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Monroe Township Library

It's OK to Read YA (YA titles for Adults)

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BIPOC Voices/ Immigrant Experience

Boulley, Angeline - [Firekeeper's Daughter](#)

Daunis, who is part Ojibwe, defers attending the University of Michigan to care for her mother and reluctantly becomes involved in the investigation of a series of drug-related deaths.

Khan, Sabina - [Meet me In Mumbai](#)

Seventeen-year-old Mira Fuller-Jensen was adopted by her moms at birth. All she knows about her biological mother is that she was a high-school student from India who went back to India after giving birth. Although Mira loves her moms, she's always felt like a misfit in her mostly white community. That starts to change when Nikhil Verma transfers to her school from Mumbai. They become fast friends and he helps Mira connect to her heritage through his family and their love for Indian cooking and Bollywood. Despite this new connection, Mira still feels left out of the Indian community, and like she will never fully belong anywhere. So when Mira finds an old box with letters

addressed to her from her birth mother, she finally sees a way to fully capture that feeling of belonging. Her mother writes that if Mira can forgive her for having to give her up, she should find a way to travel to India for her 18th birthday and meet her mother at a designated place and time. With her birthday approaching, Mira knows she'll always regret it if she doesn't go. But is she actually ready for what she will learn? And in unlocking the secrets of her past, is Mira also unlocking her true feelings for Nikhil?

Shukairy, Ream - [Next New Syrian Girl](#)

The unlikely friendship between Syrian American boxer Khadija and Syrian refugee Leene reveals the pressures and expectations of the perfect Syrian daughter and the repercussions of the Syrian Revolution both at home and abroad.

Nazemian, Abdi - [Only This Beautiful Moment](#)

Set against the backdrop of Tehran and Los Angeles, this sweeping intergenerational story, examining queer identity at the end of different decades, follows three boys in the same Iranian family as they each gain a new understanding of their history, culture--and themselves.

Tahir, Sabaa - [All My Rage](#)

A family extending from Pakistan to California deals with generations of young love, old regrets, and forgiveness.

Thrillers

Àbíké-Íyímídé, Faridah - [Ace Of Spades](#)

Devon Richards and Chiamaka Adebayo, two students at Niveus Private Academy, are selected to be part of the elite school's senior class prefects and struggle against an anonymous bully who reveals all of their secrets.

McManus, Karen M - [One of Us Is Lying](#)

When one of five students in detention is found dead, his classmates--including an intellectual, a popular beauty, a drug dealer, and an athlete--are investigated and revealed to be the subjects of the victim's latest gossip postings.

Sharpe, Tess - [The Girls I've Been](#)

When seventeen-year-old Nora O'Malley, the daughter of a con artist, is taken hostage in a bank heist, every secret she is keeping close begins to unravel.

Historical Fiction

Sepetys, Ruta

-Salt To The Sea

Racing to freedom with thousands of other refugees as Russian forces close in on their homes in East Prussia, Joana, Emilia, and Florian meet aboard the doomed Wilhelm Gustloff and are forced to trust each other in order to survive.

-I Must Betray You

In a country governed by isolation, fear, and a tyrannical dictator, seventeen-year-old Cristian Florescu is blackmailed by the secret police to become an informer, but he decides to use his position to try to outwit his handler, undermine the regime, give voice to fellow Romanians, and expose to the world what is happening in his country. Includes author's note.

-Fountains of Silence

At the Castellana Hilton in 1957 Madrid, eighteen-year-old Daniel Matheson connects with Ana Moreno through photography and fate as Daniel discovers the incredibly dark side of the city under Generalissimo Franco's rule.

Wein, Elizabeth - Code Name Variety

In 1943, a British fighter plane crashes in Nazi-occupied France and the survivor tells a tale of friendship, war, espionage, and great courage as she relates what she must do to survive while keeping secrets all that she can.

The MacMillan "Remind Classics" Series

In the Remixed Classics series, authors from diverse backgrounds take different literary classics from centuries past and reinterpret them through their own unique cultural lens. This collection will serve YA readers as both a series of fun, engaging reads as well as a subversive overall look at what our society has deemed "classic" — works that are overwhelmingly clishe, white, and male.

Fantasy

Chokshi, Roshani - [Gilded Wolves Trilogy](#)

Set in a darkly glamorous world The Gilded Wolves is full of mystery, decadence and dangerous but thrilling adventure. Paris, 1889: The world is on the cusp of industry and power, and the Exposition Universelle has breathed new life into the streets and

dredged up ancient secrets. In this city, no one keeps tabs on secrets better than treasure-hunter and wealthy hotelier, Sâeverin Montagnet-Alarie. But when the all-powerful society, the Order of Babel, seeks him out for help, Sâeverin is offered a treasure that he never imagined: his true inheritance. To find the ancient artifact the Order seeks, Sâeverin will need help from a band of experts: An engineer with a debt to pay. A historian who can't yet go home. A dancer with a sinister past. And a brother in all but blood, who might care too much. Together, they'll have to use their wits and knowledge to hunt the artifact through the dark and glittering heart of Paris. What they find might change the world, but only if they can stay alive.

Garber, Stephanie - [Caraval Trilogy](#)

Whatever you've heard about Caraval, it doesn't compare to the reality. It's more than just a game or a performance. It's the closest you'll ever find to magic in this world.

Ibrahim, Maiya - [Spice Road](#)

When she learns that her brother is spreading the nation's secret spice magic to outsiders, sixteen-year-old Shield warrior Imani sets out on a dangerous mission to find him, discovering secrets that lie beyond the Forbidden Wastes--and in her own heart.

Just Plain Fun/ Cute

McGee Katharine - [American Royals Trilogy](#)

The lives of the American royal family will hook you in the very first pages and never let go. Relatable, believable, fantastical, aspirational, and completely addictive.

McQuiston, Casey - [I Kissed Shara Wheeler](#)

After seventeen-year-olds Chole and Shara, Chole's rival for valedictorian, kiss, Shara vanishes leaving Chole and two boys, who are also enamored with Shara, to follow the trail of clues she left behind, but during the search, Chloe starts to suspect there might be more to Shara and her small Alabama town than she thought.

Simone, Francina - [Smash it!](#)

Olivia "Liv" James is done with letting her insecurities get the best of her. So she does what any self-respecting hot mess of a girl who wants to SMASH junior year does. She makes a list a "F*ck It list". Be bold, do the things that scare me. Learn to take a compliment. Stand out instead of back. Now she's got a part in her school's musical production of Othello, new friends and the attention of three very different boys. In Liv's own words, F*ck it. What is the worst that can happen?

Yoon, David - [Super Fake Love Song](#)

When new-girl Cirrus mistakes self-described nerd Sunny Dae as the lead in a rock band, Sunny rolls with it forming a fake band with his friends, but as the lies continue he risks losing both Cirrus and his friends.

When self-proclaimed nerd Sunny Dae meets Cirrus Soh, she mistakes Sunny's older brother Gray's bedroom, with its electric guitars and rock posters, for Sunny's own. He sort of, kind of, accidentally winds up telling her he's the front man of a rock band. Now Sunny is knee-deep in the lie, and begs his best friends into forming a fake band with him. When Cirrus asks to see them play, people start noticing him in the hallways. Now Sunny is going to football games and parties, feeling more confident, falling in love--and having fun. As his lies begin to catch up, was it all worth it?

Sci- Fi

Best, Jessica Mary - [Stars Hide Your Fires](#)

After traveling from her home planet to Ouris and sneaking into the imperial ball to steal from the galactic elite, expert thief Cass is framed for the unexpected death of the emperor, and must work together with a mysterious rebel to uncover the true plot and clear her name.

Oliver, Ben - [The Loop Trilogy](#)

Luka Kane has spent 736 days wrongfully imprisoned inside the Loop awaiting his execution. Each day is the same. Each day is torturous. But things are starting to change. Whispers of war are circulating. Strange things are happening to the prisoners. And the warden delivers a message: Luka, you have to get out ... Now Luka must decide whether breaking out of the Loop is his only way to survive, especially if there's any chance of saving the ones he loves. But the population on the outside may be far more terrifying than anything he could have imagined. And in order to save his family, he'll have to discover who is responsible for the chaos that has been inflicted upon the world.

Shusterman, Neal - [Scythe Trilogy](#)

In a world where disease has been eliminated, the only way to die is to be randomly killed ('gleaned') by professional reapers ('scythes'). Two teens must compete with each other to become a scythe--a position neither of them wants. The one who becomes a scythe must kill the one who doesn't.

Non- Fiction

Fleming, Candace - [Murder Among Friends](#)

Taking readers back to 1924, this shocking true crime story follows two eighteen-year-old college students who kidnapped and murdered a child they both knew. Their trial, and how a renowned defense attorney enabled them to avoid the death penalty.

LaNier, Carlotta Walls, Page, Lisa Frazier - [A Mighty Long Way](#)

At fourteen years old, Carlotta Walls was the youngest member of the Little Rock Nine. The journey to integration in a place deeply against it would not be not easy. Yet Carlotta, her family, and the other eight students and their families answered the call to be part of the desegregation order issued by the US Supreme Court in its 1954 Brown v. Board of Education case. As angry mobs protested, the students were escorted into Little Rock Central High School by escorts from the 101st Airborne Division, which had been called in by then-president Dwight D. Eisenhower to ensure their safety. The effort needed to get through that first year in high school was monumental, but Carlotta held strong. Ultimately, she became the first Black female ever to walk across the Central High stage and receive a diploma.
