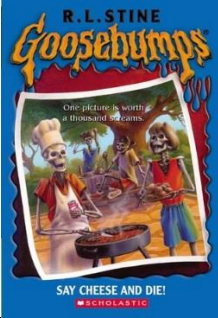
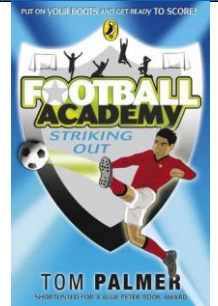
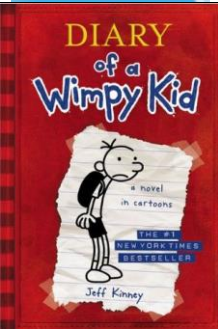
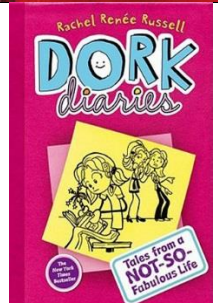


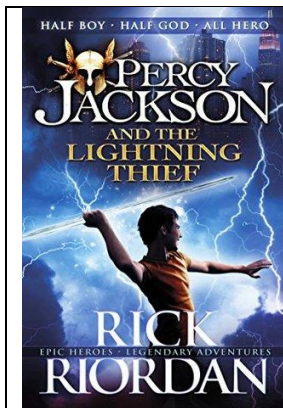
Years 7, 8 and 9 Reading List

All of these books are available in the school library.

This list is roughly in order of difficulty, with shorter and easier books at the beginning of the list, and longer, more complex books at the end.

	Find in:
 <p>Goosebumps series by R. L. Stine</p> <p>Will you get to sleep after reading these?! The Goosebumps books are classic horror. If you enjoy Goosebumps, the library has a big selection from the series.</p>	Horror
 <p>Football Academy series by Tom Palmer</p> <p>Tom Palmer is one of the most popular authors of sports fiction, and his Football Academy series is great for football fans. If you enjoy these, the library also has copies of his football mysteries <i>Dead Ball</i> and <i>Off Side</i>.</p>	Sports Stories
 <p>Diary of a Wimpy Kid series by Jeff Kinney</p> <p>Greg Heffley is starting the new school year and is keeping a diary... This is the first in the series of Greg's funny illustrated record of his life at middle school. The library has most of the books from this series!</p>	Humour
 <p>Dork Diaries series by Rachel Renée Russell</p> <p>New school, new friends, new diary... Nikki Maxwell spills it all in her illustrated diaries as she starts eighth grade and is desperate to fit in.</p>	Teen Fiction / Romance

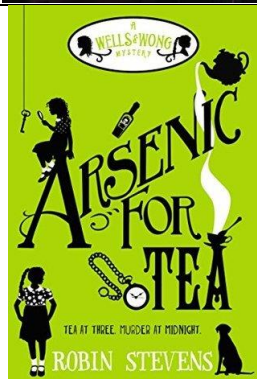
	<p>Tom Gates series by Liz Pichon</p> <p>Tom Gates' illustrated account of his life now stretches to over 20 books – the library has lots of them! If you like Tom Gates, you might also enjoy <i>The World of Norm</i> series and the <i>Barry Loser</i> series too.</p>	<p>Humour</p>
	<p>Books by David Walliams</p> <p>David Walliams has written loads of fantastic, funny books – and the library has a whole shelf full of them!</p>	<p>Humour</p>
	<p>Bethany and the Beast</p> <p>Ebenezer Tweezer is a youthful 511-year-old. He keeps a beast in the attic of his mansion, who he feeds all manner of things and in return the beast vomits out presents for Ebenezer, as well as potions which keep him young and beautiful. But the beast grows ever greedier, and soon only a nice, juicy child will do. So, when Ebenezer encounters orphan Bethany, it seems like (everlasting) life will go on as normal. But Bethany is not your average orphan...</p>	<p>Fantasy</p>
	<p>El Deafo by Cece Bell</p> <p>Based on Cece Bell's own life, this graphic novel is a funny but touching account of how Cece copes with the 'phonic ear' she is forced to wear after losing her hearing at a young age. If you like Wonder, you might enjoy this!</p>	<p>Graphic Novels and Comics</p>
	<p>Ultimate Football Heroes series by Matt and Tom Oldfield</p> <p>This series of short biographies of famous footballers is really popular. Search for 'Matt Oldfield' in the catalogue to find which footballers' stories are in the library.</p>	<p>Sports Non-fiction</p>



Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan

Percy Jackson is half boy, half god – but he doesn't know it. When his mother finds out that Percy's algebra teacher turned into a monster and tried to kill him, she decides it's time for him to learn the truth, and he is sent to Camp Half Blood. Percy discovers more about his past and sets out on a quest to reach the gates of the Underworld... The library has other Percy Jackson books too.

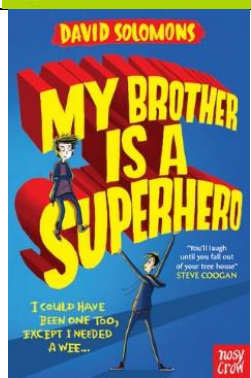
Fantasy



Arsenic for Tea by Robin Stevens

This is the second of the *Murder Most Unladylike* series, in which Daisy Wells and Hazel Wong of the Wells and Wong Detective Society are forced to solve another mystery. Others are available as e-books from RCT libraries (the public library).

Mysteries/
Detective
Stories



My Brother is a Superhero by David Solomons

Luke Parker is outraged when his brother, Zack, becomes a superhero, even though Zack doesn't even like comics! Luke has to make sure that Zack saves the world properly... Fans of David Walliams might enjoy this book – and the library has others from the series too.

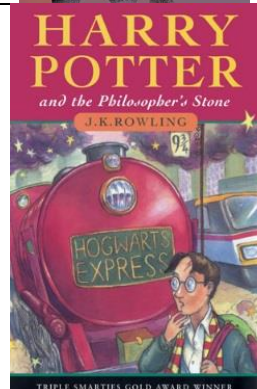
Humour



Star Wars: Vader – Dark Visions (Marvel)

If you are a fan of Star Wars, there are a few Star Wars graphic novels in the library (including the one in the picture), as well as lots of full text stories in the Films and TV section.



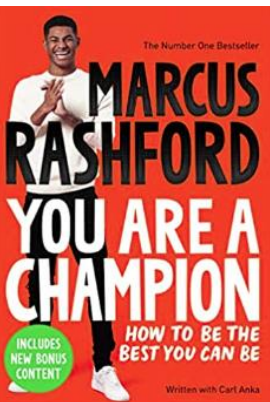

Graphic Novels
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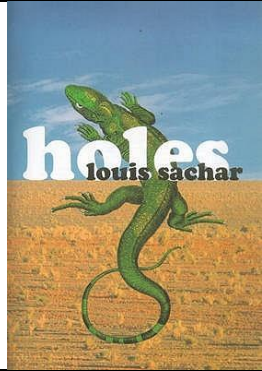


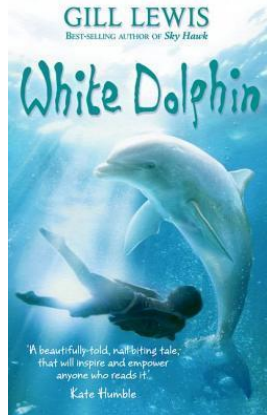
Harry Potter series by J. K. Rowling

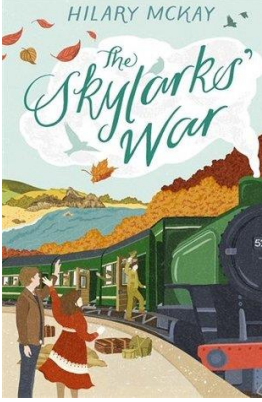
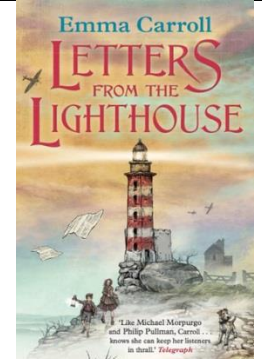
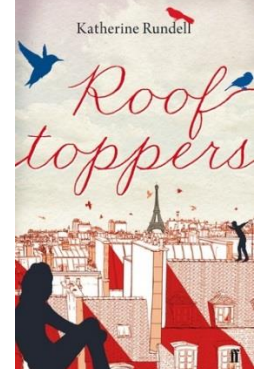
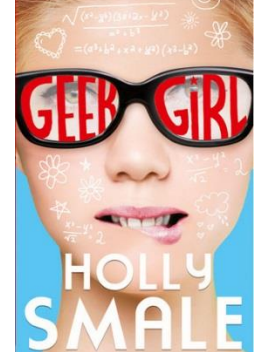
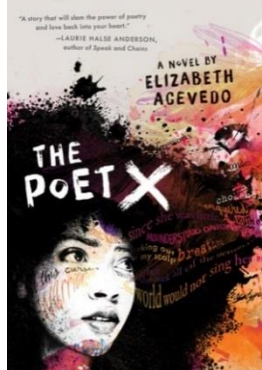
All seven Harry Potter books are available in the library, as well as *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child* and *The Tales of Beedle the Bard*.

Fantasy

	<p>Smile by Raina Telgemeier</p> <p>Raina Telgemeier is one of the most popular graphic novelists around today, and the library has a range of her books. <i>Smile</i> is based on Raina's own life. After an accident, Raina's teeth are damaged and she faces a frustrating journey, with braces and embarrassing headgear, not to mention an earthquake and friends who turn out to be not so friendly...</p>	<p>Graphic Novels and Comics</p>
	<p>George by Alex Gino</p> <p>When people see George, they think they see a boy. But she knows she's not a boy. She knows she's a girl. When George's teacher announces that their class play will be <i>Charlotte's Web</i>, George is determined to be Charlotte, but only girls are allowed to audition... This book explores what it feels like to be a child perceived as the wrong gender.</p>	<p>Realistic/ Contemporary Fiction</p>
	<p>Marcus Rashford You Are A Champion</p> <p>It shows how to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be comfortable with who you are – you can't be a champion until you're happy being you! - Dream big - Practise like a champion - Get out of your comfort zone and learn from your mistakes - Navigate adversity in a positive way - Find your team - Use your voice and stand up for others - Never stop learning 	<p>Society and Mental Health</p>
	<p>Goldfish Boy</p> <p>Twelve-year-old Matthew is trapped in his bedroom by crippling OCD, spending most of his time staring out of his window as the inhabitants of Chestnut Close go about their business. Until the day he is the last person to see his next door neighbour's toddler, Teddy, before he goes missing. Matthew must turn detective and unravel the mystery of Teddy's disappearance - with the help of a brilliant cast of supporting characters.</p>	<p>Mysteries / Detective Stories</p>

	<p>Wonder</p> <p>It's time for Auggie to attend Middle school. He feels like an ordinary ten-year-old boy, but he certainly doesn't look like one... This uplifting book has also been made into a successful film. The library also has the accompanying book <i>Auggie and Me: Three Wonder Stories</i> that gives the perspectives of Julian, Christopher and Charlotte.</p>	<p>Realistic/ Contemporary Fiction</p>
	<p>Boy by Roald Dahl</p> <p>Roald Dahl's tales of his childhood in <i>Boy</i> are fascinating and funny, and provided some of the ideas for his later books. The library also has <i>Going Solo</i>, the second volume of Dahl's autobiography, as well as load of his stories!</p>	<p>Biographies and People</p>
	<p>Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz</p> <p>They told him his uncle died in an accident, but Alex knows it isn't true. As Alex discovers more about his uncle's death, he gets drawn into a secret mission and joins the government in thwarting a plan to kill every child in England. The library has lots of books from the popular Alex Rider series.</p>	<p>Adventure/ Thriller</p>
	<p>War Horse by Michael Morpurgo</p> <p>The book is written from the perspective of Joey, a thoroughbred horse who is bought by the British Army and sent to the front during World War I. Joey endures immense suffering in his roles at the front line, but his loyalty to his friends – both human and horse – is the enduring theme of the story. The library has lots of books by Michael Morpurgo.</p>	<p>Historical Fiction and Animal Stories</p>
	<p>The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas by John Boyne</p> <p>Nine-year-old Bruno does not understand why his Nazi father has been sent with his family to live in a desolate and lonely place. Then Bruno meets Shmuel and develops an unlikely friendship with 'the boy in the striped pyjamas' on the other side of the mysterious fence. A powerful novel about friendship and chance in the face of evil.</p>	<p>Historical Fiction</p>

	<p>Holes by Louis Sachar</p> <p>Stanley Yelnats' family have a history of bad luck, so he's not too surprised when a miscarriage of justice sends him to a boys' juvenile detention centre. At Camp Green Lake, boys must dig a hole a day in the dried-up lake bed. The Warden claims that digging holes is character-building, but Stanley thinks there is more going on...</p>	<p>Realistic/ Contemporary Fiction</p>
	<p>When The Sky Falls by Phil Earle</p> <p>1941. War is raging. And one angry boy has been sent to the city, where bombers rule the skies. There, Joseph will live with Mrs F, a gruff woman with no fondness for children. Her only loves are the rundown zoo she owns and its mighty silverback gorilla, Adonis. As the weeks pass, bonds deepen and secrets are revealed, but if the bombers set Adonis rampaging free, will either of them be able to end the life of the one thing they truly love?</p>	<p>Historical Fiction</p>
	<p>Pig Heart Boy by Malorie Blackman</p> <p>Cameron is thirteen, but his life is far from normal – he desperately needs a new heart. Finally, one doctor offers hope. Cameron could take part in a radical and controversial procedure involving the transplant of a pig's heart into his human body. But it's never been done before... While Cameron comes to terms with the idea, he finds the world around him is much less accepting. But surely everyone will understand that it's better to have a pig's heart that works than a human heart that doesn't - won't they...?</p>	<p>Realistic/ Contemporary Fiction</p>
	<p>White Dolphin by Gill Lewis</p> <p>Frustrated at school, and haunted by her mother's disappearance, Kara only feels truly alive when she is sailing. Then, saving an injured dolphin calf on the beach sets off a dramatic chain of events that change her life. Gill Lewis was a vet before she became an author, and her books convey her love of wildlife and passion for the environment. Recommended for fans of Michael Morpurgo or Lauren St John's animal stories.</p>	<p>Animal Stories</p>

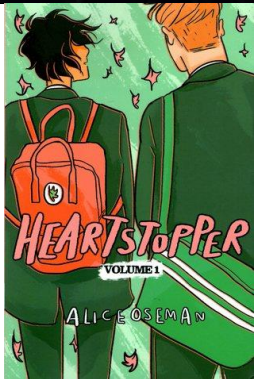
	<p>The Skylarks War by Hilary McKay</p> <p>Clarry and her brother older brother, Peter, love their summers in Cornwall, running free with their charismatic cousin, Rupert. However, life is sometimes difficult, as Clarry has to combat her conservative father to pursue her studies, and Peter has to face boarding school. This is a powerful story of a close family growing up in the shadow of war, and the impact of World War I on their lives.</p>	<p>Historical Fiction</p>
	<p>Letters from the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll</p> <p>Olive and her brother are evacuated from London to the Devon coast to stay with a lighthouse keeper, but Olive is preoccupied with solving the mystery of her missing sister, Sukie. This is an atmospheric book that highlights the plight of Jewish refugees fleeing from the Nazis.</p>	<p>Historical Fiction</p>
	<p>Rooftoppers by Katherine Rundell</p> <p>Everyone tells Sophie that she was orphaned in a shipwreck, but Sophie is convinced her mother survived. On the run from the authorities, Sophie finds Matteo – a boy who walks tightropes and lives in the sky. In a race across the rooftops of Paris, will they be able to find her mother before it's too late?</p>	<p>Historical Fiction</p>
	<p>Geek Girl series by Holly Smale</p> <p>Harriet Manners knows a lot of things. What she isn't so sure about is why nobody at school seems to like her very much. So, when Harriet is spotted by a top model agent, she grabs the chance to reinvent herself. Fans of Holly Smale might also enjoy the <i>Girl Online</i> series by Zoe Suggs.</p>	<p>Teen Fiction / Romance</p>
	<p>The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo</p> <p>Winner of the 2019 Carnegie Medal, this is a powerful coming-of-age verse novel set in Harlem. Xiomara discovers slam poetry as a way to express her emotions as she grows up in a multicultural neighbourhood and her values begin to conflict with her mother's strong Catholic faith.</p>	<p>Realistic/ Contemporary Fiction</p>



Eragon by Christopher Paolini

When Eragon finds a polished stone in the forest, he thinks it is the lucky discovery of a poor farm boy; perhaps it will buy his family meat for the winter. But when the stone brings a dragon hatchling, his simple life is shattered overnight. With only an ancient sword and the advice of an old storyteller for guidance, Eragon and the fledgling dragon must navigate the dangerous terrain and dark enemies of an Empire ruled by a king whose evil knows no bounds.

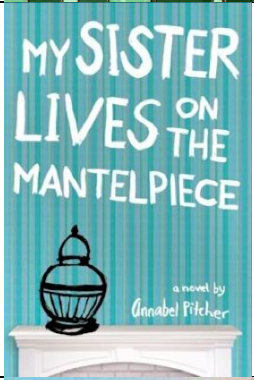
Fantasy



Heartstopper (Volumes 1, 2 and 3) by Alice Oseman

Charlie is gay and open about it, and, when he is sat next to the rugby player, Ben, in form, they unexpectedly become friends. Charlie soon realises he would like more from Ben, but he doesn't think he stands a chance... These graphic novels are exceptionally popular!

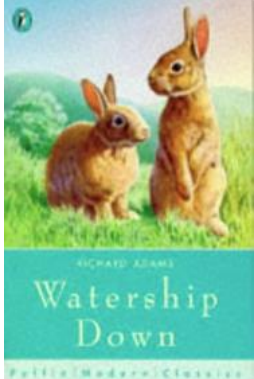
Graphic Novels
and Comics



My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece by Annabel Pitcher

Ten-year-old Jamie hasn't cried since it happened. Everyone kept saying it would get better with time, but that's just one of those lies that grown-ups tell in awkward situations. This is a heart-warming exploration of the impact of terrorism on individual families. If you enjoy this, give the verse novels by Sarah Crossan a try!

Realistic/
Contemporary
Fiction



Watership Down

Fiver could sense danger. Something terrible was going to happen to the warren; he felt sure of it. They had to leave immediately. So begins a long and perilous journey of survival for a small band of rabbits. The rabbits skirt danger at every turn, but Fiver's vision finally leads them to Watership Down, an upland meadow. But here they face their most difficult challenges of all.

Animal Stories

	<p>Goodnight Mr Tom by Michelle Magorian</p> <p>This award-winning novel is Michelle Magorian’s most well-known book and a gives a compelling account of the life of the young evacuee, Willie Beech. Willie has endured an abusive childhood with his mother in London, and begins to flourish under the care of grumpy old Tom Oakley. But when Willie is summoned back to London by his mother, his new life seems to be at an end...</p>	<p>Historical Fiction</p>
	<p>Northern Lights by Philip Pullman</p> <p>When Gobblers kidnap Lyra’s friend Roger, she and her dæmon, Pantalaimon, are determined to find him. Their journey takes them to the bleak North, encountering armoured bears, witches and a mysterious world beyond the Northern Lights. Winner of the Carnegie Medal, this is the first book in the His Dark Materials trilogy.</p>	<p>Fantasy</p>
	<p>The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time by Mark Haddon</p> <p>A murder mystery novel like no other. The detective, and narrator, is Christopher Boone. Christopher is fifteen and has Asperger's Syndrome. He loves lists, patterns and the truth. He hates the colours yellow and brown and being touched. He has never gone further than the end of the road on his own, but when he finds a neighbour's dog murdered and he sets out on a terrifying journey which will turn his whole world upside down.</p>	<p>Realistic/ Contemporary Fiction</p>
	<p>Mortal Engines by Philip Reeve</p> <p>In a dangerous future, huge motorized cities hunt, attack and fight each other for survival. As London pursues a small town, young apprentice Tom is flung out into the wastelands, where a terrifying cyborg begins to hunt him down.</p>	<p>Adventure / Thriller</p>

	<p>The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins</p> <p>Twelve boys and twelve girls are forced to appear every year in a live TV show called the Hunger Games. There is only one rule: kill or be killed. Fast-paced YA dystopian fiction with a strong female lead character in Katniss Everdeen. First in the trilogy.</p>	<p>Sci-Fi and Dystopian Fiction</p>
	<p>The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams</p> <p>One Thursday lunchtime the Earth gets unexpectedly demolished to make way for a new hyperspace bypass. Fortunately, Arthur Dent is plucked off earth just in time by his friend Ford Prefect, a researcher for the revised edition of <i>The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy</i>. Together, they discover that the galaxy is a very strange and startling place... This is the first in the famous 'trilogy' of five.</p>	<p>Sci-Fi and Dystopian Fiction</p>
	<p>Cinder by Marissa Meyer</p> <p>Cinder, a gifted mechanic in New Beijing, is also a cyborg. In a modern take on the <i>Cinderella</i> fairy tale, Cinder attempts to save Earth from a deadly plague, while discovering the secrets of the Lunar people and her own mysterious past. This is the first in an exciting fantasy series inspired by well-known fairy tales. Recommended for fans of <i>Twilight</i>.</p>	<p>Fantasy</p>
	<p>Illegal by Eoin Colfer, Andrew Donkin and Giovanni Rigano</p> <p>A moving and superbly illustrated graphic novel describing the journey of Ebo and Kwame, refugees from North Africa, to Europe in search of their sister.</p>	<p>Graphic Novels and Comics</p>
	<p>A Sky Painted Gold by Laura Wood</p> <p>When Lou creeps inside the grand Cardew house in the dreamy summer of 1929, she is drawn into the lives of the Cardew siblings – glittering whirlwind Caitlin and handsome, enigmatic Robert. But what are the secrets that lie behind their glamorous lifestyle?</p>	<p>Teen Fiction / Romance</p>

	<p>One of Us is Lying</p> <p>Five students walk into detention. Only four come out alive. Yale hopeful Bronwyn has never publicly broken a rule. Sports star Cooper only knows what he's doing in the baseball diamond. Bad boy Nate is one misstep away from a life of crime. Prom queen Addy is holding together the cracks in her perfect life. And outsider Simon, creator of the notorious gossip app at Bayview High, won't ever talk about any of them again. He dies 24 hours before he could post their deepest secrets online. Investigators conclude it's no accident. All of them are suspects.</p>	<p>Mysteries / Detective Stories</p>
	<p>Noughts and Crosses by Malorie Blackman</p> <p>Sephy is a Cross, dark-skinned and privileged, while Callum is a Nought, pale-skinned and poor. In a world of racism, distrust and increasing violence, their love could lead to terrible danger... Fantastic modern dystopian fiction. Noughts and Crosses is the first in the series. Bryn library also has the Graphic Novel adaptation.</p>	<p>Sci-Fi and Dystopian Fiction</p>
	<p>Ace of Spades by Faridah Abike-Iyimide</p> <p>At Niveus Private Academy, an anonymous texter, Aces, is revealing the darkest secrets of two students. Talented musician Devon buries himself in rehearsals, but he can't escape the spotlight when his private photos go public. Head girl Chiamaka isn't afraid to get what she wants, but soon everyone will know the price she has paid for power.</p> <p>Someone is out to get them both. Someone who holds all the aces. And they're planning much more than a high-school game...</p>	<p>Mysteries / Detective Stories</p>
	<p>The Knife of Never Letting Go by Patrick Ness</p> <p>Todd lives in Prentisstown, a place where everyone can hear everyone else's thoughts in a constant, overwhelming, never-ending Noise. But, just one month away from the birthday that will make him a man, Todd unexpectedly stumbles upon a spot of complete silence...This is the first in Patrick Ness' acclaimed Chaos Walking trilogy.</p>	<p>Fantasy</p>

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Divergent series by Veronica Roth

Beatrice Prior is on the brink of a decision that will change her life. Society is divided into five factions, each representing a different virtue, and all are forced to choose where they belong. Once decisions are made, the new members must undergo extreme initiation tests with devastating consequences. Tris must decide who her friends really are...

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