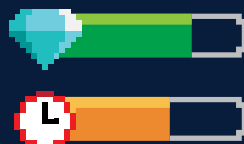


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SUGGESTED READS



UNIT 1: SETTING GOALS



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WATCH US RISE

Authors: Renée Watson & Ellen Hagan
Call No.: Y WAT
Publisher: Bloomsbury YA, 2019

“This isn’t only personal. This is about every girl, everywhere.” (pg 261)

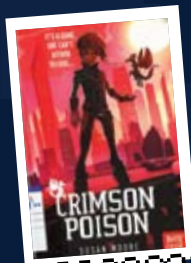
► **A Question This Book Explores:** ◀
What would you do to make your voice heard?

RAISING ARCADIA

Author: Simon Chesterman
Call No.: Y CHE
Publisher: Marshall Cavendish Editions, 2016

► **Recommended For...** ◀
Fans of Sherlock Holmes

► **A Question This Book Explores:** ◀
Is a logical mind enough to solve a murder?

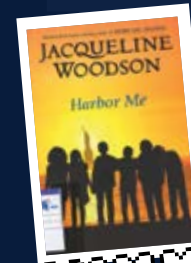


CRIMSON POISON

Author: Susan Moore
Call No.: Y MOO
Publisher: Nosy Crow, 2016

“Was this the danger from outside, or the devastation within?” (pg 89)

► **Recommended For...** ◀
Fans of futuristic fiction with a hero who wants to save the world



HARBOR ME

Author: Jacqueline Woodson
Call No.: Y WOO
Publisher: Nancy Paulsen Books, 2018

“If the worst thing in the world happened, would I help protect someone else? Would I let myself be a harbor for someone who needs it?” (pg 34)

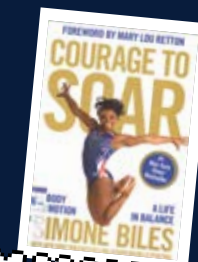
► **A Question This Book Explores:** ◀
Is social media making human connection easier or harder?

GENERATION ONE

Author: Pittacus Lore
Call No.: Y LOR
Publisher: HarperCollins, 2017

“Neither of them had lives to go back to.” (pg 15)

► **Recommended For...** ◀
Fans of teenage superheroes



COURAGE TO SOAR: A BODY IN MOTION, A LIFE IN BALANCE

Author: Simone Biles
Call No.: Y 796.44092 BIL
Publisher: Zondervan, 2016

“You don’t go out there to beat another person. You go out there to do your very best.” (pg 141)

► **A Question This Book Explores:** ◀
What does it take to achieve the Olympic dream?

UNIT 2: GROWING UP



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SPACE BOY. VOLUME 1

Author: Stephen McCranie
Call No.: Y 741.5973 MAC -[CMX]
Publisher: Dark Horse Books, 2018

"Then, there is a beep, and my body freezes stiff, and I see nothing and I feel nothing for a very long time." (pg 42)

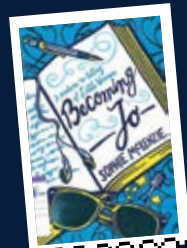
► **A Question This Book Explores:** ◀
What would it be like to live on Earth if you grew up in space?

BECOMING JO: A MODERN RE-TELLING OF LITTLE WOMEN

Author: Sophie McKenzie
Call No.: Y MAC
Publisher: Scholastic Children's Books, 2019

"Remember that it's the sad times that help you appreciate when things are good." (pg 253)

► **A Question This Book Explores:** ◀
Does passion always translate into success?



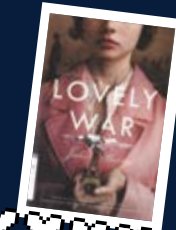
KELLY AND THE KRUMPS

Author: Ken Kwek
Call No.: Y SING KWE
Publisher: Epigram Books, 2019

"Tuition is a form of legal torture designed to help children do well in their school exams." (pg 24)

► **A Question This Book Explores:** ◀
What is more important as a student - chasing your dreams or your grades?

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LOVELY WAR

Author: Julie Berry
Call No.: Y BER
Publisher: Viking, 2019

► **Recommended For...** ◀
Fans of war and romance novels

► **A Question This Book Explores:** ◀
In a world where war snatches lives away, how do young people find the courage to love?

BEING MISS NOBODY

Author: Tamsin Winter
Call No.: Y WIN
Publisher: Usborne, 2017

"It seems like to be a Somebody you have to hurt a Nobody. And we're all too scared to speak up. But I think it's about time that changed." (pg 133)

► **A Question This Book Explores:** ◀
How do you speak out if you cannot speak up?



BORN JUST RIGHT

Authors: Jordan Reeves & Jen Lee Reeves
Call No.: J 617.5 REE
Publisher: Aladdin/Jeter, 2019

"If you could build something for your little arm that helped you become a superhero, what kind of superhero would you be?" (pg 81)

► **Recommended For...** ◀
Those who have faced struggles in life

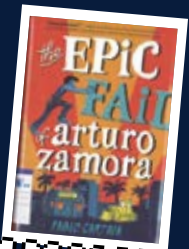


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UNIT 3: FOOD AND MEMORIES



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THE EPIC FAIL OF ARTURO ZAMORA

Author: Pablo Cartaya

Call No.: Y CAR

Publisher: Viking Children's Books, 2017

"I thought of Abuela and my family. Of the tree-lined streets and canals that made up Canal Grove. My neighbourhood. Change *had* come. But I wasn't worried anymore." (pg 231)

► **A Question This Book Explores:** ◀

How far will one thirteen-year-old go to save his family's restaurant?

BLIGHT

Author: Alexandra Duncan

Call No.: Y DUN

Publisher: Greenwillow Books, 2017

"They control what you plant, who gets to eat, who gets to live. And what do you do? You thank them for it." (pg 123)

► **A Question This Book Explores:** ◀

Can we trust the system that takes care of us?



ONCE UPON A SINGAPORE... TRADERS

Author: Sim Soek Tien Tina

Call No.: J SING SIM

Publisher: Asiapac Books, 2018

► **Recommended For...** ◀

Anyone who wants to learn about Singapore's history in a colourful and fun way

► **A Question This Book Explores:** ◀

What was Singapore like in the past?

DEATH OR ICE CREAM?

Author: Gareth P. Jones

Call No.: Y JON

Publisher: Hot Key Books, 2016



"The Fair Commandant told me that if the authorities found out, they would face crippling fines and I would be sent to the Institute for Parentally Impoverished but Talented Youngsters, which was a fancy name for the orphanage." (pg 115)

► **A Question This Book Explores:** ◀

What does a town filled with secrets look like?



HUNGER: A TALE OF COURAGE

Author: Donna Jo Napoli

Call No.: Y NAP

Publisher: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2018

► **Recommended For...** ◀

Fans of historical fiction and anyone who wants to know more about the Irish Potato Famine of 1846

► **A Question This Book Explores:** ◀

Can two people from different cultures work together to overcome shared suffering?

SINCERELY, HARRIET

Author: Sarah Winifred Searle

Call No.: Y 741.5973 SEA -[CMX]

Publisher: Graphic Universe, 2019



"These books will challenge you, but it's worth it. And maybe you'll find something here to inspire stories of your own." (pg 154)

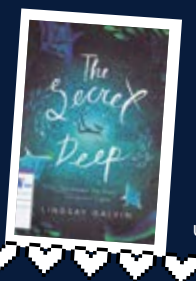
► **A Question This Book Explores:** ◀

Can stories and storytelling bridge generation gaps and restore memories?

UNIT 4: ENVIRONMENT: THE WEIRD AND WONDERFUL



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THE SECRET DEEP

Author: Lindsay Galvin
Call No.: Y GAL
Publisher: Chicken House, 2018

"...because there's no sign of the bottom. The water around us is dark navy, and it sucks at my body as if it wants to drink me down its cold throat and swallow me." (pg 234)

► **A Question This Book Explores:** ◀
What if humans could live underwater?

TALES FROM THE INNER CITY

Author: Shaun Tan
Call No.: Y TAN
Publisher: Arthur A. Levine Books, 2018

"One afternoon the members of the board all turned into frogs." (pg 129)

► **Recommended For...** ◀
People interested in what a magical city inhabited by animals would look like



LIBRARY MACHINE

Author: Dave Butler
Call No.: J BUT
Publisher: Alfred A. Knopf, 2018

"This is what we wizards do in our spare time.' Ollie tapped one finger to his temple. 'Reading. Only we call it research.'" (pg 284)

► **A Question This Book Explores:** ◀
What do you get when you blend steampunk, magic and a clockwork boy?

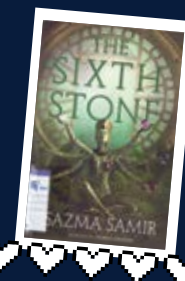
CHARLIE HERNÁNDEZ & THE LEAGUE OF SHADOWS

Author: Ryan Calejo
Call No.: Y CAL
Publisher: Aladdin, 2018



"That's when a fat gray feather burst through the skin on my forearm like a zombie hand bursting out of a grave." (pg 8)

► **A Question This Book Explores:** ◀
What if myths were real?



THE SIXTH STONE

Author: Sazma Samir
Call No.: Y SING SAM
Publisher: Kitaab International, 2018

"Once again, I was there; the black abyss that I had come to recognise easily. 'Hello again, little girl.' The woman spoke. She seemed very close and very powerful." (pg 102)

► **A Question This Book Explores:** ◀
Should we trust our dreams and memories?

THIS WAS OUR PACT

Author: Ryan Andrews
Call No.: Y 741.5973 AND -[CMX]
Publisher: First Second, 2019



► **Recommended For...** ◀
Anyone who wants to embark on a quirky and beautiful journey

► **A Question This Book Explores:** ◀
Can an unlikely friend make for a good adventure companion?

UNIT 5: SOCIETY: FRIENDSHIP



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MAGRIT

Author: Lee Battersby
Call No.: Y BAT
Publisher: Walker Books, 2019

“Whoever said you had to be real to exist?” (pg 152)

► **A Question This Book Explores:** ◀
Magrit has made the cemetery her home, but will the appearance of a strange baby cause her carefully constructed life to collapse?

SOUPY LEAVES HOME

Author: Cecil Castellucci
Call No.: Y 741.5973 CAS -[CMX]
Publisher: Dark Horse Books, 2017



► **Recommended For...** ◀

Fans of stories about good-hearted misfits

► **A Question This Book Explores:** ◀
What does home mean to you?



TUNNEL OF BONES

Author: Victoria Schwab
Call No.: Y SCH
Publisher: Scholastic, 2019

► **Recommended For...** ◀
Fans of Greek mythology – this is a retelling of Medusa

► **A Question This Book Explores:** ◀
Should we fear our own demons?

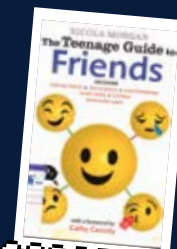
THE GIRL WHO WEARS TWO WATCHES

Author: Lily Kong
Call No.: Y SING KON
Publisher: Akasaa, 2019



“Why couldn’t Dad and Mum be like the mechanical movements of a watch, synchronised in their thoughts, words, actions?” (pgs 3-4)

► **Recommended For...** ◀
Fans of novels written in a diary format



THE TEENAGE GUIDE TO FRIENDS

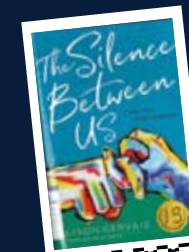
Author: Nicola Morgan
Call No.: Y 302.34 MOR
Publisher: Walker Books and Subsidiaries, 2017

“Empathy is the ability to understand and share what another person is feeling. It is something that humans do far, far better than other animals and some people are better at it than others.” (pg 99)

► **Recommended For...** ◀
Fans of self-help books who want to better their relationships

THE SILENCE BETWEEN US

Author: Alison Gervais
Call No.: Y GER
Publisher: Blink, 2019



► **Recommended For...** ◀
People seeking motivation to overcome challenges

► **A Question This Book Explores:** ◀
Would you rather change yourself to fit in, or remain different?

UNIT 6: SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



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LONG MAY SHE REIGN

Author: Rhiannon Thomas
Call No.: Y THO
Publisher: HarperTeen, 2017

"If I moved an inch, if I gave any sign of breaking, he would murder me and leave my blood to soak into the stones. I could see it in his eyes." (pg 246)

► **Recommended For...** ◀

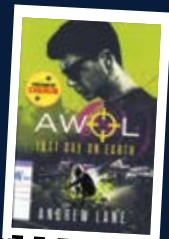
Fans of the Victorian era and crime fiction

LAST DAY ON EARTH

Author: Andrew Lane
Call No.: Y LAN
Publisher: Piccadilly, 2019

► **Recommended For...** ◀
Fans of spy action thrillers

► **A Question This Book Explores:** ◀
In a battle of humans versus robots, who will win?



LAST PICK. 1

Author: Jason Walz
Call No.: Y 741.5973 WAL -[CMX]
Publisher: First Second, 2018

► **Recommended For...** ◀
Fans of underdog stories, mixed in with aliens

► **A Question This Book Explores:** ◀
What happens when aliens take over?

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WIZARDS & ROBOTS

Authors: William & Brian David Johnson
Call No.: Y WIL
Publisher: Penguin Books, 2019

"You spend so much time among the humans, I fear one day I will mistake you for one." (pg 55)

► **A Question This Book Explores:** ◀
Can the future affect the past?



GOOGLE IT: A HISTORY OF GOOGLE

Author: Anna Crowley Redding
Call No.: Y 338.761025 RED
Publisher: Feiwel and Friends, 2018

"Since no one else is crazy enough to do it, you have little competition." (pg 221)

► **A Question This Book Explores:** ◀
How did two students' project to organise the world's information lead to one of the most influential and innovative companies ever created?



SKYWARD

Author: Brandon Sanderson
Call No.: Y SAN
Publisher: Delacorte, 2018

► **Recommended For...** ◀
Fans of alien-fighting adventures and stories filled with twists and turns

► **A Question This Book Explores:** ◀
What happens when everything you believe to be true falls apart?



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This book is also available on eReads at www.nlb.gov.sg.



WORD VAULT

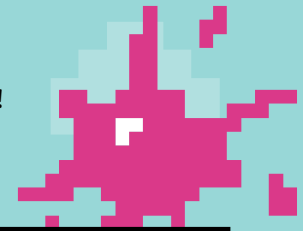
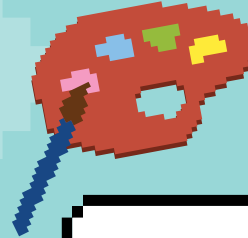


RE(AD)CREATE!



Unlocked any new words?
Find out what they mean and add them to your Word Vault here!

Paint a thousand words!
Draw your favourite character or
scene from a book you have read!



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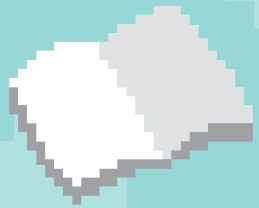
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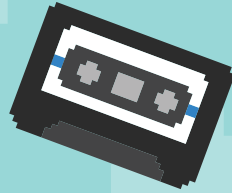
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SPELLING BEE

Challenge your friends to spell the words in your Word Vault on page 13!

COMIC COMPETITION

Pick a scene in a book and illustrate it as a comic or graphic novel.

ONE WORD REVIEWS

Challenge accepted: sum up a book in one word and share why!

MAKE A MIXTAPE

Meld music and literature! Put together a soundtrack for a book or a character to share with your friends.

ACT IT OUT

Does a character in the book have some amazing lines? Ever wanted to be the next Shakespeare? Create and stage a short play!

PROLOGUE/SPIN-OFF

Write back-stories to some of your favourite (or least favourite) characters, or imagine them 10 years into the future.

LETTER TO THE AUTHOR

Got any burning questions about the book? Why not write a letter to the author? You'll never know - you might even get a reply!

PHOTOSHOOT

Take one or a series of photos that represent a book and share it with your friends!

SCRAPBOOK

Make a scrapbook or mood board about a book or a character. Let your creativity flow!

PERSONAL CRESTS

Come up with a family crest and motto for your favourite character!

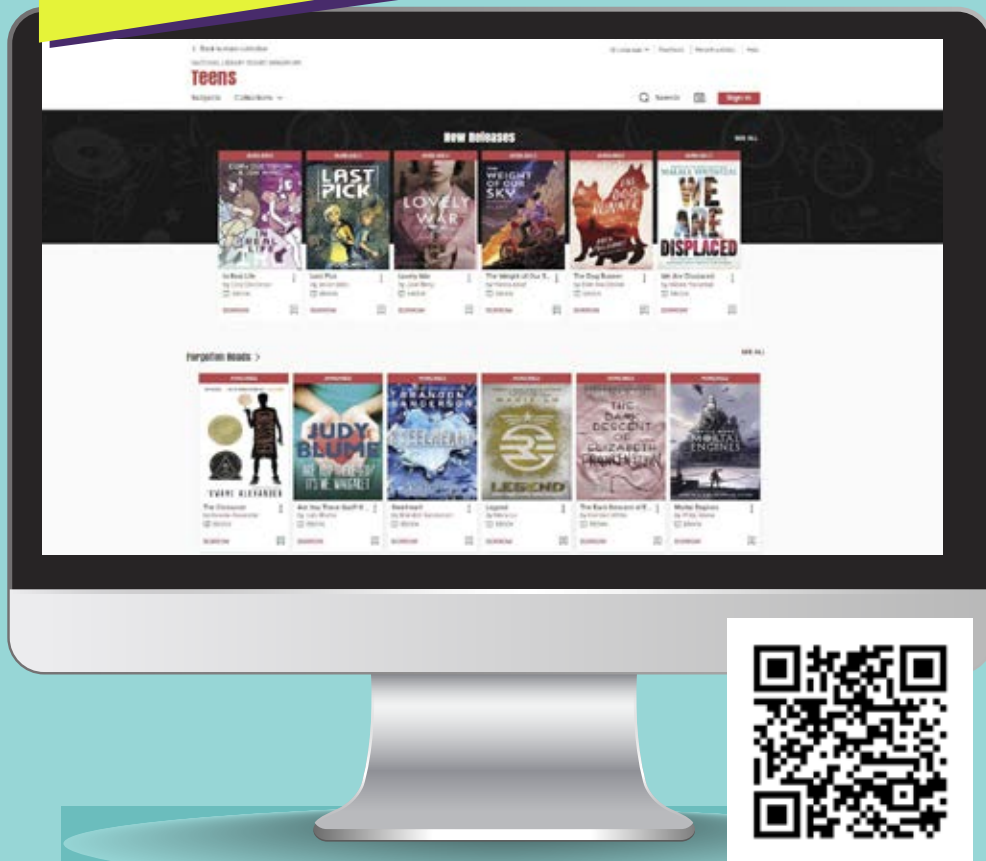
TRIVIA COMPETITION

Want to show off your smarts? Research fun facts about books with your friends and challenge each other to a trivia showdown!

ONLINE BOOK REVIEW

Upload a video of yourself doing a book review. You might become the next online star!

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