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Title: [Aimee: a novel](#)
Author: Miller, Mary Beth
Call no: YA-PB Mille
Locations: BCRL, DC, KL, MA, PBRL, WO
Annotation: After she is accused of playing a role in her best friend's death, a young woman battles depression, anger, guilt, loneliness, and the problems of her own family as well as those of the families of her old friends.

Title: [Before wings: a novel](#)
Author: Goobie, Beth
Call no: YA-PB Goobi
Locations: AN, BCRL, DC, KL, MA, WO
Annotation: Having barely survived a brain aneurysm two years earlier, fifteen-year-old Adrien is caught between the land of the living and the spirit world.

Title: [Bringing up the bones](#)
Author: Zeises, Lara
Call no: YA-PB Zeise
Locations: AN, BCRL, DC, KL, WO, PBRL
Annotation: Bridget Edelstein mourns the loss of her high school boyfriend who died in a car crash, and rebounds with a new love.

Title: [Chanda's secrets](#)
Author: Stratton, Allan
Call no: YA FIC Strat
Locations: BCRL, DC, AN, KL, MA, PBRL, WO
Annotation: Chandra struggles with the deaths of those around her and the shame of being molested as she continues her education and cares for her siblings and friend Esther, amidst the poverty and AIDs epidemic that plague her African homeland.

Title: [Checkers](#)
Author: Marsden, John
Call no: YA-PB Marsd
Locations: AN, BCRL, DC, KL, MA
Annotation: Speaking from a mental hospital, a teenage girl recounts the tremendous media pressure that preceded the breaking scandal of her father's unethical business dealings.

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Title: [Counterfeit son](#)
Author: Alphin, Elaine Marie
Call no: YA FIC Alphi, YA-PB Alphi
Locations: AN, BCRL, KL, MA, PBRL, WO
Annotation: When serial killer Hank Miller is killed in a shoot-out with police, his abused son Cameron adopts the identity of one of his father's victims in order to find a better life.

Title: [Dancing on the edge](#)
Author: Nolan, Han
Call no: YA-PB Nolan
Locations: AN, DC, KL
Annotation: A young girl from a dysfunctional family creates for herself an alternative world which nearly results in her death but which ultimately leads her to reality.

Title: [Dreamland](#)
Author: Dessen, Sarah
Call no: YA FIC Desse, YA-PB Desse
Locations: AN, BCRL, DC, KL, PBRL, WO
Annotation: After her older sister runs away, sixteen-year-old Caitlin decides that she needs to make a major change in her own life and begins an abusive relationship with a boy who is mysterious, brilliant, and dangerous.

Title: [Earthshine](#)
Author: Nelson, Theresa
Call no: YA FIC Nelso
Locations: AN, BCRL
Annotation: Slim watches over her father, a disarmingly charismatic man, as his struggle with AIDS reaches its climax.

Title: [Girlhearts](#)
Author: Mazer, Norma Fox
Call no: YA-PB Mazer
Locations: BCRL, DC, KL, MA, PBRL, WO
Annotation: Thirteen year old Sarabeth Silver's life is turned upside-down when her mother dies suddenly, leaving her orphaned, confused, and at the mercy of everyone who seems to know what is best for her.

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- Title: [Hanging on to Max](#)
Author: Bechard, Margaret
Call no: YA FIC Becha, YA-PB Becha
Locations: AN, BCRL, KL, MA, PBRL, WO
Annotation: When his girlfriend decides to give their baby away, seventeen year old Sam is determined to keep him and raise him alone.
- Title: [Homecoming](#)
Author: Voigt, Cynthia
Call no: YA FIC Voigt, YA-PB Voigt
Locations: AN, BCRL, DC
Annotation: Dicey's mom just abandoned her (and her brothers and sisters) in a mall parking lot. Their dad's not around either. How will Dicey manage to get home and keep her family together?
- Title: [The night I disappeared](#)
Author: Deaver, Julie Reece
Call no: YA-PB Deave
Locations: AN, BCRL, DC, KL, PBRL, WO
Annotation: A teenager spends more and more time trapped in the world of her mind, and only a friendship with another girl who has experienced the problem can save her.
- Title: [Saying it out loud](#)
Author: Abelove, Joan
Call no: YA-PB Abelo
Locations: AN, BCRL, DC, KL, MA, PBRL, WO
Annotation: With the help of her best friend, sixteen-year-old Mindy sorts through her relationships with her solicitous mother and her detached father as she tries to come to terms with the fact that her mother is dying from a brain tumor.
- Title: [Secret sacrament](#)
Author: Jordan, Sherryl
Call no: YA-PB Jorda
Locations: BCRL, DC, KL, PBRL, WO
Annotation: A disturbing incident when he is only seven years old foreshadows the role Gabriel will play in the relations between his Navorran people and the Shinali, a role which is solidified when he becomes an Elected One and trains to be a Healer.

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Title: [A summer to die](#)
Author: Lowry, Lois
Call no: YA-PB Lowry
Locations: BCRL, PBRL
Annotation: Thirteen year old Meg envys her sister's beauty and popularity. Her feelings don't make it any easier for her to cope with Molly's strange illness and eventual death.

Title: [You don't know me : a novel](#)
Author: Klass, David
Call no: YA FIC Klass, YA-PB Klass
Locations: DC, KL, PBRL, WO
Annotation: Fourteen year old John creates alternative realities in his mind as he tries to deal with his mother's abusive boyfriend, his crush on a beautiful but shallow classmate and other problems at school.

Title: [Whale talk](#)
Author: Crutcher, Chris
Call no: YA FIC Crutc, YA-PB Crutc
Locations: AN, BCRL, KL, MA, PBRL, WO
Annotation: Intellectually and athletically gifted, TJ, a multiracial, adopted teenager, shuns organized sports and the gung-ho athletes at his high school until he agrees to form a swimming team and recruits some of the school's less popular students.

Title: [When Kambia Elaine flew in from Neptune](#)
Author: Williams, Lori Aurelia
Call no: YA FIC Willi
Locations: AN, BCRL, DC, KL, MA, PBRL, WO
Annotation: Shayla is unsure what to make of the stories her neighbour Kambia Elaine tells her, and whether she should do anything about them.

Title: [Whirligig](#)
Author: Fleischman, Paul
Call no: YA FIC Fleis, YA-PB Fleis
Locations: AN, BCRL, DC, KL, PBRL
Annotation: While traveling to each corner of the country to build a whirligig in memory of the girl whose death he caused, sixteen-year-old Brian finds forgiveness and atonement.