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3	6-8th grade Earned Honors				
4	Hoot	Carl Hiaasen	Hoot is a young adult novel by Carl Hiaasen about three middle school kids who try to save a population of endangered burrowing owls in Florida.	Earned Honors 6th grade	
5	I Am Malala	Malala Yousafzai	Autobiography of Malala's life as a young Afghan girl who stood up for education and was shot by the Taliban	Earned Honors 6th grade	
6	Stargirl	Jerry Spinelli	*Stargirl* is a young adult novel by Jerry Spinelli about a free-spirited teenage girl who disrupts the conformity of a quiet Arizona high school.	Earned Honors 7th grade	
7	The Giver	Lois Lowry	*The Giver* is a 1993 dystopian novel by Lois Lowry about a twelve-year-old boy named Jonas who discovers the dark, hidden truths of his seemingly perfect, emotionless society.	Earned Honors 7th grade	
8	A Night to Remember	Walter Lord	*A Night to Remember* is a 1955 non-fiction book by Walter Lord that chronicles the final, tragic hours of the RMS Titanic.	Earned Honors 8th grade	
9	The Outsiders	SE Hinton	*The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton is a classic 1967 young adult novel about the violent rivalry between two rival teenage groups divided by their socioeconomic status: the working-class "Greasers" and the wealthy "Socs."	Earned Honors 8th grade	
10	The Children of the Sea	Christine Day	*Twelve-year-old Maisie Cannon is Makah and Piscataway, and a passionate ballet dancer*	7th Grade Humanities	
11	Supplemental or Choice All Schools				
12	Bud, not Buddy	Speare	Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father—the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids.	supplemental or Choice	
13	Dragonwings	Yep, Laurence	Moon shadow is eight years old when he sails from China to join his father, Windrider, in America. Windrider lives in San Francisco and makes his living doing laundry. Father and son have never met. But Moon Shadow grows to love and respect his father and to believe in his wonderful dream.	Supplemental or Choice	
14	Frightful's Mountain	George, Jean Craighead	Sam Gribley has been told that it is illegal to harbor an endangered bird, so when his beloved falcon, Frightful, comes home, he has to let her go. But Frightful doesn't know how to live alone in the wild. She can't feed herself, mate, brood chicks, or migrate. Frightful struggles to survive and learns to enjoy her new freedom. But she feels a bond with Sam that can never be broken, and more than anything else, she wants to return to him.	Supplemental or Choice	

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15	Percy Jackson and the Lightening Thief	Riordan, Rick	Percy Jackson is a good kid, but he can't seem to focus on his schoolwork or control his temper. And lately, being away at boarding school is only getting worse. When Percy's mom finds out, she knows it's time that he knew the truth about where he came from. She sends Percy to Camp Half Blood, a summer camp for demigods, where he learns that the father he never knew is Poseidon, God of the Sea. Soon a mystery unfolds and together with his friends, Percy sets out on a quest across the United States to reach the gates of the Underworld and prevent a catastrophic war between the gods.	Supplemental or Choice	
16	A Long Walk to Water	Park, Linda Sue	A Long Walk to Water begins as two stories, told in alternating sections, about a girl in Sudan in 2008 and a boy in Sudan in 1985. The girl, Nya, is fetching water from a pond that is two hours' walk from her home: she makes two trips to the pond every day. The boy, Salva, becomes one of the "lost boys" of Sudan, refugees who cover the African continent on foot as they search for their families and for a safe place to stay. Enduring every hardship from loneliness to attack by armed rebels to contact with killer lions and crocodiles, Salva is a survivor, and his story goes on to intersect with Nya's in an astonishing and moving way.	Supplemental or Choice	
17	Lyddie	Paterson	Impoverished Vermont farm girl Lyddie Worthen is determined to gain her independence by becoming a factory worker in Lowell, Massachusetts in the 1840s.	Supplemental or Choice	
18	Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass	Douglass, Freder	This classic of American literature, a dramatic autobiography of the early life of an American slave, was first published in 1845, when its author had just achieved his freedom. It is a story that shocked the world with its first-hand account of the horrors of slavery. The book was an incredible success. It sold over thirty thousand copies and was an international bestseller. His eloquence gives a clear indication of the powerful principles that led Douglas to become the first great African-American leader in the United States.	Supplemental or Choice	
19	Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, The	Twain, Mark	As Mark Twain's satiric masterpiece opens, Huck is running from his murderous father while Jim is fleeing slavery. The pair joins forces and pilots a raft down the Mississippi, encountering a crash with a steamboat, con men and traveling actors, southern gentility and lynch mobs. All their encounters mirror the hypocrisy Twain witnessed in the mid to late 19th century. The "n" word is used frequently.		
20	Inside Out and Back Again	Lai, Thanhha	Inspired by the author's childhood experience as a refugee—fleeing Vietnam after the Fall of Saigon and immigrating to Alabama—this coming-of-age debut novel told in verse has been celebrated for its touching child's-eye view of family and immigration. Hà has only ever known Saigon: the thrills of its markets, the joy of its traditions, and the warmth of her friends close by. But now the Vietnam War has reached her home. Hà and her family are forced to flee as Saigon falls, and they board a ship headed toward hope—toward America.	Supplemental or Choice	

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21	Aeneid, The	Virgil	Full of betrayal, heartache, seduction, elation, and violence, this book is the great founding epic of the Roman Empire. Its pages sing of the Roman vision of self, the Roman ideal of what it means to be a citizen of the world's greatest power. The epic's force carries across the centuries, and remains essential reading. Violence, sex.		
22	Omnivore's Dilemma: Young Reader's Edition	Pollen, Michael	"What's for dinner?" seemed like a simple question—until journalist and supermarket detective Michael Pollan delved behind the scenes. From fast food and big organic to small farms and old-fashioned hunting and gathering, this young readers' adaptation of Pollan's famous food-chain exploration encourages kids to consider the personal and global health implications of their food choices	Supplemental or Choice	
23	Agnes Grey	Bronte, Anne	This novel is a trenchant expose of the frequently isolated, intellectually stagnant and emotionally-starved conditions under which many governesses worked in the mid-19th century. It is a personal work, written from the author's own experience.		
24	To Kill a Mockingbird	Lee, Harper	To Kill a Mockingbird has earned many distinctions since its original publication in 1960. It has won the Pulitzer Prize, been translated into more than 40 languages, sold more than 30 million copies worldwide, and been made into an enormously popular movie. Recently, librarians across the country gave the book the highest of honors by voting it the best novel of the century (Library Journal). Through the young eyes of Scout and Jem Finch, Harper Lee explores the irrationality of adult attitudes toward race and class in the Deep South of the 1930s. The conscience of a town steeped in prejudice, violence, and hypocrisy is pricked by the stamina and quiet heroism of one mans struggle for justice, but the weight of history will only tolerate so much. Use of the N-word.	Supplemental or Choice	
25	All The President's Men	Bernstein, Carl ar	This landmark book details all the events of the biggest political scandal in the history of this nation--Watergate. Woodward and Bernstein kept the headlines coming, delivering revelation after amazing revelation to a shocked public.		
26	Unbroken	Hillenbrand, Laura	In boyhood, Louis Zamperini was an incorrigible delinquent. As a teenager, he channeled his defiance into running, discovering a prodigious talent that had carried him to the Berlin Olympics. But when World War II began, the athlete became an airman, embarking on a journey that led to a doomed flight on a May afternoon in 1943. When his Army Air Forces bomber crashed into the Pacific Ocean, against all odds, Zamperini survived, adrift on a foundering life raft. Ahead of Zamperini lay thousands of miles of open ocean, leaping sharks, thirst and starvation, enemy aircraft, and, beyond, a trial even greater. Driven to the limits of endurance, Zamperini would answer desperation with ingenuity; suffering with hope, resolve, and humor; brutality with rebellion. His fate, whether triumph or tragedy, would be suspended on the fraying wire of his will. Unbroken is an unforgettable testament to the resilience of the human mind, body, and spirit.	Supplemental or Choice	
27	American Childhood, An	Dillard, Annie	A book that instantly captured the hearts of readers across the country, An American Childhood is Pulitzer Prize-winning author Annie Dillard's poignant, vivid memoir of growing up in Pittsburgh in the 1950s.		

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29	Hidden Figures- Young Adult Version	Shetterly, Margot Lee	The uplifting, amazing true story—a New York Times bestseller. This edition of Margot Lee Shetterly's acclaimed book is perfect for young readers. It is the powerful story of four African-American female mathematicians at NASA who helped achieve some of the greatest moments in our space program. Now a major motion picture starring Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer, Janelle Monae, Kirsten Dunst, and Kevin Costner. Before John Glenn orbited the earth, or Neil Armstrong walked on the moon, a group of dedicated female mathematicians known as "human computers" used pencils, slide rules, and adding machines to calculate the numbers that would launch rockets, and astronauts, into space. This book brings to life the stories of Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson, and Christine Darden, who lived through the Civil Rights era, the Space Race, the Cold War, and the movement for gender equality, and whose work forever changed the face of NASA and the country.	Supplemental or Choice	
30	The Hate U Give	Thomas, Angie	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 childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer. Khalil was unarmed. Soon afterward, his death is a national headline. Some are calling him a thug, maybe even a drug dealer and a gangbanger. Protesters are taking to the streets in Khalil's name. Some cops and the local drug lord try to intimidate Starr and her family. What everyone wants to know is: what really went down that night? And the only person alive who can answer that is Starr. But what Starr does—or does not—say could upend her community. It could also endanger her life.	Supplemental or Choice	
31	Anansi the Spider: A Tale from the Ashanti	McDermott, Gera	Children's book. This story tells the tale of father Anansi and his six spider sons. When Anansi sets out on a dangerous journey and gets into all sorts of trouble, each son does one thing to help, and all their efforts together save their father. He finds a mysterious, beautiful globe of light in the forest, and decides to make it a gift of thanks. But which son should receive the prize? Even with the help of Nyame, the God of All Things, he can't decide, so Nyame takes the great globe up into the sky, and that's where it has stayed ever since--the moon, for all to see. A Caldecott Honor Book.		
32	Angela's Ashes	McCourt, Frank	McCourt was born in Brooklyn, but his family went back to Ireland where he grew up on the dole exacerbated by alcoholism (his father's), near starvation, beatings by the schoolmasters, and a brief respite in a clinic where he discovered Shakespeare. All of this would be merely stereotype in less capable hands, but McCourt's mastery of language manages to make us understand the gentleness, forgiveness, and humor that accompanies misery and enables its protagonists to survive with dignity. Profanity, sex, violence, incompetent		

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33	Animal Dreams	Kingsolver, Barba	Animals dream about the things they do in the day time just like people do. If you want sweet dreams, you've got to live a sweet life. So says Loyd Peregrina, a handsome Apache trainman and latter-day philosopher. But when Codi Noline returns to her hometown, Loyd's advice is painfully out of her reach. Dreamless and at the end of her rope, Codi comes back to Grace, Arizona to confront her past and face her ailing, distant father. What the finds is a town threatened by a silent environmental catastrophe, some startling clues to her own identity, and a man whose view of the world could change the course of her life. Blending flashbacks, dreams, and Native American legends, Animal Dreams is a suspenseful love story and a moving exploration of life's largest commitments. With this work, the acclaimed author of The Bean Trees and Homeland and Other Stories sustains her familiar voice while giving readers her most remarkable book yet. Note: This book may		
34	Animal Farm	Orwell, George	The animals of Manor Farm decide they want their freedom and so they take over the farm and chase the farmer off. Their quest to build a utopian society enables them to learn many lessons. As a fable, this novel depicts and satirizes the events of the years following the Russian Revolution.		
35	Supplemental or Choice All Schools				
36	Aani and the Tree Huggers	Atkins, Jeannine	Based on an actual event, this book illustrates the power of ordinary people to make changes in their world. Loggers arrive in Aani's village to cut down a nearby forest that the community relies on for fuel and the fauna rely on for shelter. In a bold act of passive resistance, Aani and her friends cause the developers to rethink their plans.	Supplemental or Choice	
37	Anna Karenina	Tolstoy, Leo	Anna Karenina tells of the doomed love affair between the sensuous and rebellious Anna and the dashing officer, Court Vronsky. Tragedy unfolds as Anna rejects her passionless marriage and must endure the hypocrisies of society. Set against a vast and richly textured canvas of nineteenth-century Russia, the novel's seven major characters crate a dynamic imbalance, playing out the contrasts of city and country life and all the variations on love and happiness.		
38	Abel's Island	Steig, William	One summer day, newlywed mice Abel and Amanda are out for a picnic in the woods when they are caught in a sudden storm—a "full-fledged, screaming hurricane" to be precise. As they take refuge in a cave, a wind scoops up Amanda's scarf, and Abel foolishly lunges from safety to retrieve it. So begins the ensuing adventures of this rather foppish mouse as he comes head to head with nature. A Newbery Honor Book.	Supplemental or Choice	
39	Anthem	Randy,Any	In this short dystopia novel, the main character's "crimes" include having a friend and falling in love. Written more than 50 years ago, the novella's length and poetic language make this accessible to young people today.		
40	Anthology of Japanese Literature	Keene, Donald	Selections of Japanese literature from early era to mid-nineteenth century including folk tales, poetry, stories, etc. A great resource.		
41	Abracadabra Kid	Fleishman	This is the autobiography of the Newberry Award-winning children's author who set out from childhood to be a magician.	Supplemental or Choice	
42	Antigone	Sophocles	Sophocles's story about the individual's duty to the gods versus government. Antigone must deal with the question whether or not to disobey a law she feels is unjust.		
43	Absolutely True Story…How I Visited Yellowstone Park with the Terrible Rupes	Roberts	What they thought would be a dream vacation turns into a nightmare for twelve-year-old Lewis and his twin sister Alison when they accompany their irresponsible new neighbors on a trip to Yellowstone Park and are chased by two mysterious men.	Supplemental or Choice	

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44	Acquaintance with Darkness, An	Rinaldi, Ann	Like many of Ann Rinaldi's wonderful historical novels, this book takes a defining moment in American history and makes it accessible to students. This story uses the assassination of Abraham Lincoln as a way to help students solve a mystery and explore the tumultuous political times of post-Civil War life.	Supplemental or Choice	
45	As You Like It	Shakespeare, Wi	As You Like It is Shakespeare's most light-hearted comedy and one of the best loved and most performed of all his plays. Shakespeare's use of his sources, his handling of the themes of love, doubleness, and pastoral are dealt with, as well as the significance of men playing women's parts on the Elizabethan stage. Literary devices for study include allusions, puns, and difficult passages enabling the student, reader, actor, and director to savor the humor and seriousness of the play in full. There are illustrations, and appendices on 'wit' and the songs, for which the earliest known music is printed.		
46	Across Five Aprils	Hunt, Irene	A critic maintains: "Brilliant characterization, a telling sense of story, an uncanny ability to balance fact and fiction, and compassionate, graceful writing mark Hunt's small but distinguished body of work." With Across Five Aprils, Hunt established herself as one of the greatest historical novelists, proving that she can write for both adult and children audiences. With her faith in "courage, love, and mercy," Hunt wrote her books to emphasize this faith.	Supplemental or Choice	
47	Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin	Franklin, Benjami	One of the most popular works of American literature, this charming self-portrait has been translated into nearly every language. It covers Franklin's life up to his prewar stay in London as representative of the Pennsylvania Assembly, including his boyhood years, work as a printer, experiments with electricity, political career, much more. Sex.		
48	Autobiography of Malcolm X	Malcolm X	Malcolm X's searing memoir belongs on the small shelf of great autobiographies. The reasons are many: the blistering honesty with which he recounts his transformation from a bitter, self-destructive petty criminal into an articulate political activist, the continued relevance of his militant analysis of white racism, and his emphasis on self-respect and self-help for African Americans. Frequent use of the N-word.		
49	Adam of the Road	Vining, Elizabeth Gray	The adventures of eleven-year-old Adam as he travels the open roads of thirteenth-century England searching for his missing father, a minstrel, and his stolen red spaniel, Nick. Along the way he encounters rich merchants, priests, farmers, and thieves.	Supplemental or Choice	
50	Awakening	Chopin, Kate	Edna Pontellier, the heroine of The Awakening, shocked readers in 1899 and the scandal created by the book haunted Kate Chopin for the rest of her life. The Awakening begins at a crisis point in twenty-eight year-old Edna Pontellier's life. Edna is a passionate and artistic woman who finds few acceptable outlets for her desires in her role as wife and mother of two sons living in conventional Creole society. Unlike the married women around her, whose sensuality seems to flow naturally into maternity, Edna finds herself wanting her own emotional and sexual identity. During one summer while her husband is out of town, her frustrations find an outlet in an affair with a younger man. Energized and filled with a desire to define her own life, she sends her children to the country and removes herself to a small house of her own: "Every step she took toward relieving herself from obligations added to her strength and expansion as an individual. She began to look with her own eyes; to see and apprehend the deeper undercurrents of life. No longer was she content to 'feed upon the opinion' when her own soul had invited her." Her triumph is short-lived, however, destroyed by a society that has no place for a self-determined, unattached woman. Her story is a tragedy and one of many clarion calls in its day to examine the institution of marriage and woman's opportunities in an oppressive world. Note: This book may contain offensive material.		
51	Adventures of Tom Sawyer	Twain	In The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, Twain recalls his own boyhood experiences and those of his schoolmates—a humorous perspective of carefree days.	Supplemental or Choice	

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52	Bartleby the Scribner	Melville, Herman	In many ways, "Bartleby" is the one of the first stories of corporate discontent. Melville was a child of New York City, and the story unfolds on Wall Street. The scriveners are part of the machinery of modern industry and commerce; they are educated men who do tedious work. "Part of the machinery" seems an apt description of their work: later machines did the services they performed. In this world, where a man does his work, earns his pay, and goes on and on until he dies, Bartleby is a freak and an outcast. He is a profoundly depressed and lonely man, who seems completely unable to find work that will satisfy him. Life itself is weary to him. He cannot find a place in the world, and so he dies. Note: This book may contain offensive material.		
53	African Mask, The	Rupert, Janet E	Rupert has modeled an imaginative tale set in the city-state of Ife 900 years ago. Layo, a 12-year-old Yoruba girl, comes from a village of potters. Exceptionally talented, she longs to be able to work the clay as her elders do and to be feed from the menial, apprentice-like tasks that young women must perform. She is concerned not only with how to use her growing abilities in spite of the restraints place on her by her age, but also faces the prospect of betrothal. When she travels to Ife to live and work with her grandmother, a potter of legendary ability, she faces challenges that test her as a person. The author is careful to stay true to her protagonist's rich culture, depicting its treatment of women, family structure, deep respect for crafts and craftspeople, business acumen, religious beliefs, and complex system of slavery. Readers will not only find this novel enjoyable, but will also come away from it with a greater knowledge of the Yoruba.	Supplemental or Choice	
54	All Quiet on the Western Front	Remarque, Erich Mari	Paul Baumer enlisted with his classmates in the German army of World War I. Youthful, enthusiastic, they become soldiers. But despite what they have learned, they break into pieces under the first bombardment in the trenches. And as horrible war plods on year after year, Paul holds fast to a single vow: to fight against the principles of hate that meaninglessly pits young men of the same generation but different uniforms against each other--if only he can come out of the war alive. Depictions of war.	Supplemental or Choice	
55	Almost Starring Skinnybones	Park	Irrepressible twelve-year-old Alex is convinced that he will be a star and impress his schoolmates when, as the winner of a cat food essay contest, he is asked to make a commercial for national television.	Supplemental or Choice	
56	Among the Hidden	Haddix	In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, Luke has lived all his twelve years in isolation and fear on his family's farm, until another "third" convinces him that the government is wrong.	Supplemental or Choice	
57	Beloved	Morrison, Toni	At the center of Toni Morrison's fifth novel, which earned her the 1988 Pulitzer Prize for fiction, is an almost unspeakable act of horror and heroism: a woman brutally kills her infant daughter rather than allow her to be enslaved. The woman is Sethe, and the novel traces her journey from slavery to freedom during and immediately following the Civil War. Woven into this circular, mesmerizing narrative are the horrible truths of Sethe's past: the incredible cruelties she endured as a slave, and the hardships she suffered in her journey north to freedom. Just as Sethe finds the past too painful to remember, and the future just "a matter of keeping the past at bay," her story is almost too painful to read. Yet Morrison manages to imbue the wreckage of her characters' lives with compassion, humanity, and humor. Part ghost story, part history lesson, part folk tale, Beloved finds beauty in the unbearable, and lets us all see the enduring promise of hope that lies in anyone's future. Note: This book may contain offensive material.		

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58	Amos Fortune	Yates, Elizabeth	Amos, born the son of a king of Africa, was fifteen years old when he was captured by slave traders and brought to Massachusetts. Although his freedom was taken he never lost his dignity, courage, dream of being free, and some day buying his freedom.	Supplemental or Choice	
59	Bible, The		Excerpts of the bible are used throughout the study of literature to teach allusion.		
60	Anklet for a Princess: A Cinderella Story from India	Brucker, Meredith Babeaux	Believed to have been preserved in India's oral tradition for 1,000 years, this Cinderella story is complete with a hungry, ragged girl, a kindly Godfather who bestows sparkling gifts and a handsome prince.	Supplemental or Choice	
61	Billy Budd	Melville, Herman	If Melville had never written Moby Dick, his place in world literature would be assured by his short tales. "Billy Budd, Sailor," his last work, is the masterpiece in which he delivers the final summation in his "quarrel with God." It is a brilliant study of the tragic clash between social authority and individual freedom, human justice and abstract good. Note: This book may contain offensive material.		
62	Black Boy	Wright, Richard A	Autobiography by Richard Wright, published in 1945 and considered to be one of his finest works. The book is sometimes considered a fictionalized autobiography or an autobiographical novel because of its use of novelistic techniques. Black Boy describes vividly Wright's often harsh, hardscrabble boyhood and youth in rural Mississippi and in Memphis, Tenn. The work is the story of Wright's coming of age and development as a writer whose race, though a primary component of his life, was but one of many that formed him as an artist. Frequent use of N-word.		
63	Black Like Me	Griffin, John How	John Howard Griffin's groundbreaking and controversial novel about his experiences as a white man who transforms himself with the aid of medication and dye in order to experience firsthand the life of a black man living in the Deep South in the late 1950s is a mesmerizing tale of the ultimate sociological experiment. Use of the "n" word.		
64	Black Rain	Ibuse, Masuji	Black Rain is centered around the story of a young woman who was caught in the radioactive "black rain" that fell after the bombing of Hiroshima. Ibuse bases his tale on real-life diaries and interviews with victims of the holocaust; the result is a book that is free from sentimentality yet manages to reveal the magnitude of the human suffering caused by the atom bomb. The life of Yasuko, on whom the black rain fell, is changed forever by periodic bouts of radiation sickness and the suspicion that her future children, too, may be affected. There is some graphic material that reflects the violence and destruction of the dropping of the atom bomb.		
65	Bless Me, Ultima	Anaya, Rudolfo	Ultima, a curandera, one who cures with herbs and magic, comes to Antonio Marez's New Mexico family when he is six years old, and she helps him discover himself in the magical secrets of the pagan past. A wonderful introduction to the genre of magic realism, Anaya explores the enduring love a boy has for the members of his family.		
66	Anne of Green Gables	Montgomery	Anne, an eleven-year-old orphan, is sent by mistake to live with a lonely, middle-aged brother and sister on a Prince Edward Island farm and proceeds to make an indelible impression on everyone around her.	Supplemental or Choice	
67	Anthony & Cleopatra	Shakespeare	A very involved tragedy which embodies the love story of its characters and has rapid shifts in geographical locations. Cleopatra is considered one of Shakespeare's more complex female characters. It contains very descriptive language and the use of hyperbole is quite evident.	Supplemental or Choice	

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68	April Morning	Fast, Howard	This book tells the story of a teenage boy named Adam Cooper, and his involement in the battle of Lexington. At first no one in the village of Lexington believes that the British are coming to fight. But when they kill Adam's father and many of his friends, he fleas. After he has gained control of himself, he goes out with his cousin and helps win one of the most famous battles during the American Revolution.	Supplemental or Choice	
69	Bluest Eye, The	Morrison, Toni	In this novel about the nature of black identity, narrated by Pecola's friend Claudia, we learn that Pecola was raped by her father, and is plagued with a desire to be white. Use of N-Word. Sexual references.		
70	Body, The	King, Stephen	In 1960s America, four young boys go on a journey to search for the body of a boy killed by a train. As they travel, they discover how cruel the world can be, but also how wondrous. Mild Profanity.		
71	Around the World in 80 Days	Verne, Jules	The eccentric English gentleman Phileas Fogg accepts a challenge to circle the globe in no more than 80 days—an incredible feat for the Victorian age. Exotic locales, seemingly insurmountable obstacles, and comic relief (chiefly supplied by Fogg's loyal valet, Passepartout) provide a fantastic blend of adventure, entertainment, and suspense.	Supplemental or Choice	
72	Atalanta and the Arcadian Beast	Yolen, Jane	The story of Atalanta, a young orphan raised by bears in the woods of Arcadia. Her quiet life in the woods is interrupted when a beast begins to terrorize the countryside. Atlanta proves herself as a warrior and valued member of society while learning a lot about life and her own destiny.	Supplemental or Choice	
73	Boys of Summer	Kahn, Roger	It is the mid-20th-century. The Brooklyn Dodgers, the team of Robinson and Snyder and Hodges and Reese, a team of great triumph and historical import composed of men whose fragile lives were filled with dignity and pathos. Roger Kahn, who covered that team for the New York Herald Tribune, makes understandable humans of his heroes as he chronicles the dreams and exploits of their young lives, beautifully intertwining them with his own, then recounts how so many of those sweet dreams curdled as the body of these once shining stars grew rusty with age and battered by experience.		
74	Brave New World	Huxley, Aldous	A fantasy of the future that sheds a blazing critical light on the present--considered to be Aldous Huxley's most enduring masterpiece.		
75	Autobiography of Martin Luther King Jr., The	King	He was a husband, a father, a preacher – the preeminent leader of a movement that continues to transform America and the world. Martin Luther King, Jr., was one of the twentieth century's most influential men and lived one of its most extraordinary lives. Now, in a special volume commissioned and authorized by his family, here is the life and times of Martin Luther King, Jr., drawn from a comprehensive collection of writings, recordings, and documentary materials, many of which have never before been made public.	Supplemental or Choice	
76	Banner in the Sky	Ullman, James Ramsey	The Citadel – it stands unconquered, the last great summit of the Alps. Only one man has ever dared to approach the top, and that man died in his pursuit. He was Josef Matt, Rudi Matt's father. At sixteen, Rudi is determined to pay tribute to the man he never knew, and complete the quest that claimed his father's life. And so, taking his father's red shirt as a flag, he heads off to face the earth's most challenging peak.	Supplemental or Choice	

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77	Beauty: A Retelling of the Story of Beauty and the Beast	McKinley, Robin	A retelling of the classic tale Beauty and the Beast that elicits the familiar magical charm, but is more believable and complex than the traditional story. In this version, Beauty is not as beautiful as her older sisters, who are both lovely and kind. Here, in fact, Beauty has no confidence in her appearance but takes pride in her own intelligence, her love of learning and books, and her talent in riding. She is the most competent of the three sisters, which proves essential when they are forced to retire to the country because of their father's financial ruin.	Supplemental or Choice	
78	Because of Winn-Dixie	DiCamillo	Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie.	Supplemental or Choice	
79	Becoming Naomi Leon	Ryan, Pam Munoz	For Naomi Soledad Leon Outlaw, Gram and her little brother, Owen, life at Avocado Acres Trailer Rancho is happy and peaceful. That is, until Naomi and Owen's mother reappears after seven years, stirring up all sorts of questions—and a whole lot of trouble. Soon Naomi finds herself on a whirlwind journey in a last-ditch effort to keep her family together. ALA Notable Children's Book. ALA Schneider Family Book Award. Book Sense Book of the Year Honor Book. 2004 Parents' Choice Silver Honor Award.	Supplemental or Choice	
80	Bedouin's Gazelle	Temple, Frances	Two cousins, Atiyah and Halima, betrothed at birth are separated by distance and Bedouin conflict. Their love for one another overcomes political manipulation and desert traditions in 1302.	Supplemental or Choice	
81	Beowulf		This is the longest surviving Anglo-Saxon epic poem set in the sixth century of what is now Denmark and southwestern Sweden. It tells the story of a lonely and isolated hero who comes to save a kingdom from a monster Grendel. Both pagan and Christian elements are present in a section of the poem. Violence	Supplemental or Choice	
82	Big Wave, The	Buck, Pearl S.	This is a story about Kino who lives on a farm on a mountainside in Japan and his friend Jiya who lives in the fishing village on the beach. When a big wave hits and Jiya loses his family he must learn to overcome his sorrow and appreciate life.	Supplemental or Choice	
83	Bless the Beasts and the Children	Swarthout	They were the castaway offspring of parents who were too busy. They were rejects until Cotton pulled them together on a fantastic mission to strike one final blow in the battle to save themselves.	Supplemental or Choice	
84	Blubbler	Blume, Judy	When overweight Linda gives an oral report on whales, the cruel and power-wielding class leader, Wendy, starts calling her "Blubber." The name-calling escalates into more intense bullying and humiliation. The novel's narrator, Jill, is a full participant from the start. Over time, though, she comes to question everyone's behavior, including her own. Finally, she challenges Wendy's power and learns that there are consequences, as well as rewards, to taking a stand.	Supplemental or Choice	

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85	Can Such Things Be?	Bierce, Ambrose	Ambrose Bierce never owned a horse, a carriage, or a car; he was a renter who never owned his own home. He was a man on the move, a man who traveled light: and in the end he rode, with all of his possessions, on a rented horse into the Mexican desert to join Pancho Villa – never to return. Can Such Things Be? Once William Randolph Hearst – Bierce's employer, who was bagging about his own endless collections of statuary, art, books, tapestries, and, of course real estate like Hearst Castle – once William Randolph Hearst asked Bierce what he collected. Bierce responded, smugly: "I collect words. And ideas. Like you, I also store them. But in the reservoir of my mind. I can take them out and display them at a moment's notice. Eminently portable, Mr. Hearst. And I don't find it necessary to show them all at the same time." Such things can be. Twenty-four tales of the weird by Ambrose Bierce, renowned master of the macabre.		
86	Candide	Voltair, Francois-I	In this work of flamboyant and controversial personality of enormous wit and intelligence, Voltaire proves he is one of the most influential figures of the eighteenth-century Enlightenment. Candide, his masterpiece, is a brilliant satire of the theory that our world is "the best of all possible worlds." The book traces the picaresque adventures of the guileless Candide, who is forced into the army, flogged, shipwrecked, betrayed, robbed, separated from his beloved Cunegonde, tortured by the Inquisition, et cetera, all without losing his resilience and will to live and pursue a happy life.		
87	Blue Heron	Avi	While spending the month of August on the Massachusetts shore with her father, stepmother, and their new baby, almost thirteen-year-old Maggie finds beauty in and draws strength from a great blue heron, even as the family around her unravels.	Supplemental or Choice	
88	Bone from a Dry Sea, A	Dickinson, Peter	There are really two parallel stories told in this book, and they are separated by a couple of million years. In the present, a young teenager named Vinny has convinced her mother to let her spend summer vacation with her father in Africa. Her father, Sam, is working in an archeological site in Africa without much success. Vinny turns out to be his good luck charm. Flip back to the past and we see a teenager called Li that is half-ape, half-human that thinks way beyond her time. Each chapter goes back and forth between past and present.	Supplemental or Choice	
89	Catcher in the Rye, The	Salinger, J.D.	Since his debut in 1951 as The Catcher in the Rye, Holden Caulfield has been synonymous with "cynical adolescent." However, the novel is really a tender story of coming of age in a world juxtaposed by family life and the world outside. Mild profanity.		
90	Bone Wars, The	Lasky, Kathryn	This sweeping historical adventure deals with an action-packed period of American history—the late 1800s in the Badlands of Montana. It is a period which includes legendary historical figures, a period of Indian heroes, and a period of discoveries of gold and scientific treasures. All of this is woven together with the story of two lonely teenagers from totally different cultures and social backgrounds who are caught up in the turmoil of the times and whose ideas of fairness bring them together.	Supplemental or Choice	
91	Breadwinner, The	Ellis, Deborah	Imagine living in a country in which women and girls are not allowed to leave the house without a man. Imagine having to wear clothes that cover every part of your body, including your face, whenever you go out. This is life in Afghanistan, where the Taliban, members of an extreme religious group, run most of the country.	Supplemental or Choice	
92	Cendrillon, A Caribbean Cinderella	San Souci, Rober	Children's book. A Caribbean Cinderella story, told from the godmother's point of view. Based on West Indian versions of the story, it tells of a poor washerwoman who is left a magic wand by her mother and discovers its power to help her beloved goddaughter.		

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93	Ceremony	Silko, Leslie Marr	Tayo is a half-white Laguna Indian emotionally stricken by white warfare and almost destroyed by his experiences as a World War II prisoner of the Japanese. Unable to find a place among Native American veterans who are losing themselves in rage and drunkenness, Tayo discovers his connection to the land and to ancient rituals with the help of a medicine man, and comes to understand the need to create ceremonies, to grow and change, in order to survive. Violence, sex, profanity, drug use.		
94	Brian's Winter	Paulsen	Instead of being rescued from a plane crash, as in the author's book Hatchet, this story portrays what would have happened to Brian had he been forced to survive a winter in the wilderness with only his survival pack and hatchet.	Supplemental or Choice	
95	Bridge to Terabithia	Paterson, Katherine	Jess Aarons' greatest ambition is to be the fastest runner in the fifth grade. He's been practicing all summer and can't wait to see his classmates' faces when he beats them all. But on the first day of school, a new kid, a new girl, boldly crosses over to the boys' side of the playground and outruns everyone.	Supplemental or Choice	
96	Cherry Orchard, The	Chekhov, Anton	Drama in four acts written by Anton Chekhov as Vishnyovy sad. Chekhov's final play, it was first performed and published in 1904. Though Chekhov insisted that the play was "a comedy, in places even a farce," playgoers and readers often find a touch of tragedy in the decline of the charming Ranevskaya family. Madame Ranevskaya, who has spent five years in Paris to escape grief over her young son's death, returns to her home in Russia ridden with debt. She is obliged to decide how to dispose of her family's estate, with its beautiful and famous cherry orchard. The coarse but wealthy merchant Ermolai Lopakhin suggests that Mme Ranevskaya develop the land on which the orchard sits. Eventually Lopakhin purchases the estate and proceeds with his plans for a housing development. As the unhappy Ranevskayas leave the estate, the sound of saws can be heard in the orchard. Note: This book may contain offensive material.		
97	Bronze Bow, The	Speare, Elizabeth George	The scene is Jerusalem at the time of Christ, the characters vividly real, the story gripping. After witnessing his father's crucifixion by the Roman soldiers, hatred and revenge consume Daniel. He continually hears of the teachings of Jesus as well as the pull of caring for a disturbed sister.	Supplemental or Choice	
98	Burger Wuss	Anderson	Hoping to lose his loser image, Anthony plans revenge on a bully, which results in a war between two competing fast-food restaurants, Burger Queen and O'Dermott's	Supplemental or Choice	
99	Cages	Kehret	After losing an acting role and fighting with her alcoholic stepfather, Kit is arrested for shoplifting and ordered to work as part of her sentence at an animal shelter.	Supplemental or Choice	
100	Call it Courage	Sperry	This is the inspiring story of a youth who overcomes his fear of the sea and proves his courage to himself and his tribe.	Supplemental or Choice	
101	Chosen, The	Potok, Chiam	Potok's acclaimed first novel. The Chosen chronicles the friendship between Danny Saunders, a boy from a Hasidic family, and the more assimilated Reuven Malter, as they come of age in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. This is the odyssey from boyhood to manhood for two Jewish boys amidst the conflict between generations and religious traditions.		
102	Call of the Wild, The	London, Jack	First published in 1903, The Call of the Wild is regarded as Jack London's masterpiece. Based on London's experiences as a gold prospector in the Canadian wilderness and his ideas about nature and the struggle for existence, The Call of the Wild is a tale about unbreakable spirit and the fight for survival in the frozen Alaskan Klondike. This story has some scenes of dogs fighting and people being cruel to the dogs.	Supplemental or Choice	

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103	Chronicle of a Death Foretold	Marquez, Gabriel	Garcia Marquez has rightfully earned a reputation as a master of magic realism. CHRONICLE OF A DEATH FORETOLD is also a structural masterpiece. Anyone interested in how a novel's plot can be put together in a non-linear fashion should study carefully Marquez's carefully woven plot. How he manages to sustain dramatic tension after having revealed many of the characters' fates is a marvel of inventiveness. Sexual references.		
104	Cinderella	Disney Storybook	Children's book. The classic story of a beautiful girl, her evil stepmother and stepsisters, and the fairy godmother who helps her meet the prince of her dreams.		
105	Can of Worms	Mackel	Bullied and unhappy at school, thirteen-year-old Mike, who has always thought that he might be an alien, sends a distress call into space asking to be rescued from the ignorance and cruelty of his life on Earth.	Supplemental or Choice	
106	Canterbury Tales, The	Chaucer, Geoffrey	Written in Middle English, this is a collection of stories written in the fourteenth century and told by a crowd of pilgrims on their way to visit a shrine at Canterbury Cathedral. The tales are considered one of the most influential works in Western literature. May have offensive material for some.	Supplemental or Choice	
107	Capo de Algodon	Maria Garcia Esperon	This book is a historical fiction novel for young readers that tells the story of the Aztec empire's fall from the unique perspective of a young indigenous princess	Dual Language at EVE	
108	Captive, The	O'Dell, Scott	As part of a Spanish expedition to the New World, a Jesuit seminarian witnesses the enslavement and exploitation of the Mayas and his own seduction by greed and ambition.	Supplemental or Choice	
109	Cocktail Party	Eliot, T.S.	The Cocktail Party concerns a married couple, Edward and Lavinia Chamberlayne, who are separated after five years of marriage. The first and last acts of the play feature cocktail parties held at their home where their marital problems are aggravated by the pressure of having to keep up social appearances. Part satire of the traditional British drawing-room comedy and part philosophical discourse on the nature of human relations, the play, like many of Eliot's works, uses elements that border on the ridiculous to raise audiences' awareness of the isolation that is the human condition.		
110	Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother, The	McBride, James	Written in remembrance of his Polish-born, Southern-raised Jewish mother, The Color of Water is a classic of the memoir genre, a testament to love, and a truly American story. As a boy in Brooklyn's Red Hook projects, McBride knew his mother was different. But when he asked about it, she'd simply say, "I'm light-skinned." Later he wondered if he was different too, and asked his mother if he was black or white. "You're a human being," she snapped. And when James asked what color God was, she said, "God is the color of water"...As an adult, McBride finally persuaded his mother to tell her story the story of a rabbi's daughter, born in Poland and raised in the South, who fled to Harlem, married a black man, founded a Baptist church, and put twelve children through college.		
111	Color Purple, The	Walker, Alice	Celie is a poor black woman whose letters tell the story of 20 years of her life, beginning at age 14 when she is being abused and raped by her father and attempting to protect her sister from the same fate, and continuing over the course of her marriage to "Mister," a brutal man who terrorizes her. Celie eventually learns that her abusive husband has been keeping her sister's letters from her and the rage she feels, combined with an example of love and independence provided by her close friend Shug, pushes her finally toward an awakening of her creative and loving self. Sexual references. Violence. Use of N-word.		
112	Catherine Called Birdy	Cushman, Karen	Catherine, the spirited daughter of English knight, keeps a journal of her life as a young girl in Medieval England. She recounts her tale of a typical life a fourteen year old in 1290. Her stories of the mundane house life are supplemented with tales of love, would be marriage, religion, and home remedies.	Supplemental or Choice	

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113	Comedy of Errors	Shakespeare, Wi	Young Antipholus of Syracuse is searching the world for his identical twin brother, separated from him at birth. With him is his servant Dromio, who lost his twin brother at the same time. The pair arrive in Ephesus where, unbeknownst to them, their twins are living.		
114	Complete Brothers Grimm Fairy Tales		Children's book. Collection of fairy tales.		
115	Cay, The	Taylor, Theodore	Philip, and a boat hand, Timothy, get stranded on an island when their ship, the Hato, is sunk by a torpedo. Philip and the old man don't get along but they must find a way to work together to survive.	Supplemental or Choice	
116	Chain of Fire	Naidoo, Beverly	The South African government is forcing Naledi and the other villagers to move to a new location: a "homeland" of iron huts and barren soil. And it seems that no one is willing to resist. No one, that is, except Naledi's friend Taolo, whose family has often spoken out against apartheid. Taolo gives Naledi the strength to fight, and with his help, she and her schoolmates organize an anti-removal march through the village. But the right of free expression is not a liberty granted to the young protesters, and the police instigate a reign of terror on the villagers. Naledi and Taolo's chain of fiery resistance cannot be broken, though. With each new crisis, it grows ever stronger and burns ever brighter.	Supplemental or Choice	
117	Cheaper by the Dozen	Gilbreth, Frank B.	What do you get when you mix a blunt-talking, famous efficiency-expert father and a brilliant, compassionate psychologist mother with twelve rambunctious offspring of various sizes? You get one of America's all-time best- loved memoirs! The hilarious story of growing up Gilbreth has already delighted generations of readers -- and it remains as joyous and exuberant as ever. Laugh along with the adventures of the large, irrepressible family unit that redefined the term -- and proved the old adage, the more the merrier ... and scarier!	Supplemental or Choice	
118	Child of the Owl	Yep, Laurence	I can't remember when Barney's story began but all my life I'd heard this story about how a little girl and her father were going to hit it big one of these days....I knew more about race horses than I knew about myself -- I mean myself as a Chinese. Race horses aren't any help when Barney lands in the hospital and Casey is sent to live with Paw-Paw -- her maternal grandmother-in San Francisco's Chinatown. She's not prepared for the Chinese school, the crowds, the noise, the small room she has to share with Paw-Paw -- and she's not prepared for missing Barney.	Supplemental or Choice	
119	Counting Coup, A True Story of Basketball and Honor on the Little Big Horn	Colton, Larry	COUNTING COUP is the story of the girls' varsity basketball team of Hardin High School in Crow, Montana.		
120	Children of the River	Crew, Linda	Sundara is a Cambodian refugee in Portland who learns how to live in two cultures. It is a very powerful book with vivid images such as the death of a baby.	Supplemental or Choice	

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121	Chinese Cinderella	Mah, Adeline Yen	After her mother dies giving birth to her, Adeline's affluent, powerful family considers her bad luck. Life does not get any easier when her father remarries. She and her siblings are subjected to their stepmother's disdain, while her half brother and half sister are thoroughly spoiled. Although Adeline wins prizes at school, they are not what she really yearns for—the love and understanding of her family. It is a story of her painful childhood and her courage and ultimate triumph over despair.	Supplemental or Choice	
122	Coyote: A Trickster Tale from the American Southwest	McDermott, Gera	Children's book. A story in which Coyote decides he wants to fly with the crows. They humor him, give him feathers, and tolerate his off-key singing and out-of-step dancing, until he begins to boast and order them about. Then, as Coyote struggles in midair, they take back their feathers one by one and he plummets to earth. His tail catches fire, and he tumbles into the dirt. To this day he is the color of dust and his tail has a burnt, black tip.		
123	Crime and Punishment	Dostoyevsky, Fyo	Supreme masterpiece recounts in feverish, compelling tones the story of Raskolnikov, an impoverished student tormented by his own nihilism, and the struggle between good and evil. Believing that he is above the law, and convinced that humanitarian ends justify vile means, he brutally murders an old woman—a pawnbroker whom he regards as worthless. Overwhelmed afterwards by guilt and terror, Raskolnikov confesses to the crime and goes to prison. There he realizes that happiness and redemption can only be achieved through suffering. Note: This book may contain offensive material.		
124	Chinese Cinderella: The True Story of an Unwanted Daughter	Mah, Adeline Yen	A riveting memoir of a girl's painful coming-of-age in a wealthy Chinese family during the 1940s In Chinese Cinderella, Adeline Yen Mah returns to her roots to tell the story of her painful childhood and her ultimate triumph and courage in the face of despair.	Supplemental or Choice	
125	Christmas Carol, A	Dickens, Charles	A miser learns the true meaning of Christmas when three ghostly visitors review his past and foretell his future.	Supplemental or Choice	
126	Crucible, The	Miller, Arthur	Written in 1953, The Crucible is a mirror Miller uses to reflect the anti-communist hysteria inspired by Senator Joseph McCarthy's "witch-hunts" in the United States. Within the text itself, Miller contemplates the parallels, writing "Political opposition...is given an inhumane overlay, which then justifies the abrogation of all normally applied customs of civilized behavior. A political policy is equated with moral right, and opposition to it with diabolical malevolence. Implied sexual misconduct.		
127	Cry, the Beloved Country	Paton, Alan	A beautifully told and profoundly compassionate story of the Zulu pastor Stephen Kumalo and his son Absalom, set in the troubled and changing South Africa of the 1940s. The book is written with such keen empathy and understanding that to read it is to share fully in the gravity of the characters' situations. It both touches your heart deeply and inspires a renewed faith in the dignity of mankind. Cry, the Beloved Country is a classic tale, passionately African, timeless and universal, and beyond all, selfless. This book may contains violence and sexual references.		
128	Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime, The	Haddon, Mark	Mark Haddon's bitterly funny debut novel, The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time, is a murder mystery of sorts--one told by an autistic version of Adrian Mole. Fifteen-year-old Christopher John Francis Boone is mathematically gifted and socially hopeless, raised in a working-class home by parents who can barely cope with their child's quirks. He takes everything that he sees (or is told) at face value, and is unable to sort out the strange behavior of his elders and peers. Late one night, Christopher comes across his neighbor's poodle, Wellington, impaled on a garden fork. Wellington's owner finds him cradling her dead dog in his arms, and has him arrested. After spending a night in jail, Christopher resolves--against the objection of his father and neighbors--to discover just who has murdered Wellington. He is encouraged by Siobhan, a social worker at his school, to write a book about his investigations, and the result--quirkily illustrated, with each chapter given its own prime number.		

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129	Cyrano de Bergerac	Rostand, Edmond	Rostand's classic drama presents a complex hero—one who is in the tradition of both the swachbuckling adventurer and the sensitive, more modern thinker and self-questioner. Cursed with ugliness but blessed with sublime wit and poetic ability, the gallant Cyrano loves his cousin Roxanne, who loves the handsome but inarticulate Christian. By means of his own gifts with language, Cyrano selflessly helps Christian woo Roxanne—and only when it's too late does she realize that the passion and eloquence she has prized belong not to Christian but to Cyrano, and that is her grotesque cousin she has loved all along.		
130	Daisy Miller	James, Henry	Henry James's classic story of a young American woman who while traveling in Europe is courted by Frederick Winterbourne. It is a novel that plays upon the contrast between American and European society. The title character's youthful innocence is sharply contrasted with the sophistication of European society in this fatefully tragic tale.		
131	Circuit, The	Jimenez, Francisco	Stories follow a migrant family through their circuit, from picking cotton and strawberries to topping carrots—and back again—over a number of years. As it moves from one labor camp to the next the little family of four grows into ten. Impermanence and poverty define their life. But with faith, hope, and back-breaking work, the family endures.	Supplemental or Choice	
132	City of Ember	DePrau	In the year 241, twelve-year-old Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a messenger, to run to new places in her decaying but beloved city, perhaps even to glimpse Unknown Regions.	Supplemental or Choice	
133	Clay Marble, The	Ho, Minfong	The faces of the Cambodian children haunted me long after I stopped working on the Thai-Khmer border. I had done so terribly little for them, when so much more remained to be done. I felt frustrated, sad, helpless, angry. More important, I also found that I missed them--these tough, tender refugee kids. And so I wrote about them, to try and tell them how I admired them, and missed them. -- Minfong Ho In this novel, a book watches through a keyhole as a young girl undresses.	Supplemental or Choice	
134	Davita's Harp	Potok, Chaim	Davita's Harp is a terrific read by Chiam Potok. He captures the mood, tensions and conflicts in the lives of the Jewish community in this country during the terrible times of McCarthyism and paranoia. For Davita Chandal, growing up in the New York of the 1930s and '40s is an experience of joy and sadness. Her loving parents, both fervent radicals, fill her with the fiercely bright hope of a new and better world. But as the deprivations of war and depression take a ruthless toll, Davita unexpectedly turns to the Jewish faith that her mother had long ago abandoned, finding there both a solace for her questioning inner pain and a test of her budding spirit of independence.		
135	Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich, A	Solzehenitsyn, Al	Solzhenitsyn's first book, this economical, relentless novel is one of the most forceful artistic indictments of political oppression in the Stalin-era Soviet Union. The simply told story of a typical, grueling day of the titular character's life in a labor camp in Siberia, is a modern classic of Russian literature and quickly cemented Solzhenitsyn's international reputation upon publication in 1962. It is painfully apparent that Solzhenitsyn himself spent time in the gulags--he was imprisoned for nearly a decade as punishment for making derogatory statements about Stalin in a letter to a friend.		

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136	Come Morning	Guccione, Leslie Davis	Freedom Newcastle, 12, knows his father, Nehemiah, is a conductor on the Underground Railroad. He wants to be included in the clandestine activities, but is told over and over, “ignorance'll keep you safe.” Then, when the man is arrested by patrollers, Free must accept responsibility for leading a family of runaway slaves to safety and he realizes that he has romanticized Nehemiah's involvement. As he leads this family to the next station, he realizes how courageous his father is and grows to respect the abolitionists' commitment to freedom for all people. This is a fast-moving book with excellent characterization. The story is based on fact and will be useful to students studying the Civil War era. Gr 4-7	Supplemental or Choice	
137	Death in Venice	Mann, Thomas	Novella by Thomas Mann, published in German as Der Tod in Venedig in 1912. A symbol-laden story of aestheticism and decadence, Mann's best-known novella exemplifies the author's regard for Sigmund Freud's writings on the unconscious. Gustav von Aschenbach is a revered author whose work is known for its discipline and formal perfection. At his Venetian hotel he encounters the strikingly handsome young teenager Tadzio. Aschenbach is disturbed by his attraction to the boy, and although he watches Tadzio, he dare not speak to him. Despite warnings of a cholera epidemic Aschenbach stays in Venice; he sacrifices his dignity and well-being to the immediate experience of beauty as embodied by Tadzio. After exchanging a significant look with the boy on the day of Tadzio's scheduled departure, Aschenbach dies of cholera. As in his other major works, Mann explores the role of the artist in society. The cerebral Aschenbach summons extraordinary discipline and endurance in his literary work, but his private desires overwhelm him. Note: This book may contain offensive material.		
138	Death of a Salesman	Miller, Arthur	Miller won a Pulitzer Prize for the work, which he described as "the tragedy of a man who gave his life, or sold it" in pursuit of the American Dream. After many years on the road as a traveling salesman, Willy Loman realizes he has been a failure as a father and husband. His sons, Happy and Biff, are not successful--on his terms (being "well-liked") or any others. His career fading, Willy escapes into reminiscences of an idealized		
139	Conch Bearer, The	Banerjej, Divakaruni Chitra	In India, twelve year old Anand is given a magical conch shell to protect from people who want to use the shell for evil. He goes on a journey and learns the true meaning of “magic” along the way.	Supplemental or Choice	
140	Coraline	Gaiman	Looking for excitement, Coraline ventures through a mysterious door into a world that is similar, yet disturbingly different from her own, where she must challenge a gruesome entity in order to save herself, her parents, and the souls of three others.	Supplemental or Choice	
141	Delta Wedding	Welty, Eudora	Young Laura spends an exciting week with her cousins, the Fairchilds, at their estate on the Mississippi Delta in the early 1920s.		
142	Demian	Hesse, Herman	Hesse's classic tells of the turmoil of Emil Sinclair, a docile young man who is drawn by his schoolmates into a secret and dangerous world of petty crime and revolt against convention. Note: This book may contain offensive material.		
143	Corn Grows Ripe, The	Rhoades, Dorothy	Twelve year old Tigre a Mayan boy has to shoulder the work or harvesting and planting when his father is injured in an accident.	Supplemental or Choice	
144	Corn Raid: A Story of the Jamestown Settlement	Collier, James Lincoln	An unlikely friendship between two boys, an indentured servant and a Native American, reveals much about life in colonial American as well as friendships in all times.	Supplemental or Choice	

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145	Doll's House, A	Ibsen, Henrik	Nora Helmer, wife to Torvald and mother of three children, appears to enjoy living the life of a pampered, indulged child. But as her economic dependence becomes brutally clear, Nora's acceptance of the status quo undergoes a profound change. To the horror of the bewildered Torvald, himself caught in the tight web of a conservative society which demands that he exert strict control, Nora comes to see that only possible true course of action is to leave the family home. Note: This play may contain offensive material.		
146	Court of the Stone Children	Cameron	Aided by the journal of a young woman who lived in nineteenth-century France, Nina solves a murder mystery dormant since the time of Napoleon.	Supplemental or Choice	
147	Dr. Faustus	Marlowe, Christop	A master scholar, Faust, dissatisfied by the limitations of book learning, seeks higher knowledge through black magic, which leads to a private audience with Mephostophilis, Satan's courier. Faust agrees to sell his soul to the devil in return for 24 years of Mephostophilis's bidding. With the dark compact sealed, the play presents the conflict between Renaissance man's drive for knowledge and God's ultimate mystery.		
148	Cousins	Hamilton	Concerned that her grandmother may die, Cammy is overwhelmed by the accidental death of another relative.	Supplemental or Choice	
149	Crispin and the Cross of Lead	Avi	Crispin, an orphan in fourteenth century Medieval England tries to escape the men who want him dead for a crime he did not commit. On his journey he befriends Bear, a minstrel who teaches him the trade, and find out the real reason the men want him dead; his noble blood.	Supplemental or Choice	
150	Crossing, The	Paulsen, Gary	Manny Bustos is an orphan, scrabbling for survival on the streets of Juáurez, Mexico. He sleeps in a cardboard box and fights with boys bigger and older than him for the coins American tourists through off the bridge between El Paso, Texas, and his town. Across the border, Sergeant Robert S. Locke, Vietnam vet and Army prefect, searches for a way to forget the painful memories. On the night Manny dares the crossing, through the muddy shallows of the Rio Grande, past searchlights and border patrol, in the hopes of a better life, the two meet in an explosive encounter that fills the night with tension and endless possibilities.	Supplemental or Choice	
151	Danger Zone	Klass	When Jimmy Doyle joins a predominantly black "Teen Dream Team" that will be representing the United States in an international basketball tournament in Rome, he makes some unexpected discoveries about prejudice, racism, and politics.	Supplemental or Choice	
152	East of Eden	Steinbeck, John	A masterpiece of Steinbeck's later years, East of Eden is a powerful and vastly ambitious novel that is at once a family saga and a modern retelling of the Book of Genesis.		
153	Dark is Rising	Cooper	On his eleventh birthday, Will Stanton discovers that he is the last of the Old Ones, destined to seek the six magical Signs that will enable the Old Ones to triumph over the evil forces of the Dark.	Supplemental or Choice	
154	Echoes of the White Giraffe	Choi, Sook Nyul	In this sequel to Year of Impossible Goodbyes, the unforgettable heroine, Sookan, is now a refugee in Pusan, South Korea, where she strives to make her world normal again.		
155	Dark Stairs	Byars	Young detective Herculeah Jones solves a mysterious situation.	Supplemental or Choice	

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156	Daughter of Suqua	Diane Johnston Hamm	Ida, a 10 year old girl from the Suquamish tribe lives with her family in the Puget Sound village of Suqua. Life changes when the governenent forces the tribe onto allotted lands and requires childen to go to white boarding schools.	Supplemental or Choice	
157	Day No Pigs Would Die, A	Peck, Robert Newton	Robert Peck recalls a year in his life on a Vermont farm in the early 1900s. After leaving school in the middle of the day Robert helps a cow give birth. For his help he is given a sow pig by the neighbor. Growing up and becoming a man while being the only boy in his family, Robert's father says it is his last winter and Robert must learn the ways of the farm. Some graphic depictions of farm life- mating of the animals and slaughter.	Supplemental or Choice	
158	Egyptian Cinderella, The	Climo, Shirley	Children's book. The story of Rhodopis, a Greek slave girl in ancient Egypt, variation of the traditional Cinderella legend. Because of her rosy complexion and fair hair, Rhodopis is scorned and teased by the Egyptian servant girls who work for her kind but disinterested master. Rhodopis' happy fate, becoming the wife of Pharaoh Amasis is accomplished through the intercession of the great falcon. When the majestic bird deposits one of Rhodopis' rosy-gold slippers, a gift from her master, in the lap of the Pharaoh, he determines this to be a signal from the gods to marry the maiden whose foot it fits.		
159	Deep-Sea Explorer: The Story of Robert Ballard Discoverer of the Titanic	Archbold, Rick	This is a readable, exciting portrait of the scientist/explorer who discovered the Titanic, the Bismarck, and shipwrecks from the Battle of Guadalcanal. The book chronicles Ballard's childhood in San Diego, describing both his early fascination with the sea and his strong family relationships. Ballard's academic and research failures, as well as his successes are described, and his refusal to give up in the face of personal trauma. Ballard's initial scientific work—seeking evidence of plate tectonic activity on the ocean floor—was not enough for the intensely driven and creative man. His desire for new frontiers led him into deep-sea exploration and the discoveries of famous shipwrecks. Illustrated with underwater photographs.	Supplemental or Choice	
160	Ellen Foster	Gibbons, Kaye	The appealing, eponymous, 11-year-old orphan heroine of this Southern-focused debut survives appalling situations until she finds safe harbor in a good foster home. N-Word used infrequently. Implied sexual misconduct.		
161	Emma	Austen, Jane	Emma Woodhouse is bright, beautiful, and rich; she is also snobbish and judgmental, and she can be cruel, with a tendency to interfere in other people's lives. The novel chronicles Emma's attempts to make a match between a hapless vicar who is, in fact, enamored of Emma herself, and her friend Harriet, a poor and simple young woman in love with a farmer. Unlike many of Austen's heroines, Emma is possessed of very little good sense; her absurd machinations complicate the lives of everyone involved--and, needless to say, get nowhere. Emma, however, learns from her mistakes and gains some badly needed insight into herself as she discovers her feelings for the older, steady, aristocratic Mr. Knightley. The novel moves toward a not unexpected but perfectly satisfying conclusion, and in the process introduces Austen's usual cast of amusing, pretentious, hypocritical, and/or dim-witted characters, including the appalling, nouveau riche Mrs. Elton, and Emma's widowed father, one of the most insufferable (and delightful) neurotics in literature.		
162	Define Normal	Peters	When Antonia agrees to meet with Jasmine as a peer counselor, she never dreams that this girl with the black lipstick and pierced eyebrow will become a good friend and will help her deal with the serious problems she faces at home.	Supplemental or Choice	

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163	Diary of Anne Frank	Frank, Anne	How would you feel if you were cooped up for years inside with you only true companion-your diary? Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl is the true story of a young Jewish girl hiding away for years from the Nazis. Her experience was filled with, fright, annoyance, hardships, romance and the feeling inside that she might never be free again.	Supplemental or Choice	
164	Dogsong	Paulsen, Gary	Something is bothering Russel Susskit. He hates waking up to the sound of his father's coughing, the smell of diesel oil, the noise of snow machines starting up. Only Oogruk, the shaman who owns the last team of dogs in the village, understands Russel's longing for the old ways and the songs that celebrated them. But Oogruk cannot give Russel the answers he seeks; the old man can only prepare him for what he must do alone. Driven by a strange, powerful dream of a long-ago self and by a burning desire to find his own song, Russel takes Oogruk's dogs on an epic journey of self-discovery that will change his life forever. A Newbery Honor Book; An ALA Best Book for Young Adult; An ALA Notable Book; A School Library Journal Best Book	Supplemental or Choice	
165	Downriver	Hobbs, Wil	No adults, no permit, no river map. Just some "borrowed" gear from Discovery Unlimited, the outdoor education program Jessie and her new companions have just ditched. Jessie and the others are having the time of their lives floating beneath sheer red walls, exploring unknown caves and dangerous waterfalls, and plunging through the Grand Canyon's roaring rapids. No one, including Troy, who emerges as the group's magnetic and ultimately frightening leader, can foresee the challenges and conflicts. What will be the consequences of their reckless adventure?	Supplemental or Choice	
166	Dracula	Stoker, Bram	This is an epistolary novel, one told as a series of diary entries and letters, which covers a multitude of themes during Victorian times. The novel combines much of the ancient lore of vampires and give it a perceptible feeling in the Count.	Supplemental or Choice	
167	Everything's An Argument		This is a gook centered upon forming strong, persuasive arguments. Topics include inartistic/artistic appeals to audiences, humor, ethos (credibility), and establishing tone in writing. Quantitative and qualitative arguments are two examples of the types of arguments presented in this book. Metaphors, tropes, similes, analogies, and hyperboles are figures of speech that are presented to help form a credible, strong, and persuasive argument towards a specific audience.		
168	Dragon Bait	Vande Velde	A fantasy about a young girl who is unjustly condemned as a witch.	Supplemental or Choice	
169	Fahrenheit 451	Bradbury, Ray	In Fahrenheit 451, Ray Bradbury's classic, frightening vision of the future, firemen don't put out fires--they start them in order to burn books. Irony and satire are Bradbury's tools in this classic novel. Profanity.		
170	Dragon's Gate	Yep, Laurence	In 1867 Otter travels from his village in China to San Francisco—the land of the Golden Mountain. His dream is to learn all he can, take the technology back to China and free it from the Manchu invaders. Otter boards a machine that will change his life—a machine that would make his homeland strong. A train for which he would open the Dragon's Gate.	Supplemental or Choice	

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171	Fallen Angels	Myers, Walter De	Richie Perry, Lobel, Johnson, Brunner, and Peewee are all in Vietnam. They came there for different reasons, but now they share a single dream -- getting out alive. The critically acclaimed story of one young man's tour of duty in Vietnam and a testament to the thousands of young people who lived and died during the war. This generation's most powerful Vietnam story. Depictions of war. Profanity. Use of the N-word.		
172	East of the Sun, West of the Moon	Asbjornsen	A girl travels east of the sun and west of the moon to free her beloved prince from a magic spell.	Supplemental or Choice	
173	Far From the Madening Crowd	Hardy, Thomas	Hardy's first major novel tells the story of the shepherd Gabriel Oak and his long, patient devotion to Bathsheba Everdene. Bathsheba's faithless husband is murdered by a neighboring farmer, William Bellwood, who also loves her. At the end of a traumatic series of events, Bathsheba turns to Gabriel at last, valuing his honesty and integrity. Like Hardy's later novels, this one is characterized by coincidence, melodrama, and a degree of improbability. It also emphasizes the role of natural forces--the earth and the rhythms of rural life--all of which are personified in Gabriel Oak. The novel is less bleak and unforgiving than the later works, and is remarkable for its insight into the complexities of character, particularly that of the many-faceted Bathsheba.		
174	Farewell to Arms	Hemingway, Erne	The best American novel to emerge from World War I, A Farewell to Arms is the unforgettable story of an American ambulance driver on the Italian front and his passion for a beautiful English nurse. Hemingway's frank portrayal of the love between Lieutenant Henry and Catherine Barkley, caught in the inexorable sweep of war, glows with an intensity unrivaled in modern literature, while his description of the German attack on Caporetto -- of lines of fired men marching in the rain, hungry, weary, and demoralized -- is one of the greatest moments in literary history. A story of love and pain, of loyalty and desertion, A Farewell to Arms, written when he was 30 years old, represents a new romanticism for Hemingway. Note: This book may contain offensive material.		
175	Farewell to Manzanar	Houston, Jeanne	During World War II a community called Manzanar was hastily created in the high mountain desert country of California, east of the Sierras. Its purpose was to house thousands of Japanese American internees. One of the first families to arrive was the Wakatsukis, who were ordered to leave their fishing business in Long Beach and take with them only the belongings they could carry. For Jeanne Wakatsuki, a seven-year-old child, Manzanar became a way of life in which she struggled and adapted, observed and grew. For her father it was essentially the end of his live. Violence, racism, and criticism of American government policy.		
176	Edge of Two Worlds	Jones	Calvin Harper, the only survivor of a Comanche massacre, while on his way east to law school, meets Sequoyah, a Cherokee Indian in search of the origins of his people. Although Calvin fears and mistrusts the old Indian, he joins him in his curious quest.	Supplemental or Choice	
177	Fast Food Nation	Schlosser, Eric	This myth-shattering book tells the story of America and the world's infatuation with fast food, from its origins in 1950s southern California to the global triumph of a handful of burger and fried chicken chains. In a meticulously researched and powerfully argued account, Eric Schlosser visits the labs where scientists re-create the smell and taste of everything—from cooked meat to fresh strawberries; talks to the workers at abattoirs with some of the worst safety records in the world; explains exactly where the meat comes from and just why the fries taste so good; and looks at the way the fast food industry is transforming not only our diet but our landscape, economy, workforce and culture.		
178	Fathers and Sons	Turgenev, Ivan	Fathers and Sons relates not only the generation gap in 19th century Russia, but also shows how fragile and fake the entire Russian system was in that time period. Every character symbolizes an important facet of Russian society.		
179	Fifth Child	Lessing, Doris	A self-satisfied couple intent on raising a happy family is shocked by the birth of an abnormal and brutal fifth child. Violence and Disturbing choices.		
180	Egypt Game, The	Snyder, Silpha Keatley	Six neighborhood children meet after school and on weekends to re-enact a game about ancient Egypt. They gather in a deserted storage yard behind an antique shop. Strange things happen which create intrigue, suspense and humor.	Supplemental or Choice	

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181	El Chino	Say	A biography of Bill Wong, a Chinese American who became a famous bullfighter in Spain.	Supplemental or Choice	
182	Endless Steppe, The, Growing Up In Siberia	Hautzig, Esther	The author spent her years between ten and fourteen as a Polish deportee in a remote, impoverished Siberian village. Taken prisoner by the Russians in 1941 and shipped by cattle car to a forced-labor camp, Esther, her mother, and her grandmother managed to stay together and to keep each other alive through near starvation and arctic winters.	Supplemental or Choice	
183	Endurance	Lansing, Alfred	In the summer of 1914, Sir Ernest Shackleton set off aboard the Endurance bound for the South Atlantic. The goal of his expedition was to cross the Antarctic overland, but more than a year later, and still half a continent away from the intended base, the Endurance was trapped in ice and eventually was crushed. For five months Shackleton and his crew survived on drifting ice packs in one of the most savage regions of the world before they were finally able to set sail again in one of the ship's lifeboats.	Supplemental or Choice	
184	Escape From Home	Avi	Maura O'Connell and her brother Patrick escape Ireland's brutal poverty with only the belongings in their bundles and tickets for ocean passage.	Supplemental or Choice	
185	First Snow, The	Christiana, David	Children's book. This book takes readers back to a time when the world was new and Mother Nature a young child. She loves Summer with her warm, green breezes and is quite upset when she finds her packing to give Winter his turn. The girl finds many ways to turn Winter and the blustery Wind away, but Winter has a sage counselor in the great polar bear, Aunt Arctica, who finally suggests that he try a gentle approach to win the child's acceptance. After a few failures, he creates a soft, white blanket to warm her, and Mother Nature discovers that she likes Winter and his first snow.		
186	Esperanza Rising	Ryan, Pam Munoz	Esperanza believed her life would be wonderful forever. She would always live on her family's ranch in Mexico. She would always have fancy dresses and a beautiful home filled with servants. Papa and Abuelita would always be with her. But a sudden tragedy shatters her world and forces Esperanza and Mama to flee to California, where they settle in a camp for Mexican farm workers. Esperanza isn't ready for the hard labor, financial struggles brought on by the Great Depression, and lack of acceptance she how faces. When Mama get sick, and a strike for better working conditions threatens to uproot their new life, Esperanza must find a way to rise above her difficult circumstances—because Mama's life and her own depend on it.	Supplemental or Choice	
187	Ethan Frome	Wharton, Edith	In nineteenth-century Starkfield, Massachusetts, a poor young farmer falls in love with the vivacious Mattie, cousin of his sickly, demanding wife, and starts a devastating chain of events. Adultery.	Supplemental or Choice	
188	Eye of the Beholder	Hayes	Tyler and Lymie create their own sculptures as a joke and discard them near an artist's studio that the whole town is planning a festival for.	Supplemental or Choice	
189	Fair Weather	Peck	In 1893, thirteen-year-old Rosie and members of her family travel from their Illinois farm to Chicago to visit Aunt Euterpe, and attend the World Columbian Exposition.	Supplemental or Choice	

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190	Forbidden City	Bell, William	Seventeen-year-old Alex Jackson comes home from school to find that his father, a CBC news cameraman, wants to take him to China's capital, Beijing. Once there, Alex finds himself on his own in Tian An Men Square as desperate students fight the Chinese army for their freedom. Separated from his father and carrying illegal videotapes, Alex must trust the students to help him escape. Closely based on eyewitness accounts of the massacre in Beijing, Forbidden City is a powerful and frightening story.		
191	Family Apart	Nixon	When their mother can no longer support them, six siblings are sent by the Children's Aid Society of New York City to live with farm families in Missouri in 1860.	Supplemental or Choice	
192	Farm Team	Weaver	With his father in jail and his mother working full-time, fourteen-year-old Billy Baggs finds himself in charge of running the family farm in northern Minnesota and having to give up the thing he loves most—baseball.	Supplemental or Choice	
193	French Lieutenant's Woman, The	Fowles, John	Novel by John Fowles, published in 1969. A pastiche of a historical romance, it juxtaposes the ethos of the Victorian characters living in 1867 with the ironic commentary of the author writing in 1967. The plot centers on Charles Smithson, an amateur Victorian paleontologist. He is engaged to Ernestina Freeman, a conventional, wealthy woman, but he breaks off the engagement after a series of clandestine trysts with the beautiful, mysterious Sarah Woodruff, a social outcast known locally as the forsaken lover of a French lieutenant. The author, who continually intrudes on the narration, presents three different endings, encouraging his readers to reach their own conclusions. Note: This book may contain offensive material.		
194	Fifth of March, The	Rinaldi, Ann	The story of Rachel Marsh, an indentured servant during the American Revolution, and her search for her place in this emerging nation lives in the house of John Adams and meets Revolutionary figures and witnesses the Boston Massacre.	Supplemental or Choice	
195	Fight for Life	Anderson	With the help of her veterinarian grandmother and the other volunteers at the Wild at Heart Animal Clinic, eleven-year-old Maggie rescues sick puppies from an illegal puppy mill.	Supplemental or Choice	
196	Fighting Ground, The	Avi	Thirteen-year-old Jonathan desperately wants to fight in the Revolutionary War and his father keeps discouraging him. Finally he sneaks away and joins a troop fighting against the Hessians. Quickly, he is put to the test and comes to some conclusions about war and his role in it.	Supplemental or Choice	
197	Finding Buck McHenry	Slote	Eleven-year-old Jason, believing the school custodian Mack Henry to be Buck McHenry, a famous pitcher from the old Negro League, tries to enlist him as a coach for his Little League team by revealing his identity to the world.	Supplemental or Choice	
198	First Horse I See	Keehn	Left in the care of her beloved Granddad following the death of her mother, Willojean tries to prove to her alcoholic father that she is able to train a special horse which had been abused.	Supplemental or Choice	
199	Gathering of Old Men, A	Gaines, Ernest	Set on a Louisiana sugarcane plantation in the 1970s, A Gathering of Old Men is a powerful depiction of racial tensions arising over the death of a Cajun farmer at the hands of a black man.		
200	Flash Fire	Cooney	It was California. People were used to mudslides, earthquakes, sinkholes, and even brushfires. But this fire had a life of its own, and it had no intention of being put out.	Supplemental or Choice	
201	Flight of the Dragon Kyn	Fletcher	Could Kara call down dragons as she did birds? The fate of two kingdoms depends on her ability and what she decides to do with it.	Supplemental or Choice	

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202	Floating World, The	Kadohata, Cynthia	Olivia, the young narrator of this novel, and her Japanese-American family are constantly on the road. This book is about families, coming of age, guilt, memory, and about being Japanese-American in the United States in the mid-1950s.	Supplemental or Choice	
203	For the Life of Laetitia	Hodge, Merle	The first in her family to attend secondary school, Laetitia Johnson must leave behind her beloved Caribbean village and move to town to live with a father she barely knows. This turns out to be just one of many difficult changes that Laetitia endures for the sake of her new life.	Supplemental or Choice	
204	Frankenstein	Shelley, Mary Wollstonecraft	Written in 1816 when she was only 19, in a horror-writing contest suggested by Byron, Mary Shelley's novel of "the modern Prometheus" chillingly dramatized the dangerous potential of life created in the laboratory. A frightening creation myth for our own time, FRANKENSTEIN remains one of the greatest horror stories ever written, and an undisputed classic.	Supplemental or Choice	
205	Glass Meangerie	Williams, Tennes	No play in the modern theatre has so captured the imagination and heart of the American public as Tennessee Williams's The Glass Menagerie. Menagerie was Williams's first popular success and launched the brilliant career of our pre-eminent lyric playwright. Since its premiere in Chicago in 1944, the play has been the bravura piece for great actresses from Jessica Tandy to Joanne Woodward, and is studied and performed in classrooms and theatres around the world.		
206	Glory Field	Myers, Walter De	Two hundred and fifty years in the life of an African-American family, from the slavery era up to the present. The story begins when 11-year-old Muhammad Bilal is kidnapped from his home in West Africa, transported to the U.S. on a slave ship, and sold to the owner of a planation in South Carolina. In the generations that follow, Muhammad's descendents are drawn by their dreams and the circumstances of their lives to a small plot of land in South Carolina that they call the Glory Field. This novel concentrates on five of those descendents: Lizzy in 1864, Elijah in 1900; Luvenia in 1930, Tommy in 1964, and Malcolm in 1994.		
207	Gods, Heroes and Men of Ancient Greece	Rouse, W.H.D.	From the strong-arm heroics of Heracles, to the trickery of the Trojan Horse, from the seductions of Circe the sorceress, to the terrors of the Cyclops and Minotaur… First published in 1934, Gods, Heroes and Men of Ancient Greece has become one of the most popular, enduring and captivating retellings of the ancient myths for modern readers. Recognizing the sheer entertainment value of these timeless adventurers, world renowned classical scholar W.H.D. Rouse delighted his students at the Perse School in Cambridge, England, with a conversational style and childlike wonder that made the legends come alive – a rare storytelling gift that continues to engage young and old alike.		
208	Freedom Train	Sterling, Dorothy	Born into slavery, young Harriet Tubman knew only hard work and hunger. Escape seemed impossible--certainly dangerous. Yet Harriet did escape North, by the secret route called the Underground Railroad. Harriet didn't forget her people. Again and again she risked her life to lead them on the same secret, dangerous journey.	Supplemental or Choice	
209	Good Earth	Buck, Pearl	Pearl Buck (1892-1973) wrote The Good Earth in three months, based on her observations of Chinese life and culture while she lived in China as the daughter of American missionaries. In the novel, Buck tells the story of a simple, traditional small farmer, Wang Lung, whose highest priority is the land he farms himself with his wife, O-lan. Throughout, Wang Lung's family is contrasted to the wealthy and decadent Huangs, whose tie to the precious land has long been cut: they hire outsiders to do their farming and devote themselves to luxury. As the years go by, Wang Lung prospers as the corrupt Huangs decline—but by novel's end, he has become more like them, and his own children fall into the traps that wealth sets: leisure, opium, and a lack of respect for the good earth. Through Wang Lung and his family Buck depicts the changes that were taking place in Chinese culture in the early 20th century.		

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210	Good Rain, The	Egan, Timothy	The Pacific Northwest, with its giant trees, fascinating coastline, mighty Columbia River, and not-always-dormant volcanoes, has inspired a number of personal narratives. In this book, New York Times reporter Egan interweaves personal experiences and conversations with observations of nature and historical information. He travels through Washington, Oregon, and southern Vancouver, following the route taken by an earlier traveler, Theodore Winthrop, 150 years ago.		
211	Grapes of Wrath	Steinbeck, John	One of the greatest and most socially significant novels of the twentieth century, Steinbeck's controversial masterpiece indelibly captured America during the Great Depression through the story of one Oklahoma farm family, the Joads. Intensely human yet majestic in its scale and moral vision, tragic but ultimately stirring in its insistence on human dignity, The Grapes of Wrath (1939) is not only a landmark American novel, but it is as well an extraordinary moment in the history of our national conscience. Note: This book may contain offensive material.		
212	Great Dialogues of Plato		Plato wrote approximately 25 dialogues—intellectual debates on such topics as law, virtue, love, and beauty—which are normally divided into three periods: those featuring Socrates, those in which the words of Socrates are most likely Plato's own, and the last several written during Plato's later years.		
213	Friends, The	Yumoto, Kazumi	Kiyama and his friend Kawabe and Yamashita become curious about death when Yamashita's grandmother dies. They wonder what a dead body looks like and whether the dead person becomes a ghost. They hope to see death firsthand by spying on an old man who looks as if he will die soon. But wile they watch the old man, he watches them. Soon this mutual fascination turns into a friendship that will change their lives forever.	Supplemental or Choice	
214	Frindle	Clements	When Nick Allen decides to turn his fifth-grade teacher's love of the dictionary around on her, he cleverly invents a new word and begins a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control.	Supplemental or Choice	
215	Great Gatsby, The	Fitzgerald, F. Sco	F. Scott Fitzgerald's portrait of the Jazz Age in all of its decadence and excess captures the spirit of the author's generation and earned itself a permanent place in American mythology. Self-made, self-invented millionaire Jay Gatsby embodies some of Fitzgerald's--and his country's--most abiding obsessions: money, ambition, greed, and the promise of new beginnings. Gatsby's rise to glory and eventual fall from grace becomes a kind of cautionary tale about the American Dream. Adultery		
216	Green Mile, The	King, Stephen	Maybe it's a little too cute (there's a smart prison mouse named Mr. Jingles), maybe the pathos is laid on a little thick, but it's hard to resist the colorful personalities and simple wonders of this supernatural tale.		
217	From the Mixed up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Franwieler	Konigsburg	Claudia and her brother Jamie run away from home and take up residence in the Metropolitan Museum of Art.	Supplemental or Choice	
218	Gulliver's Travels	Swift, Jonathan	In Jonathan Swift's bitter, witty, and utterly brilliant satire of the state of England in the early 18th century, his hero, Lemuel Gulliver (the epitome of the average man), becomes, as he travels, increasingly frustrated by the corruption and irrationality of the human race. His sea voyage takes him first to Lilliput, where he is first exploited by its tiny citizens and then condemned as a traitor. Then he lands in Brobdingnag, to whom he is the Lilliputian; he is repulsed by the size, grossness, and stupidity of the giants who capture him. His third voyage is to Laputa, where Swift wickedly satirizes intellectuals as impractical twits. It's only in the land of the Houyhnhnms that Gulliver finds peace, where gentle, intelligent, and ever-rational horses rule the land and the humans—known as Yahoos—are brutish and stupid. When Gulliver is cast out, he is consumed with grief, and his return to England—the land of true Yahoos—brings him no joy.		

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219	Habibi	Ny, Naomi Shihab	The day after Liyana got her first real kiss, her life changed forever. Not because of the kiss, but because it was the day her father announced that the family was moving from St. Louis all the way to Palestine. Though her father grew up there, Liyana knows very little about her family's Arab heritage. Her grandmother and the rest of her relatives who live in the West Bank are strangers, and speak a language she can't understand. It isn't until she meets Omer that her homesickness fades. But Omer is Jewish, and their friendship is silently forbidden in this land. How can they make their families understand? And how can Liyana ever learn to call this place		
220	Gathering Blue	Lowry, Lois	Similar to The Giver with a future society. Kira, newly orphaned and lame from birth, is taken from the turmoil of the village to live in the grand Council Edifice because of her skill at embroidery. There she is given the task of restoring the historical pictures sewn on the robe worn at the annual Ruin Song Gathering, a solemn day-long performance of the story of their world's past. Down the hall lives Thomas the Carver, a young boy who works on the intricate symbols carved on the Singer's staff, and a tiny girl who is being trained as the next Singer. Over the three artists hovers the menace of authority, seemingly kind but suffocating to their creativity, and the dark secret at the heart of the Ruin Song. With the help of a cheerful waif called Matt and his little dog, Kira at last finds the way to the plant that will allow her to create the missing color--blue--and, symbolically, to find the courage to shape the future by following her art wherever it may lead.	Supplemental or Choice	
221	Handmaid's Tale, The	Atwood, Margaret	This satiric tale introduces us to Offred, a Handmaid in the Republic of Gilead. Her life is a political warning. She may leave the home of the Commander and his wife once a day to walk to food markets whose signs are now pictures instead of words because women are no longer allowed to read. She must lie on her back once a month and pray that the Commander makes her pregnant, because in an age of declining births, Offred and the other Handmaids are only valued if their ovaries are viable. Sexual situations.		
222	Gift of the Magi and other stories	Henry, O.	This is a nice variety of stories. O. Henry is an excellent short story writing – it's amazing how we can fully engulf ourselves within these stories which are no more than ten pages long.	Supplemental or Choice	
223	Girl in Blue	Rinaldi, Ann	Once more a young lady finds herself in the middle of an American conflict in this novel of the Civil War by prolific novelist Ann Rinaldi. This time with little to lose but her life, a young woman decides to disguise herself as a Union Soldier and strike out into the world to help the cause of her family and country. We learn about life during the war and women's place in the mid-19th century world.	Supplemental or Choice	
224	Haveli	Staples, Suzanne	The world of Newbery Honor book Shabanu is vividly re-created in this novel of a young Pakistani woman's heartbreaking struggle against the tyranny of custom and ancient law. Shabanu, now a mother at 18, faces daily challenges to her position in her husband's household, even as she plans for her young daughter's education and uncertain future. Then, during a visit to the haveli, their home in the city of Lahore, Shabanu falls in love with Omar, in spite of traditions that forbid their union.		

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225	Girl Named Disaster	Farmer, Nancy	For Nhamo, an 11-year-old Shona girl living in Mozambique in 1981, life if filled with the traditions of her village people. When family circumstances, angozi (angry spirit), and a cholera epidemic force her into a horrible marriage, she flees with only her grandmother's blessings, some gold nuggets, and many survival skills. Still, what should have been a two-day boat trip across the border to her father's family in Zimbabwe spans a year. As we follow her journey, we learn about her culture.	Supplemental or Choice	
226	Heart of Darkness	Conrad, Joseph	Novella by Joseph Conrad, first published in 1902 with the story "Youth" and thereafter published separately. The story reflects the physical and psychological shock Conrad himself experienced in 1890, when he worked briefly in the Belgian Congo. The narrator, Marlow, describes a journey he took on an African river. Assigned by an ivory company to take command of a cargo boat stranded in the interior, Marlow makes his way through the treacherous forest, witnessing the brutalization of the natives by white traders and hearing tantalizing stories of a Mr. Kurtz, the company's most successful representative. He reaches Kurtz's compound in a remote outpost only to see a row of human heads mounted on poles. In this alien context, unbound by the strictures of his own culture, Kurtz has exchanged his soul for a bloody sovereignty, but a mortal illness is bringing his reign of terror to a close. As Marlow transports him downriver, Kurtz delivers an arrogant and empty explanation of his deeds as a visionary quest. To the narrator Kurtz's dying words, "The horror! The horror!" represent despair at the encounter with human depravity--the heart of darkness. Note: This book may contain offensive material.		
227	Girl Son, The	Neuberger, Anne E.	Induk Pahk's mother disguises her as a boy so that she can send her to school, a privilege denied to girls in early 20th century Korea. This inspirational story about the value of education is based on the childhood experiences of a woman who went on to become a teacher.	Supplemental or Choice	
228	Hedda Gabler	Ibsen, Henrik	Drama in four acts by Henrik Ibsen, published in 1890 and produced the following year. The work reveals Hedda Gabler as a selfish, cynical woman bored by her marriage to the scholar Jorgen Tesman. Her father's pair of pistols provide intermittent diversion, as do the attentions of the ne'er-do-well Judge Brack. When Thea Elvestad, a longtime acquaintance of Hedda's, reveals that she has left her husband for the writer Ejlert Lovborg, who once pursued Hedda, the latter becomes vengeful. Learning that Ejlert has forsworn liquor, Hedda first steers him to a rowdy gathering at Brack's and subsequently burns the reputedly brilliant manuscript that he loses there while drunk. Witnessing his desperation, she sends him one of the pistols and he shoots himself. Brack deduces Hedda's complicity and demands that she become his mistress in exchange for his silence about the matter. Instead, she ends her ennui with the remaining pistol. The work is remarkable for its nonjudgmental depiction of an immoral, destructive character, one of the most vividly realized women in dramatic literature. Note: This play may contain offensive material.		
229	Henry IV	Shakespeare, Wi	While King Henry IV rightly laments that his heir, the young Prince Hal, has not distinguished himself in battle, Hal is up to no good at the Boar's Head Tavern with his rotund cohort, Falstaff. With a rebellion rising against the throne at home, Hal lives it up in the ale houses of London, associating with petty schemers and masterminding practical jokes instead of military strategies. When his father sends a messenger to fetch his delinquent son, will Hal rally to the call? Written prior to 1596, this much-loved play is referred to in multiple memoirs and documents of the day and in subsequent decades, including Samuel Pepys's diary, attesting to its impact and popularity. Blending action that takes place at court with scenes of city life, Henry IV Part 1 marks a turning-point in Shakespeare's oeuvre, as action unfolds simultaneously in diverse locations, lending texture and variety to the drama, and involving characters drawn not only from the ranks of court, but from London's		
230	Henry V	Shakespeare, Wi	The final play in Shakespeare's political tetralogy, this story concerns young Prince Hal, who is now King Henry V and has to adjust to his life and kingdom. To retain power, he finds he must lead his soldiers in battle to reclaim French lands. Note: This play may contain offensive material.		

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231	Giver, The	Lowry, Lois	Jonas lives in a perfect world. There is no war, no poverty, and no choices. When Jonas turns twelve he is singled out to receive special training to hold the memories: memories of war, of pain, of color, of choices.	Supplemental or Choice	
232	Golden Goblet, The	McGraw, Eloise Jarvis	Ranofer, a young Egyptian who longs to be a goldsmith, discovers that his evil half brother is a thief and sets out on an adventure to prove his brother's guilt.	Supplemental or Choice	
233	Hiroshima	Hershey, John	On August 6, 1945, Hiroshima was destroyed by the first atomic bomb ever dropped on a city. John Hershey, who was a journalist at the time captures what happened on that day, told through the memoirs of survivors. There is some graphic material that reflects the violence and destruction of the dropping of the atom bomb.		
234	Great Expectations	Dickens, Charles	The protagonist Pip is led into making grave mistakes based on several false expectations. Through suffering and disappointment, he eventually realizes his true self-worth and lives a fulfilling life.	Supplemental or Choice	
235	Great Fire	Murphy	Thirty-one hours of terror, over 100,000 people were forced to flee the flames. You will meet some of the people who were there and learn more about the Great Fire of Chicago on October 8, 1871.	Supplemental or Choice	
236	Group of One, A	Gilmore, Rachna	Just trying to fit in as a "regular Canadian," Tara is the daughter of Indian immigrants. When her grandmother tells her the story of the family's role in the Quit India movement of 1942, Tara claims her ancestral history and reassesses personal assumptions.	Supplemental or Choice	
237	House of Seven Gables	Hawthorne, Natha	This enduring novel of crime and retribution vividly reflects the social and moral values of New England in the 1840s. Nathaniel Hawthorne's gripping psychological drama concerns the Pyncheon family, a dynasty founded on pious theft, who live for generations under a dead man's curse until their house is finally exorcised by love. Hawthorne, by birth and education, was instilled with the Puritan belief in America's limitless promise. Yet—in part because of blemishes on his own family history—he also saw the darker side of the young nation. Like his twentieth-century heirs William Faulkner and F. Scott Fitzgerald, Hawthorne peered behind propriety's façade and exposed the true human condition.		

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238	House on Mango Street, The	Cisneros, Sandra	Told in a series of vignettes stunning for their eloquence, The House on Mango Street is Sandra Cisneros's greatly admired novel of a young girl growing up in the Latino section of Chicago. Sometimes heartbreaking, sometimes deeply joyous, The House on Mango Street tells the story of Esperanza Cordero, whose neighborhood is one of harsh realities and harsh beauty.		
239	How to Read Literature Like a Professor	Foster, Thomas C	Often, there is much more going on in a novel or poem than is readily visible on the surface — a symbol, maybe, that remains elusive, or an unexpected twist on a character — and there's that sneaking suspicion that the deeper meaning of a literary text keeps escaping you. In this practical and amusing guide to literature, Thomas C. Foster shows how easy and gratifying it is to unlock those hidden truths, and to discover a world where a road leads to a quest; a shared meal may signify a communion; and rain, whether cleansing or destructive, is never just rain. In this valuable handbook for English literature students and enthusiasts alike, Foster shares his love of the subject, encouraging readers to explore multiple meanings when reading literary works rather than be daunted by strict or limiting interpretations. sexual references		
240	Hamlet	Shakespeare	This is a tragedy involving the unyielding hunt by a prince for his father's murderer. Many powerful confrontations occur within this tragedy and during, prior to, and after these exchanges, one explores the depths of human emotion. May have offensive material.	Supplemental or Choice	
241	Hunger Artist, The	Kafka, Franz	A Hunger Artist, published in 1924, was the last book Kafka put out during his lifetime, editing the proofs virtually on his deathbed. The four stories contained in this volume First Sorrow,A Little Woman,A Hunger Artist, and Josephine, the Singer mark his maturity as a writer. The story from which the volume takes its name is one of Kafka's most famous and enigmatic. Note: This book may contain offensive material.		
242	Harris and Me	Paulsen	Sent to live with relatives on their farm because of his unhappy home life, an eleven-year-old city boy meets his distant cousin Harris and is given an introduction to a whole new world.	Supplemental or Choice	
243	Hatchet	Paulsen	After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends 54 days in the wilderness, learning to survive initially with only the aid of a hatchet given to him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce.	Supplemental or Choice	
244	I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings	Angelou, Maya	In this first of five volumes of autobiography, poet Maya Angelou recounts a youth filled with disappointment, frustration, tragedy, and finally hard-won independence. Sent at a young age to live with her grandmother in Arkansas, Angelou learned a great deal from this exceptional woman and the tightly knit black community there. These very lessons carried her throughout the hardships she endured later in life, including a tragic occurrence while visiting her mother in St. Louis and her formative years spent in California--where an unwanted pregnancy changed her life forever. Marvelously told, with Angelou's "gift for language and observation," this "remarkable autobiography by an equally remarkable black woman from Arkansas captures, indelibly, a world of which most Americans are shamefully ignorant." Sexual references		
245	Hawk's Hill	Eckert, Allan W.	Ben is a six year old when in 1870 he wanders away from home in Hawk's Hill and disappears without a trace. This is a story of how he survives by bonding with a female badger.	Supplemental or Choice	
246	Iliad, The	Homer	This timeless poem-more than 2,700 year old-still vividly conveys the horror and heroism of men and gods wrestling with towering emotions and battling amid devastation and destruction as it moves inexorably to its wrenching, tragic conclusion. Readers of this epic poem will be gripped by the finely tuned translation and enlightening introduction.		
247	Importance of Being Earnest, The	Wilde, Oscar	This enduring comedy of manners, focuses on Jack and Algernon, two young men in love with girls both determined to marry someone named Earnest.		

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248	In Pursuit of a Place	Nisbet, Jack	This novel tells of a young vicar named Mark, sent to a remote Kwakiutl village not knowing he has less than three years to live. In the village, Mark comes to understand the Kwakiutl Indians around him and sees how their traditions are being destroyed through the influence of white men. He watches the "English woman anthropologist" who comes to study the natives and insists upon calling the villages "Quackadoodles;" he experiences the impact when the government declares it legal for Indians to buy liquor and when traders cheat the villagers out of their cultural treasures; he sees the children lose the ties with their families and heritage while living in residential schools among whites. In striking contrast to the avarice and arrogance of most whites is the selflessness of the Kwakiutls and the beauty of running salmon, tall trees, and tribal festivals. Mark becomes a part of the Kwakiutl world, learning its language and ways, until finally "Time had lost its contours. He seemed to see it as the raven or the bald eagle, flying high over the village, must see the part of the river that that had passed the village, that had not yet reached the village, one and the same."		
249	Heartlight	Barron	An astronomer and a woman are hurled into a dazzling cross-galactic adventure.	Supplemental or Choice	
250	Inferno, The	Alighiere, Dante	This is a narrative poem and allegory that tells the tale of a man's journey through hell and his ability to make it through. Dante, the narrator and hero of this tale, travels through 9 circles of hell in order to be free. Along his way, he meets many mythical and historical figures and learns more about the human condition.		
251	Her Daughter's Eyes	Inclan, Jessica	Kate Phillips is a 17 years old who is unmarried and pregnant. Kate and her younger sister Tyler's mother died two years before, and their father is now choosing to spend his time with his new girlfriend. The girls secretly deliver the baby at home by themselves. When their secret is finally discovered, their lives are twisted into an emotional roller coaster. Their father has to fight to regain custody of his two daughters, and Baby Deirdre. There are conflicts in the novel dealing with teenage pregnancy, loss of a mother, and the battle to hold on to something loved.	Supplemental or Choice	
252	Into the Wild	Krakauer, Jon	After graduating from Emory University in Atlanta in 1992, top student and athlete Christopher McCandless abandoned his possessions, gave his entire $24,000 savings account to charity and hitchhiked to Alaska, where he went to live in the wilderness. Four months later, he turned up dead. His diary, letters and two notes found at a remote campsite tell of his desperate effort to survive		
253	Invisible Man	Ellison, Ralph	As he journeys from the Deep South to the streets and basements of Harlem, from a horrifying "battle royal" to a Communist rally, the Invisible Man ushers readers into a parallel universe that throws our own into harsh and even hilarious relief. Suspenseful and sardonic, narrated in a voice that takes in the symphonic range of the American language, black and white, Invisible Man is one of the most audacious and dazzling novels of our century. Note: This book may contain offensive material.		
254	Hero and the Clown	McKinley	A return to the kingdom of Damar where the girl-warrior, Arien, wields the power of the Blue Sword.	Supplemental or Choice	

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255	Hoot	Hiaasen, Carl	Roy Eberhardt is the new kid--again. This time around it's Trace Middle School in humid Coconut Grove, Florida. But it's still the same old routine: table by himself at lunch, no real friends, and thick-headed bullies like Dana Matherson pushing him around. But if it wasn't for Dana Matherson mashing his face against the school bus window that one day, he might never have seen the tow-headed running boy. And if he had never seen the running boy, he might never have met tall, tough, bully-beating Beatrice. And if he had never met Beatrice, he might never have discovered the burrowing owls living in the lot on the corner of East Oriole Avenue. And if he had never discovered the owls, he probably would have missed out on the adventure of a lifetime. Apparently, bullies do serve a greater purpose in the scope of the universe. Because if it wasn't for Dana Matherson...	Supplemental or Choice	
256	House of Dies Drear	Hamilton, Virginia	A huge old house with secret tunnels, a cantankerous caretaker, and buried treasure – a dream-come true for 13-year-old Thomas. The fact that it's reputedly haunted only adds to its appeal. As soon as the family moves in, Thomas senses something strange about the Civil War era house, which used to be a critical stop on the Underground Railroad. With the help of his father, he learns about the abolitionists and escaping slaves who kept the Underground Railroad running. While on his own, he explores the hidden passageways in and under the house, piecing clues together in an increasingly dangerous quest for the truth about the past.	Supplemental or Choice	
257	Human Comedy	Saroyan	This captivating novel tells the story of a gentle California community during World War II.	Supplemental or Choice	
258	Jabuti the Tortoise: A Trickster Tale from the Amazon	McDermott, Gera	Children's book. The reputed trickster Jabut¡ gets his comeuppance when a jealous Vulture offers to fly the tortoise and his flute to the King of Heaven's festival of song, then wickedly drops his passenger down from the skies. The King of Heaven chastises the vulture, and the birds who put Jabut¡'s smooth shell back together again gain new feathers as their reward. Though Jabut¡'s shell is "cracked and patched," his "song is sweet."		
259	I Heard the Owl Call My Name	Craven, Margaret	A quiet, graceful testimonial to a vanishing way of life, this book was Margaret Craven's first book, written when she was sixty-nine. It tells of a young vicar named Mark, sent to a remote Kwakiutl village not knowing he has less than three years to live. In the village, Mark comes to understand the Kwakiutl Indians around him and sees how their traditions are being destroyed through the influence of white men. Mild violence, alcohol abuse, criticism of western culture and American policy.	Supplemental or Choice	
260	Jack Tales, The	Chase, Richard	Children's book. One character as a central figure in eighteen folktales, told in the dialect of the mountain country of North Carolina.		
261	I Heart the Owl Call My Name	Craven, Margaret	This heartwarming novel is about a young priest who participates in the life of an Indian village, where he learns the meaning of life and death.	Supplemental or Choice	
262	I Rode a Horse of Milk White Jade	D. Wilson	Oyuna tells her granddaughter the story of how love for her horse enabled her to win a race and bring good luck to her family living in Mongolia in the time of Kublai Khan.	Supplemental or Choice	

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263	Jane Eyre	Bronte, Charlotte	Charlotte Bronte's "Jane Eyre is an extraordinary coming-of-age story featuring one of the most independent and strong-willed female protagonists in all of literature. Poor and plain, Jane Eyre begins life as a lonely orphan in the household of her hateful aunt. She becomes a governess at Thornfield Hall, where she falls in love with her employer--the dark, impassioned Mr. Rochester. But an explosive secret tears apart their relationship, forcing Jane to face poverty and isolation once again.		
264	In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson	Lord	In 1947, a Chinese child comes to Brooklyn, where she starts to feel at home and makes friends when she discovers baseball and the Brooklyn Dodgers.	Supplemental or Choice	
265	Inside the Walls of Troy	McLaren, Clemence	Unfortunately for Helen, she's the most beautiful woman in the world. Not that she cares about her beauty; she'd rather be riding horses. But lots of other people do care, especially men. King Theseus steals her away from her family. She's a treasure that's better than gold, than horses, than goods--her father will pay anything to get her back. She marries and survives the marriage bed. Then Helen falls in love, and it's not with her husband. She falls in love with a prince named Paris from the city Troy. Paris is Helen's true love and they run away from Helen's husband's home in Sparta, where Paris is a guest, to Paris's family's home in Troy. Then the history begins…	Supplemental or Choice	
266	Iron Heel	London, Jack	The Iron Heel is a major work of dystopian fiction, the product of London's Socialism, about a fascist-capitalist tyranny in the United States in the 20th century and its struggle with the enslaved proletariat. As such it is an important ancestor to Zamyatin's We and Orwell's 1984.	Supplemental or Choice	
267	Ishi: Last of His Tribe	Kroeber, Theodora	Non-fiction. "Ishi is a bit of an ancient and primitive world come alive in our own time, a window through which we can experience the spiritual symmetries of the Indian way, and learn the strengths of an earlier era." ---Stewart Udall, former U. S. Secretary of the Interior.	Supplemental or Choice	
268	Island of the Blue Dolphins	O'Dell, Scott	Inspired by the real-life story of a 12-year-old American Indian girl, Karana, this book tells the story of a remarkable young woman who, during the evacuation of Ghalas-at (an island off the coast of California), jumped ship to stay with her young brother who had been abandoned on the island. A Newbery Medal winner; and in 1976 the Children's Literature Association named one of the 10 best American children's books of the past 200 years.Violence.	Supplemental or Choice	
269	Jack London, A Biography	Dyer, Daniel	While researching Jack London, biographer Daniel Dryer uncovered an amazing truth that London's read life was just as rich and exciting as the stories and characters he created. Equally adept in writing as he was at thrill-seeking, London left school at age eleven to begin his lifelong courtship of adventure. He worked as a seal hunter, an oyster pirate, and a factory worker. And by the time of the Klondike gold rush, he was well on his way to becoming one of the world's most popular writers. This comprehensive biography takes the reader into the mind and life of this memorable author.	Supplemental or Choice	

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270	Joy Luck Club, The	Tan, Amy	Four mothers, four daughters, four families whose histories shift with the four winds depending on who's "saying" the stories. In 1949 four Chinese women, recent immigrants to San Francisco, begin meeting to eat dim sum, play mahjong, and talk. United in shared unspeakable loss and hope, they call themselves the Joy Luck Club. Rather than sink into tragedy, they choose to gather to raise their spirits and money. As each woman reveals her secrets, trying to unravel the truth about her life, the strings become more tangled, more entwined. Tan is an astute storyteller, enticing readers to immerse themselves into these lives of complexity and mystery. Sexual references		
271	Jacob Have I Loved	Patterson, Katherine	Jacob have I loved… Esau have I hated . . . Sara Louise Bradshaw is sick and tired of her beautiful twin Caroline. Ever since they were born, Caroline has been the pretty one, the talented one, the better sister. Even now, Caroline seems to take everything: Louise's friends, their parents' love, her dreams for the future. For once in her life, Louise wants to be the special one. But in order to do that, she must first figure out who she is . . . and find a way to make a place for herself outside her sister's shadow.	Supplemental or Choice	
272	James Printer: A novel of Rebellion	Jacobs, Paul Samuel	This novel tells the fictionalized story of James Printer, a printer's apprentice who lived in Massachusetts during the late 1600's. James was sent to live with Stephen Green who was a master printer. James was an excellent student and as a young man, his skills were almost equal that of the teacher. In 1675 James finds himself in a very precarious situation. The Indian chief known as King Philip has declared war on the English. King Philip has demanded that James return to the Indians to fight against the English. How can James take up arms against the people who raised him and against the society that he feels he belongs in? How could the once-friendly English neighbors now look at him as if he had suddenly become less than human? Join James as he tried to live peacefully in both worlds.	Supplemental or Choice	
273	Jungle, The	Sinclair, Upton	The Jungle's influence has been extraordinary for a literary work. Upton Sinclair's 1906 landmark novel is widely credited with awakening the public fury that led to the passage of the Pure Food and Drug Act (1906), a watershed in consumer protection and government legislation. This story of the immigrant experience in the harrowing Chicago stockyards has drawn comment from historians, policymakers, and literary critics, and it is a widely assigned teaching text. The novel is accompanied by an introduction and explanatory annotations. Note: This book may contain offensive material.		
274	Jar of Dreams, A	Uchida, Yoshiko	The story of Rinko Tsujimura, an 11-year-old second generation Japanese-American growing up in California in the 1930's. Rinko resents being Japanese because her and her family are ridiculed. When Aunt Waka comes to visit from Japan, she teaches them to be proud of their unique heritage.	Supplemental or Choice	
275	Jim Ugly	Fleishman	This story tells the adventures of twelve-year-old Jake Bannock and Jim Ugly, his father's part-mongrel, part-wolf dog, as they travel through the Old West trying to find out what really happened to Jake's actor father.	Supplemental or Choice	
276	King Lear	Shakespeare, Wi	King Lear banishes his favorite daughter when she speaks out against him. Little does he know that the two other daughters who praise him are actually plotting against him. Note: This play may contain offensive		
277	Kite Rider	McCaughrean, G	The Great Miao, master of the Jade Circus, offers Haoyou the amazing chance to escape his family's poverty -- by becoming a kite rider. Strapped onto a beautiful scarlet-and-gold kite, Haoyou is sent into the sky, earning money, freedom, and unexpected fame. Miao even plans for Haoyou to perform before Kublai Khan himself.		

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278	Kitten's First Full Moon	Henkes, Kevin	Children's book. The struggles of Kitten, who sees her first full moon and thinks it's a bowl of milk in the sky. Caldecott Medal winner.		
279	John Muir, Saving the Wilderness	Naden	A biography of John Muir, early proponent of wilderness preservation and founder of the Sierra Club.	Supplemental or Choice	
280	Korean Cinderella, The	Climo, Shirley	Children's book. The story of Pear Blossom, a lovely girl who is sorely mistreated by her nasty stepmother and stepsister.		
281	Lady of Ch'iao Kuo: Warrior of the South, Southern China, A.D. 531 (The Royal Diaries)	Yep, Laurence	Princess Red Bird, 16-year-old daughter of the Hsien king in 6th century Southern China, has been born into a world of dispute and violence. Prolific Newbery Honor author Laurence Yep (Dragon's Gate) contributes a remarkable tale to the Royal Diaries series. This fictionalized account of the real-life princess will introduce young readers to a long-ago land with a fascinating culture and edge-of-seat adventures, and will certainly inspire some to delve deeper into Chinese history. As in all the titles in the series, a section in the back provides context and historical background.		
282	Johnny Tremain	Forbes, Ester and Ward, Lynd	This story of a tragically injured young silversmith who ends up hip-deep in the American Revolution is inspiring, exciting, and sad. This novel takes you through his life by including adventure, loss, courage, and history in a wonderfully written, very dramatic package. Not appropriate for elementary students but mature 11-year-olds or older will find it a great adventure.	Supplemental or Choice	
283	Language of Goldfish	Oneal, Zibby	Thirteen-year-old Carrie, clinging to memories of her idyllic early childhood, struggles to communicate with family and classmates.		
284	Journey Home	Uchida	After a Japanese American family is released from detention camp, they return to their town in California to build a new life.	Supplemental or Choice	
285	Lesson Before Dying, A	Gaines, Ernest	A story of injustice and redemption set in rural Louisiana during the late 1940s. Grant Wiggins, a backwoods schoolmaster, is asked visit a young black prisoner on death row. Jefferson, the prisoner, was falsely accused and convicted of murder and is sentenced to hang, and Wiggins' job, once he realizes the impossibility of overturning the verdict, is to prepare the boy for death. Although, as a nonbeliever, Wiggins at first finds himself in competition with the minister for the boy's attention, he eventually comes to see that the cultivation of any instinct of love--human or religious--is the essence of salvation, both for Jefferson and himself. Use of the "n"		
286	Journey to Jo'Bury, A South African Story	Naidoo, Beverly	When their baby sister becomes dangerously ill, thirteen-year-old Nalidi and her younger brother make a journey of over 300 kilometers from their village to Johannesburg, where their mother works as a maid for a white family.	Supplemental or Choice	
287	Life of Pi, The	Martel, Yann	The son of a zookeeper, Pi Patel has an encyclopedic knowledge of animal behavior and a fervent love of stories. When Pi is sixteen, his family emigrates from India to North America aboard a Japanese cargo ship, along with their zoo animals bound for new homes. The ship sinks. Pi finds himself alone in a lifeboat, his only companions a hyena, an orangutan, a wounded zebra, and Richard Parker, a 450-pound Bengal tiger. Soon the tiger has dispatched all but Pi, whose fear, knowledge, and cunning allow him to coexist with Richard Parker for 227 days while lost at sea.		
288	Jubilee Journey	Meyers, Carol	In this compelling continuation of the Jefferson family story (begun in White Lilacs), Emily Rose traces her family's history through three generations and countless troubles. She learns how racism and intolerance have affected her family in the past and watches with horror as her older brother faces them in the present. Through the wisdom and love of her great-grandmother, Emily Rose at last learns how to celebrate her black heritage.	Supplemental or Choice	

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289	Julia of the Wolves	George, Jean Craighead	To her small Eskimo village, she is known as Miyax; to her friend in San Francisco, she is Julie. When the village is no longer safe for her, Miyax runs away. But she soon finds herself lost in the Alaskan wilderness, without food, without even a compass to guide her. Slowly she is accepted by a pack of Arctic wolves, she grows to love them as though they were family.	Supplemental or Choice	
290	Kidnap at the Catfish Café	Giff	Assisted by her cat Max, sixth grader Minnie starts up her new detective agency by trying to find a thief who will steal anything even a hot stove.	Supplemental or Choice	
291	Lincoln	Vidal, Gore	Lincoln is the cornerstone of Gore Vidal's fictional American chronicle, which includes Burr, 1876, Washington, D.C., Empire, and Hollywood. It opens early on a frozen winter morning in 1861, when President-elect Abraham Lincoln slips into Washington, flanked by two bodyguards. The future president is in disguise, for there is talk of a plot to murder him. During the next four years there will be numerous plots to murder this man who has sworn to unite a disintegrating nation. Isolated in a ramshackle White House in the center of a proslavery city, Lincoln presides over a fragmenting government as Lee's armies beat at the gates.		
292	Killer Angels, The	Shaara, Michael	This novel reveals more about the Battle of Gettysburg than any piece of learned nonfiction on the same subject. Michael Shaara's account of the three most important days of the Civil War features deft characterizations of all of the main actors, including Lee, Longstreet, Pickett, Buford, and Hancock. The most inspiring figure in the book, however, is Col. Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain, whose 20th Maine regiment of volunteers held the Union's left flank on the second day of the battle. This unit's bravery at Little Round Top helped turned the tide of the war against the rebels. There are also plenty of maps, which convey a complete sense of what happened July 1-3, 1863. Violence	Supplemental or Choice	
293	Knots in my Yo-Yo String	Spinelli	The author presents a humorous account of his childhood and youth in Norristown, Pennsylvania.	Supplemental or Choice	
294	Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven	Ale ie, Sherman	In this "compelling and impressive collection" (Washington Times), Sherman Alexie, a Spokane/Coeur d'Alene Indian, brilliantly paints a complex, grimly ironic portrait of life in and around the Spokane Indian Reservation. These interlinked tales are narrated by characters raised on humiliation and government-issue cheese, and yet are filled with passion and affection, myth and dream. Frequent Profanity		
295	Land I Lost	Nhuong, Huynh Quang	The author recalls his youth and his people's way of life. One of the stories tells about an opium smoker. It is a book with both exotic and historical in context. Evidenced in this novel, courage and wit triumph, family bonds and customs are highly valued.	Supplemental or Choice	
296	Les Miserables	Hugo	The story of Jean Valjean, jailed for 19 years for stealing bread and pursued by the police agent, Javert.	Supplemental or Choice	
297	Letters from a Slave Girl	Lyons	A fictionalized version of the life of Harriet Jacobs is told in the form of letters that she might have written during her slavery in North Carolina and as she prepared for escape to the North in 1842	Supplemental or Choice	

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298	Light in the Forest	Richter, Conrad	True Son grew up as a Lenni Lenape Indian. But, fifteen-year-old True Son, was once called John Camera Butler, his real family was white so when the Indians signed a peace treaty they had to send him back to his real family. It was impossible for True Son to believe that his people were white and not Indian. He had learned to hate the white man. And now he learned to hate his new father, his new house, his new family. He hated the name John Butler.	Supplemental or Choice	
299	Lost Lady, A	Cather, Willa	A portrait of a woman who reflects the conventions of her age even as she defies them and whose transformations embody the decline and coarsening of the American frontier. Cather's work is the model for many of the great American female novelists who followed her lead making female characters real and courageous.		
300	Love Medicine	Erdich, Louise	Love Medicine tells the story of two families--the Kashpaws and the Lamartines.Now resequenced by the author with the addition of never-before-published chapters, this is a publishing event equivalent to the presentation of a new and definitive text. Written in Erdrich's uniquely poetic, powerful style, Love Medicine springs to raging life: a multigenerational portrait of new truths and secrets whose time has come, of strong men and women caught in an unforgettable drama of anger and the healing power that is Love Medicine.		
301	Lovely Bones, The	Sebold, Alice	When we first meet Susie Salmon, she is already in heaven. As she looks down from this strange new place, she tells us, in the fresh and spirited voice of a fourteen-year-old girl, a tale that is both haunting and full of hope. In the weeks following her death, Susie watches life on Earth continuing without her — her school friends trading rumors about her disappearance, her family holding out hope that she'll be found, her killer trying to cover his tracks. As months pass without leads, Susie sees her parents' marriage being contorted by loss, her sister hardening herself in an effort to stay strong, and her little brother trying to grasp the meaning of the word gone. Mild violence. Some sexual references.		
302	Lightening Thief, The	Riordan, Rick	When Percy Jackson goes on a school field trip his life changes. His math teacher turns into a monster and tries to kill him but luckily his friend Grover saves him. Grover brings Percy to Camp Half Blood. The camp is for kids who are half human and half god. At camp Percy discovers that he has been framed for stealing the god Zeus' weapon of choice, his master lightening bolt. Percy must go on a quest with Grover and his new friend Annabeth to convince Zeus of his innocence and find and stop the Lightening Thief. It is the first book in the Percy Jackson & The Olympians series, which charts the adventures of modern day twelve-year-old Percy Jackson as he discovers he is a demigod, the son of a mortal woman and the Greek god Poseidon. Percy and his friends go on a quest to prevent an apocalyptic war between the Greek gods Zeus, Poseidon and Hades.	Supplemental or Choice	
303	Lily's Crossing	Reilly, Patricia	Elizabeth Mollahan--the Lily of Lily's Crossing--lost her mom when she was little. Her father and a grandmother are her only family. Every summer the three of them flee sweaty New York City for a beach house in New York's Rockaways. This year though, Lily's father announces that he's enlisted in the Army; days later, he is gone. Alone with her grandmother, Lily sees a long lonely summer ahead. And then, Albert appears. A refugee from the Nazis, his family thrown to the winds, young Albert bears a grief and sadness of his own.	Supplemental or Choice	

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304	Madame Bovary	Flaubert, Gustav	For this novel of French bourgeois life in all its inglorious banality, Flaubert invented a paradoxically original and wholly modern style. His heroine, Emma Bovary, a bored provincial housewife, abandons her husband to pursue the libertine Rodolphe in a desperate love affair. A succès de scandale in its day, Madame Bovary remains a powerful and arousing novel. Note: This book may contain offensive material.		
305	Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, The	Lewis, C.S.	This is the first book in a series of stories about a fictional land called Narnia. It begins in the country, in a strange old house. Four siblings, Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy, have been sent to live with an unusual professor. While exploring his house, the four find an old wardrobe. Inside the wardrobe they discover the beginning of their magical adventure.	Supplemental or Choice	
306	Man's Search for Meaning	Frankl, Viktor E.	This book is the chilling yet inspirational story of Viktor Frankl's struggle to hold on to hope during his years as a prisoner in Nazi concentration camps where he endured unspeakable horror. Frankl's training as a psychiatrist informed every waking moment of his ordeal and allowed him a remarkable perspective on the psychology of survival. Concentration camp violence.		
307	Mansfield Park	Austen, Jane	When adultery disturbs the relatively peaceful household at Mansfield Park, it has quite unexpected effects. The diffident and much put-upon heroine Fanny Price has to struggle to cope with the results, re-examining her own feelings while enduring the views of others.		
308	Locomotion	Woodson, Jacqueline	Prompted by his teacher, eleven year old Lonnie begins to write about his life in a series of poems in which he discusses his feelings about his friends, his foster mom, his little sister, and the death of his parents.	Supplemental or Choice	
309	Long Claws: An arctic Adventure	Houston, James	Followed by a huge grizzly bear, an Eskimo brother and sister make a perilous trek across the storm-swept tundra to bring back a frozen caribou to their hungry family.	Supplemental or Choice	
310	Long Way from Chicago, A	Peck, Richard	Joey and Mary Alice visit their grandma who lives in the countryside of Illinois. It seems that they stay with a different person every summer with Grandma's ever changing moods. Very mild violence (Grandma pulls a shotgun on some tricksters) and Grandma steals fish from in front of someone else's dock.	Supplemental or Choice	
311	Lord of the Flies	Golding, William	William Golding's classic tale about a group of English schoolboys who are plane-wrecked on a deserted island is just as chilling and relevant today as when it was first published in 1954. The situation deteriorates as the trappings of civilization continue to fall away, until Ralph discovers that instead of being hunters, he and Piggy have become the hunted: "He forgot his words, his hunger and thirst, and became fear; hopeless fear on flying feet." Golding's gripping novel explores the boundary between human reason and animal instinct, all on the brutal playing field of adolescent competition. This book may contains violence.	Supplemental or Choice	
312	Maus, A Survivor's Tale II: And Here My Troubles Began	Spiegelman, Art	This second volume, subtitled And Here My Troubles Began, moves us from the barracks of Auschwitz to the bungalows of the Catskills. Genuinely tragic and comic by turns, it attains a complexity of theme and precision of thought new to comics and rare in any medium. Maus ties together two powerful stories: Vladek's harrowing tale of surviving against all odds, delineating the paradox of daily life in the death camps, and the author's account of his tortured relationship with his aging father. At every level this is the ultimate survivor's tale — and that too of the children who somehow survive even the survivors. Depictions of war.		

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313	Maus, A Survivor's Tale, Book I: My Father Bleeds History	Spiegelman, Art	It is the story of Vladek Speigelman, a Jewish survivor of Hitler's Europe, and his son, a cartoonist coming to terms with his father's story. Its form, the cartoon (the Nazis are cats, the Jews mice), shocks us out of any lingering sense of familiarity. Vladek's harrowing story of survival is woven into the author's account of his tortured relationship with his aging father. Against the backdrop of guilt brought by survival, they stage a normal life of small arguments and unhappy visits. This astonishing retelling of our century's grisliest news is a story of survival, not only of Vladek but of the children who survive even the survivors. Maus studies the bloody pawprints of history and tracks its meaning for all of us. Depictions of war.		
314	Mayor of Casterbridge	Hardy, Thomas	The Mayor of Casterbridge opens with an act of such heartlessness and cruelty that it still shocks readers today. Michael Henchard, an out-of-work hay-trusser, gets drunk at a fair and for five guineas sells his wife and child to a sailor. When the horror of his act sets in the following morning, the wretched Henchard swears he will not touch alcohol for twenty-one years. Through hard work and acumen, he becomes rich, respected, and eventually the mayor of Casterbridge. Eighteen years pass before Henchard's fateful oath comes back to claim its due. Upon the return to Casterbridge of his wife and daughter, Elizabeth-Jane, Henchard's fortunes steadily decline. He clashes with his business assistant, Donald Farfrae, who soon becomes his major rival. He ruins his business through impulsive speculations and takes to drinking again. One by one he forfeits his possessions and relationships to Farfrae. Soon Farfrae owns Henchard's business and his house, has gained the affection of his lover Lucetta, and has even become the mayor of Casterbridge. In a final insult, Farfrae marries Elizabeth-Jane. Having lost everything he once possessed, Henchard is forced to face himself in his most tragic and desperate moment. Note: This book may contain offensive material.		
315	Merchant of Venice	Shakespeare, Wi	This is one of Shakespeare's darkest comedies, for the romantic story of a young man, Bassanio, who has squandered his fortune and must borrow money to woo the wealthy lady he loves is set against the most disturbing story of the Jewish moneylender Shylock and his demand for the "pound of flesh" owed him by the Venetian merchant, Antonio, who has fallen into Shylock's debt. Here pathos and farce combine with moral complexity and romantic entanglement to display the extraordinary power and range of Shakespeare at his best. Note: This play may contain offensive material.		
316	Metamorphosis	Kafka, Franz	When Gregor Samsa woke up one morning from unsettling dreams, he found himself changed in his bed into a monstrous vermin. With this startling, bizarre, yet surprisingly funny first sentence, Kafka begins his masterpiece, The Metamorphosis. It is the story of a young man who, transformed overnight into a giant beetlelike insect, becomes an object of disgrace to his family, an outsider in his own home, a quintessentially alienated man. A harrowing -- though absurdly comic -- meditation on human feelings of inadequecy, guilt, and isolation, The Metamorphosis has taken its place as one of the most widely read and influential works of twentieth-century fiction. As W.H. Auden wrote, "Kafka is important to us because his predicament is the predicament of modern man." Note: This book may contain offensive material.		
317	Macbeth	Shakespeare	This tragedy opens with the sight of witches finishing a cabal and moves deeper into chaos, "fog and filthy air," murder, and dark mystery. Events transpire faster than the mind can conceive as Macbeth seizes power only to be destroyed by his blind ambition. Note: This play may contain offensive material.	Supplemental or Choice	
318	Magickers, The	Drake, Emily	Jason and other campers at Camp Ravenwyng try to learn the mysteries of magic and find the hidden gate before the manna storm destroys them.	Supplemental or Choice	
319	Mara, Daughter of the Nile	McGraw, Eloise Jarvis	Mara, a slave in Ancient Egypt, takes on the task of spying in the royal palace of Queen Hatshepsut to gain her freedom. Against her will Mara falls in love with her master, the man who is attempting to overthrow the queen. Romantic innuendos	Supplemental or Choice	

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320	Maroo of the Winter Caves	Turnbull, Ann	A survival story set at the end of the last Ice Age. When Maroo and her family become trapped on the Great Plains in blizzard conditions and little food, they have only one chance for survival: for Maroo and her younger brother to reach the winter camp and get help. When her brother Otak goes missing, Maroo is forced to make the most difficult of all decisions – to stay and search for her brother or to continue on to the camp in order to save the rest of her family. A gripping tale of survival as well as a vivid portrait of prehistoric people.	Supplemental or Choice	
321	Mary, Bloody Mary	Myer, Carolyn	This is Mary's account of her life. Her father was the King of England Henry the VIII, her mother the unfortunate Queen Catherine of Aragon.	Supplemental or Choice	
322	Moby Dick	Melville, Herman	No American masterpiece casts quite as awesome a shadow as Melville's monumental Moby Dick. Mad Captain Ahab's quest for the White Whale is a timeless epic—a stirring tragedy of vengeance and obsession, a searing parable about humanity lost in a universe of moral ambiguity. It is the greatest sea story ever told. Far ahead of its own time, Moby Dick was largely misunderstood and unappreciated by Melville's contemporaries. Today, however, it is indisputably a classic. As D.H. Lawrence wrote, Moby Dick "commands a stillness in the soul, an awe . . . [It is] one of the strangest and most wonderful books in the world."		
323	Monster	Myers, Walter De	Monster is what the prosecutor called 16-year-old Steve Harmon for his supposed role in the fatal shooting of a convenience-store owner. But was Steve really the lookout who gave the "all clear" to the murderer, or was he just in the wrong place at the wrong time? In this novel the reader becomes both juror and witness during the trial of Steve's life. To calm his nerves as he sits in the courtroom, aspiring filmmaker Steve chronicles the proceedings in movie script format. Interspersed throughout his screenplay are journal writings that provide insight into Steve's life before the murder and his feelings about being held in prison during the trial. National Book Award Finalist; Coretta Scott King Book Award; American Library Association's Michael L. Printz Award for Excellence in Young Adult Litrerature		
324	Matthew Henson: Arctic Explorer	Gilman	Follows the life of the black explorer who accompanied Robert Peary on the expedition to the North Pole.	Supplemental or Choice	
325	Middleworld, Jaguar Stones Trilogy Book One	Voelkel, J & P	Max Murphy is the 14-year-old spoiled and self-centered son of archaeologists who are Ancient Maya experts. Although his parents believe he is headed for summer camp, his housekeeper instead sends him to visit his uncle in San Xavier where his mother and father have recently departed for a new project. Once there, Max discovers that they have disappeared under mysterious circumstances. He joins forces with Lola, a native girl whose ability to navigate the jungle and the rainforest prove invaluable. Max is drawn into a life-or-death battle to rescue his parents from the Ancient Maya underworld and save the country from coming under the rule of the 12 Lords of Death. Filled with suspense and intrigue, human sacrifice, smuggling, and secret doors and escape routes through pyramids Also included is illustrated information on the Maya's calendar, pronunciation, math, writing, and cosmology.	Supplemental or Choice	
326	Midsummer Night's Dream, A	Shakespeare	This is a romantic comedy and satire on power and romance. Strange occurrences in a forest filled with fairies delight readers as their magic changes the romantic fate of two couples. Sexual innuendo.	Supplemental or Choice	

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327	Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters	Steptoe, John	Children's book. An African villager named Mufaro had two daughters whom everyone agreed were beautiful. However, their dispositions were not alike: Manyara had a bad temper and was selfish (although not in front of Mufaro); Nyasha was always kind and considerate both to people and to animals. When Mufaro receives word that the Great King is inviting all of the most worthy and beautiful women to appear before him so that he might choose a wife, Mufaro decides that both of his daughters should go. Manyara, believing herself more worthy and beautiful than her sister, sets out alone so that she can be presented to the king before her sister. What happens to each girl along the way depends on her response to the strange people whom she encounters.		
328	Midwife's Apprentice, The	Cushman, Karen	The story of a young orphan, Alyce, who is transformed from a no one into a midwife's apprentice. She secretly learns the skills needed to be a midwife, even though her master Jane tries to hide them from her.	Supplemental or Choice	
329	Million Dollar Kick	Gutman	Thirteen-year-old Whisper, who hates sports, is torn when she gets a chance to win a million dollars by kicking a goal against a local soccer hero.	Supplemental or Choice	
330	Miracle's Boys	Woodson	Twelve-year-old Lafayette's close relationship with his older brother Charlie changes after Charlie is released from a detention home and blames Lafayette for the death of their mother.	Supplemental or Choice	
331	My Friend Rabbit	Rohmann, Eric	Children's book. A simple story about Rabbit and Mouse, who, despite Rabbit's penchant for trouble, are friends. When Rabbit launches his toy airplane (with Mouse in the pilot seat at takeoff) and it gets stuck in a tree, he convinces his friend that he will come up with a plan to get it down. He does so by stacking animals on top of one another (beginning with an elephant and a rhinoceros) until they are within reach of the toy.		
332	Moon and I, The	Byars	While describing her humorous adventures with a black snake, Betsy Byars recounts childhood anecdotes and explains how she writes a book.	Supplemental or Choice	
333	Morning Girl	Dorris, Michael	Set on a Bahamian Island in 1492, the simple routines of a Taino sister and brother are about to change.	Supplemental or Choice	
334	Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh	O'Brien, Robert C.	Mrs. Frisby, a widowed mouse with four small children, is faced with a terrible problem. She must move her family to their summer quarters immediately, or face almost certain death. But her youngest son, Timothy, lies ill with pneumonia and must not be moved. Fortunately, she encounters the rats of NIMH, an extraordinary breed of highly intelligent creatures, who come up with a brilliant solution to her dilemma. And Mrs. Frisby in turn renders them a great service.	Supplemental or Choice	
335	My Name is Asher Lev	Potok, Chaim	Asher Lev grows up in a cloistered Hasidic community in postwar Brooklyn, a world suffused by ritual and revolving around a charismatic Rebbe. But in time his gift threatens to estrange him from that world and the parents he adores. As it follows his struggle, My Name Is Asher Lev is a portrait of the artist, heartbreaking and exultant, a modern classic.		
336	Muhammad Ali	Tessitore	A comprehensive biography of the only boxer crowned Heavyweight Champion of the World three times.	Supplemental or Choice	
337	Music of the Dolphins, The	Hesse, Karen	Story of a girl who is raised by dolphins and studied by scientists. Her love for music gives her insight into the human world yet allows her to remain connected to her dolphin world.	Supplemental or Choice	

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338	Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass	Douglass, Freder	The author recounts his life's story, showing effective use of language as well as unflinchingly examining many aspects of the Peculiar Institution of American Slavery. Douglass attributes his road to freedom as beginning with his being sent from the Maryland plantation of his birth to live in Baltimore as a young boy. There, he learned to read and, more importantly, learned the power of literacy. In early adolescence, he was returned to farm work, suffered abuse at the hands of cruel overseers, and witnessed abuse visited on fellow slaves. He shared his knowledge of reading with a secret "Sunday school" of 40 fellow slaves during his last years of bondage. In his early 20's, he ran away to the North and found refuge among New England abolitionists. Douglass, a reputed orator, combines concrete description of his circumstances with his own emerging analysis of slavery as a condition. Racial slurs are used.		
339	Native Son	Wright, Richard	After 58 years in print, Wright's Native Son has acquired classic status. It has not, however, lost its power to shock or provoke controversy. Bigger Thomas is a young black man in 1940s Chicago who accidentally kills the daughter of his wealthy white employer. Use of the N-word.		
340	Nectar in a Sieve	Markandaya, Kan	Rukmani, a peasant from a village in India, lives a life of constant struggle, yet she is a source of strength for many. At age twelve she marries a man she has never met and moves with him to his rented farmland. Over the years their marriage fills with love, mutual respect, and children: one daughter and many sons. A tannery built near their village forever alters Rukmani's life, for the tannery takes away farmland and silence, and while it provides jobs, they come with great costs. The changes in village life from an agricultural to an industrial community frighten Rukmani. Kenny, a white doctor in Rukmani's village, watches with a palpable foreboding his patients' daily struggle to survive. Rukmani and Kenny's conversations make apparent their individual and shared suffering, and while their experiences of the world are completely different, their friendship is based on respect and mutual reliance. Nectar In A Sieve is a powerful, depressing, but ultimately hopeful novel of a life lived with love, faith, and inner strength.		
341	My Brother Sam is Dead	Collier, James Lincoln	All his life, Time Meeker has looked up to his older brother Sam…until now. Sam becomes part of the New American Revolutionary Army and talks of defeating the British and becoming free. Not everyone in town wants to be part of this new America. Most in town are supporters of the English king, especially his brother and father.	Supplemental or Choice	
342	My Home is Over Jordan	Forrester, Sandra	Forrester picks up the story of Maddie Henry that she began in Sound the Jubilee. Forced to abandon the home they had made in Roanoke when the white owners returned after the Civil War ended, the Henry family is seeking land that they can farm. Their path crosses that of another small band of former slaves who tell them of a nearby town where an enlightened plantation owner is willing to sell land to Negroes. A home of their own secured, the family finds that there are still plenty of white people who are only too ready to make life difficult, if not impossible, for them. Maddie herself has much to contend with as she tries to care for a wild orphan girl, considers a marriage proposal, and attempts to earn the money that will enable her to head north to Oberlin College. Forrester writes with a sure touch, working the historical threads neatly into her story and making Maddie come alive for readers. It is not necessary to have read the previous novel to enjoy this one, but readers are apt to like the heroine so much they will want to read the earlier book as well. Smoothly written and evocative of its time, this book will find a ready audience among history lovers. Gr 5-8	Supplemental or Choice	

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343	Night Thoreau Spent in Jail, The	Lawrence and Le	"If the law is of such a nature that it requires you to be an agent of injustice to another, than I say, break the law." So wrote the young Henry David Thoreau in 1849. Three years earlier, Thoreau had put his belief into action and refused to pay taxes because of the United States government's involvement in the Mexican War, which Thoreau firmly believed was unjust. For his daring and unprecedented act of protest, he was thrown in jail. The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail is a dramatic presentation of this famous act of civil disobedience and its consequences. Its scenes offer a compelling exploration of Thoreau's philosophy and life.		
344	My Name is America: The Journal of Jedediah Barstow	Barstow, Jedediah	In the tradition of this acclaimed series, this novel follows the journey of a young man on the Oregon Trail. It is a wonderful introduction to the harsh life and rewards of moving westward.	Supplemental or Choice	
345	My Name is Aram	Saroyan	Book of 14 interconnected short stories by William Saroyan, published in 1940. The book consists of exuberant, often whimsical episodes in the imaginative life of young Aram Garoghlanian, an Armenian-American boy who is the author's alter ego.	Supplemental or Choice	
346	Nine Tailors, The	Sayers, Dorothy	Nine tellerstrokes from the belfry of an ancient country church toll the death of an unknown man and call the famous Lord Peter Wimsey to one of his most brilliant cases, set in the atmosphere of a quiet parish in the strange, flat, fen-country of East Anglia. Note: This book may contain offensive material.		
347	Nisei Daughter	Sone, Monica Itoi	Monica Sone spent her childhood in pre-World War II Seattle, in a part Japanese, part American world. Her memories of growing up are vivid and full of marvelous stories, showing the confusion, frustration, and enrichment of living within two cultures. These elements come together when Japan bombs Pearl Harbor and Monica and her family are sent to an internment camp in Topaz, Idaho. Nisei Daughter describes the loss of property and the personal insults, the barbed wire and armed guards, the dust storms, horrible food, unfinished barracks, and barren land - and the efforts of the Japanese-Americans to maintain their ethics, family life, and belief in the United States.		
348	No Exit	Sartre, Jean Paul	The four plays in this volume—which has sold over half a million copies—are, in Eric Bentley's words, "among the chief dramatic events of the present." In them the great existentialist philosopher and novelist, Jen-Paul Sartre, who declined the Novel prize, reveals his complete mastery of the drama. No Exit is an unforgettable, existential portrayal of hell. The Flies is a modern reworking of the Electra-Orestes story. Dirty Hands is the very contemporary conflict of a young intellectual torn between theory and action. The Respectful Prostitute is an arresting attack on American racism. Note: This book may contain offensive material.		
349	No Great Mischief	MacLeod, Alistair	Alistair MacLeod musters all of the skill and grace that have won him an international following to give us No Great Mischief, the story of a fiercely loyal family and the tradition that drives it.		
350	My Side of the Mountain	George, Jean Craighead	Young Sam Gribley decides to run away to the Catskill Mountains of upstate New York. He lives in a huge hollowed-out tree, with a falcon and a weasel for companions. Sam learns to live off the land, and grows up a little in the process. Finally blizzards, hunters, loneliness, and fear drive Sam back to city life. But his desire for freedom, independence, and adventure is stronger.	Supplemental or Choice	

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351	Mystery of Drear House, The	Hamilton, Virginia	The author returns to characters she created in The House of Dies Drear, the Small and Darrow families. Young Thomas Small and his family have moved into the home of Dies Drear, an abolitionist whose house was a major stop on the Underground Railroad. In the first book, the family discovered vast underground passages which led to a great treasure cavern beneath their property, containing gold and riches given to escaping slaves to help finance their trips to freedom. In this sequel, they learn more about Drear and his visitors, and they must decide what to do with the treasure, and how best to protect it (and themselves) from the sinister Darrows, who have searched for the treasure for years. Colorful and delightful characters, and an eerie and suspenseful mood throughout the novel. The plot is best understood by those familiar with the first book.	Supplemental or Choice	
352	No-No Boy	Okada, John	Asian American readers will appreciate the sensitivity and integrity with which the late John Okada wrote about his own group. He heralded the beginning of an authentic Japanese American literature. Use of profanity.		
353	Northanger Abbey,	Austen, Jane	With her dangerously sweet nature, innocence, and occasional self-delusion to guide her through life, Catherine Morland is drawn into several scrapes while vacationing at Bath and visiting Northanger Abbey. This is a great comedy of satirical wit, poking fun at the Gothic novel while emphasizing caution to the female sex.		
354	Note from Underground	Dostoyevsky, Fyo	Dostoyevsky's most revolutionary novel, Notes from Underground marks the dividing line between 19th- and 20th- century fiction, and between the visions of self each century embodied. One of the most remarkable characters in literature, the unnamed narrator is a former official who has defiantly withdrawn into an underground existence. In full retreat from society, he scrawls a passionate, obsessive, self-contradictory narrative that serves as a devastating attack on social utopianism and an assertion of man's essentially irrational nature. Richard Pevear and Larissa Volokhonsky, whose Dostoevsky translations have become the standard, give us a brilliantly faithful edition of this classic novel, conveying all the tragedy and tormented comedy of the original. Note: This book may contain offensive material		
355	Night	Wiesel, Elie	An autobiographical narrative, in which the author describes his experiences in Nazi concentration camps. Weisel's relationship with his father is central to this horrific story of survival under the worst circumstances of western 20th century history. Depictions of war and torture.	Supplemental or Choice	
356	Nightjohn	Paulsen, Gary	Imagine being beaten for learning to read, shackled and whipped for learning a few letters of the alphabet. Now, imagine a man brave enough to risk torture in order to teach others how to read; his name is Nightjohn, and he sneaks into the slave camps at night to teach other slaves how to read and write. Celebrated author Gary Paulsen writes a searing meditation on why the ability to read and write is radical, empowering , and so necessary to our freedom. These skills threaten our oppressors because they allow us to communicate--to learn the real status of our slavery and to seek liberation. In this tightly written, painful, joyous little novel is a key that may unlock the power of reading for even the most reluctant teens.	Supplemental or Choice	
357	Occurrence At Owl Creek Bridge, An	Bierce, Ambrose	Tells the story of a man who may die for his trangressions during war time. There is a twist that reveals the craft of storytelling so well done by Bierce.		

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358	Nightmare Mountain	Kahret	Twelve-year-old Molly's visit to her aunt and uncle's llama ranch in the state of Washington leads her into unexpected danger and suspense.	Supplemental or Choice	
359	Oedipus Rex	Sophocles	Probably Sophocles' most famous work, first performed about 429 B.C. Oedipus unknowingly murders his father, Laius, and marries his own mother, Jocasta. Sexual references and Violence.		
360	Of Mice and Men	Steinbeck, John	Novella by John Steinbeck, published in 1937. The tragic story, given poignancy by its objective narrative, is about the complex bond between two migrant laborers. The book, which was adapted by Steinbeck into a three-act play (produced 1937), earned him national renown. The plot centers on George Milton and Lennie Small, itinerant ranch hands who dream of one day owning a small farm. George acts as a father figure to Lennie, who is large and simpleminded, calming him and helping to rein in his immense physical strength. Violence and sexual references.		
361	Old Man and the Sea, The	Hemingway, Erne	The Old Man and the Sea is one of Hemingway's most enduring works. Told in language of great simplicity and power, it is the story of an old Cuban fisherman, down on his luck, and his supreme ordeal -- a relentless, agonizing battle with a giant marlin far out in the Gulf Stream. Here Hemingway recasts, in strikingly contemporary style, the classic theme of courage in the face of defeat, of personal triumph won from loss. Written in 1952, this hugely successful novella confirmed his power and presence in the literary world and played a large part in his winning the 1954 Nobel Prize for Literature.		
362	No More Dead Dogs	Korman	Eight-grade football hero Wallace is sentenced to detention attending rehearsals of the school play. He becomes wrapped up in the production and begins to suggest changes that improve no only the play but his life as well.	Supplemental or Choice	
363	On the Beach	Shute, Nevil	On the Beach is set in Australia just after a nuclear war has devastated the northern hemisphere, with radioactive fallout killing those who escaped the actual explosions. It transpires that not only is everyone in the northern hemisphere dead, but that the air circulation patterns have only slowed the arrival of fallout to the southern hemisphere. Ostensibly about nuclear war, it is really an examination of how people live and what they do with their lives when they have certain foreknowledge of their imminent mortality. Nevil Shute's optimism is still present in a veiled form: he does not envision a violent breakdown in society, his characters do not riot, but try their best to cope with the inevitable and muddle with it—not "muddle through," as, in this case, this is impossible. The last chapters describe how the characters, beset by advancing radiation sickness make their individual decisions about when and how to end their lives.		
364	One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest	Kesey, Ken	An inmate of a mental institution tries to find the freedom and independence denied him in the outside world. Note: This book may contain offensive material.		
365	One Hundred Great Essays	Diyanni, Robert	One hundred of the most exemplary and rewarding selections available in the English language. The anthology combines classic essays of great instructional value together with the most frequently anthologized essays of recent note by today's most highly regarded writers. The selections exhibit a broad range of diversity in subject matter and authorship. All essays have been selected for their utility as both models for writing and for their usefulness as springboard for independent writing. An introductory section informs readers about the qualities of the essay form and offers instruction on how to read essays critically and use the writing process to develop their own essays. For those interested in learning about reading, writing and critical thinking by studying examples of great writing.		

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366	No Turning Back	Naidoo, Beverley	Post-apartheid South Africa is on the eve of its first democratic elections. In this time of unprecedented change, 12 year old Sipho finds his life changing as well. To escape his stepfather's abuse, he flees to the harsh world of Jo'burg's malunde, or homeless boys. So far, Sipho's been lucky. He's learned the rules of the street without getting knifed. He's only had to spend one night in a garbage can. And he's found enough work to feed himself, sometimes twice a day. But for how long can Sipho continue to survive? How long before his luck runs out.	Supplemental or Choice	
367	Number the Stars	Lowry, Lois	Annemarie and Ellen are friends growing up in Copenhagen during World War II. On the eve of Jewish New Year, most of the Jewish people, including Ellen's parents, flee the city. Ellen hides with Annemarie's family in the city and later goes with them to Uncle Henrik's farm near the sea. Here they become part of an elaborate plan to smuggle the Jews to Sweden, where they will be safe. The children are told little about what is going on. It is only after the war is over and many lives have been saved that the secrets can be told.	Supplemental or Choice	
368	Numbering All the Bones	Rinaldi, Ann	Set in Andersonville Prison during the final year of the Civil War, Numbering All My Bones tells the story of an adolescent girl who was born into slavery. Through the inspiration of Clara Barton and her own selfless service, Eulinda "makes herself come true" when she learns the many meanings of freedom.	Supplemental or Choice	
369	Othello	Shakespeare, Wi	Towering tragedy tells the story of a Moorish general who earns the enmity of his ensign Iago. Masterly portrait of an archvillain. Note: This play may contain offensive material.		
370	Odysseus and the Serpent Maze	Yolen, Jaen	Mara, a slave in Ancient Egypt, takes on the task of spying in the royal palace of Queen Hatshepsut to gain her freedom. Against her will Mara falls in love with her master, the man who is attempting to overthrow the queen. Romantic innuendos	Supplemental or Choice	
371	Oliver Twist	Dickens, Charles	Oliver Twist's famous cry of the hear – "Please, sir, I want some more" – has resounded with generations of readers of all ages. The author poured his own youthful experience of Victorian London's unspeakable squalor into this realistic depiction of a spirited young innocent's unwilling but inevitable recruitment into a scabrous gang of thieves. Masterminded by the loathsome Fagin, the underworld crew features some of Dickens' most memorable characters, including the vicious Bill Sikes, gentle Nancy, and the juvenile pickpocket knows as the Artful Dodger.	Supplemental or Choice	
372	One-Eyed Cat	Fox	An eleven-year-old shoots a stray cat with his new air rifle, subsequently suffers from guilt, and eventually assumes responsibility for it.	Supplemental or Choice	
373	Original Freddie Ackerman	Irwin	Twelve-year-old Trevor's summer with his tow eccentric great-aunts on an island off the coast of Maine is alternately dreary and exciting and helps him discover what it feels like to be part of a real family.	Supplemental or Choice	

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374	Other Side of the Truth	Naidoo, Beverley	This is a gripping story of the hard life of native Nigerians in a contemporary world. Written by the acclaimed writer of Journey to Jo'berg, The Other Side of Truth follows a family living under the harsh conditions of current day Nigeria and their escape to London only to find more discrimination and hardship.	Supplemental or Choice	
375	Owl Moon	Yolen, Jane	Children's book. A girl and her father go owling on a moonlit winter night near the farm where they live. Bundled tight in wool clothes, they trudge through snow "whiter than the milk in a cereal bowl;" here and there, hidden in ink-blue shadows, a fox, raccoon, fieldmouse and deer watch them pass. An air of expectancy builds as Pa imitates the Great Horned Owl's call once without answer, then again. From out of the darkness "an echo/ came threading its way/ through the trees." Caldecott Medal winner.		
376	Other Voices, Other Vistas	Solomon, Barbara H.	A collection of twenty-five contemporary short stories from modern Africa, China, India, Japan and Latin America, Other Voices, Other Vistas distills the familiar universal human experience in a variety of unfamiliar settings.	Supplemental or Choice	
377	Paradise Lost	Milton, John	In Paradise Lost Milton produced poem of epic scale, conjuring up a vast, awe-inspiring cosmos and ranging across huge tracts of space and time. And yet, in putting a charismatic Satan and naked Adam and Eve at the centre of this story, he also created an intensely human tragedy on the Fall of Man.		
378	Out of the Dust	Hesse, Karen	Like the Oklahoma dust bowl from which she came, 14-year-old narrator Billie Jo writes in sparse, free-floating verse. In this compelling, immediate journal, Billie Jo reveals the grim domestic realities of living during the years of constant dust storms: That hopes--like the crops--blow away in the night like skittering tumbleweeds. That trucks, tractors, even Billie Jo's beloved piano, can suddenly be buried beneath drifts of dust. Perhaps swallowing all that grit is what gives Billie Jo--our strong, endearing, rough-cut heroine--the stoic courage to face the death of her mother after a hideous accident that also leaves her piano-playing hands in pain and permanently scarred. Meanwhile, Billie Jo's silent, windblown father is literally decaying with grief and skin cancer before her very eyes. When she decides to flee the lingering ghosts and dust of her homestead and jump a train west, she discovers a simple but profound truth about herself and her plight.	Supplemental or Choice	
379	Pearl, The	Steinbeck, John	Kino, a poor Mexican pearl fisher, finds a valuable pearl. Yet instead of bringing blessings, the pearl acts as a harbinger of misfortune to Kino and his wife, Juana. Ultimately, it is returned from whence it came. Steinbeck's parable, originally published in 1947, is a well-written retelling of an old Mexican folktale.		
380	Persian Cinderella, The	Climo, Shirley	Children's book. After giving most of her money to a beggar, young Settareh spends her last coins on a cracked jug instead of purchasing fabric for a new dress to wear to the prince's celebrations. Resigned to remaining home, she discovers that the pot is inhabited by a pari that is able to grant her every wish. She attends the festival, catches the eye of the prince, leaves behind a diamond ankle bracelet, and is found by the queen. Settareh unwisely reveals the secret of the jug to her stepsisters, who steal it and instruct it to get rid of the young woman. The jug self-destructs, leaving behind six jeweled hairpins that, once placed in Settareh's hair, turn her into a turtledove. When the grieving prince befriends the bird, he finds the pins and pulls them out, thus restoring his beloved		

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381	Persuasion	Austen, Jane	Persuasion celebrates constancy in an era of turbulent change. Written as the Napoleonic Wars were ending, the novel examines how a woman can at once remain faithful to her past and still move forward into the future. Anne Elliot seems to have given up on present happiness and has resigned herself to living off her memories. More than seven years earlier she complied with duty: persuaded to view the match as imprudent and improper, she broke off her engagement to a naval captain with neither fortune, ancestry, nor prospects. However, when peacetime arrives and brings the Navy home, and Anne encounters Captain Wentworth once more, she starts to believe in second chances. Jane Austen's last completed novel features a heroine much older and wiser than her predecessors in earlier books, and presents a more intimate and sober tale of a love found long after such happiness had been deemed hopeless.		
382	Outside Passage	Scully, Julia	A memoir of an Alaskan childhood. In this stunning memoir, the author recounts her exotic childhood in Alaska, where a 'stark treeless landscape extends on and on in every direction.'	Supplemental or Choice	
383	Outsiders	Hinton, S.E.	According to Ponyboy, there are two kinds of people in the world: greasers and socs. A soc (short for "social") has money, can get away with just about anything, and has an attitude longer than a limousine. A greaser, on the other hand, always lives on the outside and needs to watch his back. Ponyboy is a greaser, and he's always been proud of it, even willing to rumble against a gang of socs for the sake of his fellow greasers--until one terrible night when his friend Johnny kills a soc.	Supplemental or Choice	
384	Picture of Dorian Gray	Wilde, Oscar	After Basil Hallward paints a beautiful, young man's portrait, his subject's frivolous wish that the picture change and he remain the same comes true. Dorian Gray's picture grows aged and corrupt while he continues to appear fresh and innocent. After he kills a young woman, "as surely as if I had cut her little throat with a knife," Dorian Gray is surprised to find no difference in his vision or surroundings.		
385	Pacific Crossing	Soto	Fourteen-year-old Mexican American Lincoln Mendoza spends a summer with a host family in Japan, encountering new experiences and making new friends	Supplemental or Choice	
386	Parvana's Journey	Ellis, Deborah	Can four lost and frightened children find the means to survive in war-torn Afghanistan? In this sequel to the best-selling novel The Breadwinner young Parvana's resilience and resourcefulness are tested again and again, as she searches for her family in a country under siege.	Supplemental or Choice	
387	Pet-Sitting Peril, The	Roberts	When Nick took on his pet-sitting job, he had no idea of the mysterious adventures that would come his way.	Supplemental or Choice	
388	Pioneers!	Cather, Willa	This powerful early Cather novel, a landmark of American fiction, tells the story of the young Alexandra Bergson, whose dying father leaves her in charge of the family and of the Nebraska lands they have struggled to farm. In Alexandra's lifelong fight to survive and succeed, Cather relates an important chapter in the history of the American frontier, evoking the harsh grandeur of the prairie, and comparing with keen insight the experiences of Swedish, French and Bohemian immigrants in the United States. Note: This book may contain offensive material.		
389	Piecing me Together	Renee Watson	*Piecing Me Together* is a young adult novel by Renée Watson about Jade, a Black teenager navigating race, class, and opportunity in Portland, Oregon.	Supplemental or Choice	

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390	Pigman	Zindel, Paul	John Conlan and Lorraine Jensen are two teenagers that share about an experience too overwhelming to keep private. The two high-school sophomores come from constricting, unhappy homes. They form a friendship with each other and decide to do pranks. Unusual circumstances introduce them to a lonely old man with an awful secret. A friendship results, and together the three create a strange, unreal world. But the very energy which built this world soon works to destroy it, and John and Lorraine are left again with their own reality. The two high school sophomores tell of the tragic consequences of their friendship for a lonely man.	Supplemental or Choice	
391	Plague, The	Camus, Albert	A haunting tale of human resilience in the face of unrelieved horror, Camus' novel about a bubonic plague ravaging the people of a North African coastal town is a classic of twentieth-century literature. Note: This book may contain offensive material.		
392	Poirot Investigates	Christie, Agatha	What do a movie star, an archaeologist, a French maid, a prime minister, a wealthy dowager, and an Italian count have in common? Half of them have fallen victim to a terrible crime. The others have fallen under suspicion. Leave the deductions to Hercule Poirot. Note: This book may contain offensive material.		
393	Poisonwood Bible, The	Kingsolver, Barba	In 1959, Nathan Price, a fierce, evangelical Baptist, takes his four young daughters, his wife, and his mission to the Belgian Congo – a place, he is sure, where he can save needy souls. But the seeds they plant boom in tragic ways within this complex culture. Set against one of the most dramatic political events of the twentieth century – the Congo's fight for independence from Belgium and its devastating consequences – this beautiful, heartbreaking, and unforgettable epic chronicles the disintegration of family and a nation. Violence, sex, profanity.		
394	Ponder Heart	Welty, Eudora	This early novella was originally published in The New Yorker. Narrator Edna Ponder, the landlady of a Mississippi hotel, tells the story of her Uncle Daniel Ponder, an eccentric local gentleman who is remembered with affection by all the people whom he drove crazy during his lifetime.		
395	Portrait of an Artist as a Young Man	Joyce, James	Autobiographical novel by James Joyce, published serially in The Egoist in 1914-15 and in book form in 1916; considered by many the greatest bildungsroman in the English language. The novel portrays the early years of Stephen Dedalus, who later reappeared as one of the main characters in Joyce's Ulysses (1922). Each of the novel's five sections is written in a third-person voice that reflects the age and emotional state of its protagonist, from the first childhood memories written in simple, childlike language to Stephen's final decision to leave Dublin for Paris to devote his life to art, written in abstruse, Latin-sprinkled, stream-of-consciousness prose. The novel's rich, symbolic language and brilliant use of stream-of-consciousness foreshadowed Joyce's later work. The work is a drastic revision of an earlier version entitled Stephen Hero and is the second part of Joyce's cycle of works chronicling the spiritual history of humans from Adam's Fall through the Redemption. The cycle began with the short-story collection Dubliners (1914) and continued with Ulysses and Finnegans Wake (1939). Note: This book may contain offensive material.		
396	Prayer for Owen Meany	Irving, John	In the summer of 1953, two 11-year-old boys — best friends — are playing in a Little League baseball game in New Hampshire. One of the boys hits a foul ball that kills his best friend's mother. Owen Meany believes he didn't hit the ball by accident. He believes he is God's instrument. What happens to Owen after 1953 is extraordinary and terrifying. He is Irving's most heartbreaking hero.		
397	Pigman's Legacy	Zindel, Paul	The Pigman's Legacy is a book about two high school students who are trying to reconcile their failed efforts to save the Pigman by trying to help another old man. They meet this old man in the same old house where the Pigman lived. The three have adventurous times and grow to be close friends.	Supplemental or Choice	

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398	Prince, The	Machiavelli, Nicco	This is a disturbingly realistic and prophetic work on what it takes to be a prince. . .a king. . .a president. When, in 1512, Machiavelli was removed from his post in his beloved Florence, he resolved to set down a treatise on leadership that was practical, not idealistic. In The Prince he envisioned would be unencumbered by ordinary ethical and moral values; this prince would be man and beast, fox and lion. Written in 1532, Machiavelli analyzes and discusses the sometimes-violent means by which men seize, retain and lose political power. He deals with many philosophical and political questions of his times especially the relationship between public deeds and private morality. Today, this small sixteenth-century masterpiece has become essential reading for every student of government, and is the ultimate book on power politics		
399	Purple Flat Top	Nisbet, Jack	This book consists of short chapters. The book is a wonderful rendering of the essence of this region. The author has a talent for depicting the ordinary as intensely interesting, without being overly poetic or abstract. What is brilliant about the book is how he manages to show you this world through his senses while minimizing his own presence. This is a wonderful book about what it really feels like to know a place completely.		
400	Pygmallion: A Romance in Five Acts	Shaw, Bernard	Brilliantly written play, with its theme of the emerging butterfly, is one of the most acclaimed comedies in the English language. It provides a window into the world of Victorian values and provides a good example of irony.		
401	Pinballs, The	Byars, Betsy	Carlie, Harvey and Thomas J. meet when they come to a foster home to live together. The story of how they help each other and how they learn to let others help them. And who they really are, under all the hurts of their short, mess-up lives, might surprise you. An ALA Notable Children's book.	Supplemental or Choice	
402	Place in the Sun, A	Rubalcaba, Jill	Senmut, son of a sculptor, accidentally kills a sacred dove and he is sentenced to work in the gold mines of Nubia. His skill at carving stone brings him to the attention of Ramses II, who frees him from his enslavement.	Supplemental or Choice	
403	Rabbit Proof Fence	Pilkington, Doris	The remarkable true story of three young girls who cross the harsh Australian desert on foot to return to their home. Following an Australian government edict in 1931, black aboriginal children and children of mixed marriages were gathered up by whites and taken to settlements to be assimilated. At the settlement, Milly and her relatives Gracie and Daisy were forbidden to speak their native language, forced to abandon their aboriginal heritage, and taught to be culturally white. After regular stays in solitary confinement, the three girls—scared and homesick—planned and executed a daring escape from the grim camp, with its harsh life of padlocks, barred windows, and hard cold beds. The girls headed for the nearby rabbit-proof fence that stretched over 1,000 miles through the desert toward their home. Their journey lasted over a month, and the survived on everything from emus to feral cats, while narrowly avoiding the police, professional trackers, and hostile white		
404	Pride & Prejudice	Austin, Jame	This is a comedy of manners and satire, on the ignorance of the people, which was a common theme of that time period (eighteenth century) with witty verbal sparring between Mr. Darcy and the prejudiced Elizabeth Bennett while they are courting.	Supplemental or Choice	
405	Raisin in the Sun	Hansberry, Lorrai	An African-American family is united in love and pride as they struggle to overcome poverty and harsh living conditions, in the award-winning a959 play about an embattled Chicago family. When it was first produced in 1959, A Raisin in the Sun was awarded the New York Dram Critics Circle Award for that season and hailed as a watershed in American drama. A pioneering work by an African-American playwright, the play was a radically new representation of black life. "A play that changed American theater forever." Sex, violence.		
406	Pyramus and Thisbe	James, Henry	This is a one-act farce about the romance between a young music teacher and a journalist who live in adjacent rooms in a boarding house. Burlesque fashion	Supplemental or Choice	

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407	Quest for the Pillars of Wealth	Prichard, J.J.	Despondent over their parents' pending separation due to financial problems, Gennie and Jeff Douglas encounter an ancient man named Mr. Mortimer. The old reveals three massive pillars, reprenting the three secrets for acquiring wealth. Gennie and Jeff must travel back through time to medieval England, Greece and Rome in order to unravel each of the pillars mysteries.	Supplemental or Choice	
408	Rainbow People	Yep	This book contains a collection of twenty Chinese folk tales that were passed on by word of mouth for generations, as told by some old-timers newly settled in the United States.	Supplemental or Choice	
409	Ramsey Scallop, The	Temple, Frances	In feudal England, fourteen-year-old Elenor finds that her betrothal to an ambitious lord's son launches her on a memorable pilgrimage to far-off Spain.	Supplemental or Choice	
410	Raven: A Trickster Tale from the Pacific Northwest		Children's book. All the world is in darkness at the beginning of this traditional tale from the Indian cultures of the Pacific Northwest.. Raven feels sorry for the people living in the gloomy cold, so he flies to the house of the Sky Chief in search of light and warmth. To get inside, Raven pulls a shape-shifting trick that allows him to be born to the god's daughter. As a spoiled and comic infant, Raven demands and gets the shiny ball that the gods have hidden away.		
411	Ransom	Duncan, Lois	This book is about 5 kids who get kidnapped, and the parents have to pay the ransom of $15,000 for EACH kid in order to get them back. Not only does it have mysteries, action, and suspense, but it has somewhat of romance and sadness. Two of the kids start to fall in love with each other after something extreme happens to one of them.	Supplemental or Choice	
412	Reading Lolita in Tehran	Nafisi, Azar	This contemporary novel follows the lives of young women who have been cloistered from Western society by the laws of Iran. When they discover Lolita, they discover a whole new world.		
413	Red Badge of Courage, The	Crane, Stephen	With the publication of his Civil War novel, The Red Badge of Courage (1895), when he was twenty-four years old, Stephen Crane became famous in the United States and England. Less than five years later he was dead of tuberculosis. In his brief life, however, he had published five novels, two volumes of poetry, and over three hundred sketches, reports, and short stories. His writings significantly enriched the subject matter of American literature, and his craftsmanship influenced both poetry and prose in the twentieth century. Depictions of		
414	Rascal	North, Sterling and Schoenherr, John	In this delightful memoir, Sterling North recalls his year with Rascal--a very mischievous and resourceful raccoon. Sterling, a boy of 11, watches in amazement as this baby raccoon, barely the size of Sterling's hand, instinctively washes everything before eating it. Sterling knows that every night Rascal will sneak into the house by hooking his claws onto the back screen door and head straight for Sterling's bed! Virtually everywhere Sterling goes, Rascal is there, and life is filled with one adventure after another	Supplemental or Choice	

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415	Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution	Jiang, Ji-li	This autobiography details the author's experiences as a teenager during the Cultural Revolution. Though wanting to be devoted followers of Chairman Mao (and thus the wearing of the Red Scarf to signify her allegiance), Ji-li and her family are subjected to many indignities because her grandfather was once a landlord. In 1966, twelve-year-old Ji-li was an outstanding student and leader of her class, she had everything: brains, ability, the admiration of her peers—and a shining future in Chairman Mao's New China. But all that changed with the advent of the Cultural Revolution, when intelligence became a crime and a wealthy family background invited persecution or worse. For the next few years Ji-li and her family were humiliated and reviled by their former friends, neighbors, and colleagues and lived in constant terror of arrest. At last, with the detention of her father, Ji-li was faced with the most dreadful decision of her life: denounce him and break with her family, or refuse to testify and sacrifice her future in her beloved Communist Party. At one point, Ji-li even enters a police station to change her name in a confused attempt to dissociate herself from her branded and maligned family		
416	Raven and Other Poems, The	Poe, Edgar Allen	This selection of Poe's poetry is a great introduction to one of the most widely read poets in American history.	Supplemental or Choice	
417	Richard III	Shakespeare, Wi	The final play in Shakespeare's masterly dramatization of the strife between the Houses of York and Lancaster, Richard III offers a stunning portrait of an archvillain-- a man of cunning and ruthless ambition who seduces, betrays and murders his way to the throne. Note: This play may contain offensive material.		
418	Reaching Dustin	Grove	Sixth-grader Carly's assignment to interview a reclusive brooding classmate leads her to discover some of the events that have caused his antisocial behavior.	Supplemental or Choice	
419	River Runs Through It, A	Maclean, Norman	Maclean paints an evocative portrait of the sons of a small-town Montana minister, two brothers headed in very different directions. Fly-fishing for trout is one thing that unites father and sons, and, in the end, it is the language of the river that provides understanding and acceptance in the most difficult of times.		
420	River Why, The	Duncan, David Ja	Since its publication by Sierra Club Books nearly two decades ago, this book has become a classic, standing with Norman Maclean's A River Runs Through It as the most-read fiction about fly-fishing of our ear. Duncan's protagonist, Gus Orviston, is an irreverent young flyfisherman—a vibrant character who makes us laugh easily and feel deeply, and who speaks with startling truth about the way we live. Leaving behind a madcap, fishing-obsessed family, Gus embarks on an extraordinary voyage of self-discovery along his beloved Oregon rivers. What he unexpectedly finds is man's wanton destruction of nature and a burning desire to commit himself to its preservation. The River Why is a tale that gives a contemporary voice to the concerns and hopes of all living things on this beautiful, watery planet. It is the story of one man's search for meaning, for love, and for a sane way to live. Sex, profanity		
421	Red Pony	Steinbeck, John	Jody is a ten year old who lives on a farm with his parents and a horse expert, Billy Buck. One morning before Jody had to go to school; his father and Billy Buck brought him to a box stall in a barn, and was given the red pony. This novels themes are about American life on a farm, kids growing up, learning about life and death, and how to take care of animals.	Supplemental or Choice	
422	Rice Without Rain	Ho, Minfong	The parched yellow fields outside the village where 17 year old Jinda lives are her family's only source of income. How can the rain-starved crop produce enough rice to fee them, much less pay the rent? Perhaps the strangers from the city are right about the need to change centuries-old traditions. But Jinda realizes that trusting the strangers could cause more troubles. Jinda heroically faces the challenge of holding on to who she is as the world around her revolves with never-ending change.	Supplemental or Choice	

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423	Ring of Endless Light	L'Engle, Madeleine	Vicky Austin, a middling-teenage girl, is confused by the whirl of events around her that are escalating beyond her control. Her grandfather is dying of an incurable disease, and she becomes frightened when he addresses her as her dead grandmother. She also cannot understand her feelings about a triangle of young men who find her attractive.	Supplemental or Choice	
424	Romeo & Juliet	Shakespeare	Shakespeare's play about two "star-crossed" lovers whose parents' feud ends in. Note: This play may contain offensive material.		
425	Room of One's Own, A	Woolf, Virginia	Woolf, a major modernist writer and critic, takes us on an erudite yet conversational--and completely entertaining--walk around the history of women in writing, smoothly comparing the architecture of sentences by the likes of William Shakespeare and Jane Austen, all the while lampooning the chauvinistic state of university education in the England of her day. When she concluded that to achieve their full greatness as writers women will need a solid income and a privacy, Woolf pretty much invented modern feminist criticism. Note: This book may contain offensive material.		
426	Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead	Stoppard, Tom	Acclaimed as a modern dramatic masterpiece, Rosencrantz & Guildenstern Are Dead is the fabulously inventive tale of Hamlet as told from the worm's-eye-view of two minor characters in Shakespeare's play.		
427	River, The	Paulsen, Gary	"We want you to do it again." These words, spoken to Brian Robeson, will change his life. Two years earlier, Brian was stranded alone in the wilderness for fifty-four days with nothing but a small hatchet. Yet he survived. Now the government wants him to do it again -- to go back into the wilderness so that astronauts and the military can learn the survival techniques that kept Brian alive. This time he won't be alone: Derek Holtzer, a government psychologist, will accompany him to observe and take notes. But during a freak storm, Derek is hit by lightning and falls into a coma. Their radio transmitter is dead. Brian is afraid that Derek will die of dehydration unless he can get him to a doctor. His only hope is to build a raft and try to transport Derek a hundred miles down the river to a trading post -- if the map he has is accurate	Supplemental or Choice	
428	Robinson Crusoe	DeFore, Daniel	The confinement of a man for the better part of his life on an island allows one to follow Crusoe through many changes of attitude and belief. He does then arrive at a spiritual place.	Supplemental or Choice	
429	Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry	Taylor, Mildred D.	Surrounded by black sharecropper neighbors and white landowners, the family owned farm gives the Logans a sense of pride and dignity. Set during the Depression in the rural South, Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry personalizes an era of American history and shares its lessons.	Supplemental or Choice	
430	Roughnecks	Cochrah	Travis Cody prepares for the final game of his high school football career, a rematch with his school's chief rival.	Supplemental or Choice	
431	Rudolph W. Giuliani: America's Mayor	Freemont	Rudolph W. Giuliani: America's Mayor by Eleanor Fremont provides an account of the former New York City mayor's Brooklyn roots, his stint in Washington as the number three man in the Department of Justice and his tenure as U.S. Attorney in New York. Special attention is paid to Giuliani's role in the recovery efforts following September 11. Ages 10-14	Supplemental or Choice	

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432	Scarlet Letter, The	Hawthorne, Natha	Set in Puritan Boston, The Scarlet Letter tells the disturbing tale of Hester Prynne, a woman caught in the conflict between the Puritan ethics of her community and the higher law of her own love. In this tragic tale, we see the struggle between the laws of scripture and those of a different moral authority. Adultery.		
433	Running out of Time	Haddix	When a diphtheria epidemic hits her 1840s village, thirteen-year-old Jessie discovers it is actually a 1996 tourist site under the observation of heartless scientists, and it is up to Jessie to escape the village and save the lives of dying children.	Supplemental or Choice	
434	Sammy Keys & the Hollywood Mummy	VanDraamen	A Hollywood actress, who had been competing with Sammy's mother for an important role, is murdered, but thirteen-year-old Sammy and her friend, Marissa, are on the case.	Supplemental or Choice	
435	Seagull, The	Chekhov, Anton	The Seagull, a spectacular failure on its first appearance, was the play that, on its second, established Anton Chekhov as an important and revolutionary dramatist. Here, amid the weariness of life in the country, the famous actress Arkadina presides over a household riven with desperate love, with dreams of success and dread of failure. It is her son, Konstantin, who one day shoots a seagull; it is the novelist Trigorin who will one day write the story of the seagull herself, whose life to come will rewrite the story. Note: This book may contain offensive material.		
436	Sarny	Paulsen, Gary	The Civil War is over, and Sarny has been released from the shackles of slavery. She's free, but what does that mean? This sequel to Gary Paulsen's acclaimed novel, Nightjohn, follows Sarny as she searches for her children after the war. Hope comes from surprising places, and soon Sarny finds herself in New Orleans, working, teaching, and building her life anew. Though the war is over, hatred and danger lurk around every corner, threatening her efforts to teach others to read. In Sarny, Paulsen creates a character that sparkles with heart and courage. His descriptions of her first days of freedom--her first lavender-scented bath, the sweet taste of canned peaches on bread--drip with immediacy. Sarny's story is so rich, so engaging that it's hard to say good-bye to her when the book is over. Readers will find themselves on the edges of their seats, asking, "... and then what happened, Mr. Paulsen?"	Supplemental or Choice	
437	Secret Life of Bees, The	Kidd, Sue Monk	The search for a mother, and the need to mother oneself, are crucial elements in this well-written coming-of-age story set in the early 1960s against a background of racial violence and unrest. When Lily's beloved nanny, Rosaleen, manages to insult a group of angry white men on her way to register to vote and has to skip town, Lily takes the opportunity to go with her, fleeing to the only place she can think of--Tiburon, South Carolina--determined to find out more about her dead mother. Note: This book may contain offensive material.		
438	Schernoff Discoveries	Paulsen	Harold and his best friend, both hopeless geeks and social misfits, try to survive unusual science experiments and other dangers of junior high.	Supplemental or Choice	
439	Secrets of the Shopping Mall	Peck, Richard	Barnie and Teresa are 8th grade outcasts who befriend each other just because of that reason. When they get in trouble with a local gang, they take a bus to 'Paradise Park,' not knowing what it is. What they find is a complete society of kids who have run away and live in the mall after hours.		
440	Scorpions	Meyers, Walter Dean	Jamal, who is pressured to become leader of the Scorpions gang, worries about school, family, and the rough kids on the street. When a fellow gang member gives him a gun, Jamal suddenly gains a new level of respect from his enemies. A realistic look at a boy who wants to do the right thing but gets caught up in the culture of violence. A Newberry Honor selection.	Supplemental or Choice	

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441	Secret Garden, The	Burnett, Frances Hodgson	When orphaned Mary Lennox, lonely and sad, comes to live at her uncle's great house on the Yorkshire moors, she finds it full of secrets. At night, she hears the sound of crying down one of the long corridors. Outside, she meets Dickon, a magical boy who can charm and talk to animals. Then, one day, with the help of a friendly robin, Mary discovers the most mysterious wonder of all--a secret garden, walled and locked, which has been completely forgotten for years and years. Is everything in the garden dead, or can Mary bring it back to life?	Supplemental or Choice	
442	Sense and Sensibility	Austen, Jane	Jane Austen writes about two ways of looking at the world in the personalities of two sisters, Elinor the determinedly practical and Marianne the madly romantic. Forced to live in reduced circumstances with their widowed mother and younger sister, the Dashwood girls must rely on marrying well if they are to survive in the world, and the way in which this goal is eventually accomplished provides the plot of this delightful novel, the first of Jane Austen's to be published.		
443	Separate Peace, A	Knowles, John	Sharing a room at Devon, an exclusive New England prep school, in the summer prior to World War II, Gene and Phineas form a complex bond of friendship that draws out both the best and worst characteristics of each boy and leads ultimately to violence, a confession, and the betrayal of trust.		
444	Secret of the Andes	Clark, Ann Nolan	Cusi, a modern Inca boy of Peru leaves his home high in the Andes to learn the mysterious secret of his ancient ancestors.	Supplemental or Choice	
445	See Behind Trees	Dorris, Michael	Michael Dorris weaves the story of a Native American boy with poor eyesight whose journey with an old warriors helps him “see” the beauty and mystery of life.	Supplemental or Choice	
446	Seesaw Girl	Park, Linda Sue	Jade Blossom can never go beyond her family’s Inner Court. Every girl from a good family in 17th century Korea must stay home and learn to sew and work in the kitchen to prepare her for future life in her husband’s Inner Court. Jade has other interests. She longs to take trips to the mountains and the marketplace. Jade won’t stop thinking about the world beyond the high walls of her home. Then one day she secretly sets off to do what no girl her age has ever done before	Supplemental or Choice	
447	Seven Daughters and Seven Sons	Cohen	In an ancient Arab nation, one woman dares to be different. Buran cannot – Buran will not – sit quietly at home and wait to be married to the man her father chooses. Determined to use her skills and earn a fortune, she instead disguises herself as a boy and travels by camel caravan to a distant city. There, she maintains her masculine disguise and establishes a successful business. The city’s crown prince comes often to her shop, and soon Buran finds herself falling in love. But is she reveals to Mahmud that she is a woman, she will lose everything she has worked for.	Supplemental or Choice	
448	Shakespeare Alive	Papp, Joseph and	Shakespeare Alive spirits you back to the very years of that London—as everyday people might have experienced it. Find out how young people fell in love, how workers and artists made ends meet, what people found funny and what they feared most. Go on location with an Elizabethan theater company to learn how plays were produced, where Shakespeare’s plots came from and how he transformed them. Hear the music of Shakespeare’s language and words we still use today that were first spoken in his time. Open the book and elbow your way into the Globe with the goundlings. You’ll be joining one of the most democratic audiences the theater has ever known—alewives, apprentices, shoemakers and nobles—in applauding the dazzling wordplay and swordplay brought to you by William Shakespeare.		

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449	Shabanu, Daughter of the Wind	Staples, Suzanne Fisher	Life is both sweet and cruel to strong-willed Shabanu, whose home is the windswept Cholistan Desert of Pakistan. The second daughter in a family with no sons, she's been allowed freedoms forbidden to most Muslim girls. But when a tragic encounter with a wealthy and powerful landowner ruins the marriage plans of her older sister, Shabanu is called upon to sacrifice everything she's dreamed of. Should she do what is necessary to uphold her family's honor—or listen to the stirrings of her own heart? Coming of age sexual situations.	Supplemental or Choice	
450	Shades of Gray	Reeder	At the end of the Civil War, twelve-year-old Will, having lost all his immediate family, reluctantly leaves his city home to live in the Virginia countryside with his aunt and uncle he considers "traitors" because they refused to take part in the war.	Supplemental or Choice	
451	Shawshank Redemption	King, Stephen	A man convicted of a murder lives in a prison that is ruled by a sadistic warden, but is secretly run by a con who knows all the ropes and pulls all the strings. He has a cunning plan of revenge that no one can guess until it's far too late. Profanity and violence.		
452	Shadow Spinner	Fletcher, Susan	Sharazad, wife of the sultan, must tell her husband stories to save her own life, but she has run out. Marjan uses her talents as a story teller to help Sharazad until she too runs out of stories. With the hope of saving Sharazad's life Marjan risks her own and sneaks out of the harem in search of new stories.	Supplemental or Choice	
453	Shipping News	Proul , Annie	E. Annie Proulx focuses on a Newfoundland fishing town in a tale about a third-rate newspaperman and the women in his life -- his elderly aunt and two young daughters -- who decide to resettle in their ancestral seaside home. The transformation each of the character undergoes following move is profound. A vigorous, darkly comic, and at times magical portrait of the contemporary American family, The Shipping News enlightens readers to the powers of E. Annie Proulx's storytelling genius and her expert evocation of time and place. She is truly one of the most gifted and original writers in America today. Note: This book may contain offensive		
454	Shoeless Joe	Kinsella, W.P.	W. P. Kinsella plays with both myth and fantasy in his lyrical novel, which was adapted into the enormously popular movie, Field of Dreams. It begins with the magic of a godlike voice in a cornfield, and ends with the magic of a son playing catch with the ghost of his father. In Kinsella's hands, it's all about as simple, and complex, as the object of baseball itself: coming home. Kinsella spins baseball as backdrop and metaphor, and uses the game to tell us a little something more about who we are and what we need.		
455	Siddharta	Hesse, Herman	This classic novel of self-discovery has inspired generations of seekers. With parallels to the enlightenment of the Buddha, Hesse's Siddhartha is the story of a young Brahmn's quest for the ultimate reality. His quest takes him from the extremes of indulgent sensuality to the rigors of ascetism and self-denial. At last he learns that wisdom cannot be taught–it must come from one's own experience and inner struggle. Steeped in the tenets of both psychoanalysis and Eastern mysticism, Siddhartha presents a strikingly original view of man and culture, and the arduous process of self-discovery that leads to reconciliation, harmony and peace. Note: This book may contain offensive material		
456	Shane	Schaeffer	A mysterious drifting gunman helps the homesteaders break the power of the Wyoming cattlemen.	Supplemental or Choice	
457	Shark Beneath the Reef	George, Jean Craighead	Like his father and grandfather before him, 14-year-old Toma Torres dreams of catching a great shark in the Sea of Cortez, although there are other things he should be thinking about. Toma's family would like him to stay in school, but Toma's knows he will be more help to them if he leaves school now to become a fisherman. Should he drop out?	Supplemental or Choice	

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458	Single Shard, A	Park, Linda Sue	Tree-ear is an orphan boy in a 12th-century Korean potters' village. For a long time he is content living with Crane-man under a bridge barely surviving on scraps of food. All that changes when he sees master potter Min making his beautiful pottery. Tree-ear sneaks back to Min's workplace and dreams of creating his own pots someday. When he accidentally breaks a pot, he must work for the master to pay for the damage. Though the work is long and hard, Tree-ear is eager to learn. Then he is sent to the King's Court to show the master's pottery. Little does Tree-ear know that this difficult and dangerous journey will change his life forever.		
459	Sister Carrie	Dreiser, Theodore	Dreiser's first novel, intertwining the story of a young woman seduced by the lure of the modern city with the story of a middle-aged man seduced by desire for Carrie herself, established a style and a realism which influenced many later writers.		
460	Shimmy, Shimmy, Shimmy like My Sister Kate	Giovanni, Nikki	Images and sounds of the Harlem Renaissance shimmer is this anthology compiled by celebrated poet Nikki Giovanni.	Supplemental or Choice	
461	Slaughterhouse 5	Vonnegut, Kurt	Kurt Vonnegut's absurdist classic Slaughterhouse-Five introduces us to Billy Pilgrim, a man who becomes unstuck in time after he is abducted by aliens from the planet Tralfamadore. In a plot-scrambling display of virtuosity, we follow Pilgrim simultaneously through all phases of his life, concentrating on his (and Vonnegut's) shattering experience as an American prisoner of war who witnesses the firebombing of Dresden.		
462	Sign of the Beaver	Speare	A young boy in Maine, when rescued by an Indian chief and his grandson, must decide whether to spend the winter alone in the woods waiting for his family to return or move on to a new life with his new friends.	Supplemental or Choice	
463	Sleeping Murder	Christie, Agatha	A young bride, sent by her husband to look for a suitable house, finds the one that seems meant for her a charming Victorian villa called Hillside. It's all so perfect — until she begins to fear the house might be haunted. But Miss Jane Marple has a more sinister explanation. Note: This book may contain offensive material.		
464	Sing Down the Moon	O'Dell, Scott	One lovely spring day, fourteen-year-old Bright Morning and her friend Running Bird take their sheep to pasture. The sky is clear blue against the red buttes of the Canyon de Chelly, and the fields and orchards of the Navahos promise a rich harvest. Bright Morning is happy as she gazes across the beautiful valley that is the home of her tribe. Happy until the barking of Black Dog disturbs her and she tums. It is then that she sees the Spanish slavers riding straight toward her. The Spanish slavers were an ever present threat to the Navajo way of life. This historical novel is about a young Navajo girl who is kidnapped and enslaved by Spaniards and then rescued by her husband-to-be.	Supplemental or Choice	
465	Snow Falling on Cedars	Guterson, David	San Piedro Island, north of Puget Sound, is a place so isolated that no one who lives there can afford to make enemies. But in 1954 a local fisherman is found suspiciously drowned, and a Japanese American named Kabuo Miyamoto is charged with his murder. In the course of the ensuing trial, it becomes clear that what is at stake is more than a man's guilt. Profanity and sexual references.		

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466	Slam	Myers, Walter Dean	Basketball is my thing. I can hoop. Case closed. So begins this book. 17-year-old Greg Harris tells of the year in which he transfers to a magnet school for the arts, a more academically challenging, mostly white school. After being the hot shot star of his Harlem high school team, he has to learn to fit in and be a team player at his new school. He may not be able to do anything about the rest of his life--his relationships with his family and friends, his grandmother's illness, his scholastic difficulties, or what goes on in his Harlem neighborhood--but when he gets onto the basketball court, "Slam" feels in control.”	Supplemental or Choice	
467	Snows of Kilimanjaro	Hemingway, Erne	In The Snows of Kilimanjaro, Ernest Hemingway presents the story of a writer at the end of his life. While on a safari in Africa, Harry, the protagonist, is scratched on the leg by a thorn, and the infection becomes gangrenous and eventually kills him. In this story, the main character “sees his life flash before his eyes” as he realizes that he is dying.		
468	Slave Dancer	Fox, Paula	Snatched from the docks of New Orleans, thirteen-year-old Jessie is thrown aboard a slave ship where he must play his fife so that captured slaves will "dance," to keep their muscles strong and their bodies profitable for their owners' use. Jessie is sickened as he witnesses the horrible practices of the slave trade. But even those horrors can't compare to the one final event awaiting Jessie's witness. Can the cruelty to his fellow human beings be stopped? And will it be too late when it finally does stop?	Supplemental or Choice	
469	Soldier X	Wulffson, Don	As World War II rages, sixteen-year-old Erik Brandt finds himself on a train traveling to Russia. He's one of the hundreds of thousands of German boys being sent to the Eastern Front by Hitler-since no men are left to fight. Trained as an interpreter and not a soldier, Erik manages to survive the combat, but only by slipping into a dead enemy's uniform, and posing as a wounded Russian. Now the young German must keep up his charade....		
470	Song of Solomon	Morrison, Toni	Song of Solomon begins with one of the most arresting scenes in our century's literature: a dreamlike tableau depicting a man poised on a roof, about to fly into the air, while cloth rose petals swirl above the snow-covered ground and, in the astonished crowd below, one woman sings as another enters premature labor. The child born of that labor, Macon (Milkman) Dead, will eventually come to discover, through his complicated progress to maturity, the meaning of the drama that marked his birth. Toni Morrison's novel is at once a romance of self-discovery, a retelling of the black experience in America that uncovers the inalienable poetry of that experience, and a family saga luminous in its depth, imaginative generosity, and universality. It is also a tribute to the ways in which, in the hands of a master, the ancient art of storytelling can be used to make the mysterious and invisible aspects of human life apparent, real, and firm to the touch. Note: This book may contain offensive		
471	Sophie’s World	Gaardner, Jostein	One day Sophie comes home from school to find two questions in her mail--who are you? And where does the world come from? Before she knows it, Sophie is enrolled in a correspondence course with a mysterious philosopher. But Sophie is receiving a separate batch of equally unusual letters. Who is Hilde? And why does her mail keep turning up in Sophie's world?		
472	Slopes of War	Perez, Norah	Buck Summerhill, is a young soldier from West Virginia fighting in the Civil War. This is an account of the horrors he faces in the Battle of Gettysburg. One of the worst things he has to deal with is knowing that two of his cousins, will be fighting against him	Supplemental or Choice	
473	Sound of Waves, The	Mishima, Yukio	Set in a remote fishing village in Japan, The Sound of Waves is a timeless story of first love. A young fisherman is entranced at the sight of the beautiful daughter of the wealthiest man in the village. They fall in love, but must then endure the calumny and gossip of the villagers. This book contains sexual references.		

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474	Snow Treasure	McSwigna, Marie	An exciting and suspenseful tale of Norwegian children and their contributions to protecting their town's gold during the German occupation in 1940. Convinced that the Germans will try to steal their town's considerable wealth of gold bouillon , the townsmen decide that it must be moved. Since a group of adults can't move the gold without the German's finding out, they develop a daring plan to have teams of children carry the bouillon on their sleds down to the river where townsmen will load onto to a ship to the U.S.	Supplemental or Choice	
475	So Far From the Bamboo Grove	Watkins, Yoko Kawashima	Based on the author's own experiences, So Far from the Bamboo Grove tells the story of a World War II Korean family who is forced to leave their homeland and flee to Japan. The author's portrayal of the deprivations of wartime and the bonds of family love reveal a timeless tale.	Supplemental or Choice	
476	Speak	Anderson, Laurie	Since the beginning of the school year, high school freshman Melinda has found that it's been getting harder and harder for her to speak out loud: "My throat is always sore, my lips raw.... Every time I try to talk to my parents or a teacher, I sputter or freeze.... It's like I have some kind of spastic laryngitis." What could have caused Melinda to suddenly fall mute? Could it be due to the fact that no one at school is speaking to her because she called the cops and got everyone busted at the seniors' big end-of-summer party? Or maybe it's because her parents' only form of communication is Post-It notes written on their way out the door to their nine-to-whenever jobs. While Melinda is bothered by these things, deep down she knows the real reason why she's		
477	Spirits of the Ordinary	Alaclá, Kathleen	In 1870s Mexico Zacarias Caraval abandons his family and the religion of his fathers--Judaism--to search for gold in the desert. His wife, Estela, responds by declaring herself independent and taking a lover--an action frowned upon in the small village of Saltillo. Zacarias's wanderings take him into the mountains of Northern Mexico and to the cliff dwellings of Casas Grandes. This book is remarkable in its facile intertwining of Native religion, Magic Realism, Judaism, and Christianity. Sexual scenes are portrayed.		
478	SOS Titanic	Bunting, Eve	Only moments after 15-year-old Barry O'Neill boards the Titanic in Queenstown, Ireland, he learns that the ship narrowly missed a collision at Southampton – a bad omen. Barry, understandably, is on edge. When disaster strikes, the terrifying events are unfolded. Barry acts nobly, risking his own life to save Pegeen, a girl from steerage class with whom he has fallen love and her brother. A well-wrought historical fiction, but lest anyone forget, a brief afterward reminds readers of the horrifying and very real toll of the tragedy.	Supplemental or Choice	

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479	Sound the Jubilee	Forrester, Sandra	Growing up on a plantation in North Carolina, Maddie is owned by the McCarthas. She works in the Big House with her mother and sister, while her father, Titus, is foreman of the field hands. Her family's opportunity for freedom comes unexpectedly. Fearing the approach of Yankee troops, Mrs. McCartha retreats to her summer home on Nags Head, an island off the coast, taking Maddie's family with her. That move puts them directly in the path of the invading army, and they are able to escape to the "contraband" camp on nearby Roanoke Island. There they are given their freedom, as well as land and jobs. Although living at first in unhealthy conditions and at the mercy of the Yankee army, they are sheltered from the worst of the war years. Forrester has created a feisty, intelligent character in Maddie; she's someone readers will enjoy getting to know. The author's use of a modified dialect adds substance to her characterizations. The story moves along smoothly and quickly and involves readers; it will help them better understand the Civil War era and the complicated issues of the time. A great deal of detail is incorporated into the narrative about the community on Roanoke Island. Sure to be popular with history buffs and fans of historical novels. Gr 6-9	Supplemental or Choice	
480	Sounder	Armstrong	A landmark in children's literature, winner of the 1970 Newbery Medal, and the basis of an acclaimed film, Sounder traces the keen sorrow and the abiding faith of a poor African-American boy in the 19th-century South. The boy's father is a sharecropper, struggling to feed his family in hard times. Night after night, he and his great coon dog, Sounder, return to the cabin empty-handed. Then, one morning, almost like a miracle, a sweet-smelling ham is cooking in the family's kitchen. At last the family will have a good meal. But that night, an angry sheriff and his deputies come, and the boy's life will never be the same.	Supplemental or Choice	
481	Stargirl	Spinelli, Jerry	Leo doesn’t know what to make of the new girl in his school. Stargirl is like no one he has ever met. Stargirl touches his life through her courage and her journey to discover who she is. Deals with peer pressure and wanting to fit in.	Supplemental or Choice	

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482	Steal Away	Armstrong, Jennifer	In the fall of 1896 elderly Susannah McKnight coaxes her granddaughter Mary to travel with her to Canada to visit someone Mary regards as an "old slave woman." Mary's vision of Bethlehem Reid is shattered, however, when she hears an amazing story of undying friendship and courage. As young girls Susannah and Bethlehem helped each other escape to the North: for Bethlehem, freedom; for Susannah, a return to the home she loved. Rich and emotionally resonant, this compelling, true story is told in compassionate, lush language; delighting not only in its poetic imagery and uncompromising clarity of expression but in the suspense and adventure of the girls' flight to personal liberty. Bethlehem and Susannah's friendship, born of circumstance and necessity, is never sentimentalized but remains fierce and heartbreaking to the last. This powerful, moving and thought-provoking narrative is sure to stay with readers long after it is finished. Ages 8-12.	Supplemental or Choice	
483	Stranger, The	Camus, Albert	Through the story of an ordinary man unwittingly drawn into a senseless murder on an Algerian beach, Camus explored what he termed "the nakedness of man faced with the absurd." Note: This book may contain offensive material.		
484	Step from Heaven, A	Na, An	When she is five, Young Ju Park and her family move from Korea to California. During the flight, they climb so far into the sky she concludes they are on their way to Heaven, that Heaven must be in America. Heaven is also where her grandfather is. When she learns the distinction, she is so disappointed she wants to go home to her grandmother. Trying to console his niece, Uncle Tim suggests that maybe America can be "a step from Heaven." Life in America, however, presents problems for Young Ju's family. Her father becomes depressed, angry, and violent. Jobs are scarce and money is even scarcer. When her brother is born, Young Ju experiences firsthand her father's sexism as he confers favored status upon the boy who will continue to carry the Park name. In a wrenching climactic scene, her father beats her mother so severely that Young Ju calls the police. Soon afterward, her father goes away and the family begins to heal.	Supplemental or Choice	
485	Stone Fox (ELL)	Reynolds, John	Little Willy's grandfather is sick and it's up to Willy to save their farm from tax collectors. Their only hope is the prize money from the National Dogsled Race. But a lot of other people want to win the race, too, including Stone Fox, who has never lost a race in his life.	Supplemental or Choice	
486	Stuck in Neutral	Trueman, Terry	Fourteen-year-old Shawn McDaniel loves the taste of smoked oysters and his mother's gentle hugs. Unfortunately, it's impossible for Shawn to feed himself or to hug his mom back. Shawn has cerebral palsy, a condition he has had since birth that has robbed him of all muscle control. He can't walk, talk, or even focus his eyes on his own. But despite all these handicaps, despite the frustration of not being able to communicate, Shawn is still happy to be alive: That is why he panics when he begins to suspect that his father is thinking of killing him. Shawn knows that his father is trying to be kind; he imagines that his son's life is an endless torment. His dad has no idea of the rich life that Shawn lives inside his head. And Shawn, helpless and mute, has no way of telling him.		

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487	Story of the Treasure Seekers	Nesbit	When their father's business fails, the six Bastable children decide to restore the family fortunes.	Supplemental or Choice	
488	Sula	Morrison, Toni	In clear, dark, resonant language, Toni Morrison brilliantly evokes not only a bond between two lives, but the harsh, loveless, ultimately mad world in which that bond is destroyed, the world of the Bottom and its people, through forty years, up to the time of their bewildered realization that even more than they feared Sula, their pariah, they needed her. Note: This book may contain offensive material.		
489	Strider	Cleary, Beverly	14-year-old Leigh Botts is dealing with his parents' divorce, concern about his father's sincerity and stability, and insecurities about his own identify and popularity. Leigh and his friend Barry find an abandoned pooch (Strider) on the beach and decide to try "joint custody." It is not the perfect arrangement., and eventually the two boys work through the tensions that threaten their friendship. At the same time Leigh and his father develop a new understanding.	Supplemental or Choice	
490	Striking Out	Weaver	Billy wants to play high school baseball, but his father needs Billy's help on their dairy farm.	Supplemental or Choice	
491	Sungura and Leopard: A Swahili Trickster Tale	Knutson, Barbara	Children's book. A retelling of an African folktale that features fierce, ornery Leopard, who unwittingly builds a house along with the trickster hare, Sungura. After a brief argument, the two agree to divide the residence in half. Sungura takes a wife and has many children, who disturb Leopard with their noise and activity. The hare rightly suspects his neighbor of plotting to eat him and his family, so he hatches a counterplan that ultimately succeeds in driving Leopard away.		
492	Sukey and the Mermaid	San Souci, Robert D	Weary of the unreasonable demands of Mister Jones, her new stepfather, Sukey escapes to the water's edge, where she meets "a beautiful, brown-skinned, black-eyed mermaid"--Mama Jo--who befriends and comforts her and each day gives her a gold coin. Mister Jones drinks up most of the money; eventually, he tries to capture the mermaid, who escapes and takes Sukey to her undersea kingdom. Homesick, Sukey bargains for a chance to go home and is also given a dowry and the promise of a fine husband, to be named Dembo. Wicked Mister Jones steals the dowry and kills Dembo; but Mama Jo appears one last time to bring him back to life. A careful note explains that this eventful, richly complex story was based on a folktale from the Sea Islands of South Carolina, as well as on Caribbean and West African sources.	Supplemental or Choice	
493	Summer of My German Soldier	Greene, Bette	This is an extraordinary novel about an unlikely friendship between a Jewish girl and a young German soldier during World War II.	Supplemental or Choice	
494	Summer of the Swans	Byars, Betsy	Sara's 14th summer was turning out to be the most confusing of her life. Up until then, things has flowed smoothly. Now, she wanted to fly away from everything - her beautiful older sister, her bossy Aunty Willie, her remote father and herself. This book won the John Newberry medal.	Supplemental or Choice	
495	Susanna of the Alamo	Jakes	This story relates the experiences of the Texas woman who, along with her baby, survived the 1836 massacre at the Alamo.	Supplemental or Choice	

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496	Swimming Upstream: Middle School Poems	George, Kristine O'Connell	From hall passes to pop quizzes, Kristine O'Connell George's collection of poems addresses the middle school experience with wit and wisdom.	Supplemental or Choice	
497	Swiss Family Robinson	Wyss	When a Swiss family is stranded on a tropical island, they remain optimistic and inventive. With what they salvage from the wrecked ship and the island's resources, they adapt to their new life.	Supplemental or Choice	
498	Sydney, Herself	Rodowsky	A sophomore develops elaborate fantasies for her English class journal.	Supplemental or Choice	
499	Tale of Two Cities, A	Dickens, Charles	Thomas Carlye's famous work of the period of the French Revolution provided the canvas upon which Dickens wrote his story of the period. The tale of London and Paris was serialized in 1859 in Dickens' new magazine, "All Year Round". Dickens painted a vivid picture of the French Revolution with melodrama set on a background of villainy and violence. Build on the coincidence of an Englishman and a Frenchman who look alike. Dickens created a moving tale. In the end a dissolute man, raised by a women's love becomes the hero.		
500	Tai Chi Morning	Grimes, Nikki	Poet Nikki Grimes traveled in China with a group of performing artists in 1988. Tai Chi Morning is her collection of poetic snapshots of this journey.	Supplemental or Choice	
501	Taming of the Shrew	Shakespeare, Wi	This play describes the volatile courtship between the shrewish Katharina and the canny Petruchio, who is determined to subdue Katharina's legendary temper and win her dowry. Note: This play may contain offensive material.		
502	Taking Sides	Soto, Gary	Fourteen-year-old Lincoln Mendoza, an aspiring basketball player, must come to terms with his divided loyalties when he moves from the Hispanic inner city to a white, suburban neighborhood.	Supplemental or Choice	
503	Taking Terrie Mueller	Mazer, Norma Fox	Fourteen-year-old Terri remembers only life with her father, but then she discovers that he kidnapped her from her mother after a divorce and that her mother is still alive. She eventually has to make the choice of living with her mother or living with her father.	Supplemental or Choice	
504	Tenant of Wildfell Hall, The	Bronte, Anne	First published in 1848, a novel in which a woman flees from a disastrous marriage with her child to a desolate moorland mansion. It portrays one woman's struggle for independence at a time when law and society defined a married woman as her husband's property.		
505	Tales of Real Escape	Dowswell, Paul	It not only has some of the prison escapes like from Alcatraz, Colditz, the escape of Winston Churchill, it also has Turban, the black woman who freed a huge number of slaves in America, the Berlin wall, Houdini, the guy who can escape from any kind of locks, straitjacket. and more of course. It tells of how they escaped, their methods used, a lot of colorful pictures of tools the captured used, and also maps showing the location of the prisons and where prisoners and slaves were held.	Supplemental or Choice	

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506	Tess of the D'Urbervilles	Hardy, Thomas	Novel by Thomas Hardy, first published serially in bowdlerized form in the Graphic (July-December 1891) and in its entirety in book form (three volumes) the same year. It was subtitled A Pure Woman Faithfully Presented because Hardy felt that its heroine was a virtuous victim of a rigid Victorian moral code. Now considered Hardy's masterwork, it departed from conventional Victorian fiction in its focus on the rural lower class and in its open treatment of sexuality and religion. After her impoverished family learns of its noble lineage, naive Tess Durbeyfield is sent to make an appeal to a nearby wealthy family who bear the ancestral name d'Urberville. Tess is seduced by dissolute Alec d'Urberville and secretly bears a child, Sorrow, who dies in infancy. Later working as a dairymaid she meets and marries Angel Clare, an idealistic gentleman who rejects Tess after learning of her past on their wedding night. Emotionally bereft and financially impoverished, Tess is trapped by necessity into giving in once again to d'Urberville, but she murders him when Angel returns. After a few days with Angel, Tess is arrested and executed. Note: This book may contain offensive material.		
507	Their Eyes Were Watching God	Hurston, Zora Ne	Fair and long-legged, independent and articulate, Janie Crawford sets out to be her own person -- no mean feat for a black woman in the '30s. Janie's quest for identity takes her through three marriages and into a journey back to her roots. Note: This book may contain offensive material.		
508	Tangerine	Bloor, Edward	Middle-schooler Paul moves with his family from a comfortable, familiar life in suburban Houston to the middle of a new cookie-cutter community of Tangerine, Fla., steeped in class distinction, ecological inconsistency and convoluted values. A soccer goalkeeper who is legally blind, he can see much better than his parents when it comes to dealing with the deep-seated issues affecting his family and neighbors.	Supplemental or Choice	
509	Things Fall Apart	Achebe, Chinua	First novel by Chinua Achebe, written in English and published in 1958. The novel chronicles the life of Okonkwo, the leader of an Igbo (Ibo) community, from the events leading up to his banishment from the community for accidentally killing a clansman, through the seven years of his exile, to his return. The novel addresses the problem of the intrusion in the 1890s of white missionaries and colonial government into tribal Igbo society. It describes the simultaneous disintegration of its protagonist Okonkwo and of his village. The novel was praised for its intelligent and realistic treatment of tribal beliefs and of psychological disintegration coincident with social unraveling. Things Fall Apart helped create the Nigerian literary renaissance of the 1960s. Note: This book may contain offensive material.		
510	Tempest, The	Shakespeare	Prospero uses magic to raise a tempest at sea and wreck the ship of his enemies. Will he exact revenge when the survivors come ashore?	Supplemental or Choice	
511	Things They Carried, The	O'Brien, Tim	The Things they Carried is a sly, almost hallucinatory book that is neither memoir nor novel nor collection of short stories, but rather an artful combination of all three. Vietnam is till O'Brien's theme, but in this book he seems less interested in the war itself than in the myriad different perspectives from which he depicts it. Every story in The Things they Carried speaks another truth that Tim O'Brien learned in Vietnam; it is this blurred line between truth and reality, fact and fiction, that makes his book unforgettable. Profanity. Sexual references.		

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512	Terra Incognita	Metikosh, Anne	This young adult historical novel, set in the early seventeenth century, tells the story of Madeleine Hebert and her brother Philippe who travel to New France to join their father after their mother dies in France. On arriving in Quebec City, they learn that their father with Pregiment de Carignan, is at Michilimackinac, and possibly ill. When Philippe decides to go in search of their father by persuading Gabriel, a coureur de bois, to take him to Michilimackinac, Madeleine refuses to stay behind. With the help of her brother, she cuts off her long hair and disguises herself as a boy. An then begins a series of adventures as the threesome make the long canoe trip from Montreal up the Ottawa, over the height of land and down to Lake Huron and Michilimackinac. For a young girl it is an arduous trek, but Madeleine shows her high spirit and independence over the long days of paddling and the grueling portages. At a welcoming Huron village, Madeleine discovers something of the Native way of life and that the land is far from being a terra incognita to the original inhabitants. In writing this historical novel. Metikosh has done a superb job of recreating history as it might have been experienced by a young woman.	Supplemental or Choice	
513	Things Not Seen	Clements, Andrew	It is a Tuesday morning in February , and Bobby Phillips gets up, as usual. There is one thing different about that day. Bobby wakes up invisible. Follow Bobby and his family as they deal with an invisible son and all the problems that this causes.	Supplemental or Choice	
514	Thirteen Moons on Turtle's Back: A Native American Year in Moons	Bruchac, Joseph and London, Jonathan	An Abenaki native elder shows his grandson the pattern of the thirteen sections on a turtle shell and explains that they reflect the thirteen moons of an annual cycle. The moon poems that follow express reverence for nature's beauty from the mythology of thirteen Native American tribal nations.	Supplemental or Choice	
515	Time Machine	Wells	An incredible invention enables the Time Traveler to reach year 802701.	Supplemental or Choice	
516	To Be a Slave	Lester, Julius	A compilation, selected from various sources and arranged chronologically, of the reminiscences of slaves and ex-slaves about their experiences from the leaving of Africa through the Civil War and into the early twentieth century. This particular novel contains the "n" word.	Supplemental or Choice	
517	Tortilla Curtain	Boyle, T.D.	This isn't a book about Mexico. Rather, it's about Mexicans in California right now. It explores the issue of illegal immigration by examining the lives of four characters – two very well-off Californians, Delaney Mossbacher, a nature writer, and his real estate agent wife, Kyra, and a Mexican couple, Cándido Rincón, and his pregnant 17 year old wife, América, both illegal immigrants. The Mossbachers live in an exclusive, secure community overlooking Topanga Canyon. Guess who lives in near starvation in the bushes at the bottom of the canyon. The story begins with a chance encounter when Delaney almost runs down Cándido in his car. This triggers a chain of events that leads to an even more dramatic confrontation. The story switches back and forth between the two couples and, in the process, looks at the issue of illegal immigration from seemingly every point of view. Violence, sex, profanity		

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518	Tonight by Sea	Temple, Frances	In order to live, they had to leave Haiti. That's what Paulie's uncle says her family and she must do. Since forever, Paulie has run in and out of the little houses nestled under the palms, near the beach. But now the little houses are gone. Their wood has been made into boats used to escape Haiti. But, Paulie wants to stay and fight – to change Haiti into a better place to live.	Supplemental or Choice	
519	Trail of the Spanish Bit	Coldsmith, Don	Deftly blending elements of family saga and adventure story, this first installment in an ongoing series introduces the Elk-Dog People, a tribe of Great Plains Indians who owe their special talents in part to their chance encounter with Juan Garcia, (renamed Heads Off), a young Spanish officer whose riding mishap forces him to join the tribe for protection, and later for companionship, mutual respect and kinship. Beautifully written, with reverence for the ways of the People, this book explores the shared experiences of seemingly diverse cultures while telling a captivating story.		
520	Touching Spirit Bear	Mikaelsen, Ben	Within Cole Matthews lie anger, rage and hate. Cole has been stealing and fighting for years. This time he caught Alex Driscal in the, parking lot and smashed his head against the sidewalk. Now, Alex may have permanent brain damage and Cole is in the Biggest trouble of his life. Cole is offered Circle Justice: a system based on Native American traditions that attempts to provide healing for the criminal offender, the victim and the, community. With prison as his only alternative, Cole plays along. He says he wants to repent, but in his heart Cole blames his alcoholic mom his, abusive dad, wimpy Alex -- everyone but himself -- for his situation.	Supplemental or Choice	
521	Transall Saga	Paulsen	While backpacking in the desert, Mark falls into a tube of blue light and is transported into a more primitive world, where he must use his knowledge and skills to survive.	Supplemental or Choice	
522	Travels with Charley	Steinbeck	This is a chronicle of the trip that John Steinbeck and his poodle, Charley, embarked on in September, 1960, across America.	Supplemental or Choice	
523	Treasure Island	Stevenson, Robert Louis	Jim Hawkins is an 1880's English boy, who lives along the English coast in his father's inn, the Admiral Benbow. He has a perfectly normal life, until the mysterious Billy Bones comes to stay at the inn. Then, Billy dies after a fight with a strange caller. Among his possessions, Jim finds an old treasure map. Along with the Squire Trelawney and Doctor Livesey, Jim sails off to Treasure Island. Unfortunately, the crew of the ship they go on is not as trustworthy as first thought. Jim discovers that they are really pirates, and soon he and the few honest men on board are made victims of a mutiny. Now, they must embark on a quest to get to the treasure before the crew and to stay alive in the process.	Supplemental or Choice	
524	True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle	Avi	In 1832 a girl boards a ship bound for America. Charlotte is a very proper girl returning from boarding school in England to meet up with her father. As land disappears from sight Charlotte discovers she is the only passenger on board and the crew is planning a mutiny.	Supplemental or Choice	

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525	True North	Lasky, Kathryn	The story of 14 year old Afrika who is fleeing the South by following the North Star, and Lucy of Boston who works with others in her family on the Underground Railroad. The lives of Lucy and Afrika draw closer and closer; together they will make a break for freedom and fight to keep each other on the right course: true north.	Supplemental or Choice	
526	Trumpeter of Krakow, The	Kelly, Eric	A Polish family in the Middle Ages guards a great secret treasure and a boy's memory of an earlier trumpeter of Krakow makes it possible for him to save his father. Newbery Medal winner.	Supplemental or Choice	
527	Tuesdays With Morrie: An Old Man, A Young Man, and Life's Greatest Lesson	Albom, Mitch	A Detroit Free Press journalist and best-selling author recounts his weekly visits with a dying teacher who years before had set him straight.		
528	Turn of the Screw, The	James, Henry	Begun simply as a ghost story being shared around a fire on Christmas Eve, this novel "screws" with one's mind as the plot continually thickens and turns. One of literature's most gripping ghost stories depicts the sinister transformation of two innocent children into flagrant liars and hypocrites. Elegantly told tale of unspoken horror and psychological terror creates what few stories in literature have been able to do—a complete feeling of dread and uncertainty. Sex, violence.		
529	Twelfth Night	Shakespeare, Wi	When twins Sebastian and Viola are shipwrecked and separated off the coast of Illyria, each believes the other is dead. Viola disguises herself as a boy, becomes a page of Duke Orsinio, and falls in love with him. The Duke is hopelessly in love with Olivia, but she is in the process of mourning her brother's death and becomes infatuated with Viola as she/he delivers messages for the Duke. When Sebastian shows up, Olivia confuses him with the Duke's page (Olivia) and marries the astonished young man. All is cleared up eventually when Viola and Sebatian meet and recognize each other. In the midst of all of this romantic confusion, servants and family members provide comic relief with their pompous, pretentious, and sometimes inebriated behavior. This play contains sexual innuendo		
530	Tuck Everlasting	Babbit, Natalie	Winnie Foster wishes for nothing more than an adventure to liven-up her dull day. When she stumbles onto the secret of the Tuck family, her life and theirs are altered forever.	Supplemental or Choice	
531	Two Years Before the Mast	Dana, Richard He	On August 124, 1834, Richard Henry Dana, convalescing from an illness, set off for California from his Boston home—via a sailing ship. Using the journals he kept on the voyage, Dana crated a classic re-creation of his experiences, both the highs and the lows, in what has long been considered a definitive look at the seaman's life in the 19th century.		
532	Twisted Summer	Roberts	Fourteen-year-old Cici hopes for a romantic summer at the beach but instead finds herself trying to solve a murder which had occurred there the previous year.	Supplemental or Choice	
533	Ugly American, The	Lederer	Twenty-two short stories comprise this famous bestseller that changed American diplomatic history.	Supplemental or Choice	

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534	Uncle Tom's Cabin	Stowe, Harriet Beecher	An international bestseller that sold more than 300,000 copies when it first appeared in 1852, Uncle Tom's Cabin was dismissed by some as abolitionist propaganda; yet Tolstoy deemed it a great work of literature "flowing from love of God and man." Today, however, Harriet Beecher Stowe's stirring indictment of slavery is often confused with garish dramatizations that flourished for decades after the Civil War: productions that relied heavily on melodramatic simplifications of character totally alien to the original. Thus "Uncle Tom" has become a pejorative term for a subservient black, whereas Uncle Tom in the book is a man who, under the most inhumane of circumstances, never loses his human dignity.	Supplemental or Choice	
535	Villette	Bronte, Charlette	Lucy Snowe, the narrator of Villette, flees from an unhappy past in England to begin a new life as a teacher at a French boarding school in the great cosmopolitan capital of Villette. Soon Lucy's struggle for independence is overshadowed by both her friendship with a worldly English doctor and her feelings for an autocratic schoolmaster.		
536	Virginian, The	Wister, Owen	The Virginia is one of the most popular and bestselling westerns of all time. Once wronged, the Virginian is a judge with a gavel forged of cold steel—until he meets a woman. A woman who thinks she can tame his wild heart and teach him the ways of peace. But can the Virginian bring peace to Medicine Bow, Wyoming?		
537	Voice on the Radio, The	Cooney, Caroline B.	Janie Johnson first saw her face on a milk carton one year ago. Reeve Shields, her boyfriend, is now a college freshman and dreams o f being a talk-show DJ. As he stares at the microphone in the control room of the campus radio station, the story of Janie's kidnapping at the age of three begins to slide out of his mouth and into the airwaves of Boston. Janie, in the meantime, is trying to recover from six months of nonstop confusion in her life, having recently learned about her past. When she accompanies her newfound sister and brother on a trip to visit colleges (and see her boyfriend) in Boston, Reeve's voice on the radio makes their tumultuous lives veer in a completely new direction.	Supplemental or Choice	
538	Voyage of the Frog	Paulsen	When David goes out on his sailboat to scatter his recently deceased uncle's ashes to the wind, he is caught in a fierce storm and must survive many days on his own as he works out his feelings about life and his uncle.	Supplemental or Choice	
539	Waiting for Godot	Beckett, Samuel	Tragicomedy in two acts by Samuel Beckett, published in 1952 in French as En attendant Godot and first produced in 1953. Waiting for Godot was a true innovation in drama and the Theater of the Absurd's first theatrical success. The play consists of conversations between Vladimir and Estragon, who are waiting for the arrival of the mysterious Godot, who continually sends word that he will appear but who never does. They encounter Lucky and Pozzo, they discuss their miseries and their lots in life, they consider hanging themselves, and yet they wait. Often perceived as being tramps, Vladimir and Estragon are a pair of human beings who do not know why they were put on earth; they make the tenuous assumption that there must be some point to their existence, and they look to Godot for enlightenment. Because they hold out hope for meaning and direction, they acquire a kind of nobility that enables them to rise above their futile existence. Note: This book may contain offensive material		

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540	Waiting for the Rain	Gordon, Sheila	Tengo and Frikkie are childhood friends. Tengo is a black “boy” who works on the farm that Frikkie will one day inherit. They live in conflicting worlds, but their friendship was formed when they were too young to know about lines that must not be crossed. The boys find their relationship in crisis as tension mounts in South Africa. As Tengo commits himself to the cause of change, Frikkie tries to preserve life as it has always been. Can the 2 hold on to the friendship that began before the turmoil shattered their dreams?	Supplemental or Choice	
541	Walden	Thoreau, Henry D	A major philosophical statement on the American character, a life of simple toil, & the values of rugged independence. Also includes "Civil Disobedience," "Slavery in Massachusetts," "A Plea for Capt. John Brown," & "Life Without Principle."		
542	Walk Two Moons	Creech, Sharon	Thirteen year old Sal travels across the country with her grandparents following the trail her mother took after she left them without even an explanation. Her grandparents are fun eccentric people who ask her to tell them a story as they travel. Sal’s story is a long tale about herself and her best friend whose mother has also left her family. Throughout the book the real trip and the story Sal tells are intermingled.	Supplemental or Choice	
543	Wanderer, The	Creech, Sharon	Why does Sophie talk about Grandpa Bompie when she is adopted? Her cousins Cody and Brian will find out when they journey across the Atlantic Ocean on a boat with their fathers, an uncle and Sophie. Discover the secrets of Sophie and watch the family relations develop.	Supplemental or Choice	
544	Wanderer, The (Le Grand Meaulnes)	Alain-Fournier, H	When Alain-Fournier was killed in battle on the Meuse in 1914, he left behind Le Grand Meaulnes, a novel of wistful enchantment. The tale is recounted by François Seurel, whose father heads the village school where Augustin Meaulnes comes to board. A tall, somber youth of 17, he instantly becomes the class ringleader, and is soon known as le grand Meaulnes. When the youth sets off on an impetuous errand of a few hours and doesn't return for several days, events take a darker turn. After Meaulnes's reappearance, Seurel notices his companion's unrest, and tries to uncover its source. He wakes in the midwinter nights to find Meaulnes pacing the room "like someone rummaging about in his memory, sorting out scraps." Meaulnes remains disconsolate, but finally reveals the nature of his travels, and the strange days of revelry at his unintended destination--the "lost domain" to which he is desperate to return and doesn't know how to find. Seurel rightly guesses that Meaulnes met a young woman there, and that he is in love. "Often afterwards, when he had gone to sleep after trying desperately to recapture that beautiful image, he saw in his dreams a procession of young women who resembled her ... but not one of them was this tall slender girl." The two friends set about retracing Meaulnes's path, and their journeys take them into manhood, when Meaulnes finds at last a way to bring his quest full circle. Note: This book may contain offensive material		
545	War Between the Classes	Miklowitz	Amy Sumoto decides to sabotage a game at school that was supposed to make students aware of class and racial prejudice but became merely a humiliating exercise.	Supplemental or Choice	
546	War of the Worlds	Wells, H.G.	The night after a shooting star is seen streaking through the sky from Mars, a cylinder is discovered on Horsell Common in London. At first, the native locals approach the cylinder armed just with a white flag—only to be quickly killed by an all-destroying heat-ray, as terrifying tentacled invaders emerge. Soon the whole of human civilization is under threat, as powerful Martians build gigantic killing machines, destroy all in their path with black gas and burning rays, and feast on the warm blood of trapped, still-living human prey. The forces of the Earth, however, may prove harder to beat than they at first appear.		

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547	Washington Square	James, Henry	When timid and plain Catherine Sloper acquires a dashing and determined suitor, her father, convinced that the young man is nothing more than a fortune-hunter, decides to put a stop to their romance. Torn between her desire to win her father's love and approval and her passion for the first man who has ever declared his love for her, Catherine faces an agonizing dilemma, and becomes all too aware of the restrictions that others seek to place on her freedom. James's masterly novel deftly interweaves the public and private faces of nineteenth-century New York society; it is also a deeply moving study of innocence destroyed.	Supplemental or Choice	
548	Watership Down	Adams, Richard	One of the most beloved novels of our time, Richard Adams's Watership Down takes us to a world we have never truly seen: to the remarkable life that teems in the fields, forests and riverbanks far beyond our cities and towns. It is a powerful saga of courage, leadership and survival; an epic tale of a hardy band of adventurers forced to flee the destruction of their fragile community...and their trials and triumphs in the face of extraordinary adversity as they pursue a glorious dream called "home."		
549	Watsons Go to Birmingham, 1963, The	Curtis, Christopher Paul	A wonderful middle-grade novel narrated by Kenny, 9, about his middle-class black family, the Weird Watsons of Flint, Michigan. When Kenny's 13-year-old brother, Byron, gets to be too much trouble, they head South to Birmingham to visit Grandma, the one person who can shape him up. And they happen to be in Birmingham when Grandma's church is blown up.	Supplemental or Choice	
550	Wave, The	Strasser, Todd	The Wave is based on a true incident that occurred in a high school history class in Palo Alto, California, in 1969. The powerful forces of group pressure that pervaded many historic movements such as Nazism are recreated in the classroom when history teacher Burt Ross introduces a "new" system to his students. And before long "The Wave," with its rules of "strength through discipline, community, and action, " sweeps from the classroom through the entire school.	Supplemental or Choice	
551	Way Meat Loves Salt: A Cinderella Tale from the Jewish Tradition	Jaffe, Nina	Children's book. When a rabbi asks his three daughters how much they love him, the first two name diamonds and gold and silver and he is content. However, when Mireleh tells her father that she loves him "the way meat loves salt," he is horrified and banishes her from his home. She makes her own way in the world, with the help of Elijah the Prophet, marrying a rabbi's son and inviting her family to the wedding banquet where the food is made tasteless from lack of salt. At last, the rabbi realizes how much his daughter loves him and the families are reunited to live happily ever after.		
552	Weep Not Child	Thiong'o, Ngugi w	This book chronicles a young boy, Njoroge, as he grows up amid the Mau Mau war and the conflict between the African natives and the British colonial rules. The book is in essence about the hopes and dreams of a young boy being affected by the outside world and how the outside world changes a person. The novel also addresses the political conflict that was occurring in Kenya in the 1950s. The author incorporates a description of the power of the white rules, the bitterness of the Africans at being enslaved on their own land and their attempt to rise up against the tyranny, and finally deals with the poor relations between the blacks and Indian merchants, who are looked down upon by the black community. Violence, sex		

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553	Westing Game, The	Raskie, Ellen	This highly inventive mystery involves sixteen people who are invited to the reading of Samuel W. Westing's will. They could become millionaires, depending on how they play the tricky and dangerous Westing game, which involves blizzards, burglaries, and bombings. Ellen Raskin has entangled a remarkable cast of characters in a puzzle-knotted, word-twisting plot filled with humor, intrigue, and suspense.	Supplemental or Choice	
554	What Maisie Knew	James, Henry	In this book (1897), the daughter of acrimoniously divorced parents is pawned for their power contests. The only thing per parents agree on is that this grave little girl be seen and not heard: so she learns to keep her own counsel, as the follies of adulthood are paraded before her. Intelligent, observant, Maisie seems to be the only grown-up in a world of petulance and spite. Sexual innuendo.		
555	What Would Joey Do	Gantos	Joey tries to keep his life from degenerating into total chaos when his mother sends him to be home-schooled with a hostile blind girl, his divorced parents cannot stop fighting, and his grandmother is dying of emphysema.	Supplemental or Choice	
556	When Legends Die	Borland, Hal	When his father killed another brave, Thomas Black Bull and his parents sought refuge in the wilderness. There they took up life as it had been in the old days, hunting and fishing, battling for survival. But an accident claimed the father's life and the grieving mother died shortly afterward. Left alone, the young Indian boy vowed never to return to the white man's world, to the alien laws that had condemned his father.	Supplemental or Choice	
557	When My Name Was Keoko	Park, Linda Sue	Told from the points of view of a sister and brother, When My Name Was Keoko is set in Japanese occupied Korea during World War II. With tenacity and courage these young people remain true to the values of their family and Korean heritage.	Supplemental or Choice	
558	Where Angels Glide at Dawn	Carlson & Ventura	An anthology of stories about the past, characterized by wild geography, violent history, beautiful myths, legends, and people moved by their great passions.	Supplemental or Choice	
559	Where the Lilies Bloom	Cleaver, Bill	Mary Call has promised her dying father to keep her brother and sisters together forever on the mountain, and never to take any help from strangers. She is determined to keep her word. No matter what. At first she is sure she can manage. Romey, Ima Dean, and Devola help gather herbs to sell in town; the riches of the mountains will surely keep the family clothed and fed. But then winter comes, fast and furious, and Mary Call has to learn that the land where the lilies bloom is also a cruel and unforgiving place, and it may take more than a promise to keep her family together.		
560	Where the Red Fern Grows	Rawls, Wilson	Billy, Old Dan and Little Ann -- a Boy and His Two Dogs...A loving threesome, they ranged the dark hills and river bottoms of Cherokee country. Old Dan had the brawn, Little Ann had the brains -- and Billy had the will to train them to be the finest hunting team in the valley. Glory and victory were coming to them, but sadness waited too. And close by was the strange and wonderful power that's only found...An exciting tale of love and adventure you'll never forget.	Supplemental or Choice	
561	Whipping Boy, The (ELL)	Freschman, Sid	Jemmy, once a poor boy living in the streets, now lives in a castle. As the whipping boy, he bears the punishment when Prince Brat misbehaves, for it is forbidden to spank, thrash, or whack the heir to the throne. The two boys have nothing in common and even less reason to like one another. But when they find themselves taken hostage after running away, they are left with no choice but to trust each other.	Supplemental or Choice	

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562	Whirligig	Fleischman	While traveling to each corner of the country to build a whirligig in memory of the girl whose death he causes, sixteen-year-old Brent finds forgiveness and atonement.	Supplemental or Choice	
563	White Album, The	Didion, Joan	"All of the essays manifest not only [Didion's] intelligence but an instinct for details that continue to emit pulsations in the reader's memory and a style that is spare, subtly musical in its phrasing and exact."—Robert Towers, The New York Times Book Review First published in 1979, this book is a mosaic of the late sixties and seventies. It includes, among other bizarre artifacts and personalities, the dark journeys and impulses of the Manson family, a Black Panther Party press conference, the story of John Paul Getty's museum, the romance of water in an arid landscape, and the swirl and confusion of the sixties. With commanding sureness of mood and language, Joan Didion exposes the realities and dreams of that age of self-discovery whose spiritual center was California. Violence, profanity, sexual innuendo		
564	White Fang	London, Jack	This classis tale tells of a savage dog's transformation through love.	Supplemental or Choice	
565	White Mountains, The	Christopher, John	A science fiction novel about three boys' quest for freedom. A mysterious race of robots, known as tripods, have taken over Earth and suppressed human history and individuality. No one knows what they are or where they come from. These tripods "cap" humans when they are twelve. The capping ritual is viewed as a rite of passage into adulthood, but in actuality the caps control humans by suppressing curiosity and individuality. One boy discovers the truth, and sets out on a quest for freedom. Two other boys join him on his journey to the White Mountains, where they hope find the rebel humans who are working to overcome the tripods.	Supplemental or Choice	
566	Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolfe?	Albee, Edward	George, a disillusioned academic, and Martha, his caustic wife, have just come home from a faculty party. When a handsome young professor and his mousy wife stop by for a nightcap, an innocent night of fun and games quickly turns dark and dangerous. Long-buried resentment and rage are unleashed as George and Martha turn their rapier-sharp wits against each other, using their guests as pawns in their verbal sparring. By night's end, the secrets of both couples are uncovered and the lies they cling to are exposed. Considered by many to be Albee's masterpiece, this is a "brilliantly original work of art—an excoriating theatrical experience, surging with shocks of recognition and dramatic fire." Profanity, sexual innuendo		
567	Windcatcher	Avi	During a summer visit to his grandmother's home in Connecticut, a young boy learns to sail, discovers a sunken treasure, and wards off greedy treasure hunters.	Supplemental or Choice	
568	Winesburg, Ohio	Anderson, Sherw	A collection of short stories, which lays bare the life of a small town in the American Midwest. The central character is George Willard, a young reporter on the Winesburg Eagle, to whom one by one the town's inhabitants confide their hopes, dreams and fears.		
569	Wishes, Kisses and Pigs	Hearne	After eleven-year-old Louise makes a wish on the first evening star and her brother turns into a pig, she uses wishes, kisses, and spells to try to put things right again.	Supplemental or Choice	

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570	Witch of Blackbird Pond, The	Speare, Elizabeth George	Forced to leave her sunny Caribbean home for the bleak Connecticut Colony, Kit Tyler is filled with trepidation. What this spirited teenager doesn't count on is how her aunt and uncle's stern Puritan community will view her. In the colonies of 1687, a girl who swims, wears silk and satin gowns, and talks back to her elders is not only headstrong, but she is in grave danger of being regarded as a witch. When Kit befriends an old Quaker woman known as the Witch of Blackbird Pond, it is more than the ascetics can take. Soon Kit is defending her life. Who can she count on as she confronts these angry and suspicious townspeople? A Newbery Medal winner and ALA Notable Children's Book.	Supplemental or Choice	
571	Within Reach: Everest Story	Pfetzer	The author describes how he spent his teenage years climbing mountains in the United States, South America, Africa, and Asia.	Supplemental or Choice	
572	Woman at Point Zero, A	Saadawi, Nawal	From her prison cell, Firdaus, sentenced to die for having killed a pimp in a Cairo street, tells of her life from village childhood to city prostitute. Society's retribution for her act of defiance - death - she welcomes as the only way she can finally be free. Strong sexual content.		
573	Woman Warrior	Kingston, Maxine	A Chinese American woman tells of the Chinese myths, family stories and events of her California childhood that have shaped her identity. This book contains sexual references.		
574	Working	Terkel, Studs	Pulitzer Prize-winning writer/journalist Studs Terkel is world famous for his oral histories, considered an innovator in modern ethnographic research. Working, Terkel's most popular book, provides a powerful and original perspective on one of the most basic components of human experience: work. The farmer, receptionist, college professor, mail carrier, stockbroker, athlete, and many others share their daily routines and dreams in their own words. Working has long been recognized as an ideal teaching tool, presenting provocative material certain to engage students, ignite classroom discussion, and inspire thoughtful writing.		
575	Worst Worst Best School Year Ever	Robinson	The many readers who have laughed out loud at Robinson's uproarious 1972 novel, The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, will enthusiastically welcome the return of the six cigar-smoking Herdman kids. These six waste no time bending rules: they break them outright. While the original story centered on the church Christmas pageant, the sequel has a broader focus, paving the way for more varied misadventures, virtually all of which the Heremans craftily orchestrate. Among the dastardly deeds are the siblings' kidnapping of a bald baby, whose head they "tattoo" and show to other kids for a fee; their attempt to wash their cat (which is "missing one eye and part of an ear and most of its tail and all of whatever good nature it ever had") in a Laundromat machine; and their ingenious sabotage of the school's Fire Safety Day observance. In one of the funniest scenes, cunning Imogene Herdman comes to the rescue of a boy whose head (thanks to Imogene's brother) is stuck in a bike rack: she flattens his prominent ears with Scotch tape and slathers his head with margarine so it slides through the bars.	Supplemental or Choice	
576	Wrinkle in Time	L'Engle	Meg Murry and her family receive a surprise visit from an unearthly stranger out of another dimension in time.	Supplemental or Choice	
577	Wuthering Heights	Bronte, Emily	Lockwood, the new tenant of Thrushcross Grange on the bleak Yorkshire Moors, is forced to seek shelter one night at Wuthering Heights, the home of his landlord. There he discovers the history of the tempestuous events that took place years before.		

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578	Year of Impossible Goodbyes, The	Choi, Sook Nyul	It is 1945, and courageous ten-year-old Sookan and her family must endure the cruelties of the Japanese military occupying Korea. Police captain Narita does his best to destroy everything of value to the family, but he cannot break their spirit. Sookan's father is with the resistance movement in Manchuria and her older brothers have been sent away to labor camps. Her mother is forced to supervise a sock factory and Sookan herself must wear a uniform and attend a Japanese school.		
579	Yeh-Shen: A Cinderella Story from China	Louie, Ai-Ling	Children's book. The story of a poor over-worked girl, a wicked stepmother and stepsister, a magical helper, a king in search of a wife, and a lost shoe. Yeh-Shen earns her wishes through kindness to a magic fish. This one change makes a big difference in the ethical tone of the book. It also makes the reader feel much more sympathetic toward Yeh-Shen, who seems to deserve every bit of good fortune she gets.		
580	Yellow Raft in Blue Water	Dorris, Michael	At 15, Rayona is left by her Native-American mother shortly after her African-American father walks out of their lives again, and this time probably forever. Rayona tries to tolerate life with her grandmother, known by all as Aunt Ida, but when the mission priest sexually harasses this tough but insightful young woman, she leaves the reservation and finds her way into a new life in a Montana state park. After a few weeks' idyll as a maintenance worker sheltered by former hippies, Rayona returns to her mother, Christine. The narrative switches to become an account of how Christine came to be the person Rayona has known. Aunt Ida raised Christine on the reservation, along with Christine's younger brother Lee. Lee's best friend, Dayton, plays a significant role in Christine's life right through the time of Rayona's return years later, but Lee dies as a youth in Vietnam. In the novel's final movement, Aunt Ida's brief but substantial story unfolds.		
581	Young Painter, A: The Life and Paintings of Wang Yani – China's Extraordinary Young Artist	Zhensun, Sheng	From the age of three, Wang Yani has shown a remarkable feeling for color and design. Her creative brushwork in the free form style of Chinese art was recognized by art experts by the time she was four years old. Her work has been shown in museums and galleries around the world and has even been featured on a Chinese postage stamp. Now 16, she has advanced from animal and plant themes to more sophisticated subjects, but always with an extraordinary sense of balance and grace.	Supplemental or Choice	
582	Z for Zachariah	O'Brien, Robert C.	Post-nuclear war setting in which the main character is alone in the world. She deals with her solitude by continuing with her routines until a stranger comes along to threaten not only her life but her dreams. A character tries to rape her but she escapes.	Supplemental or Choice	
583	Zlata's Diary	Fillipovic	A young girl's diary records the destruction of her city during the war in Yugoslavia.	Supplemental or Choice	

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