

Cycle 1, Year 2
Suggested Summer Reading List
2011

Pirates!

Celia Rees

This swashbuckling adventure features all of the elements of a grand pirate tale: sword fights, duels, charming rogues, true love, murder, and the odd severed head. Nancy Kingston joins a pirate crew to escape an arranged marriage to a deliciously evil Brazilian, a former pirate himself.

Rumblefish

S.E. Hinton

Rusty-James isn't book-smart - he relies on his fists instead of his brains. So far whenever he gets into trouble, his older brother, the Motorcycle Boy, has bailed him out. Then one day Rusty-James's world comes apart in an explosive chain of events - and this time the Motorcycle Boy isn't around to pick up the pieces.

The Heaven Shop

Deborah Ellis

Binti is a young orphan living in Malawi. Because they are orphaned, she and her siblings are sent to relatives far from home. A Cinderella-like existence with an uncle whose family ostracizes them and steals their money proves so intolerable that her older sister runs away.

The Uglies

Scott Westerfeld

This novel depicts a future world in which a compulsory operation at sixteen wipes out physical differences and makes everyone pretty by conforming to an ideal standard of beauty.

Spiders Song

Anita Daher

Stuck in Yellowknife with her crazy grandmother, AJ is one angry girl. She's lonely, too, and her blog has become her main source of contact with the world. It is there she reveals her innermost hurts—the absence of her mother, who has gone back to school; and of her father, who abandoned AJ when she was just a little girl; and the moving around she and her mother have had to do every few years for reasons she has never understood.

Little Women

Louisa May Alcott

This classic novel chronicles the lives and loves of four young sisters who must endure the hardships of war while trying to determine who they will become as young women.