

North Port High School Teacher Recommendations for Great Reads!

Kathryn Berrios:

Dune by Frank Herbert – the first novel of the most epic adventure ever told through the past, present and future.

Jamie Chavarria:

Freedom Writers – Erin Gruwell

Bob Foust:

When Legends Die by Hal Borland

Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo

Stacey Funderburk:

The False Prince by Jennifer Neilson - It is a trilogy but the first book is an amazing piece of literature.

Bernadette Gural:

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith - It's written so beautifully and is also a reminder of the inequalities that can be found in schools in different neighborhoods. That, of course, is just a small part of it but it's there.

Heather Nelson:

Dune by Frank Herbert- entire series of epic Sci-Fi (new movie Oct 2021)

The Wheel of Time (series) by Robert Jordan- (new tv show postponed due to covid)

Mistborn (Trilogy), Way of Kings (series) by Brandon Sanderson-

Dragonriders of Pern (series), Harper Hall (trilogy), Brainship (series), Crystalsinger (trilogy) by Anne McCaffery

The Bear and the Nightingale (trilogy) by Katherine Arden

Raksura (series), Wizard Hunters (trilogy) by Martha Wells

The Call of the Wild & White Fang by Jack London

Farseer Trilogy, Liveship Trilogy (excellent antagonist), Rainwild Chronicles, Tawny Man Trilogy by Robin Hobb

Locke Lamora (trilogy) by Scott Lynch

Temeraire (series) by Naomi Novik

The Priory of the Orange Tree by Samantha Shannon

Also my kindle is full of my son's favorites:

Ender (series), Shadow (series) by Orson Scott Card-

Peculiar Children (series) by Ransom Riggs

His Dark Materials (series) (awesome tv show on HBO) by Phillip Pullman

Nicholas Troyer:

Unwind by Neal Shusterman – Dystopian adventure where three unlikely friends are stuck together as they try to escape their fates.

Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie by Jordan Sonnenblick – A middle school student tells how he copes with his younger brother's Leukemia diagnosis and chemotherapy treatment.

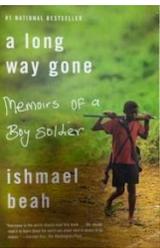
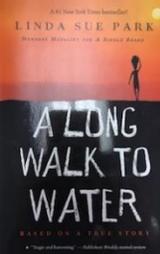
Yummy: The Last Days of a Shortside Shorty by Gregory Neri – A graphic novel about the true story of Robert “Yummy” Sandifer, an 11 year old boy who was initiated into, and later murdered by, a Chicago street gang.

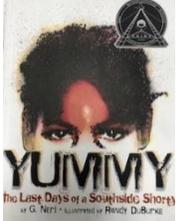
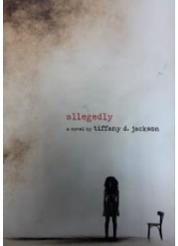
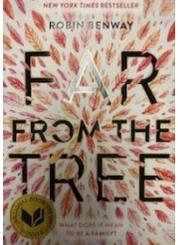
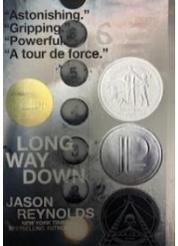
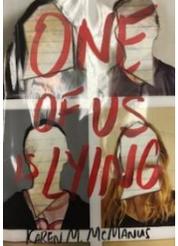
If You're Reading This by Trent Reedy – A high school student is still reeling from the loss of his father, who died in Afghanistan under mysterious circumstances. On his 16th birthday, he receives letters from his father with which leads to the answers he has been looking for.

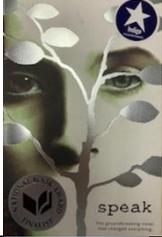
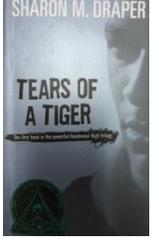
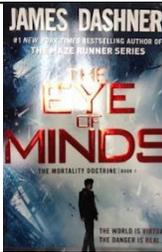
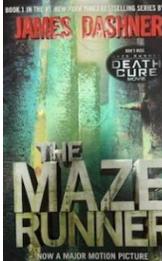
Eleanor and Park by Rainbow Rowell – Two high school students fall in love and begin dating. The tumultuous relationship has to survive abusive family members, school bullies, insecurities, and a disapproving family.

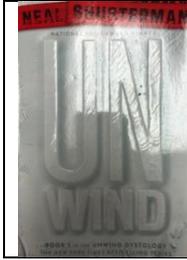
Fave Books

Recommended by Mrs. McKelvy's Former Students

	<p><u>Synopsis:</u> This true story, written by Dashka Slater, tells of a horrific incident that happens between two teenagers. Both teens have to grapple with the after-effects of this crime; one fights for life, the other fights for freedom.</p>
	<p><u>Synopsis:</u> The author, Ishmael Beah, recounts for readers his memories beginning at the age of 12 fleeing rebels in Sierra Leone. By 13, he finds himself in the army doing terrible acts. By 16, he is rescued by a UNICEF group only to have to go to a rehabilitation center to re-learn what it means to be a human and learn how to forgive himself of the terrible acts he committed.</p>
	<p><u>Synopsis:</u> Linda Sue Park tells the story of two young people from two different time periods: Nya, a young girl, walks 8 hours every day to get clean water for her family. Salva walks away from his country to find something better. This true story will leave readers stunned!</p>

	<p><u>Synopsis:</u> This graphic novel is based on events that happened in Chicago in 1994, Roger (aged 11) is trying to come to terms with his friend's death. Roger's questions lead him to learn more about his friend known as Yummy, and he may not like what he discovers!</p>
	<p><u>Synopsis:</u> Best-selling author Tiffany D. Jackson writes of Mary B. Addison, a girl who "allegedly" killed a baby at the young age of 9. After surviving 6 years in juvie, Mary is sent to a group home but finds herself in a situation where she must rely upon the one person she distrusts the most: her mom.</p>
	<p><u>Synopsis:</u> Basketball stars and best friends Marcus, who is black, and Eddie, who is white, are inseparable. On and off the court, they look out for each other. But, something happens that causes a major rift in their friendship leaving the reader to wonder if things will ever return to "normal."</p>
	<p><u>Synopsis:</u> Grace is adopted. She finds herself pregnant and decides to give her baby up for adoption. This leads her on the search for her own biological mother. Along the way, she uncovers truth and siblings she never knew existed!</p>
	<p><u>Synopsis:</u> Will's older brother has been killed. Will leaves his house, gets on the elevator, and works up the courage to avenge his brother's death. By the time he reaches the first floor, does he follow through? Jason Reynolds, popular young adult author, tells this story through free-verse.</p>
	<p><u>Synopsis:</u> On a Monday afternoon, 5 high schools student enter detention but only 4 students exit. The other student, Simon, is found dead. Author Karen M. McManus takes readers on a wild journey to uncover what really happened to Simon during detention!</p>

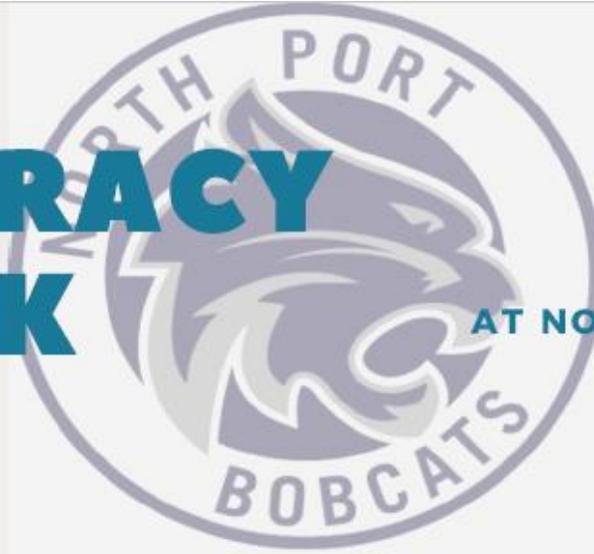
		<p><u>Synopsis:</u> 9th grader Melinda Sordino hates her life. After calling the cops and getting the huge end-of-summer party busted, her friends have all dumped her. She's avoided like the plague. Eventually, she's pushed to the limit and finds the courage to speak...this changes everything.</p>
		<p><u>Synopsis:</u> This first book in the Hazelwood High Trilogy follows Andy Jackson, the teen who crashed his car after a night of drinking that resulted in his best friend's death. Andy is turning away from everyone, but will he be able to find the help he needs in order to move past this?</p>
		<p><u>Synopsis:</u> Twin brothers Jordan and Josh are kings on the basketball court. Things are going awesome on and off the court until Jordan meets the new girl in school. Told in free-verse, Kwame Alexander tells a story that leads readers to see that there are more important things in life than winning a game.</p>
		<p><u>Synopsis:</u> James Dashner creates a thrilling novel that involves a gamer who has been breaking rules that end in murder. The government knows of Michael's hacking genius and want him to join their ranks. If he does, it's possible the line between reality and game will be forever blurred. This is the first book of a series.</p>
		<p><u>Synopsis:</u> Thomas wakes up surrounded by strangers. The only thing he can remember is his name. The only way out of the Glade is for Thomas to make it through the maze...something that has never been done before. This is the first book of a series.</p>
		<p><u>Synopsis:</u> 16-year-old Starr lives in a poor black neighborhood but attends a suburban prep school. Starr sees her best friend Khalil (who was unarmed) get shot by a police officer. Stuck between two very different worlds, Starr questions if she should share what happened the night of this tragedy. Whatever she does, it could destroy her community or endanger her own life.</p>



Synopsis: Connor, Lev, and Risa are teens who aren't meeting expectations, nor do they have many redeeming qualities. They have reached the age where their parents can have them "unwound"—a process that gives their organs to other recipients. This story follows these three teens as they try to escape in order to stay alive.

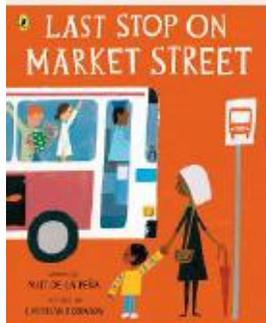
IT'S LITERACY WEEK

AT NORTH PORT HIGH



WE'RE KICKING THINGS OFF...

Reading aloud is a powerful tool that even high school students can benefit from. In celebration of literacy week, we'll kick things off with a read aloud from...



Last Stop on Market Street, written by Matt de la Peña and illustrated by Christian Robinson, uses beautiful language and vibrant illustrations to spark conversations about social responsibility, socioeconomic diversity, and finding beauty in our everyday lives.

Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida!	
Instantly tells a story: What's YOUR chapter?  January 25 th -29 th 2020 District: Sarasota County High Schools	
Monday, January 25 th	CPR (Classes participate in Reading)- School wide reading for the first 20 minutes of first period. Teachers can do a read-aloud of their favorite novel involving the human condition.
Tuesday, January 26 th	Making a change in your community- Students will read literature, speeches, etc. from people who created change in their community. Example: Martin Luther King, "Letter from a Birmingham Jail."
Wednesday, January 27 th	What's your story? - Students write a short narrative about how he/she would like to change his/her community."
Thursday, January 28 th	Going against the majority- Students will participate in reading stories such as "Harrison Bergeron."
Friday, January 29 th	Building supportive communities- Share your favorite story on communities. Example: "When Mr. Puzos Came to Dine."

STRONG TEEN READERS=HIGH ACHIEVERS

Did you know...
 The average reader reads 300 words per minute. If a teen reads just 15 minutes per day, that adds up to 31,500 words per week.
 Studies show that for every 100,000 words read, the reader's vocabulary growth is 50%.

In an online study, the majority of teens responding said they would read more if they knew about more good books and other materials to read.



What You Can Do

- Lead by example: let your teen see you reading and visiting the library often.
- Sharing books shows you care. Talk about what you read with your teen.
- Keep plenty of books, graphic novels, magazines and newspapers around your home.
- Empower your teens: let them select books that speak to their interests and hobbies.
- Read stories, poems, graphic novels, magazines or books out loud together.
- Make sure your teen has regular transportation to the library.
- Provide a quiet space for reading in your home and set aside time each day for reading.
- Give books or gift certificates to bookstores as gifts.
- Listen to audio books when traveling.
- Don't forget that reading should be fun, as well as educational, for all ages. Let your teen choose some lighter reading that isn't required for school.



TOP PICKS FOR LITERACY WEEK



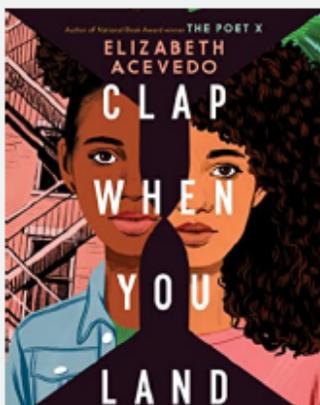
Superman: Dawnbreaker.
Matt de la Peña.

SUPERMAN: DAWBREAKER

A Matt de la Peña. Random House Children's Books/Random House BFYR. Teenage Clark Kent's powers are beginning to emerge, and he hides them from his classmates, family, and best friend, Lana Lang. But when their small town considers a stop-and-frisk law and immigrants are disappearing, Clark must decide if he is the one to save them all. Teens will love this fresh take on an iconic story.

TO NIGHT OWL FROM DOGFISH

Holly Goldberg Sloan and Meg Wolitzer. Penguin Young Readers/Dial BFYR. When Bett's father introduces her to his boyfriend's daughter, Avery, they soon realize they are two very different people. As their parents' relationship begins to fade, the girls' relationship strengthens when they attend summer camp. Told in emails and letters, this novel explores the definition of family.



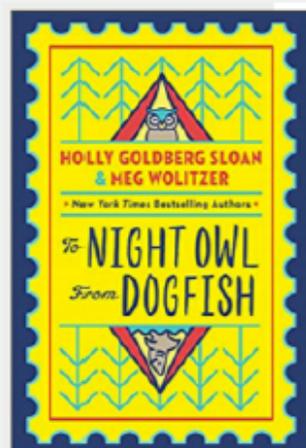
ILA READER'S CHOICE: HONORABLE MENTION

Clap When You Land by Elizabeth Acevedo (Goodreads Author) Elizabeth Acevedo wins this year's Goodreads Choice Award for Young Adult Fiction with a powerful novel-in-verse about love, loss, and family. Camino and Yahaira Rios didn't even know they were sisters until their father died in a plane crash. Now they're learning more than they want to know about the ties (and knots) that bind families together. Bonus trivia: Acevedo is a National Poetry Slam champion, too.

A SELECTION TEACHERS ARE TALKING ABOUT...

Anne Frank's Diary: The Graphic Adaptation. The only graphic novelization of Anne Frank's diary that has been authorized by the Anne Frank Foundation and that uses text from the diary--it will introduce a new generation of young readers to this classic of Holocaust literature. This adaptation of *Anne Frank's Diary of a Young Girl* into a graphic version for a young readership maintains the integrity and power of the original work. With stunning, expressive illustrations and ample direct quotations from the diary, this edition will expand the readership for this important and lasting work of history and literature.

HERE'S WHAT WE'RE READING...



To Night Owl From Dogfish. Holly Goldberg Sloan and Meg Wolitzer.

