


Librarians' Summer Reading List 2009 Young Adult Titles

 Anderson, Laurie Halse. **Wintergirls**. Young Adult.

Summary: I got a little tired of hearing that Cassie called Lia 33 times on the night she died, but once that was over, the rest of the book dug its claws in and wouldn't let go. It's a wrenching story of both anorexia and bulimia, who wins and who loses in the battle to be thinnest. Don't believe everything you read in the reviews about Cassie committing suicide, though. You may not be convinced.

Blundell, Judy. **What I Saw and How I Lied**. Young Adult

Summary: A psychological thriller set soon after the end of World War II. 16 yr. old Evie experiences first love, betrayal, and probable murder in this stylish, sly book that feels like film noire. Great writing!

Collins, Suzanne. **The Hunger Games** Young Adult.

Summary: An edge-of-your-seat suspenseful tale set in the future, when each of the 12 regions in our country must send 2 "tributes" between the ages of 12 and 18 to participate in the punitive Hunger Games: a survival game, to the death. Katniss is horrified to hear her younger sister's name chosen, and volunteers to go in her place, and we follow her experience with bated breath. (Sequel in Sep 09!)

Gardner, Sally. **The Red Necklace**. Young Adult

Summary: The French Revolution is in the making and a young man must save the girl he loves. Magic and intrigue abound.

 Green, John. **Paper Towns**. Young Adult

Summary: Quentin has been in love with his neighbor, Margot Roth Spiegelman, most of their childhood, though they move in different circles now. When she shows up at his bedroom window in the middle of the night a few weeks before their high school graduation to enlist his help in exacting revenge on her boyfriend and a few others, a chain of events is set into motion that he can not resist (and neither could this reader).

Kluger, Steve. **My Most Excellent Year: A Novel of Love, Mary Poppins and Fenway Park**. Young Adult


Summary: Follow three high school freshmen as they individually discover their sexual orientation and theatrical talent and while attempting to make a deaf child's greatest wish come true. Multiple formats (instant messaging, etc). keep the pace brisk in this feel good novel full of romance, humor, friendship and baseball. You will wish you knew these kids!


 Meyer, Stephanie. **Twilight Series (4 books in the series)**. Young Adult


Summary: Follow the adventures of a klutz named Bella as she tries to survive high school, vampires and werewolves.

Nuzum, K. A.. **A Small White Scar**. Young Adult



Summary: Two brothers have to learn how to grow up with a disability. It is based out West in the 1940's.

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 Paolini, Christopher. **Eragon**. Young Adult

Summary: Part 1 of the Inheritance trilogy. Magic and powers abound as fifteen year old Eragon and his dragon, Saphira, strive to rid Alagaësia of evil and treachery. A page turner.

  Zusak, Markus. **The Book Thief**. Young Adult (issued as Adult in New Zealand when originally published)

Summary: Hitler's Germany troubles the lives of a young German girl, her communist mother, who gives the girl up shortly before being arrested, her adoptive German parents, their neighbors, and a young man hidden in their basement. Death is the narrator in this book, and is perplexed but loving in his observations on humanity..

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