

Reading List

Humour

Captain Underpants – Dav Pilkey
 The World of Norm – Jonathan Meres
 PIG – Six books about the humorous life of Peter Ian Green – Barbara Catchpole
 Gangsta Granny, Billionaire Boy, Mr Stink, Ratburger, The Boy in the Dress – David Walliams
 Diary of a Wimpy Kid series – Jeff Kinney
 Farticus Maximus – Felice Arena

Struggling Readers/Dyslexia – Barrington Stoke and Raintree are examples of publisher's books with dyslexia friendly font and cream coloured pages.

Take Two – Jo Cotterill (Barrington Stoke)
 Steven Gerrard – Andy Croft (Barrington Stoke)
 The Return of Johnny Kemp – Keith Gray (Barrington Stoke)
 Big Head – Vince Cross (Barrington Stoke)
 Let's Do It! – Catherine Forde (Barrington Stoke)
 Ship of Ghosts – Nigel Hinton (Barrington Stoke)
 Ballet Bullies – Emma Berne (Raintree)
 Horse Riding Hopes – Diana Gallagher (Raintree)
 Skater's Secret – Lisa Trumbauer (Raintree)
 Team Spirit – Eric Stevens (Raintree)
 The Lord of the Typhoon – James Lovegrove

Everyday Books aimed at Boys

Hyperspace High – Zac Harrison (an intergalactic space school series)
 The Phoenix Files: Mutation – Chris Mophew
 Two Good Thieves – Daniel Finn
 Trinity: The invasion – Zack Satriani
 The Joshua Files: Dark Parallel – M G Harris
 Sorrowline – Niel Bushnell
 The Devil's Toenail – Sally Prue
 Monkey Wars – Richard Kurti
 Keeper - Mal Peet (Football based)
 Flint – Neil Arksey (Football based)
 Scream Street (series) – Tommy Donbavand
 Aliens don't eat Bacon Sandwiches – Helen Dunmore (short stories)
 How to be a Boy – Short stories by famous authors
 Beast Quest – Adam Blade (a series of illustrated books with large font)
 Gladiator Boy – David Grimstone . A series of illustrated books.
 Undead Ed – David Grimstone. A series of illustrated books.
 Soldier Dog – Sam Angus
 The Mortal Chaos series – Matt Dickinson
 The Navigator – Eoin McNamee
 Omega Place / Zoo – Graham Marks
 Other well-known authors (the library stocks many books by each author) - Darren Shan, Philip Cavenny, Jo Craig, Charlie Higson, Anthony Horowitz, Philip Pullman, Philip Ardagh, Michael Morpurgo, Mal Peet

Everyday Books aimed at Girls

A Face Like Glass – Frances Hardinge
The Phenominals – F E Higgins
Secrets, Lies & Locker 62 – Lil Chase
My Family & Other Freaks – Carol Midgley
Love is a Number – Lee Monroe
Monkey Wars – Richard Kurti
Dead Jealous – Sharon Jones
The Devil's Toenail – Sally Prue
Isla and Luke: Make or Break? – Rhian Tracey
Zara/Velvet/Holly – Mary Hooper
Rose and the Lost Princess – Holly Webb
The Flight of Dragons – Vivian French
A House Unlocked – Penelope Lively
The Riddles of Epsilon – Christine Morton-Shaw
Radiance – Alison Noel
The Mortal Chaos series – Matt Dickinson
Other well-known authors (the library stocks many books by each author) - Jacqueline Wilson, Michael Morpurgo, Meg Cabot, Rosie Rushton, Ros Asquith, Malorie Blackman (Children's Laureate), Anne Cassidy, Stephen Cole, Narinder Dhami, Cathy Hopkins, JK Rowling, Philip Pullman, Sophie McKenzie, Ali Sparkes

Oxfordshire Book Award Titles

Noble Conflict – Malorie Blackman
5th Wave – Rick Yancey
Colin Fischer – Ashley Miller
After Tomorrow – Gillian Cross
The Ocean at the End of the Lane – Neil Gaiman
Ketchup Clouds – Annabel Pitcher

Carnegie Book Awards 2014 Shortlist

The Bunker Diary – Kevin Brooks
All the Truth That's in Me – Julie Berry
Liar & Spy – Rebecca Stead
The Elephant's Child – Rachel Campbell-Johnston
The Wall – William Sutcliffe
Ghost Hawk – Susan Cooper
Rooftoppers – Katherine Rundell
Blood Family – Anne Fine

More Challenging Reads for Boys

Dive Bombing – Bernard Ashley
Brainjack – Brian Falkner
Mandrake – Paul Eddy
Gone / Hunger – Michael Grant
Colony – J A Henderson
The Shamer's War – Lene Kaaberbol
The Book Thief – Markus Zusak
Red Jericho – Joshua Mowll
Dusk – Kenneth Opper
Exposure – Mal Peet
Rifles – Mark Urban
Other authors – Robert Muchamore, Alex Scarrow, Eoin Colfer

More Challenging Reads for Girls

Whisper my Name – Jane Eagland
Revolution – Jennifer Donnelly
The Cup of the World – J Dickinson
Asylum – Rachel Anderson
Troy – Adele Geras
The Lake of Dead Languages – Carol Goodman
The Clockwork Three – Matthew J Kirby
The Nostradamus Prophecy – Theresa Breslin
The Book Thief – Markus Zusak
The Emerald Atlas – John Stephens
Pegasus – Kate O'Hearn
Dusk – Kenneth Opper
Exposure – Mal Peet
The Toymaker – Jeremy de Quidt
The Scorpion Races – Maggie Stiefvater

Topical Issues and Real-Life Experiences

Cat Among the Pigeons – Julia Golding (Slavery)

Between Shades of Gray – Ruta Sepetys (Set in 1941, with first-hand accounts. A family is taken by Soviet guards on a harrowing journey to Siberia...)

Refugee Boy – Benjamin Zephaniah (Alem’s father is Ethiopian, his mother Eritrean. Both countries are at war, he is welcome in neither place...)

Learning to Scream – Beate Teresa Hanika (Malvina has a story she’s ashamed of. But Grandad knows her secret; he says it’s just between them and no one else would understand...)

Thura’s Diary – Thura Al-Windawi (The diary of a young girl about the effects of war-torn Baghdad on an entire generation of Iraqi youth...)

Tyranny, I keep you Thin – Lesley Fairfield (Anna learns to accept herself after year of battling and eating disorder...)

Bruised – Siobhan Parkinson (How does the bruising start? One boy’s mission to protect his younger sister...)

Warlands – Rachel Anderson (Uncle Ho was a Vietnamese orphan, born among the terrors of war. The nightmares in his head won’t go away...)

Ronnie’s War – Bernard Ashley (Ronnie lives with his mum, his dad is away fighting in World War II. Ronnie experiences the terror of the London Blitz, evacuation and romance...)

Colin Fischer - Ashely Miller (Colin Fischer is no ordinary boy. He doesn’t like human contact, he documents his day in a closely guarded notebook, which also contains images of facial expressions. His bedroom is orderly and a shrine to Sherlock Holmes...)

Blusfish – Pat Schmatz (Travis moves to a new town with his alcoholic grandfather, leaving behind his dog Rosco, who has disappeared. Travis feels stupid, angry and alone and doesn’t see the point of trying at school anymore. Travis has a secret. He meets Velveeta, who has her own secrets...)

Undone – Cat Clarke (Jem is in love with her gay best friend Kai. Then Kai is ‘outed’ online... and kills himself...)

One day in Oradour – (It’s 1944, a whole German village is wiped out by an SS regiment, leaving only a handful of survivors...)

This is a very small selection of the Gosford Hill School library catalogue of 11,000 titles. As well as fiction, there is also a huge selection of non-fiction to choose from. Please encourage your child to visit the library and select a book to read. If they have difficulty choosing please ask Mrs Hedges.

