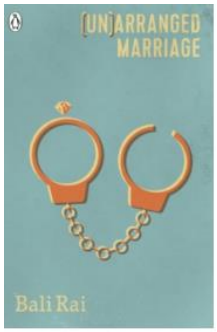
Year 8 Suggested Reading list

This Year 8 reading list contains books aimed at children aged 12-13 years old. Many of these books are available to borrow from our school library. This list has been compiled independently by NHS library through a combination of research into our internal reading cloud system focussing on the most popular book loans and specific recommendations from Notley High School English teachers for curriculum based reading.

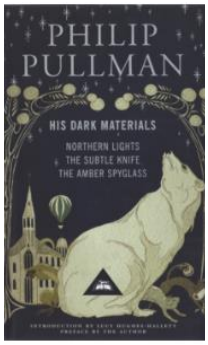
Notley High School curriculum books

(as recommended by NHS English teachers)



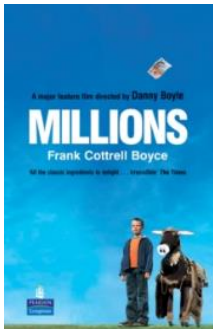
'(Un) Arranged Marriage' by Bali Rai

Manny wants to be a footballer or a pop star or write a bestseller. He most definitely does not want to get married to a girl he doesn't know. Focussed on choosing his own future. What will Manny do?



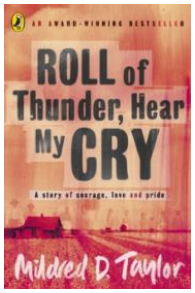
His Dark Materials by Philip Pullman

War, love, fantasy and mystery is all here in this trilogy of books surrounding Will and Lyra, whose fates are bound together by powers outside their worlds. They become separated but they must re-unite to fight the greatest war that has ever been.



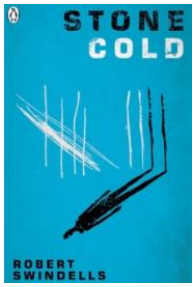
Millions by Frank Cottrell Boyce

Following the themes of self discovery, responsibility, bereavement, family, relationships and money this novel is aimed at all young readers.



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

The night riders carry destruction and Cassie learns quickly that sometimes you have to fight for things you believe in even it brings terrible consequences with it. Set in the 1930s on Cassie's dad's farm this is her story of strength and resilience.



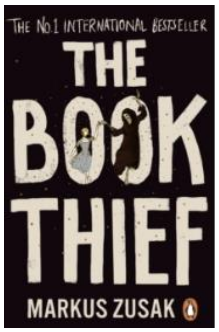
Stone Cold by Robert Swindells

Link and Deb, two homeless youngsters pair up in this portrait of life on the streets. A serial killer is on the loose and teaming up with Link Deb is determined to uncover the truth.



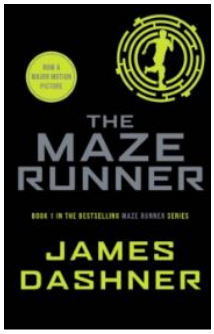
The 13th Reality Journal of Curious Letters by James Dashner

Tick is an average thirteen-year-old boy until he gets sent twelve riddles that will reveal the time and place of an extraordinary event.



The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

Liesel, a nine-year-old girl, is living with a foster family on Himmel Street. Her parents have been taken away to a concentration camp. Liesel steals books. This is her story when the bombs begin to fall.



The Maze Runner by James Dashner

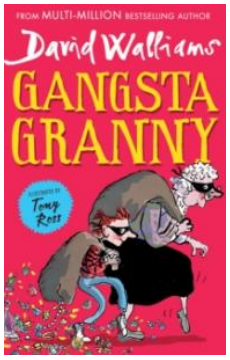
The first book in the New York times best-selling Maze Runner series. Thomas remembers his name but that's about all. He is surrounded by boys who welcome him to an encampment called the Glade. None of them know how they got there, all they know is every morning the door slides open…



Red Leaves by Sita Brahmachari

Aisha is a thirteen-year-old refugee. Her foster mother tells her that a new family has been found for her and she is to move from London to go and live with them. Not wanting to change her life again, she packs her bags seeking shelter in the nearby woods.

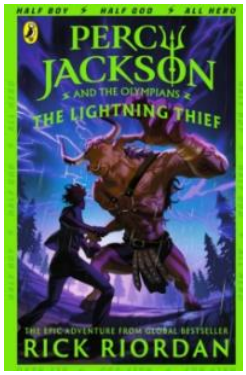
NHS Library Recommendations



Gangsta Granny by David Walliams

Ben is bored staying with his grandma. Playing scrabble and eating cabbage soup is all he seems to do when he is there, until one day he discovers that there is a lot more to her than he originally thought…and she needs Ben's help.

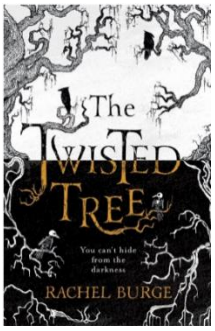
Other books in this series available in NHS library



Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan

Half boy, Half God, all hero Percy Jackson is having a bad week in the first of this best-selling series. Accidentally vaporising his maths teacher Percy discovers he is no ordinary boy, and the adventures keep on coming!

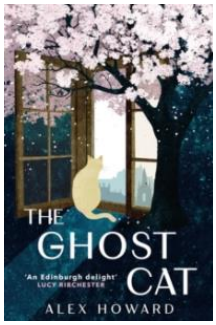
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The Twisted Tree by Rachel Burge

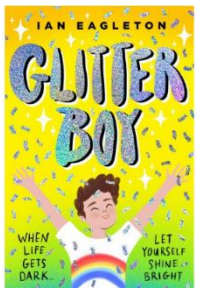
A gripping story about a girl who discovers she can read people's minds just by touching their clothes.

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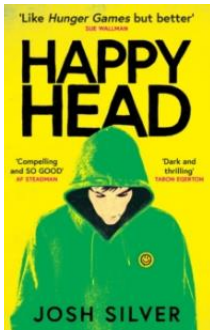
The Ghost Cat by Alex Howard

Follow Grimalkin the cat as he witnesses 120 years worth of changes in Edinburgh. A real feel-good book for any fan of humour and history.



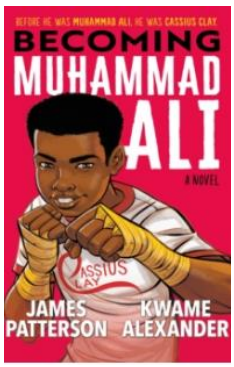
Glitter Boy by Ian Eagleton

A boy struggling to cope with his grandmother's death finds it difficult to assert himself and stand up to the school bullies. A story of family and friendship. With his love of Mariah Carey, can James find the strength to let the truth out?



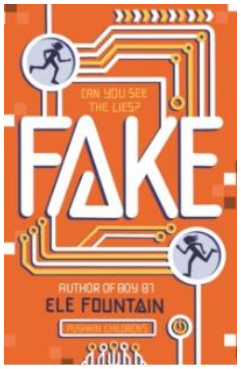
Happy Head by Josh Silver

Seb is given a place on a retreat to help solve the national crisis of teenage unhappiness. His aim is to change how people see him and to make his parents proud. As time goes on Seb starts to wonder about the true reasons they are all there.



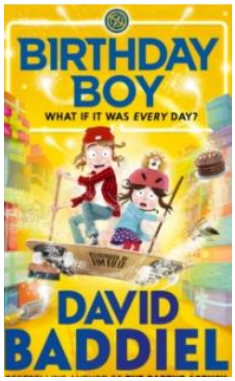
Becoming Muhammad Ali by James Patterson and Kwame Alexander

This book describes Muhammad's life up to the age of seventeen. It details his struggles in school, racism and how he discovered his love of boxing. Find out how one boy became the greatest boxer of all time.



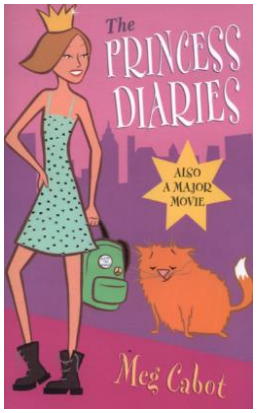
Fake by Ele Fountain

In Jess's world her friends are virtual, and everything is controlled by the big tech companies. That is until she is 14, then she can go to school with other children for the first time. Most of them seem to hate the "real world" but Jess starts to question if the virtual world is as good as it seems.



Birthday Boy by David Baddiel

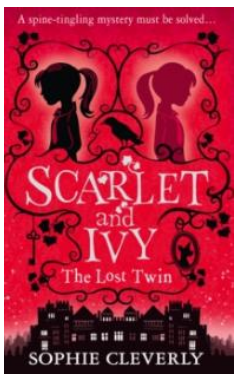
This is the story of Sam Green, who really, really, really loves birthdays. So much so he wishes it was his birthday every day. On his 11th birthday this wish comes true, however, it's not long before things start to go wrong. Sometimes you have to be very careful about what you wish for.



The Princess Diaries by Meg Cabot

Mia is told by her parents that she is actually a princess of a small European country, Genovia. Suddenly she is thrust into the world of princess lessons, makeovers and royal duties. How will Mia cope being next in line to the throne**.**

Other books in the series available in NHS library



Scarlet and Ivy The Lost Twin by Sophie Cleverly

Perfect for fans of The School for Good and Evil, Ivy's twin sister Scarlet disappears, and Ivy is invited to join the school in her place to try to uncover the truth. Will Ivy be able to find out the secrets behind Rookwood School and discover what has happened to her sister? A thrilling series of books based in a boarding school.

Other books in the series available in NHS Library



One Punch Man by ONE

Life is not very interesting for Saitama, an average looking guy but one who can't seem to find an opponent strong enough to beat him. He can knock out every villain with one punch! Is he doomed to a life of boredom in the world of superpower or is there someone out there who can give him a run for his money or defeat him?