

THE Classroom Opportunities for Reading Enrichment (C.O.R.E.) collection

The Classroom Opportunities for Reading Enrichment (C.O.R.E.) collections provided multiple copies of educator selected book titles to public and homeschool educators, librarians and others interested in sharing literature with young people. Classroom sets containing 30 books of the same title and, for most, a teacher's guide for grade levels 4 through 8 are available for advance reservation by calling the Herrick Memorial Library at 440-647-2120. The titles can be found at www.herrickliboh.org. Click the 'Services' tab and scroll down to the middle of the "Teacher Services" section and click on 'CORE' to view the collection.

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GRADE	AUTHOR	TITLE	GENRE	LEXILE
5-9	Anderson, Laurie Halse	Fever 1793 In 1793 Philadelphia, sixteen-year-old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of a yellow fever epidemic.	Historical Fiction	580L
5-9	Bloor, Edward	Tangerine Living in surreal Tangerine County, Florida, a legally blind boy begins to uncover the ugly truth about his football-hero brother.	Fiction	680L
4-8	Coer, Eleanor	Sadako The star of her school's running team, Sadako is lively and athletic...until the dizzy spells start. Now she must face the hardest race of her life - the race against time. Based on a true story that celebrates the courage that makes Sadako a heroine heroine in Japan.	Historical Fiction	690L
4-7	Curtis, Christopher Paul	Bud, Not Buddy It's 1936, in Flint Michigan, when 10-year-old Bud decides to hit the road to find his father, nothing can stop him. Newbery Award Winner, 2000; Coretta Scott King Award Winner, 2000	Historical Fiction	950L
7-12	Dogar, Sharon	Annexed This novel is written from the viewpoint of Peter van Pels, who is nearly 16 in 1942 when he and his parents join the Franks in hiding in their Amsterdam attic to his last days in the Nazi death camp.	Historical Fiction	HL470L

5-8	Freedman, Russell	<p>Freedom Walkers: the story of the Montgomery bus boycott</p> <p>The dramatic stories of the heroes who stood up against segregation and Jim Crow laws in 1950s Alabama. A master of succinct historical narratives, Freedman writes about the contributions of and sacrifices made by Rosa Parks and Claudette Colvin, who refused to give up their seats; Jo Ann Robinson, who began the boycott; to Martin Luther King, Jr., whose leadership was instrumental in carrying it through.</p>	Nonfiction	1110L
4-7	Gaiman, Neil	<p>Coraline</p> <p>When Coraline and her parent move into a new house, she notices a mysterious, closed-off door that leads her to a parallel universe and tries to trap her there.</p>	Sci Fi / Fantasy	740L
5-7	Gratz, Alan	<p>Refugee</p> <p>Three very different children go on harrowing journeys in search of refuge. All will face unimaginable dangers -- from drownings to bombings to betrayals. But there is always hope for tomorrow. Separated by continents and decades, shocking connections will tie their stories together in the end. This action-packed novel tackles topics both timely and timeless: courage, survival and the quest for home.</p>	Fiction	800L
4-7	Hinton, S. E.	<p>Outsiders</p> <p>Fourteen-year-old Ponyboy is tough and confused, yet sensitive behind his bold front. Since his parents' death, his loyalties have been to his brothers and his gang. A nightmare of violence begins when his best friend kills a member of a rival gang.</p>	Urban Fiction	750L
5-12	Keyes, Daniel	<p>Flowers for Algernon</p> <p>When brain surgery makes a mouse into a genius, dull-witted Charlie Gordon wonders if the same surgery might also work for him.</p>	Fiction	910L
6-9	Landau, Elaine	<p>Civil Rights Movement in America</p> <p>This book explores the history of race relations in the U.S., focusing on the civil rights movement that began in 1954 with the U.S. Supreme Court ruling against segregation in public schools. It discusses what inspires people from all over the world to start life anew here, endure the economic and social upheavals and defend the land and rights that are unique to the United State of America.</p>	Nonfiction	1080L
3-7	Lowry, Lois	<p>Number the Stars</p> <p>The gripping story of a ten-year-old Danish girl and her family's courageous efforts to smuggle Jews out of their Nazi-occupied homeland to the safety of Sweden.</p> <p>Newbery Award Winner, 1990</p>	Historical Fiction	670L

4-8	Matas, Carol	<p>Daniel's Story</p> <p>Daniel, whose family suffers as the Nazis rise to power in Germany, describes his imprisonment in a concentration camp and his eventual liberation.</p>	Historical Fiction	720L
5-9	Mikaelsen, Ben	<p>Touching Spirit Bear</p> <p>A violent bully agrees to a court sentencing to participate in an alternative based on the Native American Circle. He is sent to a remote Alaskan island where an encounter with the 'Spirit Bear' changes his life.</p>	Fiction	670L
3-7	Philbrick, Rodman	<p>Freak the Mighty</p> <p>Two boys - a slow learner stuck in the body of a teenage giant and a tiny Einstein in leg braces - forge a unique friendship when they pair up to create one formidable human force</p>	Fiction	1000L
7-8	Ryan, Pamela Munoz	<p>Esperanza Rising</p> <p>Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their life of wealth and privilege in Mexico to work in the labor camps of Southern California, where they must adapt to the harsh circumstances facing Mexican farm workers on the eve of the Great Depression</p>	Historical Fiction	750L
5-9	Sonneblick, Jordan	<p>Drums, Girls & Dangerous Pie</p> <p>Steven has a totally normal life, well almost. He plays drums in the All City Jazz Band, has a crush on the hottest girls in school and it constantly annoyed with his younger brother, Jeffery. But, when Jeffery gets sick, Steven's world is turned upside down.</p>	Fiction	940L
6-10	Spinelli, Jerry	<p>Maniac Magee</p> <p>After his parents die, Jeffery Lionel Magee's life becomes legendary, as he accomplishes athletic and other feats which awe his contemporaries.</p> <p>Newbery Winner, 1991</p>	fiction	820L
5-10	Taylor, Mildred D.	<p>Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry</p> <p>Set in Mississippi at the height of the Depression, this is the story of the Logan family's struggle to maintain their integrity, pride and independence in the face of facism and social injustice. It is also the story of Cassie Logan, who discovers over the course of an important year why having land of their own is do crucial to the Logan familn, even as she learns to draw strength from her own sense of dignity and self-respect.</p> <p>Newbery Medal Winner, 1977</p>	Fiction	920L

8-12 Truman, Terry

Stuck in Neutral

Shawn McDaniel's life is not what it may seem to anyone looking at him. But, trapped in a body that is unable to voluntarily move; his mind is sharp enough to recognize that his life is in danger from his father who believes that Shawn may want released from this world.

Fiction

820L

5-12 Yolen, Jane

Devil's Arithmetic

Hannah dreads going home to her family's Passover Seder. Her relatives always tell the same stories, and it's always about the past. But when she opens the front door to symbolically welcome the prophet Elijah, she's immediately transported to a Polish village in the year 1942 when the Nazi soldiers are taking everyone away. Only Hannah knows the unspeakable truth and the horrors that await the villagers.

**Historical
Fiction**

730L