

**Summer 2013 Recommended Reading List
Rising Eleventh Grade
2013-2014**

Non-Fiction Books

Beever, Julian. *Pavement Chalk Artist: The Three-dimensional Drawings of Julian Beever*

A collection of photographs of the three-dimensional anamorphic drawings of Julian Beever, which are drawn in distortion on the pavement so that they appear realistic when viewed through a carefully positioned camera.

Chesner, Jonathan. *ADHD in HD: Brains Gone Wild*

The book addresses the four main characteristics of ADHD: hyperactivity, impulsivity, inattention, and indecisiveness. It provides positive advice about school, family life, social life, and dating.

Farrell, Courtney. *The Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill*

Provides an account of the explosion on the oil rig Deepwater Horizon in the Gulf of Mexico in April, 2010, that resulted in the deaths of eleven people and caused the largest offshore oil spill in the history of the United States.

Greitens, Eric. *The Warrior's Heart: Becoming a Man of Compassion and Courage*

Eric Greitens shares his life journey from being an average kid to working to make a difference in the world's trouble spots and joining the Navy SEALs to protect the weak, and encourages readers to reflect on the power of choice and acts of courage.

Hill, Anne E. *Lebron James: King of Shots*

Provides an overview of the life of LeBron James, covering his childhood, high school and professional successes, decision to leave the Cleveland Cavaliers, and more.

Hill, Z. B. *Asians*

Explores the history of discrimination toward Asians, what is being done today to fight prejudice, personal stories of those affected, and more.

Myers, Walter. Dean *Just Write: Here's How*

A guide to the writing process, covering story, language, detail, character, writing an outline, and more.

Mondor, Colleen. Catherine *The Map of My Dead Pilots: The Dangerous Game of Flying in Alaska*

Reveals the daily life and deadly danger of commercial flying in Alaska, the commonality of aircraft accidents, the demanding and dangerous life and work of the pilots, and the reality of small plane piloting in the wildest territory of the United States.

O'Connor, Ian. *The Captain: The Journey of Derek Jeter*

Chronicles the life of baseball player Derek Jeter, discussing his childhood, struggles in the minor leagues, early days with the Yankees, rivalry with his former best friend A-Rod, rise to the top of the major league, personal relationships and career accomplishments.

Stein, R. Conrad. *Emiliano Zapata and the Mexican Revolution*

Provides an overview of the Mexican Revolution, recounting the events that took place between 1910 and 1920 and discussing the role leader Emiliano Zapata played in the conflict.

Walker, Sally M. *Their Skeletons Speak: Kennewick Man and the Paleoamerican World*

Explores the discovery and identification of the Kennewick Man, a nine thousand year old skeleton whose remains were found in a river bed in Washington State in 1996.

Fiction Books

Barraclough, Lindsey. *Long Lankin*

When Cora and her younger sister, Mimi, are sent to stay with their great Auntie Ida in an isolated village in 1958, they discover that they are in danger from a centuries-old evil and, along with village boys Roger and Peter, strive to uncover the horrifying truth before it is too late.

Damico, Gina. *Croak*

A delinquent sixteen-year-old girl is sent to live with her uncle for the summer, only to learn that he is a Grim Reaper who wants to teach her the family business.

Farish, Terry. *The Good Braider*

Follows Viola as she survives brutality in war-torn Sudan, makes a perilous journey, lives as a refugee in Egypt, and finally reaches Portland, Maine, where her quest for freedom and security is hampered by memories of past horrors and the traditions her mother and other Sudanese adults hold dear.

Han, Jenny. *The Summer I Turned Pretty*

Belly spends the summer she turns sixteen at the beach just like every other summer of her life, but this time things are very different.

Hautman, Pete. *The Obsidian Blade*

After thirteen-year-old Tucker Feye's parents disappear, he suspects that the strange disks of shimmering air that he keeps seeing are somehow involved, and, when he steps inside one, he is whisked away on a time-twisting journey trailed by a shadowy sect of priests and haunted by ghostlike figures.

McCall, Guadalupe Garcia. *Summer of the Mariposas*

In an adventure reminiscent of Homer's *Odyssey*, fifteen-year-old Odilia and her four younger sisters embark on a journey to return a dead man to his family in Mexico, aided by La Llorona, but impeded by a witch, a warlock, chupacabras, and more.

Mullin, Mike. *Ashfall*

After the eruption of the Yellowstone super volcano destroys his city and its surroundings, fifteen-year-old Alex must journey from Cedar Falls, Iowa, to Illinois to find his parents and sister, trying to survive in a transformed landscape and a new society in which all the old rules of living have vanished.

Rogan, Charlotte. *The Lifeboat*

Forced into an overcrowded lifeboat after a mysterious explosion on their trans-Atlantic ocean liner, newly widowed Grace Winter battles the elements and her fellow survivors and remembers her husband Henry, who set his own safety aside to ensure Grace's.

Sepetys, Rita. *Out of the Easy*

Josie, the seventeen-year-old daughter of a French Quarter prostitute, is striving to escape 1950 New Orleans and enroll at prestigious Smith College when she becomes entangled in a murder investigation.

Thompson, Holly. *Orchards*

Sent to Japan for the summer after an eighth-grade classmate's suicide, half-Japanese, half-Jewish Kana Goldberg tries to fit in with relatives she barely knows and reflects on the guilt she feels over the tragedy back home.

Wein, Elizabeth. *Code Name Verity*

In 1943, a British fighter plane crashes in Nazi-occupied France and the survivor tells a tale of friendship, war, espionage, and great courage as she relates what she must do to survive while keeping secret all that she can.