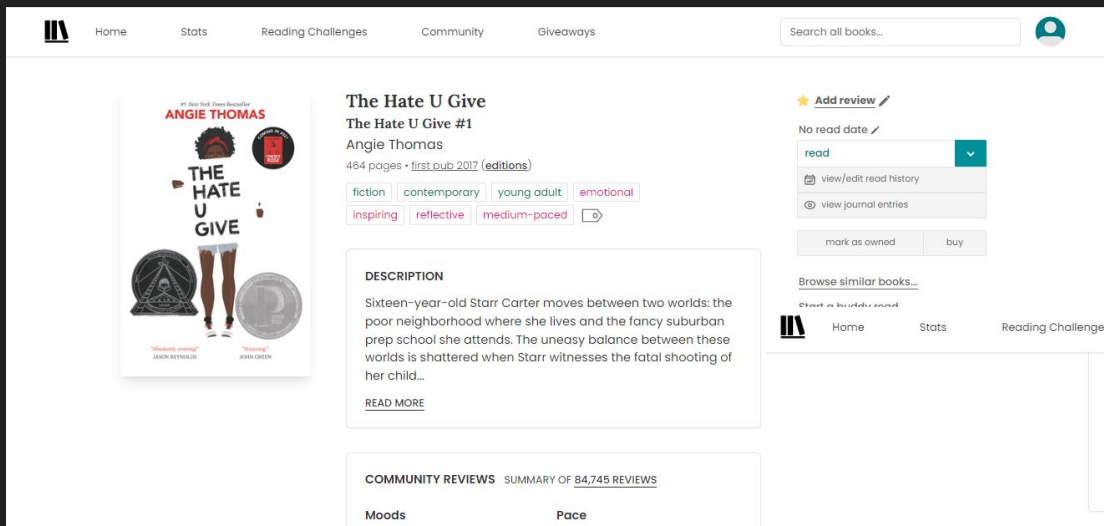
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322 reviews
151k followers
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June 19, 2020

When you're reading books like *The Hate U Give*, you're reading someone's decision against silence.

This book has made me feel every single possible emotion at the same time. It was truly incredible and I have SO MUCH to say about it I wish I could actually just send everyone a

How We Review Our Titles: Goodreads.org



The screenshot shows the Goodreads page for the book "The Hate U Give" by Angie Thomas. The page includes the book cover, title, author, and a description. The description states: "Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her child..." The page also features a "COMMUNITY REVIEWS" section with a summary of 84,745 reviews and a table with columns for "Moods" and "Pace".

The Hate U Give
The Hate U Give #1
Angie Thomas
464 pages • first pub. 2017 (editions)

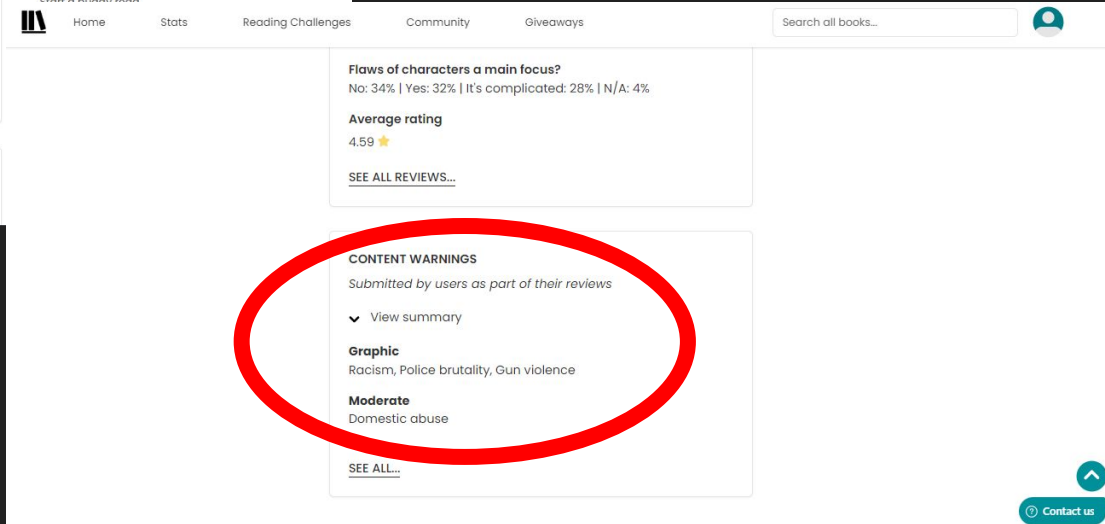
fiction | contemporary | young adult | emotional
inspiring | reflective | medium-paced

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COMMUNITY REVIEWS [SUMMARY OF 84,745 REVIEWS](#)

Moods	Pace
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The screenshot shows the Goodreads page for the book "The Hate U Give" by Angie Thomas, focusing on the "CONTENT WARNINGS" section. The section is circled in red and contains the following information:

Flaws of characters a main focus?
No: 34% | Yes: 32% | It's complicated: 28% | N/A: 4%

Average rating
4.59 ★

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CONTENT WARNINGS
Submitted by users as part of their reviews

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Graphic
Racism, Police brutality, Gun violence

Moderate
Domestic abuse

[SEE ALL...](#)

How Do We Review Our Titles: HW Wilson

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- Full Text Book Reviews

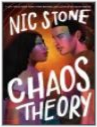
Reference Shelf

- Collection Development Policy and Recommendation Levels
- [User Guide](#)
- FAQ

Recent Additions



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The wicked bargain
by Novoa, Gabe Cole


Chaos theory
by Stone, Nic

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Essential Titles

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


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Book Title Page Options Share

- 102 minutes: the unforgettable story of the fight to survive inside the Twin Towers

Book
Recommended (Nonfiction Core Collection); Essential (Senior High Core Collection)
By: Dwyer, Jim, 1957-. Times Books, Jan 2011, xxiv, 353 p.
Subjects: September 11 Terrorist Attacks, 2001; Victims of terrorism; Buildings; Rescue work; Self-preservation; New York City; 21st century; History writing -- September 11, 2001 -- United States; Adult books for young adults
- 19 love songs

Book
Essential (Senior High Core Collection)
By: Levithan, David. Alfred A. Knopf, Jan 2020, 320 p.; Reading Level (Lexile): 830
Subjects: Valentine's Day; Love, Gay couples; Compassion; Individuality; Identity; Families; Homosexuality; Teenage boy/boy relations; Short stories; Autobiographical fiction; LGBTQIA fiction
- The 1960s cultural revolution

Book
Essential (Senior High Core Collection)
By: McWilliams, John C. 1949-. Greenwood Press, Jan 2000, xviii, 187 p.; Reading Level (Lexile): 1400

Happening Now

- Meet bi-weekly to discuss/categorize fiction titles in our high school collections. This work will continue well into next year.
- Collaborate on a unified book selection for high schools for LAC review.
- Reviewed MS Book orders through LAC; elementary and high school order review upcoming.
- Every high school parent will identify their library access preference upon enrollment/emergency card process.

Reflection

One thing that CCPS has done well through this process?

How can we improve?

A Word About the Miller Test

The Miller test for obscenity includes the following criteria:

- (1) whether 'the average person, applying contemporary community standards' would find that the work, 'taken as a whole,' appeals to 'prurient interest'
- (2) whether the work depicts or describes, in a patently offensive way, sexual conduct specifically defined by the applicable state law, and
- (3) whether the work, 'taken as a whole,' lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value.

***All three criteria must be met for the work to be considered obscene.