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"That is one good thing about this world...there are always sure to be more springs." – LM Montgomery

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Happy reading! – Miss Mullins, Miss Walker, and Miss McGarr



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March's MOST POPULAR BOOKS

- 1** *A Good Girl's Guide to Murder* by Holly Jackson
- 2** *I Must Betray You* by Ruta Sepetys
- 3** *Catching Fire* by Suzanne Collins
- 4** *Cinderella is Dead* by Kalynn Bayron
- 5** *Like a Curse* by Elle McNicoll
- 6** *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood
- 7** *One of Us is Lying* by Karen M. McManus
- 8** *Percy Jackson and the Sea of Monsters* by Rick Riordan

STAR BORROWERS OF THE MONTH

Each month we highlight star borrowers- those that have borrowed 5 or more books.

Year 7

Neev 7N
Juliet 7N
Amelie 7N
Khushi 7N
Ananya 7W
Aaradhna 7W
Simran 7W
Nidhi 7W
Angel 7S
Ava 7S
Deborah 7S
Srinidhi 7S

Year 8

Xinyan 7S
April 7F
Merisha 7F
Tripti 7F
Dia 7F
Jasmine 7F
Sophie 7G
Rebecca 7P
Sophie 7P
Elizabeth 7P
Mariam 7P
Naomi 7P
Hansikaa 7P
Mia 7P

Year 8

Priyanka 8W
Madeleine 8W
Diyansa 8S
Charlotte 8S
Reika 8S
Olivia 8S
Ithaa 8S
Tia 8S
Senumi 8S
Erin 8S
Imaan 8F
Anushka 8F

Year 8

Sara 8F
Dhiviyaa 8G
Aksha 8P
Taara 8P
Vyshali 8P

Year 9

Tania 9N
Tanisha 9W
Celia 9S
Anika 9S
Eunice 9S
Arielle 9S
Izabelle 9S
Eniola 9F
Aashvi 9G
Olivia 9P

Year 10

Oluwatoni 10W
Chioma 10S
Finn 10F
Nandana 10G
Joanna 10G
Camilla 10G
Moya 10P
Lizzy 10P

Year 11

Sorena 11S
Vyshally 11S
Klementyna 11S
Aahana 11G
Sara 11G

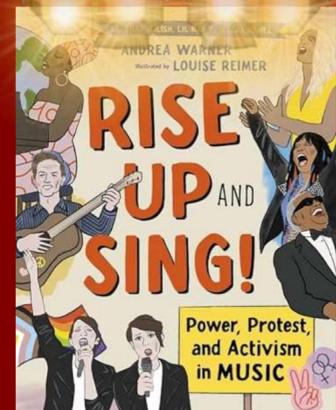
Year 12

Naomi 12N
Frances 12N
Julia 12S
Niamh 12G

Year 13

Riya 13F
Cavell 13F
Imaan 13P
Seher 13H

Wish List Spotlight:



Rise Up and Sing! Power, Protest, and Activism in Music by Andrea Warner and Louise Reimer

This inspiring introduction to activism and social justice for young teens shows the important role music plays in changing the world. In *Rise Up and Sing!*, Andrea Warner explores how music has contributed to the fight for social justice. Across eight areas of activism—the climate emergency, indigenous rights, civil rights, disability rights, 2SLGBTQIA+ rights, gender equality, the peace/anti-war movement, and human rights—Warner introduces some of the artists, past and present, who have made a difference both on stage and off.

Through ground-breaking artists and iconic moments, *Rise Up and Sing!* shows us that a song is never just a song, and that music really does have the power to change the world.

NEW

It's time to get your half term reading sorted! Below are some suggestions in the form of some of the most recent additions to the library stock. There is an eclectic mixture of fiction and non-fiction, as well as manga and graphic novels, so there should be something for everyone. Remember that years 7, 8, and 9 can take out 4 books at a time, years 10 and 11 can take out 6 books, and sixth form can take out 8 books. Enjoy!

Am I Made of Stardust? By Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock

Award-winning scientist and BBC broadcaster Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock (MBE) is here to answer all the questions curious kids will ever have about the Universe. How long would it take me to fly to a star? What would happen if I fell inside a black hole? Would I get a phone signal in space? From whether there are rainbows on other planets to what dinner tastes like on the International Space Station, this book is packed full of fabulous facts, mind-blowing insights and engaging explanations from the renowned space scientist. Written in Dr Maggie's fun, accessible style, and featuring out-of-this-world illustrations throughout, it's guaranteed to bring the wonders of space and science to life for young readers.



Twin Crowns #2: Cursed Crowns by Catherine Doyle and Catherine Webber

Twin queens Wren and Rose have claimed their crowns... but not everyone is happy about witches sitting on Eana's throne. Cool-headed Rose sets off on a Royal Tour to win over the doubters, but soon finds herself drawn to the Sunless Kingdom. Here secrets are revealed about those closest to her, and Rose finds her loyalties divided. Meanwhile rebellious Wren steals away to the icy north to rescue her beloved grandmother, Banba. But when she accepts King Alarik's deadly magical bargain in exchange for Banba's freedom, the spell has unexpected - and far-reaching - consequences...



Secret Weapon by Anthony Horowitz

Ever since MI6 recognized his potential, Alex Rider has constantly been thrust into the line of danger. From a routine visit to the dentist that turns into a chase through the streets of London, to a school trip with a deadly twist, no day has ever been ordinary for the teenage super-spy. This collection of seven thrilling adventures features familiar and new assailants from the best-loved world of Alex Rider, and also includes three, brand new and action-packed adventures.

A Twisted Tale: Almost There by Farrah Rochon

What if Tiana made a deal that changed everything? When the notorious Dr. Facilier backs Tiana into a corner, she has no choice but to accept an offer that will alter the course of her life in an instant. Soon Tiana finds herself in a new reality where all her deepest desires are realised - she finally gets her restaurant, her friends are safe and sound, and, perhaps most miraculously of all, her beloved father is still alive. But after a while, her hometown grows increasingly eerie, and Tiana must work alongside Naveen and Charlotte to set things right - or risk losing everything she holds dear.



The Times I Knew I Was Gay by Eleanor Crewes

Ellie always knew she was different. Contrary and creative, she wore black, obsessed over Willow in Buffy and somehow never really liked boys. As she grew, so did her fears and a deep sense of longing. From her first communion to her first girlfriend via a swathe of self-defiant, awkward encounters and everyday courage, Ellie's journey is told through tender and funny illustrations - a self-portrait sketched out from the heart. *The Times I Knew I Was Gay* reminds us that sexuality is not often determined by falling in love with others, but by coming to terms with oneself; that people must come out not just once but again and again. Full of vitality and love, it will ring true for anyone who took time to discover who they truly are.



Girl in Pieces by Kathleen Glasgow

Charlotte Davis is in pieces. At seventeen she's already lost more than most people lose in a lifetime. But she's learned how to forget. The broken glass washes away the sorrow until there is nothing but calm. You don't have to think about your father and the river. Your best friend, who is gone forever. Or your mother, who has nothing left to give you. Every new scar hardens Charlie's heart just a little more, yet it still hurts so much. It hurts enough to not care anymore, which is sometimes what has to happen before you can find your way back from the edge.

The Fragile Threads of Power by VE Schwab

Seven years have passed since the doors between the worlds were sealed. Seven years since Kell, Lila and Holland stood against Osaron, a desperate battle that saved the worlds of Red, Grey and White London. Seven years since Kell's magic was shattered, and Holland lost his life. Now Rhy Maresh rules Red London with his new family - his queen, Nadiya, their daughter Ren, and his consort, Alucard. But his city boils with conspiracy and rebellion, fuelled by rumours he is causing magic to fade from the world. Now Kosika, a child Antari, sits on the throne of White London. The new queen leads her people in new rituals of sacrifice and blood in devotion to the altar of Holland Vosijik, summoning vast power she may not be able to control.

Finding Moonshine: A Mathematician's Journey Through Symmetry by Marcus du Sautoy

This is the story of how humankind has come to its understanding of the bizarre world of symmetry - a subject of fundamental significance to the way we interpret the world around us. Marcus du Sautoy constantly strives to push his own boundaries to find ways in which to share the excitement of mathematics with a broader audience; this book charts his own personal quest to master one of the most innate and intangible concepts, and to demonstrate the intricacy and beauty of the world around us.

An Echo Falls Mystery #3: Into the Dark by Peter Abrahams

An idyllic day of snowshoeing on Grampy's land with the sheriff's son, Joey, turns out to be less than idyllic when thirteen-year-old super sleuth Ingrid Levin-Hill stumbles on a body lying in the snow. This discovery sends the town of Echo Falls into a tailspin in which secrets long hidden are revealed and Grampy gets sent to jail. While Ingrid works to clear Grampy's name and uncover what really happened to the man in the snow, she discovers even more secrets she wishes she never knew. Just like the character Gretel, whom Ingrid is playing in a local production of *Hansel and Gretel*, Ingrid must go deep into the darkness to find the truth.

The Secret Loves of Geek Girls edited by Hope Nicholson

The Secret Loves of Geek Girls is a non-fiction anthology mixing prose, comics, and illustrated stories on the lives and loves of an amazing cast of female creators. It's a compilation of tales told from both sides of the tables: from the fans who love video games, comics, and sci-fi to those that work behind the scenes: creators and industry insiders.

The Doomsday Date by Faridah Abik-lyimide

On the day before the world is meant to end, Sanjeet dyes his hair pink... He's determined not to die without ever having really lived, so he's come up with the Doomsday List. Ten things he needs to do before the sky comes crashing down. Solo knows the world's not going anywhere. But, as Sanjeet's best friend, she's decided to help him out. As the seconds tick down to midnight, Sanjeet will need all his courage - and Solo's, to finish the list. Especially number ten. The one that scares him the most.

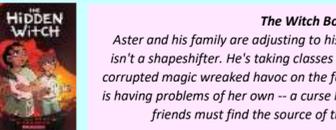
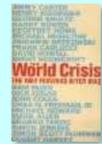


Batman: The Return of Bruce Wayne by Grant Morrison

Grant Morrison's best-selling multi-part Batman epic continues with Bruce Wayne's return to Gotham city. A time-spanning graphic novel featuring Bruce Wayne's return to City to take back the mantle of Batman, written by award-winning writer Grant Morrison and illustrated by a stable of today's hottest artists including Chris Sprouse, Frazer Irving and Yannick Paquette. This is the final chapter of the epic storyline that began in the bestselling graphic novels *Batman: R.I.P.* and *Final Crisis* in which the original Batman was lost in time.

The World Crisis: The Way Forward After Iraq by Robert Harvey

Robert Harvey and Geoffrey Howe have brought together a collection of nineteen wise men of global politics who are united in their dismay at the direction that international relations has taken since 2001. They offer recommendations of how to unravel the mess that Western governments find themselves in after their disastrous interventions in Iraq and Afghanistan. They suggest that the War on Terror has been misguided, poorly executed and that the threat has been over-emphasised, which has been used to introduce legislation that has to a severe erosion of our civil liberties. For the future, they suggest we should focus on the really important issues that face the world today. Each discusses exactly what those issues are.



The Witch Boy #2: The Hidden Witch by Molly Knox Ostertag

Aster and his family are adjusting to his unconventional talent for witchery; unlike the other boys in his family, he isn't a shapeshifter. He's taking classes with his grandmother and helping to keep an eye on his great-uncle whose corrupted magic wreaked havoc on the family. Aster's friend from the non-magical part of town, Charlie, is having problems of her own -- a curse has tried to attach itself to her. She runs to Aster and escapes it, but now the friends must find the source of the curse before more people -- normal and magical alike -- get hurt.

England's Best Loved Poems: The Enchantment of England edited by George Courtauld

This treasure trove of very British poetry brings together over 100 classic poems, selected by bestselling author and proud patriot George Courtauld. Including national favourites such as Rupert Brooke's 'The Soldier', George Herbert's 'Love' and John Betjeman's 'A Subaltern's Love Song' these are poems chosen for their resonant power, nostalgia and simplicity. Following themes such as bravery and fellowship, love and regret, and people and places, this charming collection is a pleasure to dip into. And with lesser-known poems by the likes of Emily Bronte, Winston Churchill and Sir Walter Raleigh, this inspiring anthology offers more than the average poetry book. The author places each poem in its historical context, gives a potted biography of each poet and offers his own personal interpretation of the words and themes. This wonderful and original collection will enchant poetry lovers everywhere.



Assassin's Creed Dynasty, Volume 1 by Xu Xianzhe

In the 14th year of the Tianbao Era (CE 755) An Lushan, a military governor with ties to the Knights Templar, leads his elite corps to rebel against the Tang Dynasty, and the ill-prepared Tang empire falters under the threat. The two capitals Luoyang and Chang'an fall and China falls under the oppression of the cruel An Lushan. As the Tang dynasty starts to crumble, Li E, a shady Assassin trained by the Hidden Ones in the far West, teams up with Tang loyalists to turn the tide and save both the dynasty and the country from this crisis.

Chemistry in Action by Michael Freemantle

This second edition aims to provide a modern, comprehensive and systematic treatment of the core chemistry required to advanced level standard. Learning objectives and chapter summaries help to guide the student and the range of questions in this edition has been extended to meet the needs of a wide range of student abilities. This edition also contains updated content including the introduction of high temperature superconductivity, greenhouse effect and research on AIDS. The new content also reflects syllabus changes and more worked examples have been added.



My Summer of You, Volume 1: The Summer of You by Nagisa Furuya

Chiharu Saeki and Wataru Toda are two high school students who share a common hobby: They love to watch movies. After they meet, they become fast friends, until one day, when Chiharu confesses his love for Wataru. Wataru says that Chiharu's confession doesn't bother him, and the boys continue throughout their summer, going to pilgrimages to see film spots from their favorite movies. But the more time he spends with Chiharu, Wataru realizes that he may not only be as unaffected by Chiharu's confession as he claimed to be, but those feelings may also be mutual...



Howl's Moving Castle #2: Castle in the Air by Diana Wynne Jones

Far to the south of the land of Ingary, in the Sultanates of Rashpuht, there lived in the city of Zanzib a young and not very prosperous carpet dealer named Abdullah who loved to spend his time daydreaming. He was content with his life and his daydreams until, one day, a stranger sold him a magic carpet. That very night, the carpet flew him to an enchanted garden. There, he met and fell in love with the beautiful princess Flower-in-the-Night, only to have her snatched away, right under his very nose, by a wicked djinn. With only his magic carpet and his wits to help him, Abdullah sets off to rescue his princess...

