

# UHS Bookshelf Bulletin: February Library Updates



## Highlighted Book:

**Legendborn (Legendborn Cycle, Book 1)**

by Tracy Deonn

“Filled with mystery and an intriguingly rich magic system, Tracy Deonn’s YA contemporary fantasy Legendborn offers the dark allure of *City of Bones* with a modern-day twist on a classic legend and a lot of Southern Black Girl Magic.

After her mother dies in an accident, sixteen-year-old Bree Matthews wants nothing to do with her family memories or childhood home. A residential program for bright high schoolers at UNC–Chapel Hill seems like the perfect escape—until Bree witnesses a magical attack on her very first night on campus.

A flying demon feeding on human energies. A secret society of so called “Legendborn” students that hunt the creatures down. And a mysterious teenage mage who calls himself a “Merlin” and who attempts —and fails—to wipe Bree’s memory of everything she saw.

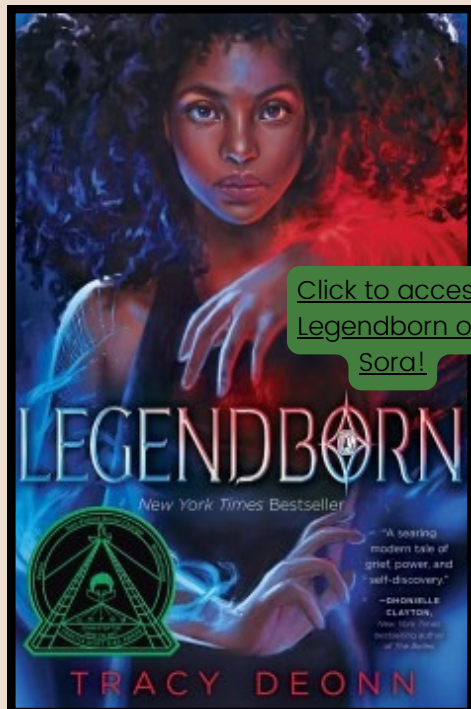
The mage’s failure unlocks Bree’s own unique magic and a buried memory with a hidden connection: the night her mother died, another Merlin was at the hospital. Now that Bree knows there’s more to her mother’s death than what’s on the police report, she’ll do whatever it takes to find out the truth, even if that means infiltrating the Legendborn as one of their initiates.

She recruits Nick, a self-exiled Legendborn with his own grudge against the group, and their reluctant partnership pulls them deeper into the society’s secrets—and closer to each other. But when the Legendborn reveal themselves as the descendants of King Arthur’s knights and explain that a magical war is coming, Bree has to decide how far she’ll go for the truth and whether she should use her magic to take the society down—or join the fight.

Legendborn is the first book in The Legendborn Cycle.”

-<https://www.tracydeonn.com/legendborn>

- Tell students to place a hold on Destiny Discover through Clever
- The ebook is also available on Sora



\*Teachers can schedule a time for classes to come check out circulation books in the library by emailing Heather at: [Heather\\_Laird@upland.k12.ca.us](mailto:Heather_Laird@upland.k12.ca.us)

\*If teachers would like to schedule a time to check out textbooks or class novels, please contact Alicia at: [Alicia\\_Corona@upland.k12.ca.us](mailto:Alicia_Corona@upland.k12.ca.us)

## Displays:

*Celebrate*  
**Black**  
HISTORY  
*month*

HAPPY  
VALENTINE'S  
DAY



**Black History Month** - Check out our interactive Black History Month display and explore powerful writing by Black authors. This display highlights Elizabeth Acevedo, Maya Angelou, Lorraine Hansberry, Langston Hughes, Toni Morrison, Zora Neale Hurston, Trevor Noah, Jason Reynolds, Bryan Stevenson, Michelle Obama, and Ralph Ellison.

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**Valentine’s Day Display** - A fun collection of YA romance reads.

**Books You’ve Seen on Screen** - This display features books that have been made into movies or tv shows or books inspired by movies and tv shows.

**New Books** - We have tons of new fiction and nonfiction books on display to enjoy. These displays are regularly filled with newly acquired books, many of which are Junior Library Guild selections.

## Clubs/ Events:

**UHS Book Club** - The UHS Book Club meets the first and last Tuesday of every month after school in the library. Students receive free books to discuss together. This month’s book club pick is: *A Good Girl’s Guide to Murder* by Holly Jackson.

**Sewing Makerspace** - Mrs. Raus hosts a sewing makerspace on Fridays after school in the library. Students are taught how to use the sewing machine and create awesome projects.



## Did you know? - Graphic Novels are a valuable learning tool

Graphic novels can help develop a lifelong love of reading for both struggling and advanced readers. They are great tools for strengthening vocabulary and comprehension skills. They also help students connect to diverse points of view, understand visual cues that develop empathy in readers towards characters, and provide an opportunity for multimodal literacy.

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