

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Middle School
Librarian's Favorite Books

- FIC ALB AR 4.7 r1
Albom, Mitch. The Five People You Meet in Heaven.
After Eddie's death on his 83rd birthday, he meets five people who tell the impact of his life on theirs.
- 155.9 ALB AR 5.5 r1
Albom, Mitch. Tuesdays with Morrie: An Old Man, a Young Man, and Life's Greatest Lesson.
The author, an alumnus of Brandeis University, tells of his meetings with a former professor suffering from Lou Gehrig's disease and of the lessons he learned about life and death from his college mentor.
- FIC ALC AR 7.9 r1
Alcott, Louisa May, 1832-1888. Little Women.
Chronicles the humorous and sentimental fortunes of the four March sisters as they grow into young ladies in nineteenth-century New England.
- FIC AVI AR 3.6 r1
Avi. Nothing but the Truth.
A ninth-grader's suspension for singing "The Star-Spangled Banner" during homeroom becomes a national news story.
- FIC COM AR 5.4 r1
Coman, Carolyn. What Jamie Saw.
Having fled to a family friend's hillside trailer after his mother's boyfriend tried to throw his baby sister against a wall, nine-year-old Jamie finds himself living an existence full of uncertainty and fear.
- FIC COO AR 4.7 r1
Cooney, Caroline B. Whatever Happened to Janie?
The members of two families have their lives disrupted when a teenage girl who had been kidnapped twelve years earlier discovers that the people who raised her are not her biological parents.
- FIC COR AR 5.2 r1
Cormier, Robert. I Am the Cheese.
A young boy desperately tries to unlock his past yet knows he must hide those memories if he is to remain alive.
- FIC CRE AR 4.9 r1
Creech, Sharon. Walk Two Moons.
After her mother leaves home suddenly, thirteen-year-old Sal and her grandparents take a car trip retracing her mother's route. Along the way, Sal recounts the story of her friend Phoebe, whose mother also left.
- FIC CUR AR 5.0 r1
Curtis, Christopher Paul. The Watsons Go to Birmingham -- 1963.
The ordinary interactions and everyday routines of the Watsons, an African American family living in Flint, Michigan, are drastically changed after they go to visit Grandma in Alabama in the summer of 1963.
- FIC ECK AR 7.2 r1
Eckert, Allan W. Incident at Hawk's Hill.
Around the turn of the century, six year old Ben Macdonald gets lost on the Saskatchewan prairie, and is nurtured by a female badger. Based on an actual incident.
- FIC EVA AR 5.4 r1
Evans, Richard Paul. The Christmas Box.
The touching story of a widow and the young family who moves in with her. Together they discover the first gift of Christmas and learn what Christmas is really all about.
- FIC GEO AR 5.8 r1
George, Jean Craighead. Julie of the Wolves.
While running away from home and an unwanted marriage, a thirteen-year-old Eskimo girl becomes lost on the North Slope of Alaska and is befriended by a wolf pack.
- FIC GIB AR 4.7 r1
Gibbons, Kaye. Ellen Foster.

Having suffered abuse and misfortune for much of her life, a young child searches for a better life and finally gets a break in the home of a loving woman with several foster children.

FIC GRE AR 5.2 rl
Greene, Bette. Summer of My German Soldier.

Sheltering an escaped prisoner of war is the beginning of some shattering experiences for a twelve-year-old girl in Arkansas.

921 GUN AR 8.0 rl
Gunther, John, 1901-1970. Death Be Not Proud; a Memoir.

A father's account of his teenage son's courageous fight for life during the fifteen months he was dying from a brain tumor.

FIC HEM AR 5.1 rl
Hemingway, Ernest, 1899-1961. The Old Man and the Sea.

An old fisherman battles the sea and sharks to bring home the giant marlin he caught.

FIC JOH AR 4.7 rl
Johnson, Angela. Toning the Sweep.

On a visit to her grandmother Ola, who is dying of cancer in her house in the desert, fourteen-year-old Emmie hears many stories about the past and her family history and comes to a better understanding of relatives both dead and living.

FIC KAR AR 5.6 rl
Karon, Jan. At Home in Mitford.

Father Tim, a bachelor rector in the small hill town of Mitford, North Carolina, gets more than he bargained for when he yearns for more excitement in his life and suddenly finds himself dealing with a large dog, a very attractive new neighbor, a jewel thief, and an unloved boy.

FIC LEN AR 5.0 rl
Lenhard, Elizabeth. Chicks with Sticks: It's a Purl Thing.

Four teenage girls from very different social cliques at their progressive Chicago high school become friends after forming a knitting club.

FIC LES AR 4.8 rl
Lester, Julius. Day of Tears: A Novel in Dialogue.

Emma has taken care of the Butler children since Sarah and Frances's mother, Fanny, left. Emma wants to raise the girls to have good hearts, as a rift over slavery has ripped the Butler household apart. Now, to pay off debts, Pierce Butler wants to cash in his slave "assets", possibly including Emma.

FIC LOW AR 5.7 rl
Lowry, Lois. The Giver.

Given his lifetime assignment at the Ceremony of Twelve, Jonas becomes the receiver of memories shared by only one other in his community and discovers the terrible truth about the society in which he lives.

921 LOW AR 5.5 rl
Lowry, Lois. Looking Back: a Book of Memories.

Houghton Mifflin Company, 1998. Using family photographs and quotes from her books, the author provides glimpses into her life.

FIC MAR AR 6.2 rl
Marshall, Catherine. Christy.

1967. In 1912, nineteen-year-old Christy Huddleston leaves her comfortable home to teach in a one-room schoolhouse in an isolated area of the Great Smokies.

FIC MAS 4.7 rl
Mass, Wendy. A Mango-Shaped Space: A Novel.

Afraid that she is crazy, thirteen-year-old Mia, who sees a special color with every letter, number, and sound, keeps this a secret until she becomes overwhelmed by school, changing relationships, and the death of her beloved cat, Mango.

FIC MIK AR 4.8 rl
Mikaelsen, Ben. Petey.

In 1922 Petey, who has cerebral palsy, is misdiagnosed as an idiot and institutionalized; sixty years later, still in the institution, he befriends a boy and shares with him the joy of life.

FIC MYE AR 5.0 rl

Myers, Walter Dean. The Glory Field.

Follows a family's two-hundred year history, from the capture of an African boy in the 1750s through the lives of his descendants, as their dreams and circumstances lead them away from and back to the small plot of land in South Carolina that they call the Glory Field.

FIC NAY AR 5.9 rl

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds. Blizzard's Wake.

In March of 1941, when a severe blizzard suddenly hits Bismarck, North Dakota, a girl trying to save her stranded father and brother inadvertently helps the man who killed her mother four years before.

FIC PAU AR 6.8 rl

Paulsen, Gary. The Rifle.

In 1768 a gunsmith built a rifle of such accuracy that he knew he could never create another like it. He sells the rifle to an American Revolution sharpshooter. The weapon was then passed on to owner after owner until the present.

FIC PHI AR 5.5 rl

Philbrick, W. R. Freak the Mighty.

At the beginning of eighth grade, learning disabled Max and his new friend Freak, whose birth defect has affected his body but not his brilliant mind, find that when they combine forces they make a powerful team.

FIC ROB AR 5.4 rl

Roberts, Willo Davis. Twisted Summer.

Fourteen-year-old Cici hopes for a romantic summer at the beach but instead finds herself trying to solve a murder which had occurred there the previous year.

FIC SAC AR 4.6 rl

Sachar, Louis. Holes.

As further evidence of his family's bad fortune which they attribute to a curse on a distant relative, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a hellish correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself.

FIC SPY AR 8.2 rl

Spyri, Johanna, 1827-1901. Heidi.

An orphan sent to live with her grandfather learns to love both the old man and the Swiss Alps and is homesick when she goes to the city to be a companion to an invalid.

FIC POR AR 6.1 rl

Stratton-Porter, Gene, 1863-1924. A Girl of the Limberlost.

Deeply wounded by her embittered mother's lack of sympathy for her aspirations, Elnora finds comfort in the nearby Limberlost Swamp, whose beauty and rich abundance provide her with the means to better her life.

FIC TAY AR 5.7 rl

Taylor, Mildred D. Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry.

A black family living in the South during the 1930s is faced with prejudice and discrimination which its children do not understand.

FIC THE AR 4.4 rl

Thesman, Jean. Calling the Swan.

When Skylar goes to summer school and tentatively begins to make some friends, she finally starts to get over the loss of her older sister and its terrible effects on the whole family.

FIC TOL AR 4.9 rl

Tolan, Stephanie S. Ordinary Miracles.

. Tired of being a twin, Mark tries to spend more time away from his twin brother and meets a scientist who challenges some of Mark's long-held Christian beliefs about heaven, God, prayer, and death.

FIC TOM AR 5.5 rl

Tomlinson, Theresa. The Forestwife.

In England during the reign of King Richard I, fifteen-year-old Marian escapes from an arranged marriage to live with a community of forest folk that includes a daring young outlaw named Robert.

FIC WEE AR 5.0 r1

Weeks, Sarah. So B. It.

After spending her life with her mentally retarded mother and agoraphobic neighbor, twelve-year-old Heidi sets out from Reno, Nevada, to New York to find out who she is.

FIC WEL AR 5.2 r1

Wells, Rosemary. The Man in the Woods.

Fourteen-year-old Helen investigates what she considers the false arrest of a classmate and is nearly killed herself as her findings lead her into big-money drug dealings.

FIC WHE AR 5.2 r1

Whelan, Gloria. A Time to Keep Silent.

When thirteen-year-old Clair's relationship with her minister father changes after her mother's death, she stops speaking, and the subsequent events change both their lives.

FIC WOO AR 5.1 r1

Wood, June Rae. The Man Who Loved Clowns.

Thirteen-year-old Delrita, whose unhappy life has caused her to hide from the world, loves her uncle Punky but sometimes feels ashamed of his behavior because he has Down syndrome.

FIC WYS AR 9.7 r1

Wyss, Johann David, 1743-1818. The Swiss Family Robinson.

Relates the fortunes of a shipwrecked family as they imaginatively adapt to life on an island abundantly inhabited by animal and plant life.