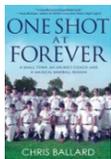
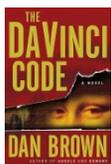


# Saint Ann's Library Suggested Summer Reading List for students entering 9<sup>th</sup> Grade, 2014



Ballard, Chris. ***One Shot at Forever*** (nonfiction) 

The ultimate underdog sports tale. It's 1971 and the Macon Ironmen, a rag-tag baseball team from small-town Illinois, make it all the way to the state finals—with hand-me-down uniforms and a hippie-loving English teacher as a coach. Ballard, a writer for *Sports Illustrated*, has crafted one heck of a heartwarming—and true—story. The  symbol means that this title is available through the Saint Ann's digital library.



Brown, Dan. ***The Da Vinci Code*** 

A thriller that starts with a gruesome murder in the Louvre. The murdered man is a high-ranking agent in a secret society. It is up to Robert Langdon (a symbologist), and Sophie Neveu (cryptographer and granddaughter of the victim), to solve the murder. Watch the movie after you read the book!



Cline, Ernest. ***Ready Player One*** 

It's the year 2044. Wade spends most of his time jacked into the OASIS, a sprawling virtual utopia, in an attempt to escape his grim life. Wade, along with everyone else, is searching for the hidden clues that James Halliday, creator of the OASIS, has concealed somewhere in the virtual world. The first to discover and unlock the clues will win Halliday's vast fortune. As Wade begins to unlock the clues, he realizes that there are many who would commit murder to solve the puzzle before he does.



Doctorow, Cory. ***Homeland***

Computer hacker Marcus is recovering from unjust imprisonment and torture by the Department of Homeland Security (read Doctorow's previous book, *Little Brother*, for details), when this story starts. At the Burning Man Festival, a hacker compatriot sneaks Marcus a load of data exposing corruption in the government—and tells him to release it if she disappears. She does. Back in a bleak, near-future San Francisco, Marcus takes action.



Earl, Esther. ***This Star Won't Go Out*** (memoir) 

Esther is the amazing young woman to whom John Green dedicated his masterful novel *The Fault in Our Stars*. This book is a compilation of Esther's letters, blog posts, drawings, stories, journal entries, and poems. A self-proclaimed nerdfighter (of the John and Hank Green variety), a Harry Potter fan, and a beautiful-on-the-inside person, Esther died at the age of 16 of thyroid cancer. Tragic, yet heartwarming.

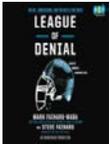
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Fainaru-Wada, Mark and Steve Fainaru. **League of Denial: The NFL, Concussions, and the Battle for Truth** (nonfiction)

A very readable account by two investigative reporters (who happen to be brothers), about the NFL's twenty year attempt to cover up the connection between football and brain damage.



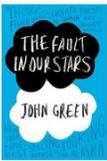
Fey, Tina. **Bossypants** (memoir)

Tina Fey is hilarious—this is an indisputable fact. Read her laugh-out-loud memoir to find out about her humble beginnings as a small town nerd, the difference between male and female comedians (apparently men urinate in cups), and her rise to stardom as Liz Lemon on 30 Rock and Sarah Palin impersonator on SNL. At heart she is a just a regular gal, albeit a very funny one!



Gansworth, Eric. **If I Ever Get Out of Here**

Lewis Blake is an American Indian living on a reservation in upstate New York in the 1970s. Poverty is his reality at home and at school he is relegated to outcast status. Life is kind of grim until a new boy, George Haddonfield, comes to school. The two bond over music (Beatles, Wings, Queen), but Lewis is worried about inviting George to his house. Can he handle it? When Lewis becomes the target of the school bully, the friendship is put to the test.



Green, John. **The Fault in our Stars**

"It's not fair," complains 16-year-old Hazel from Indiana. Indeed, life is not fair; Hazel and her new friend Gus both have cancer and regrettably, Hazel's is terminal. Despite this incredibly sad situation, Green's latest masterpiece will leave you laughing out loud, wishing you could spend some time with Hazel and Gus, and unfortunately—crying. Read it *and* see the movie!



Griner, Brittney and Sue Hovey. **In My Skin: My Life On and Off the Basketball Court** (memoir)

Griner was the WNBA's number one draft pick in 2013. At 6'8" with a size 17 men's shoe, she's a physical phenomenon. As one can imagine, life hasn't always been easy for her. A remarkable and very readable coming-of-age story.



Haddon, Mark. **The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time**

Christopher is autistic. He takes everything at face value and has trouble understanding the behavior of people around him. One night he comes across his neighbor's poodle, Wellington, impaled on a garden fork. Wellington's owner finds Christopher holding her dead dog and has him arrested. After spending a night in jail, he decides to discover who murdered Wellington. His social worker encourages him to write a book about his investigations. This is the book.



Healey, Karen. **When We Wake**

The year is 2027, and Tegan is a normal teenager in Australia... until she dies and wakes up 100 years later, locked in a government facility amid an international debate about cryopreservation. Some things are better in the future—acceptance of multiple sexualities, for example— but other aspects of life are markedly worse—like xenophobia and environmental collapse. When Tegan uncovers government secrets, she has to decide what to do. Sequel: *While We Run*.



Herren, Chris and Bill Reynolds. **Basketball Junkie** (memoir)

When the book opens, Herren is a hopeless heroin addict with no job, no insurance, and no future. Yet only seven years earlier, Herren had been playing for the Boston Celtics and making \$450,000 a year. Raw and gritty, this is the mesmerizing story of his downfall and ultimately, his redemption.



Hornby, Nick. **About a Boy** 📖

Will Freeman is a guy who will do anything to get a date—even lie about having a kid in order to gain membership into SPAT (Single Parents—Alone Together). But then he meets 12-year-old Marcus and his very hip, very single London lifestyle hits a roadblock. Hilarious. Read the book and *then* watch the new TV series.



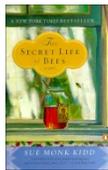
Jay-Z. **Decoded** (memoir)

According to the New Yorker, this is, “One of a handful of books that just about any hip hop fan should own.” Gain insight into Jay-Z’s thuggish youth, enormous talent, and incredible business sense. This is Jay-Z’s life and lyrics—decoded.



Kantor, Melissa. **Maybe One Day** 📖

Zoe and Olivia. Olivia and Zoe. Best friends—always together. When Olivia is diagnosed with leukemia, Zoe puts on a brave face, determined to be there for Olivia, but it’s not easy. Don’t miss the latest (an amazing tear-jerker) by our very own Melissa Kantor!



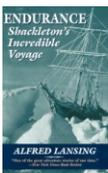
Kidd, Sue Monk. **The Secret Life of Bees**

It’s 1964 and fourteen-year-old Lily has run away from her neglectful father with Rosaleen, a servant. Lily has only fleeting memories of her mother, who she accidentally shot and killed when she was four years old. Looking for clues about her mother’s life, Lily finds a picture of a black Virgin Mary with the words Tiburon, SC on the back. Off the girls go to South Carolina. Read this heartwarming story and then see the movie.



Kuklin, Susan. **Beyond Magenta: Transgender Teens Speak Out** (nonfiction) 📖

Six transgender and gender-neutral teens tell their stories. Very moving.



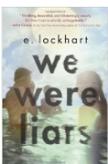
Lansing, Alfred. **Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage** (nonfiction) 📖

In 1914 Ernest Shackleton and a crew of 27 men sailed for the South Atlantic on the Endurance with the goal of eventually crossing the Antarctic overland. They didn’t get very far—still half a continent away from their intended base, the ship was trapped and then crushed in ice. A gripping, first-hand account based on diaries, logs, and extensive research.



Lewis, John, Andrew Aydin and Nate Powell. **March: Book One** (graphic novel)

This is Congressman John Lewis' firsthand account of his work in the civil rights movement. He has travelled a long way from the Alabama sharecropper’s farm of his youth—recently President Obama awarded him the Medal of Freedom. The first in a planned trilogy, this book deals with Lewis’s childhood, his work as a student activist, and his life-changing meeting with Martin Luther King Jr.



Lockhart, E. **We Were Liars** 📖

Two summers ago, Cadence had an accident and suffered a traumatic brain injury. After a long recovery (and still no memory of the accident) she is finally back on the private island her family owns where the accident occurred. She is hoping that being there with her mother, aunts, cousins, and Gat —family friend and love of her life—will help her remember what happened. Prepare to be shocked.



London, Alex. **Proxy** 📖

Syd is a proxy which means he has to pay for any crimes that his patron, Knox, might commit. When Knox gets into a car accident and accidentally kills someone, Syd is sentenced to death. Syd decides to escape. Suspense, breakneck action, twists and turns—a real page-turner. *Guardian* is the sequel.



McDougall, Steve. **Born to Run: A Hidden Tribe, Superathletes, and the Greatest Race the World Has Never Seen** (nonfiction) 📖

Want to learn about the Tarahumara Indian tribe—renowned long distance runners from Mexico's Copper Canyon? What about the theory that evolutionarily speaking, humans were literally born to run? (The idea is that our ancestors survived because they were able to outrun their prey.) Well, this is the book for you! Fascinating stuff.



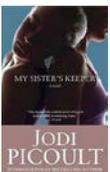
Oliver, Lauren. **Panic** 📖

In Carp, a small, poor town in upstate New York, there's a game that a lot of seniors play when they graduate. It's not just any old game—it's Panic. Everyone in the high school puts a dollar a day into the pot, winner take all. The stakes are high—the danger is great—sometimes a matter of life and death. How far would you go for \$67,000?



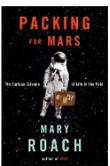
Ottaviani, Jim & Maris Wicks. **Primates: The Fearless Science of Jane Goodall, Dian Fossey, and Biruté Galdikas** (graphic novel)

An entertaining and informative look at the work of three of the most important scientists in the field of primatology.



Picoult, Jodi. **My Sister's Keeper**

Anna was born to keep her older sister, Kate, alive. Engineered by her parents (with the help of a lab) to be a perfect genetic match for Kate, who was dying of leukemia, Anna began her life by donating stem cells from her umbilical cord. Each time Kate relapsed, Anna donated; first it was just platelets, then bone marrow. Eventually it becomes clear that Anna's parents expect her to donate a kidney in order to save Kate's life once again. That's when, at the age of 13, Anna sues for medical emancipation from her parents. Who's right? Anna? Her parents?



Roach, Mary. **Packing for Mars: The Curious Science of Life in the Void** (nonfiction)

Did you know throwing up in space can be life-threatening? Apparently, Japanese astronaut candidates have to fold 1,000 origami paper cranes to see just how much stamina and patience they have. Roach is a relentlessly entertaining guide to the wonders of space travel.



Rosoff, Meg. **Picture Me Gone** 📖

Mila and her dad, who live in England, are planning to go to America for the Easter holiday to visit Matthew, her dad's best friend. A few days before their trip, Matthew disappears, leaving behind his wife and new baby. Mila and her dad go anyway—only now it is as detectives searching for Matthew and clues as to why he disappeared. The lives of grownups can be messy and Matthew's is no exception.



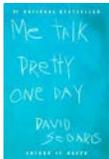
Rowell, Rainbow. ***Eleanor and Park***

Eleanor shows up on the school bus one morning. Everyone already has established seats and no one makes room for her. With the bus driver screaming at her to sit down, she finally sits next to Park, who really wishes she wouldn't because she looks like a real loser. Eleanor is big, not just tall, but big all over with wild red hair and clothes that are just asking for trouble—bits of string tied to her wrists, safety pins and odd scraps of fabric here and there. Turns out she's the love of his life.



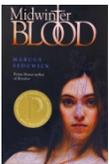
Rowell, Rainbow. ***Fangirl***

For years Cath and her identical twin sister, Wren, have written wildly popular fan fiction about a character who bears a striking resemblance to the famous fictional character with a lightning bolt shaped scar on his forehead. When the two get to college, Wren decides she wants distance from Cath and the fan fiction world and Cath is left to cope on her own. Cath is an expert when it comes to writing about friendship and love—it turns out having friends and being in love is a little harder in real life. An amazing book—don't miss it.



Sedaris, David. ***Me Talk Pretty One Day*** (nonfiction) 

So funny! Sedaris writes about his family (lots of material to draw from!) and his move to Paris. Do not attempt to read the title story in public (about his efforts to learn French), people will look at you strangely due to uproarious laughter.



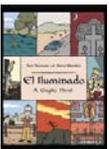
Sedgwick, Marcus. ***Midwinter Blood*** 

Seven intertwined stories of love and passion. The first story takes place in the year 2073 and the last in the age of the Vikings. On Blessed Island in Scandinavia, two characters, going backwards in time, are reborn throughout the ages. Part love story, part mystery, and part horror. 2013 Printz Award winner.



Sepetys, Ruta. ***Out of the Easy*** 

Josie's mother is a prostitute in New Orleans in the 1950s. Josie dreams of escaping the French Quarter and going to college, but a mysterious death threatens to derail her plans. Historical fiction.



Stavans, Ilan and Steve Sheinkin. ***El Iluminado*** (graphic novel)

A great introduction to the interesting history of Crypto-Judaism in the American Southwest—really. (Crypto-Judaism = privately adhering to Judaism while publically claiming to be of another faith.) Mystery surrounds the death of Rolando Pérez. Did he fall off the cliff in Santa Fe, or was he pushed? What documents was he trying to protect? Modern day intrigue and 16<sup>th</sup> century Crypto-Jewish history merge in this unique graphic novel.



Terrill, Cristin. ***All Our Yesterdays***

Em is being tortured in prison, and the easiest way to get out just might be to travel back in time. Marina (whose story takes place four years back in time), is a normal (privileged) teenager who is in love with her childhood friend, James. When the stories connect, we find out just how far Em (and James) will go to save the world.



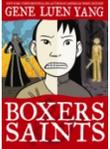
Vlahos, Len. ***The Scar Boys*** 

Harry is supposed to be writing a 250-word essay for college, but this book is proof that he went far beyond the given word count. His essay begins when he was eight years old and the neighborhood bullies tie him to a tree—and it gets hit by lightning.



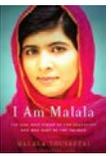
Walls, Jeannette. ***The Glass Castle*** (memoir)

Walls had an unusual childhood. Dysfunctional yet brilliant, her parents encouraged their four children to "fly under the radar" to avoid attracting attention to their bizarre lifestyle. Virtual nomads, they often did the "skedaddle" rather than pay rent or deal with authority. Amazing story.



Yang, Gene Luen. ***Boxers and Saints*** (graphic novel)

These two companion texts tell the story of the Boxer Rebellion in China in 1898. *Boxers* is told from the point of view of Little Bao, a young peasant. Through his eyes you learn about the foreign devils who come to take over China. Bao fights the enemy, calling forth the power of the Chinese gods. *Saints* is told from the point of view of Vibiana—a young Chinese girl who converts to Christianity, largely because of the horrible way she was treated within her family.



Yousafzai, Malala and Christina Lamb. ***I am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban*** (memoir) 

Fifteen-year-old Malala spoke out about the importance of educating girls. In response to her efforts she was shot in the head at point-blank range while riding the school bus near her home in northern Pakistan. She survived—this is her story.

## Series:



Charbonneau, Joelle. ***The Testing*** 

Cia gets selected for the Testing by the United Commonwealth; it's an honor and an opportunity to join the ranks of the leaders. She soon finds herself at the University in Tosu City, where she and the others selected undergo physical and mental trials. Traps, tricks, and subterfuge ensue. Reminiscent of *The Hunger Games*. **Series:** *The Testing*, *Independent Study*, and *Graduation Day*.



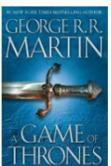
Condie, Ally. ***Matched*** 

Cassia lives in a world without choice. The Society Officials decide what she eats, what her job will be, even the man she's going to marry. Cassia is pretty happy not to have the burden of decision making, but when it looks like she's been matched with the wrong boy, she questions everything she has known. **Series:** *Matched*, *Reached*, and *Crossed*.



Lu, Marie. ***Legend*** 

June was born into a wealthy family. At twelve she became the only child to achieve a perfect score on the Trial (the test that all twelve-year-olds take to determine their future). At fifteen she is a military prodigy, being groomed for a high-ranking position in the Republic. Day was born into poverty—at fifteen he is an outcast *and* the Republic's number one wanted criminal. When it appears that Day murdered June's brother, he becomes June's most wanted enemy as well. **Series:** *Legend*, *Prodigy*, and *Champion*.



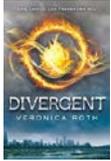
Martin, George R.R. ***A Song of Ice and Fire*** 

Warriors, lords and ladies, sorcerers, assassins, and bastards—you know you want to read it. **Series:** *Game of Thrones*, *A Clash of Kings*, *A Storm of Swords*, *A Dance with Dragons*, *The Winds of Winter*, and *A Dream of Spring*.



Ness, Patrick. **Chaos Walking** 📖

Todd Hewitt has to flee his settlement in haste after a wacko preacher chases him out. All of the women on his planet have been killed and the men have been infected with a sickness that broadcasts all of their thoughts. Expect suspense and tension in this dystopian nightmare. **Series:** *The Knife of Never Letting Go*, *The Ask and the Answer*, and *Monsters of Men*.



Roth, Veronica. **Divergent** 📖

See the movie, read the book! Society is divided up into five factions: Abnegation, Candor, Dauntless, Erudite, and Amity. Each faction values one quality above all others. For Abnegation that quality is selflessness, for Candor it is honesty, for Dauntless it is bravery, for Erudite it is intelligence and lastly, for Amity, it is peace. Everyone chooses a faction to join when they turn sixteen. Which will Beatrice choose? Does she fit in anywhere? **Series:** *Divergent*, *Insurgent*, and *Allegiant*.

## Read a Classic this Summer:

*I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou

*Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen 📖

*Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Brontë 📖

*The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle 📖

*The Three Musketeers* by Alexandre Dumas 📖

*Rebecca* by Daphne Du Maurier 📖

*The Hunchback of Notre Dame* by Victor Hugo 📖

*Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston 📖

*The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* by

Robert Louis Stevenson 📖

*Dracula* by Bram Stoker 📖

*The Lord of the Rings* series by J.R.R. Tolkien 📖

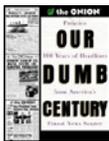
*20,000 Leagues Under the Sea* by Jules Verne 📖

*The War of the Worlds* by H.G. Wells 📖

## Need a Break? Try One of These:

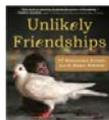


Blakeney, Faith and Justina Blakeney. **Refashioned Bags: Upcycle Anything into High-Style Handbags**  
Make a totebag from a towel or a purse out of zippers. Lots of innovative ideas.



Dickers, Scott. **Our Dumb Century: The Onion Presents 100 Years of Headlines from America's Finest News Source.**

Need a laugh? Look no further.



Holland, Jennifer. **Unlikely Friendships: 47 Remarkable Stories from the Animal Kingdom** 📖

A mare and a fawn. A snake and a hamster. An elephant and a sheep. Wonderful stories to melt your heart.



Northcutt, Wendy. **The Darwin Awards: Countdown to Extinction** 📖

Who would attach a five-horsepower engine to a barstool? Someone whose demise is imminent—that's who. Fans of *The Onion* and *The Simpsons* will not be disappointed with this chronicle of really stupid things humans have done.



Piven, Joshua, David Borgenicht, and Jennifer Worrick. *The Worst-Case Scenario Survival Handbook: Extreme Edition* 

Learn how to survive a flash flood, take a bullet, and escape from fire ants and an angry gorilla. Be prepared for life's challenges.



Turner, Sharon. *Teach Yourself VISUALLY Knitting* (2<sup>nd</sup> edition) 

Maybe this is the summer that you teach yourself to knit. Start with this comprehensive, easy-to-follow guide.

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Love, Ragan, Denise, and Hannah