

SUGGESTED READS FOR SECONDARY 1



This reading list contains suggestions of great books for **Secondary 1** students. These books have been specially selected to introduce students to a variety of genres such as realistic fiction, mystery, adventure, fantasy, and science fiction. Check out these wonderful books today!



Title: Mystery (You Write It!)
Author: John Hamilton
Call No.: J 808.3 HAM

If you have always wanted to write your own mystery, this short volume is your chance to learn how! Hamilton lays out the basic concepts of writing a mystery novel in a thorough yet easy-to-read manner.
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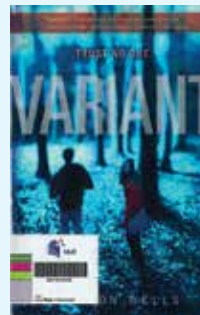
Title: Uglies
Author: Scott Westerfeld
Call No.: Y WES

Tally can't wait to be sixteen and get the operation that will turn her from an Ugly to a Pretty - then life will be a never-ending party! However, her new friend Shay refuses the procedure and runs away. Tally has to bring her back or remain an Ugly forever.
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Title: Them and Us
Author: Bali Rai
Call No.: Y RAI

David and his mum are always moving from one place to another to hide from his abusive father. His school is populated with Asians and some of them hate him because he's white. Life goes from bad to worse when his father finds out where he and his mum live. Can David survive the racism in his school and deal with his father at the same time?
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Title: Variant
Author: Robison Wells
Call No.: Y WEL

(This book is also available in Overdrive, accessible via <http://eresources.nlb.gov.sg>.)
After winning a scholarship to the prestigious Maxfield Academy, Benson realises he's got more than he's bargained for. With security cameras watching the school, there is no escape – only death if he breaks a single rule. But now that he knows the school's real secret, that risk is a small price to pay.
 All Rights Reserved, HarperTeen, 2011.



Title: Egypt's Mysterious Pyramids: An Isabel Soto Archaeology Adventure (Graphic Library. Graphic Expeditions)
Author: Agnieszka Biskup
Call No.: J 932 BIS

This illustrated novel transports readers back in history to the age of the grand pyramids. Follow Isabel Soto – time-travelling extraordinaire – as she uncovers the secrets of these enigmatic mega structures.
 All Rights Reserved, Capstone Press, 2012.



Title: Cleopatra Ascending (Shadow's Edge Novel, Book 2)
Author: Maureen Lipinski
Call No.: Y LIP

Rhea Spencer is not your typical teenager. She is the reincarnation of the Egyptian queen, Cleopatra. Caught between two lives and a yawning gap of more than two thousand years, Rhea must now sacrifice the life she has made for herself to fight the war she left behind.
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Title: The August House Book of Scary Stories: Spooky Tales for Telling Out Loud
Author: Liz Parkhurst
Call No.: Y AUG

This spooky compilation draws together scary stories from folktales, urban legends, and history. It is an engaging book to be brought to sleepovers and campfires, and reading it will unsettle readers of all ages.
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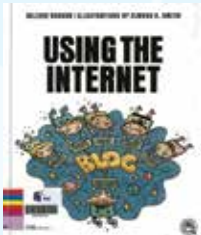
Title: Transmigration
Author: Nicholas Maes
Call No.: Y MAE

(This book is also available in Overdrive, accessible via <http://eresources.nlb.gov.sg>.)
Simon Carpenter thinks he has gone mad when a rabbit starts talking to him. However, he soon discovers that he is not human and uncovers a sinister plan to replace the human race. Can Simon thwart the plan and save humanity?
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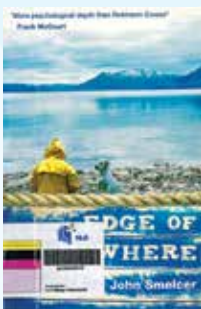
Title: The Twilight Zone: Will the Real Martian Please Stand Up?
Author: Mark Kneece
Call No.: Y 741.5973 KNE

Someone witnesses a UFO crash near a diner. When the police investigate, they discover there is one more person in the eatery than there should be. Who is the alien in disguise? What does he or she intend to do on Earth? This is a bizarre tale with a most unexpected ending!
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Title: Using the Internet (Research for Writing)
Author: Valerie Bodden
Call No.: Y 025.0425 BOD

This easy-to-understand narrative, punctuated by colourful pictures, presents a fun and engaging way to learn how to navigate the vast amount of information that is available on the Internet today. The topics covered include how to assess the reliability of online resources, how to get the information you require, and how to search using Boolean operators.
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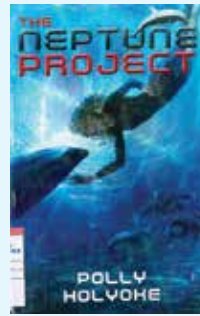
Title: Edge of Nowhere
Author: John E. Smelcer
Call No.: Y SME

Seth and his dog, Tucker, were washed overboard a fishing boat during an epic storm. Now, Seth and Tucker have to try and navigate through the small islands of the Alaskan Coast. Can Seth survive and make it home to his family?
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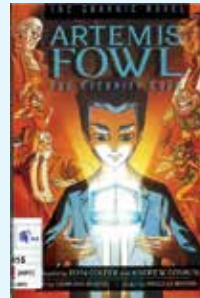
Title: You
Author: Charles Benoit
Call No.: Y BEN
(This book is also available in Overdrive, accessible via <http://eresources.nlb.gov.sg/>)

Written in the second person narrative, readers get to experience what it is like to be Kyle Chase, a fifteen-year-old teen who is disconnected from reality. He drifts through his life unloved and neglected, and his only inspirations are his five-year-old sister and a girl named Ashley.
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Title: The Neptune Project
Author: Polly Holyoke
Call No.: J HOL

Nere has always been more comfortable in water than on land, with good reason. She is part of a group of genetically-altered Neptune children who are bred to live underwater. In a world of extensive global warming and expanding oceans, will Nere and the Neptune children be mankind's saving grace?
All Rights Reserved, Disney-Hyperion Books, 2013.



Title: Artemis Fowl: The Eternity Code: The Graphic Novel
Adapted by: Eoin Colfer and Andrew Donkin
Call No.: 741.59415 COL -[ART]

Child genius Artemis Fowl was taking a break from his adventures in the world of fairies. But one day, while having lunch with his bodyguard, Butler, a grenade explodes and Butler sacrifices himself to save Artemis. Artemis refuses to let Butler die in vain – maybe the fairies can save him from mortal death...
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Title: Don't You Dare Read This, Mrs. Dunphrey
Author: Margaret Peterson Haddix
Call No.: Y HAD

Sixteen-year-old Tish Bonner is not your average teenager. Left to fend for herself and her brother when her abusive father and mother walked out on them, she has no one to confide in...until she has to keep a diary for English class. When the teacher promises not to read entries labelled with "Do not read", Tish finally finds a way to vent her frustrations and emotions on paper. Will she ever find a safe haven and stop running?
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