Lower Secondary

Reading List

You will only live once if you do not read books. So pick up any of these specially selected books from a variety of genres – Thriller, Fantasy, Science Fiction, Horror, Realistic Fiction and Non-Fiction – to broaden your lives. For more awesome reasons to pick up a book, refer to The Little Book Book.

Title: Convergence (The Zodiac Legacy, Book 1)
Authors: Stan Lee and Stuart Moore
Call No.: Y LEE

When Steven Lee visits Hong Kong on a school trip, he stumbles upon an experiment which ends up releasing the powers of the twelve mythical animals in the Chinese Zodiac. Tiger manifests in Steven and he struggles to cope with his newfound powers. Now, with the evil Maxwell plotting to steal the Zodiac powers for sinister purposes, can Steven find the other powers in time?

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Title: A Greyhound of a Girl
Author: Roddy Doyle
Call No.: Y DOY

Mary’s grandmother, Emer, is afraid to fall asleep because she worries that she may never wake up. Mary’s mother, Scarlett, is loud and cheerful, but her vivacity falls away from her whenever she visits Emer. For Mary herself, she misses her best friend, who has moved far away. When a mysterious ghost, Tansey, appears and barges into their lives, how will the three women cope?


Title: How to Read Literature Like a Professor: For Kids
Author: Thomas C. Foster
Call No.: J 808 FOS

What makes a story a quest? How important are descriptions of people eating together in literature? Where has a particular character appeared before? This book offers great insights into how writers use literary techniques such as metaphors and characterisation to tell stories. There are also useful tips and strategies to help you unfold the layers of meaning in literature.

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

Title: The Dead of Winter
Author: Chris Priestley
Call No.: Y PRI

Michael Vyner has to live with a distant guardian in a huge country house after the death of his parents. He does not suspect anything is amiss until he sees a woman looming out of the night and calling out to him. He soon realises that the mansion holds untold horrors, and he is about to uncover what they are.

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Title: Masterminds (Masterminds, Book 1)
Author: Gordon Korman
Call No.: J KOR

The town of Serenity is perfect: all its residents own beautiful homes, there is no crime, and everybody knows one another. However, when Eli Frieden cycles past the town perimeters one day, he collapses and wakes up in hospital. His experience weighs on his mind, and he starts to ask questions. Now, it is up to him and his friends to find out what truly lies behind Serenity’s perfection.

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Title: Lair of the Leopard (Mission: Survival, Book 8)  
Author: Bear Grylls  
Call No.: Y GRY

Beck Granger is on the run from the shadowy organisation that murdered his parents. He finds himself hiding out in the Himalayan mountains, but he is unsure whether he can survive the dangers – assassins, the threat of starvation, bear attacks, and a very harsh environment – that face him.

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Title: Down a Dark Hall  
Author: Lois Duncan  
Call No.: Y DUN

With her mother and new stepfather going on their honeymoon, Kit Gordy is sent to the remote Blackwood Hall, a boarding school surrounded by towering black iron gates in the middle of nowhere. However, Kit does not realise the extent of the nightmare that she is in for until she wakes up to find a mysterious figure by her bedside…


Title: The Honest Truth  
Author: Dan Gemeinhart  
Call No.: J GEM

Mark is very tired of being ill. He leaves home, determined to accomplish his grandfather's dying wish – climb Mount Rainier. He sets out with his beloved dog and braves bullies, hunger, throbbing headaches, loneliness, and the terrible fear of his impending death. Along the way, Mark thinks about the people he loves and the life he has lived, and wonders if life is worth fighting for.

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

Title: Seven Wonders of Medicine (Seven Wonders)  
Author: Karen Gunnison Ballen  
Call No.: Y 610 BAL

Did you know that it was only a hundred years ago that many diabetic patients died prematurely due to a lack of treatment? Or that the world’s first antibiotic, penicillin, was an accidental find? Read all about important medical discoveries that have gone on to save millions of lives.


Title: At the World’s End  
Author: Catherine Fisher  
Call No.: Y FIS

When Caz was five, a poisonous star destroyed most of the world that she knew. Ever since then, winter has kept the survivors trapped in a department store where resources are fast running scarce. Yet, Caz thinks that there is a chance of survival out in the frozen wilderness. Will she take the risk to find out?

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Title: The Boy Who Could Fly  
Author: James Norcliffe  
Call No.: Y NOR

Michael is a lonely boy who has lived in an orphanage for as long as he can remember. One day, he encounters the Loblolly Boy – a strange human-like creature with green wings – who offers Michael a chance to escape his life by swapping souls. However, this exchange comes at a cost – Michael will never be seen by humans again.

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Title: Pay It Forward: Young Readers Edition  
Author: Catherine Ryan Hyde  
Call No.: J HYD  
A class of twelve-year-old students is challenged by their teacher to come up with a world-changing idea as an extra credit assignment. One of them, Trevor McKinney, recalls his father’s mathematical riddle, and applies the concept to how human kindness can be spread around the community. He achieves surprising results and, through his story, readers are given a powerful reminder of the goodness in humanity.


Title: Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer  
Author: John Grisham  
Call No.: Y GRI  
Theo Boone has lived his entire life surrounded by courtrooms and the complicated world of legal justice. Only thirteen, he is undecided about his future – to be a famous trial lawyer in sensational cases or a great judge renowned for his wisdom? However, there is one thing he knows for sure – he always wants to see justice served. Now, as a murderer is about to get away scot-free, Theo needs to find a way to make the charges stick.


Title: The Lost Hero: The Graphic Novel (Heroes of Olympus, Book 1)  
Adapted By: Robert Venditti  
Call No.: Y 741.5973 VEN  
Jason wakes up on a school bus with no memory of how he got there or who he is. He is transported to Camp Half-Blood, where he receives a deadly quest instructing him and his friends to save Hera. They need to release her from her prison before the world is destroyed! This is the graphic novel adaptation of Rick Riordan’s exciting novel.

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Title: The Ghost in the Glass House  
Author: Carey Wallace  
Call No.: Y WAL  
When Clare’s mother brings the family to a new summer home, Clare finds a mysterious glass house which the housekeeper warns her never to enter. After duplicating the key, Clare ventures inside to find the ghost of a boy who cannot remember his past. She suspects that the housekeeper knows and is determined to help the boy move on.


Title: The Always War  
Author: Margaret Peterson Haddix  
Call No.: Y HAD  
Fifteen-year-old Tessa has never known what it is like to live in peace. Her country has been at war with its neighbours for the past seventy-five years and there have been innumerable casualties. Under extraordinary circumstances, she meets Gideon, a traumatised war hero, as they go on a journey to discover the secrets that lie behind the war.

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

Title: Jackaby  
Author: William Ritter  
Call No.: Y RIT  
After running away from home, Abigail Rook finds herself working for R. F. Jackaby, a mysterious investigator with the ability to see supernatural beings. They take on a case involving a serial killer – one that Jackaby is convinced is not entirely human. Now, both of them have to figure out just what is going on before they become victims as well.

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Title: **Awesome**  
Author: Pete Johnson  
Call No.: Y JOH  

On the first day of school, Ben pretends to be a celebrity to impress his crush. However, it never occurs to him that his little lie would spiral out of control when everyone believes it. Will Ben be able to own up to his lie and risk losing the girl of his dreams?

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Title: **The Six**  
Author: Mark Alpert  
Call No.: Y ALP  

Adam Armstrong suffers from muscular dystrophy, leaving him wheelchair-bound and awaiting death. However, the Pioneer Project offers him, and five other terminally-ill teenagers, a new lease of life – at a cost. They transfer their human minds into weaponised robots, and have to stop Sigma, a rogue artificial intelligence programme that threatens to take over the world.

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Title: **Drawing Manga Mecha, Weapons, and Wheels (Manga Mania)**  
Authors: Anna Southgate and Yishan Li  
Call No.: Y 741.51 SOU  

Feel inspired to create your own action-packed manga? This book provides step-by-step instructions on drawing fantastic manga-style robots, vehicles and weapons. Readers can follow the many examples to create some awesome artwork!

All Rights Reserved, Rosen Central, 2013.
Why did I read this book: I was intrigued when I saw that Stan Lee was presenting a new prose-based superhero series especially when I learned that the series in question featured a Chinese American protagonist and the Chinese Zodiac as the basis for this particular superhero pantheon. When we were given the opportunity to review the book and to host an interview with the creators, I was ever-eager to give the book a shot. Review: For fourteen-year-old Steven Lee, a class trip to China doesn’t quite go according to plan. Zodiac Legacy Series. 3 primary works 5 total works. Book 0.1. The Zodiac Legacy: The Zodiac Archives Part 1. by Stan Lee. 3.75 99 Ratings 9 Reviews published 2014 3 editions.Â Book 1. The Zodiac Legacy: Convergence. by Stan Lee. The Zodiac Legacy: Convergence by: Stan Lee, 1-4231-8085-2 978-1-4231-8085-2; Age Range The Magic Book of Spells By: Amber Benson, The Zodiac Legacy: Convergence (Zodiac Legacy, â€œ The Zodiac Legacy book. Read 637 reviews from the world's largest community for readers. When twelve magical superpowers are unleashed on the world, a Ch Amazon.com: zodiac legacy book 1. FrÃ¥n:https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/22215757-the-zodiac-legacy. The Zodiac Legacy book. Read 637 reviews from the world's largest community for readers. When twelve magical superpowers are unleashed on the world, a Ch Amazon.com: zodiac legacy book 1. FrÃ¥n:https://www.amazon.com/zodiac-legacy-book-1/s?k=zodiac+legacy+book+1.