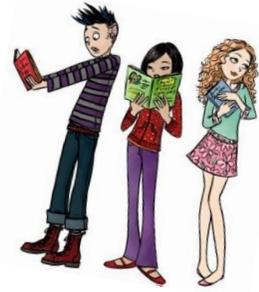


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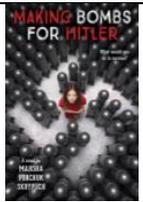


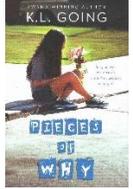
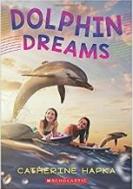
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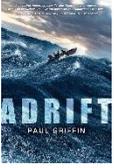
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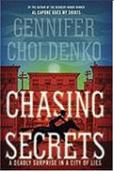
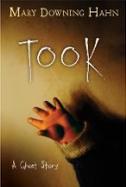
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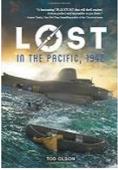
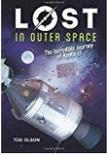
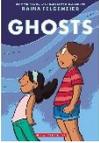
* Read 1 book from the RRA book list and 1 free choice. Students will complete a graded project based on one of their books during the first 4 weeks of school.

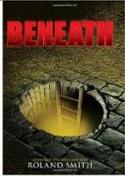
	Title	Author	Synopsis
	1. <u>Horizon</u>	Scott Westerfeld	A tropical rainforest in the Arctic Circle? Nothing is as it seems and the rules for survival are upside down.
	2. DC Comics Secret Hero Society: <u>Fort Solitude</u>	Dereck Fridolfs	Spring break isn't relaxing when you're a superhero!
	3. <u>Scar Island</u> <u>Available on Overdrive</u>	Dan Gemeinhart	On an isle of misfit boys, suddenly the inmates are running the asylum!
	4. <u>Making Bombs for Hitler</u>	Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch	Lida thought she was safe. Lida's parents are ripped away from her and she is separated from her beloved sister, Larissa. The Nazis take Lida to a brutal work camp, where she and other Ukrainian children are forced into backbreaking labor. When Lida and her friends are assigned to make bombs for the German army, Lida cannot stand the thought of helping the enemy. Then she has an idea. What if she sabotaged the bombs, and the Nazis? And if she's freed, will she ever find her sister again?

	5. <u>Irena's Children</u>	Tilar J. Mazzeo	The extraordinary story of the “female Oscar Schindler,” who took risks to save 2,500 children during World War II.
	6. <u>EXO</u>	Fonda Lee	It has been a century of peace since Earth became a colony of an alien race with far reaches into the galaxy. Some die-hard extremists still oppose their rule on Earth. Donovan is determined to end alien rule when he is abducted.
	7. <u>OVERTURNED</u>	Lamar Giles	Nikki Tate is infamous, even by Las Vegas standards. Her dad is sitting on death row, convicted of killing his best friend in a gambling dispute turned ugly.
	8. <u>Serafina and the Twisted Staff</u> Available on Overdrive	Robert Beatty	Serafina finds herself caught between two worlds: she's too wild for Biltmore estate's beautifully dressed ladies and formal customs and too human to fully join her forest kin. Then, late one night, she encounters a strange and terrifying figure and is attacked by the vicious wolfhounds under his control.
	9. <u>Pieces of Why</u> Available on Overdrive	K.L. Going	When a shooting happens in her neighborhood, Tia can't sing anymore. Will she find her voice again?
	10. <u>Dolphin Dreams</u>	Katherine Hapka	Can Avery and Maria overcome their differences to save their dolphin friend?
	11. <u>Reformed</u>	Justin Weinberger	What's harder than surviving a school bully? Surviving a school full of bullies.
	12. <u>Big Top Burning: The True Story of an Arsonist, a Missing Girl, and the Greatest Show on Earth</u>	Laura Woollett	On July 6, 1944, thousands of fans made their way to Barbour Street in Hartford, Connecticut, to see the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus performance. Not long after the show's start, a fire broke out and

			spread rapidly as panicked circus-goers pushed and scrambled to escape. Within 10 minutes the entire big top had burned to the ground, and 167 people never went home.
	Available on Overdrive		
	13. <u>Adrift</u>	Paul Griffin	<p><i>Five teenagers. One boat. Who will come back alive?</i></p> <p>Matt and his best friend, John, only came out to Montauk for the summer to make a little extra cash and then head back home. A seemingly basic plan for two guys from Queens. And then Matt meets Driana. Because it's always about a girl, right? The girl leads to a party, the party leads to a boat, which leads to being adrift at sea with three rich kids who have no clue about how to navigate a boat, let alone actually survive.</p>
	14. <u>Book Scavenger</u>	Chambliss Bertman	<p>For twelve-year-old Emily, the best thing about moving to San Francisco is that it's the home city of her literary idol: Garrison Griswold, book publisher and creator of the online sensation Book Scavenger (a game where books are hidden in cities all over the country and clues to find them are revealed through puzzles). Upon her arrival, however, Emily learns that Griswold has been attacked and is now in a coma, and no one knows anything about the epic new game he had been poised to launch. Then Emily and her new friend James discover an odd book, which they come to believe is from Griswold himself, and might contain the only copy of his mysterious new game.</p>
	Available on Overdrive		
	15. <u>Fast Break</u>	Mike Lupica	<p>Forced to live on his own after his mom dies and her boyfriend abandons him, Jayson does whatever it takes to get by. He will do anything to avoid foster care. He manages to get away with his deception until he gets caught stealing a new pair of</p>

			<p>basketball sneakers. Game over. Within a day a social worker places him with a family from the other side of town, the Lawtons. New home, new school, new teammates.</p>
	<p>16. <u>Chasing Secrets</u></p> <p>Available on Overdrive</p>	Gennifer Choldenko	<p>Thirteen-year-old Lizzie and her secret friend Noah, who is hiding in her house, plan to rescue Noah's father from the quarantined Chinatown, and save everyone they love from contracting the plague that is spreading in 1900 San Francisco.</p>
	<p>17. <u>The Chosen Prince</u></p> <p>Available on Overdrive</p>	Diane Stanley	<p>From master storyteller Diane Stanley comes a spellbinding tale, based on Shakespeare's <i>The Tempest</i>, of two princes—one chosen, one lost—and a mysterious girl on a magical island, all caught in a great web of destiny.</p> <p>On the day of his birth, Prince Alexos is revealed to be the long-awaited champion of Athene. He grows up lonely, conscious of all that is expected of him. But Alexos discovers that being a champion isn't about fame and glory—it's about sacrifice and courage.</p> <p>Alexos follows the course of his destiny through war and loss and a deadly confrontation with his enemy to its end: shipwreck on a magical, fog-shrouded island. There he meets the unforgettable Aria, and faces the greatest challenge of his life.</p>
	<p>18. <u>Took</u></p>	Mary Downing Hahn	<p>Thirteen-year-old Daniel Anderson doesn't believe Brody Mason's crazy stories about the ghost witch who lives up on Brewster's Hill with Bloody Bones, her man-eating razorback hog. He figures Brody's probably just trying to scare him since he's the new kid . . . a "stuck-up snot" from Connecticut. But Daniel's seven-year-old sister Erica has become more and more withdrawn, talking to her lookalike doll. When she disappears into the woods one day, he knows something</p>

			is terribly wrong. Did the witch strike? Has Erica been “took”?
	19. <u>Lost in the Pacific, 1942</u>	Tod Olson	On October 21, 1942, a B-17 bomber drones high over the Pacific Ocean, sending a desperate SOS into the air. The crew is carrying America's greatest living war hero on a secret mission deep into the battle zone, but the plane is lost, burning through its final gallons of fuel. At 1:30 p.m., there is only one choice left: an emergency landing at sea. If the crew survives the impact, they will be left stranded without food or water hundreds of miles from civilization. Eight men. Three inflatable rafts. Sixty-eight million square miles of ocean. What will it take to make it back alive?
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	21. <u>Ghosts</u>	Raina Telgemeier	Catrina and her family are moving to the coast of Northern California because her little sister, Maya, is sick. Cat isn't happy about leaving her friends for Bahía de la Luna, but Maya has cystic fibrosis and will benefit from the cool, salty air that blows in from the sea. As the girls explore their new home, a neighbor lets them in on a secret: There are ghosts in Bahía de la Luna. Maya is determined to meet one, but Cat wants nothing to do with

			<p>them. As the time of year when ghosts reunite with their loved ones approaches, Cat must figure out how to put aside her fears for her sister's sake -- and her own.</p>
	<p>22. <u>Beneath</u></p>	<p>Rolland Smith</p>	<p>Pat O'Toole has always idolized his older brother, Coop. Coop is . . . different. He doesn't talk on the phone, doesn't use email, and doesn't have friends. He's never really cared for anything but the thrill of being underground and Pat. So it's no surprise to anyone -- even Pat -- that after a huge fight with their parents, Coop runs away. Exactly one year later, Pat receives a package containing a digital voice recorder and a cryptic message from his brother. He follows the clues to New York City, and soon discovers that Coop has joined the Community, a self-sufficient society living beneath the streets. Now it's up to Pat to find his brother -- and bring him home.</p>