

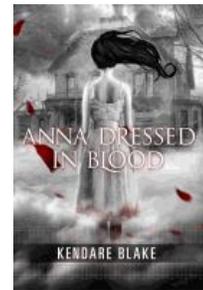
Recommended titles for *Summer “Poole”-side Reading* Fiction

Asher, Jay. *Future of Us*. Razorbill, 2011. Emma gets her first computer and an America Online CD-ROM in 1996, and when her best friend Josh visits and they log on, they discover themselves on Facebook fifteen years in the future.

Bick, Ilsa. *Ashes*. Egmont USA, 2011. Alex, Tom, and Ellie join forces after an electromagnetic pulse sweeps through the sky. The pulse kills most of the world's population and destroys all computer devices, but it also turns some who remain into zombies or gives them superhuman senses.

Black, Holly and Justine Larbalestier. *Zombies vs. Unicorns*. Simon & Schuster/Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2010. Twelve short stories by a variety of authors seek to answer the question of whether zombies are better than unicorns.

Blake, Kendare. *Anna Dressed in Blood*. TorTeen, 2011. Cas Lowood, armed with his late father's mysterious athame, sets out to kill a ghost known as Anna Dressed in Blood, but what he believes will be a routine task turns deadly when he discovers Anna is unlike any ghost he has ever encountered before.



Coelho, Paulo. *The Alchemist*. HarperSanFrancisco, 2006. The magical story of Santiago, an Andalusian shepherd boy who yearns to travel in search of a worldly treasure. The story of the treasures Santiago finds along the way teaches us, as only a few stories have done, about the essential wisdom of listening to our hearts, learning to read the omens strewn along life's path, and, above all, following our dreams.

Emond, Stephen. *Happyface*. Little, Brown and Co., 2010. After going through traumatic times, a troubled, socially awkward teenager moves to a new school where he tries to reinvent himself.

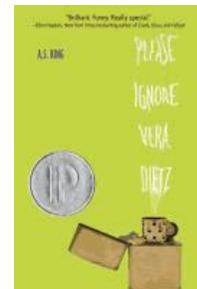
Green, John. *The Fault In Our Stars*. Dutton Books, 2012. Diagnosed with Stage IV thyroid cancer at 12, Hazel was prepared to die until, at 14, a medical miracle shrunk the tumors in her lungs. for now. Two years post-miracle, sixteen-year-old Hazel is post-everything else, too - post-high school, post-friends and post-normalcy. Enter Augustus Waters. A match made at cancer kid support group, Augustus is gorgeous, in remission, and - shockingly, to her - interested in Hazel.

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Harstad, Johan. *172 hours on the moon : a novel*. Little, Brown, 2012. It's been decades since anyone set foot on the moon. Now three ordinary teenagers, the winners of NASA's unprecedented, worldwide lottery, are about to become the first young people in space-- and change their lives forever. It is the opportunity of a lifetime, but little do the teenagers know that something sinister is waiting for them on the desolate surface of the moon. And in the black vacuum of space... no one is coming to save them. In this chilling adventure set in the most brutal landscape known to man, highly acclaimed Norwegian novelist Johan Harstad creates a vivid and frightening world of possibilities we can only hope never comes true.

Horowitz, Anthony. *Legends: The Wrath of the Gods*. Kingfisher, 2012. Don't mess with the gods. And if they mess with you? Run like hell . . . When it comes to mixing it up with the Gods, woe be to the man (or woman) who makes them angry. Here is a collection of five stories that demonstrates just how angry those Gods can get. Creative re-tellings of the Greek stories Pandora's Box, The Judgment of Paris, and Narcissus and Echo, to less familiar but equally cautionary Viking story of The Stolen Hammer of Thor, and the Inuit legend of The Ten Fingers of Sedna.

King, A.S. *Please Ignore Vera Dietz*. Alfred A. Knopf, c2010. When her best friend, whom she secretly loves, betrays her and then dies under mysterious circumstances, high school senior Vera Dietz struggles with secrets that could help clear his name.



Lu, Marie. *Legend*. Penguin Group/Putnam Juvenile 2011. In a dark future, when North America has split into two warring nations, fifteen-year-olds Day, a famous criminal, and prodigy June, the brilliant soldier hired to capture him, discover that they have a common enemy.

Park, Linda Sue. *A long walk to water : a novel : based on a true story*. Clarion Books, 2010. When the Sudanese civil war reaches his village in 1985, eleven-year-old Salva becomes separated from his family and must walk with other Dinka tribe members through southern Sudan, Ethiopia, and Kenya in search of safe haven. Based on the life of Salva Dut, who, after emigrating to America in 1996, began a project to dig water wells in Sudan.

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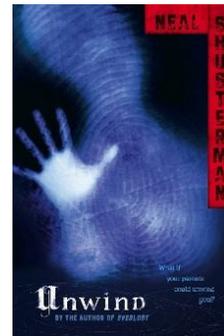
Pearce, Jackson. *Sisters Red*. Little, Brown, and Company, 2010. After a Fenris, or werewolf, killed their grandmother and almost killed them, sisters Scarlett and Rosie March devote themselves to hunting and killing the beasts that prey on teenaged girls, learning how to lure them with red cloaks and occasionally using the help of their old friend, Silas, the woodsman's son.

Pierce, Tamora and Josepha Sherman. *Young Warriors*. Random House, 2005. Fifteen original short stories by various authors relate the exploits of teenage warriors who defeat their enemies with cunning and skill as they strive to fulfill their destinies.

Revis, Beth. *Across the Universe*. Razorbill, 2011. Amy, having been cryogenically frozen and placed onboard a spaceship which was supposed to land on a distant planet three hundred years in the future, is unplugged fifty years too early and finds herself stuck inside an enclosed world ruled by a tyrannical leader and his rebellious teenage heir and confused about who to trust and why someone is trying to kill her.

Roth, Veronica. *Divergent*. Katherine Tegen Books, 2011. In a future Chicago, sixteen-year-old Beatrice Prior must choose among five predetermined factions to define her identity for the rest of her life, a decision made more difficult when she discovers that she is an anomaly who does not fit into any one group, and that the society she lives in is not perfect after all.

Shusterman, Neil. *Unwind*. Simon & Shuster, 2007. In a society where unwanted teens are salvaged for their body parts, three runaways fight the system that would "unwind" them. Brought together by chance, and kept together by desperation, these three unlikely companions make a harrowing cross-country journey, knowing their lives hang in the balance. If they can survive until their eighteenth birthday, they can't be harmed -- but when every piece of them, from their hands to their hearts, are wanted by a world gone mad, eighteen seems far, far away.



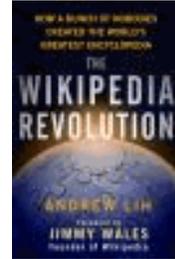
Wooding, Chris. *Poison*. Orchard Books, 2005. When Poison leaves her home in the marshes of Gull to retrieve the infant sister who was snatched by the fairies, she and a group of unusual friends survive encounters with the inhabitants of various Realms, and Poison herself confronts a surprising destiny.

Yovanoff, Brenna. *The Space Between*. Razorbill, 2011. Daphne, the half-demon, half-fallen angel daughter of Lucifer and Lilith, leaves her home in Pandemonium to search for her missing brother, Obie, on Earth, but after she begins to exercise her demonic powers to track Obie down, Daphne faces dangerous archangels and bonds with a human boy.

Recommended titles for Summer “Poole”-side Reading Non-Fiction

Kallen, Stuart. *Alien abductions*. ReferencePoint Press, 2008. Examines the historical evidence concerning UFOs and possible alien abductions; and includes individual stories from scientists, experts, and eyewitnesses.

Lih, Andrew. *The Wikipedia revolution : how a bunch of nobodies created the world's greatest encyclopedia*. Hyperion, 2009. Examines the history and popularity of Wikipedia, a multilingual Internet encyclopedia that features informative articles written by volunteers and edited by anyone.



McGonigle, Jane. *Reality is Broken: Why Games Make Us Better and How They Can Change the World*. Penguin Press, 2011. Game designer Jane McGonigal explains how videogames can be used to help solve real-world problems, describing what game designers understand about what makes people happy, and discusses how games that feature alternative realities and problem-solving challenges can improve daily living, depression, obesity, and other twenty-first-century issues.

Muller, R. *The Instant Physicist*. W.W. Norton, 2011. It is simply laid out: on left-hand pages, there are brief examinations of interesting or little-known facts; on right-hand pages, there are Joey Manfre’s humorous illustrations based on those facts. Readers will learn a lot from the book: you can outrun a tsunami and plutonium is 1,000 times less toxic than Botox. Oh, and Muller reveals the truth behind the world-famous 1947 crash of those mysterious flying disks in Roswell, New Mexico (it’s not what you might think). Very entertaining and very informative—a winning combination

Neimark, Anne E. *Johnny Cash: A Twentieth Century Life*. Viking, 2007. A biography of singer/songwriter Johnny Cash, discussing his childhood in the midst of the Great Depression, the tragic death of his brother, his struggles with drugs and alcohol, his marriages, and his legendary career. Johnny Cash was so much more than a country-music star. The only musician ever to be inducted into three halls of fame (Country Music, Rock and Roll, and Songwriters), his music and his legacy have influenced performers ranging from Bob Dylan to U2 to Nine Inch Nails.

Robison, John Elder. *Be different : adventures of a free-range Aspergian with practical advice for Aspergians, misfits, families & teachers*. The author provides insights into the minds of people who have been diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome through stories from his own life, as well as those of other Aspergians, and offers advice to people with the syndrome on how to deal with the attending weak communication and social skills that can hold them back.

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Stewart, Gail B. *The Bermuda Triangle*. ReferencePoint Press, 2009. Shares stories of some of the unexplained disappearances and other odd phenomena that have occurred in the Bermuda Triangle, an area located within the triangle formed between Miami, Bermuda, and Puerto Rico, and speculates on the reasons for the mysteries.

Tenzer, Debbie. *Do One Nice Thing : Little Things You Can Do To Make the World A Lot Nicer*. Crown, c2009. Do one nice thing with friends and family -- Do one nice thing for children -- Do one nice thing for pets and the planet -- Do one nice thing that heals -- Do one nice thing in town -- Do one nice thing around the globe -- Do one nice thing for soldiers -- Just click! Do one nice thing online. Contains over one hundred stories and suggestions that feature ideas for small acts of kindness that can be done for friends, coworkers, animals, and others.



Tyson, Neil DeGrasse. *The Pluto Files: The Rise and Fall of America's Favorite Planet*. W. W. Norton & Company, 2009. The "New York Times"-bestselling author chronicles America's irrational love affair with Pluto. In his typically witty way, Tyson explores the history of planet classification and America's obsession with the "planet" that's recently been judged a dwarf. 35 color, 10 black & white illustrations.

We Are Witnesses: Five Diaries of Teenagers Who Died in the Holocaust. Square Fish, 2009. The five diarists in this book did not survive the war. But their words did. Each diary reveals one voice, one teenager coping with the impossible. These stark accounts of how five young people faced the worst of human evil are a testament, and an inspiration, to the best of the human soul.

Resources utilized for this selection:

American Library Association www.ala.org

Guys Read.com <http://www.guysread.com/>

Teens Read.com Ultimate Reading List <http://www.teenreads.com/features/ultimate-reading-list.asp>

Voices of Youth Advocates www.voya.com

And of course, Mrs. Poole and the quick-witted members of the Student Library Advisory Council.