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STAFF PICKS

Title: [Angus, thongs and full-frontal snogging: confessions of Georgia Nicolson](#)
Author: Rennison, Louise
Call No.: YA-PB Rennison
Locations: AN, DC, KL, MA, PBRL
Annotation: A hilarious, Bridget-Jones like diary of Georgia Nicolson, who agonizes over all of the problems that most teenage girls have: concerns about her chest size, zits and not knowing how to kiss.

Title: [The boy in the burning house: a novel](#)
Author: Wynne-Jones, Tim
Call no.: YA-PB Wynne
Locations: AN, BCRL, DC, KL, MA, PBRL, WO
Annotation: When Jim's dad mysteriously disappears, he tries not to worry about the fact that he and his mother may lose the family farm. But his worries only increase when he meets Ruth Rose – a teenage girl who claims that her stepfather murdered Jim's dad.

Title: [Chanda's secrets](#)
Author: Stratton, Allan
Call No.: YA FIC Strat
Locations: AN, BCRL, DC, KL, PBRL, WO
Annotation: Set against the backdrop of the African HIV/AIDS epidemic, this story is about a perceptive sixteen-year-old who is effectively the head of her family. It captures the enduring strength of loyalty, friendship, and family ties.

Title: [Clara's war](#)
Author: Kacer, Kathy
Call No.: YA-PB Kacer
Locations: AN, BCRL, DC, KL, MA, PBRL, WO
Annotation: Life in a Concentration Camp in World War 11 is exciting, but dangerous for Clara and her friends.

Title: [A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court](#)
Author: Twain, Mark
Call No.: YA-PB Twain
Locations: AN, BCRL, KL, PBRL, WO
Annotation: A blow on the head transports a Yankee to 528 A. D. where he proceeds to modernize King Arthur's kingdom.

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Title: [Curious incident of the dog in the night time](#)
Author: Hadden, Mark
Call no: YA FIC Hadde, YA-PB Hadde
Locations: BCRL, DC, MA, PBRL, WO
Annotation: Fifteen year old Christopher takes the reader on a journey of what it is like to be autistic as he tries to solve the mystery of the death of his neighbour's dog.

Title: [The dirt eaters](#)
Author: Foon, Dennis
Call No.: YA-PB Foon
Locations: AN, BCRL, MA, PBRL
Annotation: A real page-turner! Set in the future when the earth is in a state of disrepair and ruled by groups of warlords-a great read!

Title: [Downsiders](#)
Author: Shusterman, Neal
Call No.: YA FIC Shust, YA-PB Shust
Locations: BCRL, DC, MA, PBRL
Annotation: When fourteen-year-old Lindsay meets Tolan and discovers the Downsiders world which had evolved from the subway built in New York in 1867, she and her new friend experience the clash of their two cultures.

Title: [The dragon's tapestry](#)
Author: Bates, Martine
Call No: YA-PB Bates
Locations: BCRL, KL, MA, WO
Annotation: When news of dragon trouble comes from the north, villagers in Marmawell scoff. Dragons haven't flown in the land of Ve for many generations. But Marwen, the Oldwife's apprentice, doesn't scoff. She knows the reports are true, she senses the dragon's magic.

Title: [The Earth, my butt, and other big, round things](#)
Author: Mackler, Carolyn
Call No.: YA FIC Mackl
Locations: BCRL, KL, PBRL, WO
Annotation: Feeling like she does not fit in with the other members of her family, who are all thin, brilliant, and good-looking, fifteen-year-old Virginia tries to deal with her self-image, her first physical relationship, and her disillusionment with some of the people closest to her.

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Title: [An earthly knight](#)
Author: McNaughton, Janet
Call no: YA FIC McNau, YA-PB McNau
Locations: AN, BCRL, DC, KL, MA, PBRL, WO
Annotation: In medieval Scotland, sixteen-year-old Jenny Avenel is chosen as a potential bride for the king's brother and must navigate the tides of tradition and the power of ancient magic to define her own destiny.

Title: [Empress of the world](#)
Author: Ryan, Sarah
Call no.: YA-PB Ryan
Locations: AN, BCRL, PBRL
Annotation: While attending a summer school program for the gifted, fifteen-year old Nicola finds herself falling in love with both a girl and a boy. As she struggles to understand own feelings and fights being labelled, Nicola learns a lot about herself as a person.

Title: [The face on the milk carton](#)
Author: Cooney, Caroline
Call No.: YA FIC Coone, YA-PB Coone
Locations: BCRL, DC, WO, PBRL
Annotation: Janie searches for her real identity when she sees the photo of a missing girl on a milk carton.

Title: [Fat kid rules the world](#)
Author: Going, Kelly
Call No.: YA FIC Going
Locations: DC, PBRL
Annotation: Seventeen-year-old Troy, depressed, suicidal and weighing nearly 300 pounds, gets a new perspective on life when a homeless teenager who is a genius on guitar wants Troy to be the drummer in his rock band.

Title: [Feeling sorry for Celia](#)
Author: Moriarty, Jaclyn
Call No.: YA FIC Moria
Locations: BCRL, PBRL
Annotation: Elizabeth's dad has reappeared in her life, her mom leaves her crazy notes all over the house, she's receiving anonymous love notes from a boy who wont tell her his name and her best friend has run away to join the circus. But things start to improve when she joins the pen-pal program with the neighbouring school.

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Title: [Fever, 1793](#)
Author: Anderson, Laurie Halse
Call no.: YA-PB Ander
Locations: AN, BCRL, DC, KL, PBRL, WO
Annotation: When sixteen-year-old Matilda Cook's comfortable life is shattered by an outbreak of yellow fever, she must learn to be brave and persevere in order to survive the hardships she faces.

Title: [Freewill](#)
Author: Lynch, Chris
Call No.: YA FIC Lynch
Locations: AN, BCRL, MA, PBRL
Annotation: A teenager trying to recover from the tragic death of his father and stepmother believes himself to be responsible for the rash of teen suicides occurring in his town.

Title: [Girls in pants: the third summer of the sisterhood](#)
Author: Brashares, Ann
Call No.: YA FIC Brash
Locations: AN, BCRL, KL, MA, PBRL, WO
Annotation: The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants graduates from high school and spends their last summer before college learning about life and themselves.

Title: [The giver](#)
Author: Lowry, Lois
Call No.: YA FIC Lowry
Locations: AN, DC, KL, MA, WO
Annotation: Given his lifetime assignment at the community's Receiver of Memories, 12-year-old Jonas discovers the disturbing truth about his utopian world and struggles against the weight of its hypocrisy.

Title: [The goblin wood](#)
Author: Bell, Hilari
Call No.: YA-PB Bell
Locations: DC, KL, MA
Annotation: A captivating fantasy adventure about dark and bright magic and the coexistence of goblins, witches and humans. A Great Read!

Title: [Heart of darkness](#)
Author: Conrad, Joseph
Locations: AN, BCRL, DC, KL, MA, PBRL, WO
Annotation: As Marlow travels through the Congo in search of Kurtz he is confronted with moral and ethical challenges of modern society

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Title: [I capture the castle](#)
Author: Smith, Dodie
Call No.: YA FIC Smith
Locations: AN, BCRL, DC, KL, MA, WO
Annotation: Living in a musty castle with her family including her eccentric father, seventeen-year-old Cassandra would like to be a writer and spends her days chronicling the lives around her. Her sister would like to partake in the finer things in life and decides that a good match would go a long way to advancing the family's fortunes.

Title: [In spite of killer bees](#)
Author: Johnston, Julie
Call No.: YA-PB Johns
Locations: AN, BCRL, KL, MA, PBRL, WO
Annotation: After the death of their grandfather, Aggie and her two sisters return to the family home in Port Desire to claim their inheritance, but first they must convince their eccentric great-aunt to move in with them.

Title: [Invitation to the game](#)
Author: Hughes, Monica
Call No.: YA-PB Hughe
Locations: BCRL, DC, MA, PBRL
Annotation: In 2195, most jobs are done by robots, leaving the majority of new grads unemployed. When Lissa and her seven friends graduate, they join the ranks of the unemployed and their life is very dull until they are invited to join a virtual reality game that puts their survival skills to the test.

Title: [Lady Knight](#)
Author: Pierce, Tamara
Call No.: YA-PB Pierc
Locations: BCRL, DC, PBRL
Annotation: After finally winning her Knight shield, Kel is assigned as the Commander of a camp of refugees, rather than the combat post she wanted. As commander she is tied to her post and is at a loss of how she can fulfil her duty to track down the "Nothing Man" who is removing the souls of children and using them to fuel his metallic monsters.

Title: [Leopard Lord](#)
Author: Morland, Alanna
Call No.: YA-PB Morla
Locations: AN, BCRL, KL, WO
Annotation: A shape shifter makes a deal with the Dark Lord for his freedom from his service in exchange for a bride.

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Title: [Losing forever](#)
Author: Friesen, Gayle
Call No.: YA-PB Fries
Locations: AN, BCRL, DC, MA, PBRL, WO
Annotation: Jes is trying to keep it together as her mom is getting remarried and her soon-to-be stepsister has moved in, taking over her room, her best friend and her wanna-be boyfriend.

Title: [Monster](#)
Author: Myers, Walter Dean
Call No.: YA-PB Myers, YA FIC Myers
Locations: AN, BCRL, DC, KL, MA, PBRL, WO
Annotation: While on trial as an accomplice to a murder, sixteen-year-old Steve Harmon records his experiences in prison and in the courtroom in the form of a film script as he tries to come to terms with the course his life has taken.

Title: [Nineteen eighty-four](#)
Author: Orwell, George
Call No.: YA-PB Orwell
Locations: AN, BCRL, DC, KL, MA, PBRL, WO
Annotation: Orwell creates a world where paranoia and confusion rule supreme under the watchful eye of a tyrant. Big Brother is watching you!

Title: [Ordinary miracles](#)
Author: Tolan, Stephanie
Call No.: YA-PB Tolan
Locations: AN, BCRL, KL, PBRL, WO
Annotation: Tired of being a twin, Mark tries to spend more time away from his twin brother and meets a scientist who challenges Mark's long-held Christian beliefs about heaven, God, prayer, and death.

Title: [Persepolis](#)
Author: Satrapi, Marjane
Call no.: YA FIC Satra Graphic Novel
Locations: BCRL, KL, MA, PBRL
Annotation: Marjane Satrapi's graphic novel is the story of a young girl growing up in Iran during the revolution. The story is funny and wise, and takes the reader on a journey through a life that begins by growing up in a country where at first freedom of thought and education are valued, to a country where war has suppressed this freedom.

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Title: [Pirates : the true and remarkable adventures of Minerva Sharpe and Nancy Kington, female pirates](#)
Author: Rees, Celia
Call no: YA-PB Rees
Locations: PBRL, WO
Annotation: In 1722, after arriving with her brother at the family's Jamaican plantation where she is to be married off, sixteen-year-old Nancy Kington escapes with her slave friend, Minerva Sharpe, and together they become pirates traveling the world in search of treasure.

Title: [Queen's own fool: a novel of Mary Queen of Scots](#)
Author: Yolen, Jane and Robert J. Harris
Call no: YA FIC Yolen, YA-PB Yolen
Locations: AN, BCRL, DC, KL, MA, PBRL, WO
Annotation: When twelve-year-old Nicola leaves Troupe Brufort and serves as the fool for Mary, Queen of Scots, she experiences the political and religious upheavals in both France and Scotland.

Title: [Raspberry House Blues](#)
Author: Holeman, Linda
Call No.: YA-PB Holeman
Locations: AN, BCRL, DC, KL, MA, WO
Annotation: When her adoptive mother "takes off" to find herself, Poppy goes to live with her adoptive father, his new wife Calypso, and their toddler Sandeep, but restless, Poppy begins to search for her birth mother.

Title: [Redwall](#)
Author: Jacques, Brian
Call No: YA FIC Jacques
Locations: BCRL, MA
Annotation: When the peaceful life of ancient Redwall Abbey is shattered by the arrival of the evil rat Cluny and his villainous hordes, Matthias, a young mouse, determines to find the legendary sword of Martin the Warrior, which he is convinced will help Redwall's inhabitants destroy the enemy.

Title: [Sabriel](#)
Author: Nix, Garth
Call no: YA-PB Nix
Locations: KL, PBRL, WO
Annotation: Sabriel, daughter of the necromancer Abhorsen, must journey into the mysterious and magical Old Kingdom to rescue her father from the Land of the Dead.

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Title: [The scarlet letter](#)
Author: Hawthorne, Nathaniel
Call No.: YA-PB Hawth
Locations: AN, BCRL, DC, KL, MA, PBRL, WO
Annotation: Nineteenth century puritans force a woman to wear a scarlet "A" after committing the sin of adultery, while the local pastor hides a dark secret; an all-time classic!

Title: [Search of the Moon King's daughter: a novel](#)
Author: Holeman, Linda
Call No.: YA-PB Holem
Locations: AN, MA, PBRL
Annotation: Emmeline's mother, addicted to laudanum since a factory accident, has sold Emmeline's little brother to a chimney sweep. The lives of chimney sweeps are dangerous and short, and Emmeline sets out to find her brother before it is too late.

Title: [Sisterhood of the traveling pants](#)
Author: Brashares, Ann
Call No.: YA-PB Brash
Locations: AN, BCRL, DC, KL, MA, PBRL, WO
Annotation: A wonderful story of friendship and dealing with teenage issues and learning to be away and still maintain close friendships.

Title: [Skellig](#)
Author: Almond, David
Call No.: YA-PB Almon
Locations: AN, BCRL, DC, KL, PBRL, WO
Annotation: Unhappy about his baby sister's illness and the chaos about moving into a dilapidated old house, Michael retreats to the garage and finds a mysterious stranger who is something like a bird and something like an angel.

Title: [Sloppy firsts: a novel](#)
Author: McCafferty, Megan
Call no.: YA FIC McCaf
Locations: BCRL, PBRL
Annotation: When Jessica Darlings best friend moves away, Jessica feels like the only person that she could ever really talk to is gone. How will she deal with her father's pressure for her to perform in track, her sister's wedding, and a crush without her friend Hope?

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Title: [Son of the mob](#)
Author: Korman, Gordon
Call No.: YA FIC Korma, YA-PB Korma
Locations: AN, BCRL, PBRL, WO
Annotation: Vince hasn't had much luck with girls so when he falls for a girl who seems to like him back, he's horrified to learn that her father is the FBI agent who is trying to put away Vince's dad, the local Mafia boss.

Title: [A stone in my hand](#)
Author: Clinton, Cathryn
Locations: BCRL, DC, PBRL
Annotation: The story of a Palestinian girl and her family living under Israeli Military occupation. This story is a touching account of what it is like growing up in the midst of an occupied region.

Title: [Stones](#)
Author: Bell, William
Call No.: YA FIC Bell, YA-PB Bell
Locations: AN, BCRL, DC, KL, MA, PBRL, WO
Annotation: Two teens are drawn together because of prejudice and get caught up in a horrifying mystery of a small town.

Title: [Teen Idol](#)
Author: Cabot, Meg
Call No.: YA FIC Cabot
Locations: AN, BCRL, KL, MA, PBRL, WO
Annotation: When teenage heartthrob Luke Stryker shows up at a small-town Indiana high school to do research for a movie role, he persuades junior Jenny Greenley to use her considerable talents to try to change things at school for the better.

Title: [Things not seen](#)
Author: Clements, Andrew
Call no.: YA-PB Cleme
Locations: AN, BCRL, DC, PBRL
Annotation: Fifteen-year-old Bobby wakes up one morning to find out that he has turned invisible over night. Doing his best to adapt, Bobby grows more and more frustrated as he tries in vain to control his invisible life.

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Title: [Trickster's choice](#)
Author: Pierce, Tamora
Call no: YA FIC Pierc, YA-PB Pierc
Locations: BCRL, DC, KL, MA, PBRL, WO
Annotation: Alianne must call forth her mother's courage and her father's wit in order to survive on the Copper Isles in a royal court rife with political intrigue and murderous conspiracy.

Title: [Trickster's queen](#)
Author: Pierce, Tamora
Call No: YA FIC Pierc
Locations: BCRL, DC, MA, PBRL
Annotation: Aly fails to foresee the dangers that await as she uses her magic to safeguard Dova and her younger siblings, despite knowing that her thirteen-year-old charge might be the queen of the Copper Isles when colonial rulers are defeated.

Title: [True confessions of a heartless girl](#)
Author: Brooks, Martha
Call No.: YA FIC Brook
Locations: BCRL, DC, MA, PBRL, WO
Annotation: Pregnant and on the run, Noreen has stolen her boyfriend's truck and ends up in the small town of Pembina Lake. The relationships she forms here will change her life and the lives of those around her.

Title: [The turn of the screw; and other short novels](#)
Author: James, Henry
Call No.: YA-PB James
Locations: AN, BCRL, DC, KL, MA, PBRL, WO
Annotation: A governess begins to see apparitions after a night of telling ghost stories....or does she? One of the scariest psychological thrillers of all time!

Title: [Walk two moons](#)
Author: Creech, Sharon
Call No.: YA FIC Creec, YA-PB Creec
Locations: BCRL, DC, MA, WO
Annotation: A young girl unravels the mystery that surrounds her world – a world from which her mother has suddenly disappeared.

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Title: [White jade tiger](#)
Author: Lawson, Julie
Call No.: YA FIC Lawso
Locations: BCRL, MA
Annotation: While on a school field trip to Chinatown, Jasmine mysteriously finds herself back in time searching for a magical amulet.

Title: [The wish list](#)
Author: Colfer, Eoin
Call No.: YA FIC Colfe, YA-PB Colfe
Locations: AN, BCRL, DC, MA, PBRL, WO
Annotation: A unique story of redemption for a young dead girl named Meg. Her salvation can be found only through a reluctant Lowrie, an older man who needs some saving of his own.