Freedom to Read

Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson
The life of a ten-year-old boy in rural Virginia expands when he becomes friends with a newcomer who subsequently meets an untimely death trying to reach their hideaway, Terabithia, during a storm.

Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone by J.K. Rowling
Harry Potter thinks he is an ordinary boy until he is rescued by an owl, taken to Hogwart’s School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, learns to play Quidditch and does battle in a deadly duel all because Harry is a wizard.

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets by J.K. Rowling
When the Chamber of Secrets is opened again at the Hogwart School for Witchcraft and Wizardry, second-year student Harry Potter finds himself in danger from a dark power that has once more been released on the school.

Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban by J.K. Rowling
Harry Potter enters his third year at Hogwart’s School of Witchcraft and Wizardry and encounters a tense atmosphere due to the menace of an escaped mass murderer.

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire by J.K. Rowling
Fourteen-year-old Harry Potter joins the Weasleys at the Quidditch World Cup, then enters his fourth year at Hogwart’s Academy where he is mysteriously entered in an unusual contest that challenges his wizarding skills, friendships and character, and signs that an old enemy is growing stronger.

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince by J.K. Rowling
Sixth-year Hogwarts student Harry Potter gains valuable insights into the boy Voldemort once was, even as his own world is transformed by maturing friendships, schoolwork assistance from an unexpected source, and devastating losses.

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix by J.K. Rowling
In his fifth year at Hogwart’s, Harry faces challenges at every turn, from the dark threat of He-Who-Must-Not-Be-Named and the unreliability of the government of the magical world to the rise of Ron Weasley as the keeper of the Gryffindor Quidditch Team. Along the way he learns about the strength of his friends, the fierceness of his enemies, and the meaning of sacrifice.

Thomas’ Snowsuit by Robert Munsch
Thomas refuses to wear his new snowsuit despite the pleas of his mother, his teacher, and even his principal. When everyone’s best efforts lead only to comedic chaos, they all agree it’s best to let Thomas suit himself.

Hold Fast by Kevin Major
When his parents are accidentally killed in a car crash, Michael is sent from his Newfoundland outpost home to the city, where he must make a new life for himself in an often hostile environment. A fast-paced and sensitive exploration of early adolescence.

When Everything Feels like the Movies by Raziel Reid
Inspired by a true story, this is an edgy, extravagant novel for young people, full of gender-bending teen glamour, dark mischief, and enough melodrama to incite the paparazzi. A boy who smells like Chanel Mademoiselle, calls Blair Waldorf his biggest childhood influence, and reads Old Hollywood star biographies like gospel doesn’t have the easiest path to travel in life, but somehow, Jude pave his own yellow brick road and makes us all wish we could join him over the rainbow.
Golden Compass by Philip Pullman
Accompanied by her daemon, Lyra Belacqua sets out to prevent her best friend and other kidnapped children from becoming the subject of gruesome experiments in the Far North.

Amber Spyglass by Philip Pullman
Lyra and Will find themselves at the center of a battle between the forces of the Authority and those gathered by Lyra’s father, Lord Asriel.

Subtle Knife by Philip Pullman
As the boundaries between worlds begin to dissolve, Lyra and her daemon help Will Parry in his search for his father and for a powerful, magical knife.

Go Ask Alice by Anonymous
Based on the diary of a fifteen-year-old drug user chronicling her struggle to escape the pull of the drug world.

Underground to Canada by Barbara Smucker
Two slave girls escape from a plantation near Vicksburg, Mississippi, and steal toward Canada on the Underground Railroad.

Hey, Dad! by Brian Doyle
Thirteen-year-old Megan isn’t exactly excited about her upcoming cross-Canada family road trip. She would rather stay home. However, along the way, Megan and her dad come face to face with how sad and happy growing up can be.

We All Fall Down by Robert Cormier
As the avenger searches for the teenage boys who trashed a house in his neighborhood, Buddy, one of the trashers, increases his drinking in order to cope with his parents’ separation and his obsession with the daughter of the owner of the vandalized house.

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Find in Vernon:

Daddy’s Roommate by Michael Willharte
A young boy discusses his divorced father’s new living situation, in which the father and his gay roommate share eating, doing chores, playing, loving, and living.