**The Fessenden School**  
**Summer 2016**  
**Reading List Bookmark**  
**Entering Grade 8**

For required titles and instructions, please refer to the website,  
[www.fessenden.org/books](http://www.fessenden.org/books)

**ADVENTURE**

**The Eye of Minds** (Mortality Doctrine Book 1) by James Dashner
The lines between gaming and reality are blurred in this action packed hackfest.

**Phoenix Island** by John Dixon
Carl fist fights his way through life until he is sentenced to Phoenix Island—a "terminal youth facility"—until he is eighteen. While there he must decide if he wants to participate in the mysterious government experiment that is going on in "The Chop Shop."

**Endgame: The Calling** by James Frey & Nils Johnson-Shelton
Twelve contenders battle to save their bloodlines at the end of the world. First in series. Contains cryptic puzzle.

**The Rule of Three** by Eric Walters
A teen's suburban neighborhood bands together for survival in a world hit by a catastrophic blackout.

**The Martian** by Andy Weir
Astronaut Mark Watney is stuck on Mars. Now he must overcome starvation, storms, injuries and oxygen issues to survive long enough to see if he can even be rescued.

**BIography**

**Steve Jobs: The Man Who Thought Different** by Karen Blumenthal
Presents the life and career of the computer industry visionary, from his early life and creation of Apple Computer at the age of 20 to his accomplishments in technology and design. (nonfiction)

**Escape from Camp 14** by Blaine Harden
The only known account of a person born inside of a North Korean prison camp to ever have escaped; this eye opening biography tells both the story of Shin and the history of the North Korean dictatorship and politics.

**March** by John Lewis
A firsthand account of the author's lifelong struggle for civil and human rights, including his life-changing meeting with Martin Luther King, Jr., told in graphic novel form. (nonfiction)

**Legends, Icons, & Rebels: Music That Changed the World** by Robbie Robertson et al
A tribute, with CDs, to influential musicians, from Ray Charles and Bob Dylan to Ella Fitzgerald and Johnny Cash. (nonfiction)

**X: A Novel** by Ilyasah Shabazz & Kekla Magoon
Co-written by Malcom X's own daughter, this fictionalized account follows the civil rights icon through his tumultuous formative years from birth to age twenty.

**CLASSICS**

**Fahrenheit 451** by Ray Bradbury
A dystopian novel in which books are burned and censorship reigns supreme; until one man begins to question his own reality.

**Ender's Game** by Orson Scott Card
To combat aliens, the world government is breeding military geniuses and then training them in war games, at which Ender Wiggins is a genius.

**A Separate Peace** by John Knowles
At an all boys school during WWII, two very different boys come of age together.

**A River Runs Through It & Other Stories** by Norman Maclean
The story of 2 young men growing up fly fishing in the Western logging towns along the Blackfoot River of Montana.

**The Stories of Edgar Allan Poe** by Edgar Allan Poe
Creepy tales from a master of the macabre.

**HISTORICAL FICTION**

**The Boy in the Striped Pajamas** by John Boyne
In 1942, Bruno's family moves from Berlin to 'Out-With,' where his father is commandant, and Bruno makes friends with a boy on the other side of a fence.

**Code Talker** by Joseph Bruchac
A novel about the Navajo Marines of World War II and their vital secret mission.

**Wolf by Wolf** by Ryan Graudin
Yael embarks on a high stakes motorcycle race across two continents to kill Adolf Hitler.

**If I Ever Get Out of Here** by Eric Gansworth
Lewis "Shoe" Blake from the Tuscarora Reservation has a new friend—George Haddonfield from the local Air Force base—but in 1975 upstate New York there is a lot of tension and hatred between Native Americans and whites.

**Chains** by Laurie Halse Anderson
Isabel—a slave during the Revolutionary War— is granted her freedom, only to be taken into slavery yet again by an evil family of British sympathizers. Will she choose to spy on the Lockttons on behalf of the Revolutionaries and risk her life?

**Salt to the Sea** by Ruta Sepetys
The tragic story of the Wilhelm Gustloff and the ten thousand souls aboard, as told from multiple perspectives.

**Code Name Verity** by Elizabeth E. Wein
During WWII, a plane carrying two British spies crashes in Nazi occupied France. One will confess to save the other--this book is her confession. Prinz Award Winner

**HUMOR**

**Hold Me Closer Necromancer** by Lish McBride
Sam has a boring life: a job at a fast food joint, a couple of friends who skateboard with, and mouthy side that gets him into trouble. Until one day he mouths off to a necromancer and his life gets more….exciting.

**The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy** by Douglas Adams
When the Earth is destroyed to make way for a cosmic freeway, Arthur Dent is flung into wild adventures across the universe. First in a series.

**Jolted: Newton Starker's Rules for Survival** by Arthur Slade
Newton is cursed to die by lightning strike like everyone else in his family. To beat these odds he leaves his protective bubble and enrolls in Jerry Potts Survival Academy.

**Ungifted** by Gordon Korman
Due to a mix-up, troublemaker Donovan is sent to a special program for gifted and talented students, after pulling a major prank at middle school.

**Losers Take All** by David Klass
A band of misfit non-athletes create a soccer team whose primary objective is to LOSE at all cost.

**MYSTERY**

**The Naturals** (The Naturals #1) by Jennifer Lynn Barnes
A psychological thriller in which a girl with the power to "read people" joins forces with other teens with similar abilities to solve cold cases.

**Taken** by Erin Bowman
In the isolated town of Claysoo, every male is mysteriously "Heisted" on his 18th birthday, and 17-year-old Gray is determined to figure out why.

**House of Silk: A Sherlock Holmes Novel** by Anthony Horowitz
An art dealer is being followed and threatened and seeks the help of Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson.
Telling their stories.

Another boy, Quinn, witnesses the beating and the two alternately reflect on their lives. Honest, funny, and deeply affecting.

Hazel, a terminal cancer patient, meets Gus at a cancer support group, forcing her to reexamine her perspective on love, loss, and life. Honest, funny, and deeply affecting.

Two best friends, a writer and a runner, deal with bullies, family issues, social pressures, and their quest for success coming out of Harlem.

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The story of a man as told by his dog, Enzo. Enzo knows everything there is to know about Denny, a race car driver, and this funny, sometimes sad account of their lives together will especially resonate with dog lovers.

The evolution of humans and food: from hunter gatherer to GMOs and big agriculture, this is the story of what we eat and how it has changed us. (nonfiction)

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College recruiters all want to sign up Terrell, the #1 basketball player in the country, but who can he trust?

A basketball team is torn between loyalty to the game and their own safety when the Blood Street Nation Gang asks them to wear their colors during a big game.

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