

Literature Circle 2016

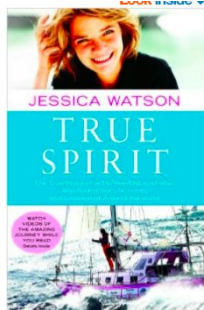
Each year students meet in school-wide literature circles. This is an opportunity to read with students across grade levels. Students are responsible for acquiring their own book (purchase or library). The literature circles will meet for five consecutive Fridays beginning **February 19th**. Please select your top three choices and return the following form to your CREW teacher no later than this Friday **February 12th**.

LITERATURE CIRCLE REQUEST

NAME: Crew:	Grade Level: 6 7 8	READING ABILITY: Advanced Average Reading is Difficult
Choice 1 Book: Author Teacher:	Choice 2 Book: Author Teacher:	Choice 3 Book: Author Teacher:

Parent Signature:

BOOK CHOICES

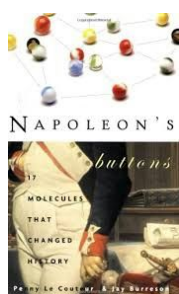


True Spirit (by Jessica Watson)

On May 15, 2010, after 210 days at sea and more than 22,000 nautical miles, 16-year-old Jessica Watson sailed her 33-foot boat triumphantly back to land. She had done it. She was the youngest person to sail solo, unassisted, and nonstop around the world.

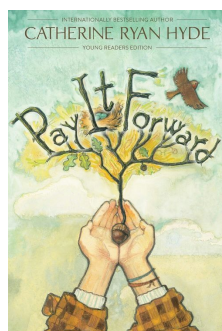
Jessica spent years preparing for this moment, years focused on achieving her dream. Yet only eight months before, she collided with a 63,000-ton freighter. It seemed to many that she'd failed before she'd even begun, but Jessica brushed herself off, held her head high, and kept going. Told in Jessica's own words, *True Spirit* is the story of her epic voyage. It tells how a young girl, once afraid of everything, decided to test herself on an extraordinary adventure that included gale-force winds, mountainous waves, hazardous icebergs, and extreme loneliness on a vast sea, with no land in sight and no help close at hand. *True Spirit* is an inspiring story of risk, guts, determination, and achievement that ultimately proves we all have the power to live our dreams—no matter how big or small.

Napoleon's Buttons - by Penny LeCouteur & Jay Burreson



Napoleon's Buttons is the fascinating account of 17 groups of molecules that have greatly influenced the course of history. These molecules provided the drive for early exploration, and made possible the voyages of discovery that ensued. The molecules resulted in grand feats of engineering and spurred advances in medicine and law; they determined what we now eat, drink, and wear. Many of these amazing discoveries like dynamite and nylon resulted in great historical shifts.

Come join our exploration of the periodic table and chemicals in our world and experience many adventures around the world - see what happens to Napoleon's Army as they trek through Russia in the cold or how the Nobel family invent a compound that is often used in bombs.



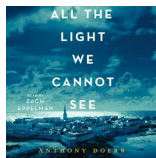
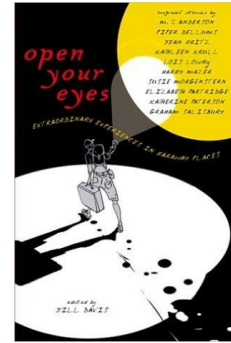
Pay it Forward (Young Readers Edition) Pay It Forward is a moving, uplifting novel about Trevor McKinney, a twelve-year-old boy in a small California town who accepts his teacher's challenge to earn extra credit by coming up with a plan to change the world. He envisions a vast movement of kindness and goodwill spreading across the world, and in this "quiet, steady masterpiece with an incandescent ending", Trevor's actions change his community forever.

The young readers edition of Catherine's adult novel is rewritten for a middle-grade audience.

See the World with New Eyes

"The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new lands but seeing with new eyes." Using Open Your Eyes: Extraordinary Experiences in Faraway Places (edited by Jill Davis) along with related articles and music, we will explore the world beyond North Carolina. The book showcases stories by ten writers that show how living in a new place is very different from visiting one, especially when that place is far away from home. Traveling gives us the rare opportunity to see who we might have been if we had been born someplace else. For some, it's a chance to recreate ourselves. For others, it's a time to realize who we already are. Though each story offers an original viewpoint, all of the stories reflect back on two important themes: where we come from and how we become who we are.

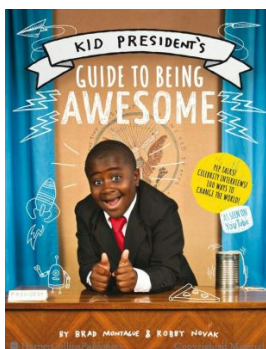
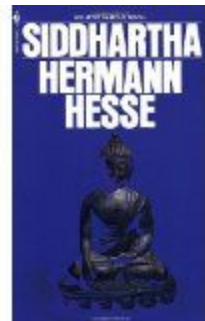
****Book is only available as used on Amazon.com****



All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr

Marie-Laure lives with her father in Paris near the Museum of Natural History, where he works as the master of its thousands of locks. When she is six, Marie-Laure goes blind and her father builds a perfect miniature of their neighborhood so she can memorize it by touch and navigate her way home. In a mining town in Germany, the orphan Werner grows up with his younger sister, enchanted by a crude radio they find. Werner becomes an expert at building and fixing these crucial new instruments, a talent that wins him a place at a brutal academy for Hitler Youth, then a special assignment to track the resistance. This historical fiction will captivate you and you will never want to put it down. I have been gushing about this book all year and can't wait to share it.

Siddhartha by German writer Hermann Hesse's in 1922. First translated in English in 1951 this book was inspired me in high school in 1983. The fictional novel is set in ancient India (5 BCE) where Siddhartha, a young man, leaves his family for a contemplative life, then, restless, discards it for one of the flesh. He crosses paths with Guatama Buddha, conceives a son, but bored and sickened by lust and greed, moves on again. Near despair, Siddhartha comes to a river where he hears a unique sound. This sound signals the true beginning of his life -- the beginning of suffering, rejection, peace, and, finally, wisdom. If we have time this book club will include Richard Bach's book of self-perfection, Jonathan Livingston Seagull, and hopefully a visit at Van-Hahn Pagoda-NC Buddhist Assoc.

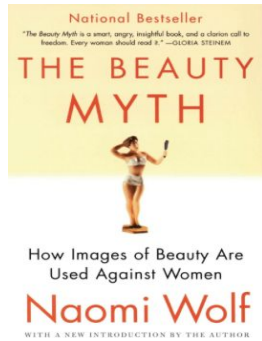


Kid President's Guide to Being Awesome by Brad Montague and Robby Novak

Lexile: 820

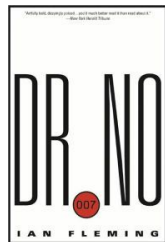
"This is LIFE, people! You've got air coming through your nose! You've got a heartbeat! That means it's time to do something!" -Kid President

You Tube sensation Kid President aka Robby Novak authors a book with detailed instructions on how to live an awesome life and be an awesome person. If you need a little inspiration or want to become even more awesome, this is the book for you!



The Beauty Myth by Naomi Wolf Lexile: 950-1050

The bestselling classic that redefined our view of the relationship between beauty and female identity. In today's world, women have more power, legal recognition, and professional success than ever before. Alongside the evident progress of the women's movement, however, writer and journalist Naomi Wolf is troubled by a different kind of social control, which, she argues, may prove just as restrictive as the traditional image of homemaker and wife. It's the beauty myth, an obsession with physical perfection that traps the modern woman in an endless spiral of hope, self-consciousness, and self-hatred as she tries to fulfill society's impossible definition of "the flawless beauty." (Some mature discussion content.)

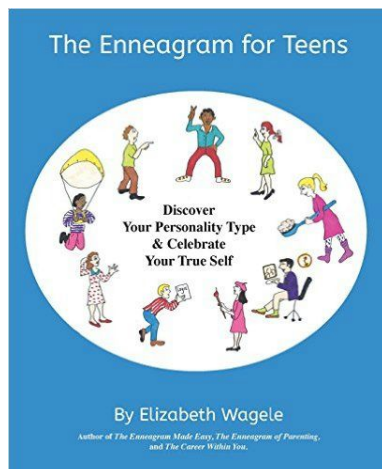


Dr. No and other James Bond Novels by Ian Fleming

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Dispatched by M to investigate the mysterious disappearance of MI6's Jamaica station chief, Bond was expecting a holiday in the sun. But when he discovers a deadly centipede placed in his hotel room, the vacation is over.

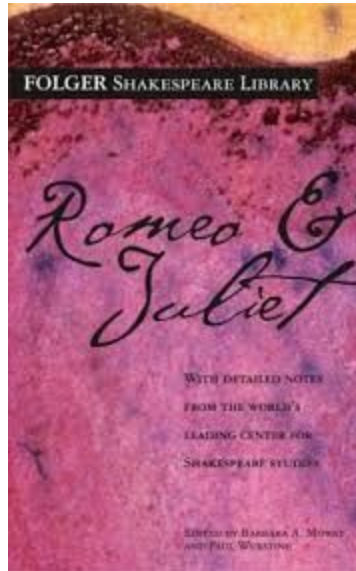
On this island, all suspicious activity leads inexorably to Dr. Julius No, a reclusive megalomaniac with steel pincers for hands. To find out what the good doctor is hiding, 007 must enlist the aid of local fisherman Quarrel and alluring beachcomber Honeychile Rider. Together they will combat a local legend the natives call "the Dragon," before Bond alone must face the most punishing test of all: an obstacle course — designed by the sadistic Dr. No himself — that measures the limits of the human body's capacity for agony.



The Enneagram for Teens by Elizabeth Wagele

Age Level: 10-18

"The Enneagram for Teens: Discover Your Personality Type and Celebrate Your True Self contains many moving accounts by teenagers in their own words. Teens will see themselves and discover their own strengths in these personal and relatable stories. Elizabeth's humorous illustrations will have you laughing as you recognize yourself and teens you know. Whether you are a teen yourself or have teenagers in your life, The Enneagram for Teens is a must for successfully navigating the transition from being a kid to becoming an adult." Amazon.com



Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare
Lexile: 1020

Romeo and Juliet is considered by some to be the world's most well-known love story. However, this classic encompasses more than just love. Revenge and secrecy are two of the main themes in the play that depicts a long-time feud between the Montague and Capulet families in Verona, Italy. Shakespeare's language can be difficult to understand, but with some grit you'll be able to appreciate the imagery, nuances, and puns that his writing offers. Be prepared to be challenged in a new way while reading this classic!



The Seventh Most Important Thing By Shelley Pearsall One Kid. One Crime. One Chance to make things right. It's a book about making a bad choice, and redeeming yourself. 13-year-old Arthur is sentenced by the juvenile courts to work for the junk man, who asked for his redemption, rather than punishment after Arthur hit him with a brick. Over the course of the next several months, Arthur's perspective changes and he learns about what is really important. (Lexile 760)