

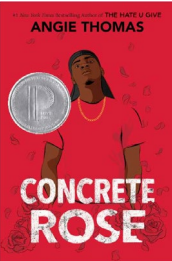

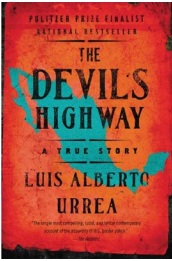
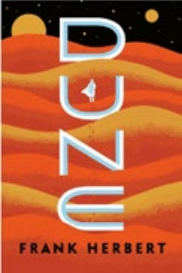

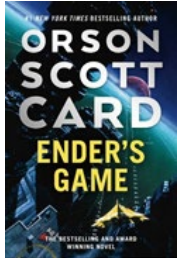
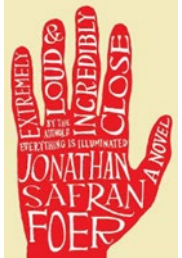

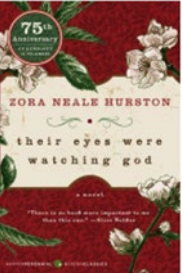





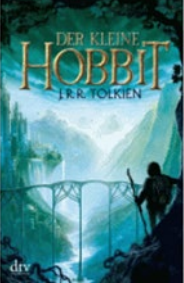



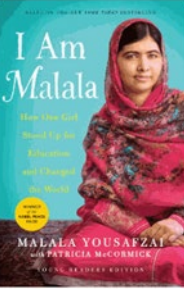

2022 RPHS Summer Reading Selections

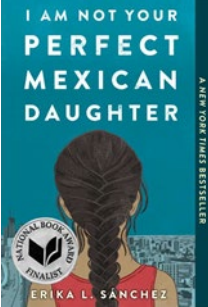

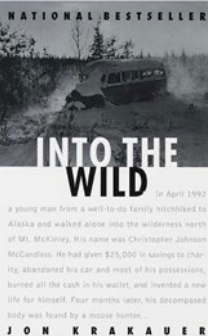

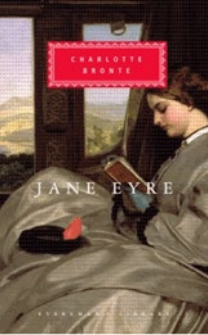

This year's summer reading theme is **journeys**. Some are on an epic journey to restore order to the realm, some are on a journey out of somewhere going toward someplace else, while others are on a journey to find out who they really are.

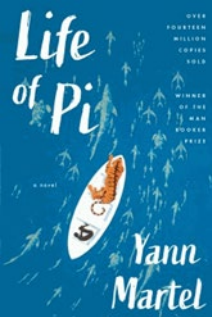



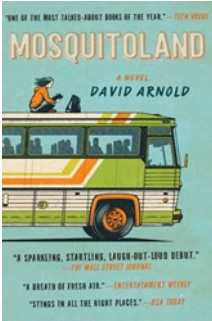
Which journey will you take? Choose at least one.

Book Title	Summary	Genre	RPHS Library	SORA	Award Winner	Trailer
 <p>The cover of 'Circe' by Madeline Miller features a stylized illustration of a woman's face with braided hair and a golden headband. The title 'CIRCE' is prominently displayed in large, white, serif letters, with the author's name 'MADLINE MILLER' below it. The cover also includes the text 'THE #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER'.</p>	<p>Circe, daughter of the Greek sun god Helios, discovers that she has powers of witchcraft and does not fit in with the gods. Threatened by her power, Zeus banishes Circe to a deserted island where she hones her occult powers. She comes in contact with some of the most famous figures from Greek mythology and finds herself under attack from mortals and gods alike--and must choose between the mortals she loves and the gods who reject her.</p> <p>Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IKkZF5GuAwU</p>	Historical fiction	Yes	No	Yes	
 <p>The cover of 'Concrete Rose' by Angie Thomas has a vibrant red background. It features a stylized illustration of a young woman with dark hair and a red top. The title 'CONCRETE ROSE' is written in large, white, bold letters. The author's name 'ANGIE THOMAS' is at the top, and there is a circular logo on the left side.</p>	<p>Seventeen-year-old Maverick "Mav" Carter begins dealing drugs for the King Lords as a way to help support his family while his father is in jail. When he learns that his girlfriend is pregnant, his focus shifts and he tries to make a clean break from drug dealing. However, a loved one's murder makes it difficult to forget his old ties, and he must figure out for himself the meaning of loyalty, manhood, and responsibility.</p> <p>Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XwdyA8Q6Jx4</p>	Realistic	Yes	Yes	Yes	
 <p>The cover of 'The Devil's Highway' by Luis Alberto Urrea has a dark, textured background with a map of the border region. The title 'THE DEVIL'S HIGHWAY' is in large, white, serif letters. Below it, the subtitle 'A TRUE STORY' is written in smaller white letters. The author's name 'LUIS ALBERTO URREA' is at the bottom. The cover also includes the text 'PULITZER PRIZE FINALIST' and 'NATIONAL BESTSELLER'.</p>	<p>Urrea tells the story of 26 Mexican men, who, in May 2001, snuck across the border in a part of Arizona called the Devil's Highway. Fourteen of the men suffered terrible deaths in the desert heat. The author reconstructs their lives and the paths they took from Vera Cruz in their bid to enter the United States. In an extensive cultural, economic, and political analysis, Urrea also critiques the border policy that contributes to tragedies such as these.</p>	Nonfiction	No	No	No	

	<p>The story of a young prince, Paul Atreides, scion of a star-crossed dynasty, and of his journey from boy to warrior to ruler of a dying planet destined to become a paradise regained.</p> <p>Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n9xhJrPXop4</p>	Science Fiction	Yes	Yes	No	
	<p>Andrew "Ender" Wiggin thinks he is playing computer simulated war games at the Battle School; he is, in fact, engaged in something far more desperate.</p> <p>Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=prcP3c7y_xY</p>	Science Fiction	Yes	Yes	Yes	
	<p>Nine-year-old Oskar Schell reacts to the 9/11 death of his father by embarking on a quest to find the lock that fits a mysterious key that belonged to his father.</p> <p>Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vxnI-4c8HzU</p>	Historical Fiction	Yes	No	No	
	<p>Janie Crawford, a proud and independent black woman, undertakes an extraordinary search for herself despite restrictive customs and values that don't serve freedom and love.</p> <p>Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f3IXPP4pzB4</p>	Classics	Yes	Yes	No	

	<p>Seconds before Earth is demolished to make room for a galactic freeway, an earthman is saved by his friend. Together they journey through the galaxy.</p> <p>Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eLdiWe_HJv4</p>	Science Fiction	Yes	No	No	
	<p>Bilbo Baggins, a respectable, well-to-do hobbit, lives comfortably in his hobbit-hole until the day the wandering wizard Gandalf chooses him to share in an adventure from which he may never return.</p> <p>Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SDnYMbYB-nU</p>	Fantasy	Yes	Yes	No	
	<p>When Ghanaian half-sisters Effia and Esi are separated, Effia marries a wealthy Englishman and Esi is sold into American slavery. Over centuries of warfare in Ghana and the Civil War in the U.S., the sisters and their descendants weave a complex family story of love, captivity, and fate.</p> <p>Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IDB0y-dWDOE</p>	Historical	No	No	No	
	<p>Describes the life of the young Pakistani student who advocated for women's rights and education in the Taliban-controlled Swat Valley, survived an assassination attempt, and became the youngest nominee for the Nobel Peace Prize.</p> <p>Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h5wH7ds7zSU</p>	Biography	Yes	Yes	Yes	

	<p>Julia refuses to conform to her Mexican family's expectations of her, wanting to become a writer instead of following her older sister Olga on the path of community college, part-time job, and taking care of their parents. Then, Olga dies mysteriously, and her best friend Angie hints to Julia that there may have been more to Olga than everyone thought. Julia and her best friend, Lorena, investigate, and in the meantime Julia has to figure out how to fall in love with Connor, a white boy whom she is sure could never understand her family.</p> <p>Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iK168VmKZSU</p>	Realistic	Yes	Yes	Yes	
	<p>Investigates the death of Christopher McCandless who hiked into the Alaskan wilderness and was never seen alive again.</p> <p>Trailer: https://vimeo.com/262117754</p>	Nonfiction	Yes	No	No	
	<p>Jane Eyre is an orphan raised in her wicked aunt's home and then tortured at boarding school. She maintains a positive attitude and strong spirit when she starts an independent life as a governess at Thornfield Hall. Jane falls in love with her boss, Mr. Rochester, but a secret ends their relationship and forces her back into a life of poverty and isolation.</p> <p>Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8IFsdfk3mlk</p>	Classics	Yes	Yes	No	

	<p>Pi Patel explains how he was shipwrecked and travels in a lifeboat with a 450 pound Bengal tiger for 227 days, but when they reach Mexico, the tiger escapes into the jungle, and no one believes the story Pi tells them about the tiger.</p> <p>Trailer: https://www.goodreads.com/videos/27800-life-of-pi-official-trailer</p>	Adventure	Yes	Yes	Yes	Trailer 
	<p>Nora Seed regrets the choices she's made in life and finally decides to end it all. After, she finds herself in the Midnight Library, a place between life and death. Now Nora has a chance to make things right using the books in the library. Each one allows her to live a different life, with different choices, and see how those choices play out and affect people she knows as well as strangers. She gets help from an old friend to undo all her bad decisions and create the perfect life. However, she soon sees that her choices are endangering the library and herself. As time runs out, Nora must decide how she wants to live.</p> <p>Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4kPORwPaO9s</p>	Science Fiction	No	No	Yes	
	<p>Sixteen-year-old Mim has absolutely no interest in relocating to the “wastelands” of Mississippi (or as she dubs it, Mosquitoland) from her home in northern Ohio, so when Mim's father and new stepmother drag her with them, she spontaneously hops a Greyhound bus to return home to her mother. But Mim's thousand-mile journey leaves a lot of time for self-reflection, not to mention unexpected surprises and new friendships. As Mim begins to form connections with people she'd otherwise never encounter, she is gently prompted to come to terms with the painful truths she's been running from, including the real reason her father and stepmother relocated the family.</p> <p>Author's website: https://davidarnoldbooks.com/mosquitoland</p>	Realistic	Yes	No	No	

	<p>A father and son make their way toward the coast through a burned and desolate American landscape. They carry a pistol to defend themselves against lawless bands of thieves and have only the clothes on their backs and a grocery cart with food they find along with way.</p> <p>Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=94Kcl0gLq1A</p>	Dystopian	Yes	No	Yes	
	<p>Woodrow Wilson Nickel, age 105, is ready to pass on until he hears that giraffes are going extinct. He vows to tell the story of two giraffes from 1938 who survived a hurricane while crossing the Atlantic Ocean. The journey to transport the giraffes to the San Diego Zoo brings an unlikely group of people together, and gives a country mired in the Great Depression the hope it desperately needs.</p> <p>Author's website: https://www.lyndarutledge.com/</p>	Historical	No	No	No	
	<p>Bi-racial high school senior Emoni Santiago balances school with her job and raising her two-year-old daughter in Philadelphia. Her supportive abuela helps develop Emoni's love of cooking, but Emoni also knows that to pursue culinary school is impossible. But in the end, Emoni, despite the challenges, has no choice but to follow her passion.</p> <p>Trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0dmZn2ml4RI</p>	Realistic	Yes	Yes	Yes	