

Westwood Regional Jr./Sr. High School Media Center

Fiction Book Collection Acquisitions

2008 -2009



FIC
Ste

First Light

By Rebecca Stead

Fourteen-year-old Thea lives in a secret society called Gracehope under the Greenland ice. After finding a map that leads her to the surface, she becomes obsessed with seeing the sun and bringing her people back above ground. Peter and Thea accidentally meet on the surface and discover, through a secret kept by Peter's mother, that their destinies are unexpectedly joined. (2007)

FIC
Nuz

A Small White Scar

By K.A. Kuzum

Kek, Since his mother's death, Will's job has been to look after his twin brother, Denny, who has Down syndrome. Their father's word is law on the ranch, and 15-year-old Will knuckles under as the story begins. But he soon devises an escape plan that leads toward the rodeo, and beyond, to spending his days as a cowboy without the responsibility of watching his brother. (2007)

YA FIC
App

Home of the Brave

By Katherine Applegate

Kek, a young Sudanese refugee, is haunted by guilt that he survived. He saw his father and brother killed, and he left his mother behind when he joined his aunt's family in Minnesota. He does make silly mistakes, as when he puts his aunt's dishes in the washing machine. But he gets a job caring for an elderly widow's cow that reminds him of his father's herds. (2007)

YA FIC
Ken

Kimichi and Calamari

By Rose Kent

Fourteen-year-old Korean adoptee Joseph Calderaro is stumped when his social studies teacher assigns an ancestry essay. Joseph knows very little about his background, which prompts him to begin a search for his birth family. (2007)

YA FIC
Sch

The Wednesday Wars
By Gary D. Schmidt

On Wednesday afternoons, while his Catholic and Jewish schoolmates attend religious instruction, Holling Hoodhood, the only Presbyterian in his seventh grade, is alone in the classroom with his teacher, Mrs. Baker, who Holling is convinced hates his guts, but is he right? (2007)

YA FIC
Wolf

Someone Named Eva
By Joan M. Wolf

The heart-wrenching story of the fictional Milada, who is sent to a Lebensborn center and adopted by the commandant of Ravensbruck. Students who have read stories of Jewish persecution and survival during the Holocaust will be enlightened by this portrait of how Hitler's Final Solution affected these innocent children. (2007)

FIC
Hobbs

Crossing the Wire
By Will Hobbs

In Ever since his family moved to the tiny village of Los Árboles, Victor has been best friends with Rico. When Rico tells him that he has enough money to pay for a coyote to help him cross into El Norte, Readers suffer with the 15-year-old as he makes his painful decision to leave his mother and younger siblings (2007)

FIC
Bar

Elephant Run
By Roland Smith

In this World War Two story, in 1941, Nick Freestone lives with his mother. Deciding the situation in England is too unstable, Nick's mother sends him to live with his father in Burma, hoping he will be safer living on the family's teak plantation. But as soon as Nick arrives, trouble erupts in this remote Burmese elephant village. (2007)

Fic
Hug

The Hunchback of Notre-Dame
By Victor Hugo

Outcast by society because of his hideous appearance, Quasimodo lives under the protection of Claude Frollo. His world revolves around his fifteen cathedral bells until a beautiful gypsy girl enters his life. (1996)

Fic
Fra

Anne Frank's: Tales from the Secret Annex
By Anne Frank

A collection of her short stories, fables, and lesser known writings. (1996)

YA Fic
Hen

Olive's Ocean
By Kevin Henkes

Olive Barstow was killed by a car a month earlier, and the woman wants to give Martha a page from her daughter's journal. In this single entry, the 12-year-old learns more about her shy classmate than she ever knew

FIC
Bar

The Boy who Dared
By Susan Campbell Bartoletti

When 16-year-old Helmuth Hubner listens to the BBC news on an illegal short-wave radio, he quickly discovers Germany is lying to the people. But when he tries to expose the truth with leaflets, he's tried for treason. Sentenced to death and waiting in a jail cell, Helmuth's story emerges in a series of flashbacks that show his growth from a naive child caught up in the patriotism of the times, to a sensitive and mature young man who thinks for himself

FIC
Mass

Every Soul a Star
By Wendy Mass

Three middle schoolers are brought together at Moon Shadow, an isolated campground where thousands have gathered to catch a glimpse of a rare and extraordinary total eclipse of the sun. Ally's parents own Moon Shadow, where she's lived pretty much her entire life. When her parents tell her they're moving away to the city, she's suddenly frightened of the world beyond the campgrounds and desperately wants to stay at the only home she's ever known.

FIC
Smi

Book One : Independence Hall
By Roland Smith

Fame has arrived for rockers Blaze and Roger! Just married, leaving Los Angeles, and touring the United States with teenagers Q (Quest) and Angela in tow, the excitement heightens in Philadelphia when Angela realizes she's being followed. Q soon learns the secret about Angela's real mother - a former Secret Service agent.

FIC
Hia

SCAT
By Carl Hiaasen

Mrs. Bunny Starch, the most feared biology teacher ever, was last seen during a field trip to Black Vine Swamp. The school's headmaster and the police seem to have accepted the sketchy, unsigned note explaining that her absence is due to a

“family emergency.” There’s no real evidence of foul play. But still, Nick and Marta don’t buy it. Something weird is definitely going on.

FIC
Hun

Seekers : Great Bear Lake

By Erin Hunter

Destiny has brought them together. Young black bear Lusa has left the comfort of the zoo, determined against all odds to make her way in the wild. It is there that she encounters grizzly cub Toklo and a mysterious changeling named Ujurak. Once united, the cubs find themselves on a journey toward a mystical place—if only they knew where. (2007)

FIC
Rob

Forty Acres and Maybe a Mule

By Harriette Gillem Robinet

Once again, Robinet has humanized a little-known piece of American history. In the spring of 1865, the Freedmen's Bureau approved a plan to give 40 acres of abandoned land to former slave families. Forty thousand freed people took advantage of that offer, only to lose their farms when it was withdrawn in September. The author focuses on Pascal, 12, a slave on a plantation in South Carolina. (1998)

FIC
Smi

The Captain’s Dog

By Roland Smith

This is the story of the Lewis and Clark expedition as witnessed by Seaman, the massive Newfoundland dog that accompanied the two captains. Faithful to their original diaries, the novel brings to life the day-to-day challenges faced by the team charged with the task of exploring the American West and searching for the legendary Northwest Passage. Action and adventure abound. (2008)

FIC
Twain

The adventures of Tom Sawyer : The Authoritative Text

By Mark Twain

A seminal work of American Literature that still commands deep praise and still elicits controversy, *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* is essential to the understanding of the American soul. The recent discovery of the first half of Twain's manuscript, long thought lost, made front-page news. And this unprecedented edition, which contains for the first time omitted episodes and other variations present in the first half of the handwritten manuscript. (1998)

FIC
Erd

The Birchbark House

By Louise Erdrich

The Birchbark House, award-winning author Louise Erdrich's first novel for young readers, this same slice of history is seen through the

eyes of the spirited, 7-year-old Ojibwa girl Omakayas, or Little Frog, so named because her first step was a hop. The sole survivor of a smallpox epidemic on Spirit Island, Omakayas, then only a baby girl, was rescued by a fearless woman named Tallow and welcomed into an Ojibwa family on Lake Superior's Madeline Island (1999)

FIC
Pec

The Wings of Heroes

By Richard Peck

In Davy Bowman's Illinois neighborhood, life is friendly and happy, with time for boisterous hide-and-peek games and stories on the porch. But that is before World War II, which sends the narrator's older brother into the army, makes his dad somber, brings his troublesome grandparents into town, sends his mother to work, and changes everything. (2007)

FIC
Irv

The Legend of Sleepy Hollow

By Washington Irving –Illustrated by Arthur Rackham

Now a new generation of readers can fall under the spell of Irving's story and Rackham's pictures. This edition of the complete, unedited text faithfully reproduces all eight of Rackham's colorful paintings, twenty-four of his pen and-ink drawings, and his colorful endpapers. (1998)

FIC
Irv
Spanish

La Leyenda de Sleepy Hollow Rip Van Winkle

By Washington Irving -

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Spanish version of the classic tales. (2009)

FIC
Gri

The Rainmaker

By John Grisham

Rudy Baylor, a new law school graduate, once dreamed of the good life as a corporate attorney. Now he faces joblessness and bankruptcy--unless he can win an insurance case against a heavyweight team of lawyers, a case that starts small but mushrooms into a frightening war of nerve and legal skill that could cost Rudy not only his future, but also his life. (1995)

FIC
Gri

The Partner

By John Grisham

Literary slugger John Grisham returns with a story about-- surprise!--a lawyer in trouble. Patrick Lanigan had been a young partner in a prominent Southern law firm. He had a beautiful wife, a new baby girl,

and a bright future. Then one winter night Patrick was trapped in a burning car; the casket they buried held nothing but ashes. (1997)

FIC
Gri

The Client

By John Grisham

Mark Sway, age 11 but years wiser thanks to a drunken dad who abused his mom, is out in the woods behind his Memphis trailer park teaching his kid brother, Ricky, how to smoke Virginia Slims heisted from Mom's purse. He's a pretty upright kid--he's determined to protect his brother from drugs, and he once defended his mom with a baseball bat. (1993)

FIC
Ste

Jewels

By Danielle Steele

A title in the Danielle Steel Television Film Series, this four-hour drama unfolds the story of a multi-generational family beginning in the 1930s, based upon Steel's book of the same name. After her first marriage dissolves, Sarah Thompson (Annette O'Toole) tours Europe and meets the charming William, Duke of Whitfield (Anthony Andrews) who captivates her and persuades her to marry him. They settle in a French chateau until World War II interrupts their marital bliss. (1992)

FIC
Ste

East of Eden

By John Steinbeck

Novel by John Steinbeck, published in 1952. It is a symbolic recreation of the biblical story of Cain and Abel woven into a history of California's Salinas Valley. Spanning the period between the American Civil War and the end of World War I, the novel highlights the conflicts of two generations of brothers; the first being the kind, gentle Adam Trask and his wild brother Charles. (1992)

FIC
Hic

The Widow of the South

By Robert Hicks

In an Author's Note at the end of his book *The Widow of the South*, Robert Hicks tells us that "when Oscar Wilde made his infamous tour of America in 1882, he told his hosts that his itinerary should include a visit to 'sunny Tennessee to meet the Widow McGavock, the high priestess of the temple of dead boys.'" Carrie McGavock, *The Widow of the South*, did indeed take it upon herself to grieve the loss of so many young men in the battle of Franklin, Tennessee, which took place on November 30, 1864. (2005)

FIC
Grisham

The Chamber

By John Grisham

"The decision to bomb the office of the radical Jew lawyer was reached with relative ease." So begins Grisham's legal leviathan *The Chamber*, a 676-page tome that scrutinizes the death penalty and all of its nuances--from racially motivated murder to the cruel and unusual effects of a malfunctioning gas chamber. (2004)

FIC
Cri

The Lost World
By Michael Crichton

Written in the wake of *Jurassic Park's* phenomenal box-office success, *The Lost World* follows the story of the discovery of an island with dinosaurs and the adventures that go with it. (1995)

FIC
Steel

Sisters
By Danielle Steel

Four stunningly beautiful Connecticut-bred sisters pursue their disparate careers in prolific Steel's (*H.R.H.*) latest. There's Candy, 21, a supermodel with an eating disorder, on location in Paris; Annie, 26, a RISD-grad studying painting in Florence; Tammy, at 29 an L.A. TV producer with a new hit and no life; and Sabrina, 34, a workaholic, commitment-phobic family attorney. No matter what, all meet at Mommy and Daddy's for July 4, Thanksgiving and Christmas. (2008)

FIC
STEEL

Malice
By Danielle Steel

The compelling story of a woman who must struggle to overcome a shattering betrayal, and the cruelest kind of malice. At seventeen, the night of her mother's funeral, Grace Adams is attacked. It is not the first time, and a brutal crime ensues. Whatever the outcome, Grace Adams will have to live with whatever happened during those terrible years. (2005)

FIC
CLA

You Belong to Me
By Mary Higgins Clark

Is a clinical psychologist who hosts a call-in radio show. She's bright, sharp-tongued, and even has "shoulder-length dark blonde hair." Fortunately for Dr. Laura, the similarities end there. During an episode of *Ask Dr. Susan*, Chandler unwittingly gets herself tangled in the web of a dangerous serial killer. (2005)

FIC
CLA

On the Street Where You Live

By Mary Higgins Clark

Emily Graham knows what it's like to have enemies. The pretty New York attorney--a millionaire due to a lucky stock market break--has been sued by her greedy ex-husband and stalked by a man who thinks she helped his mother's murderer escape punishment. (2002)

FIC
PAT

Cat and Mouse

By James Patterson

Gary Soneji, the creepy man from another Cross book, has broken out of jail and embarked on a new spree, again taunting Cross that he can't stop him. And one of his intended targets is Cross and his family. Some are suggesting that he's an alien from another planet. (2003)

FIC
PAT

Jack and Jill

By James Patterson

In this detective story the only clue the police have to go on is a bizarre rhyme, signed "Jack and Jill," promising more high-profile executions, ultimately targeting the president of the United States. When Cross is called in to help protect the president, he begins to suspect that the two cases are somehow related. (2003)

FIC
Hos

A Thousand Splendid Suns

By Khalid Hosseini

An in-depth exploration of Afghan society in the three decades of anti-Soviet jihad, civil war and Taliban cruelty. He impels us to empathize with and admire those most victimized by Afghan history and culture—women. Mariam must deal with her brutal circumstances.
(2007)

FIC
BAL

Split Second

By David Baldacci

. Sean King is a former Secret Service agent whose career ended eight years ago when the political candidate he was protecting was assassinated. Now a lawyer, King has organized his life to forget his past, but it barges rudely in on him when he finds a colleague murdered in his office building. (2007)

