

Piscataway Public Library - Book Talks Spring 2009

Acceleration (K/W)

McNamee, Graham

17-year-old Duncan finds the diary of a serial killer and races to save the next victim.

Al Capone Does my Shirts (K/W)

Choldenko, Gennifer

Twelve-year-old Moose Flannigan and his family move to Alcatraz Island when his father gets a job as an electrician and a prison guard.

Alabama Moon (K/W)

Key, Watt

10-year-old Moon has lived his whole life in a shelter in the forest with his father. When his father dies he must find others like him.

Alt Ed (K)

Atkins, Catherine

Six high school students, all from different cliques, are sentenced to an alternative education class where they have to open up to one another.

Black and White (K)

Volponi, Paul

Marcus and Eddie are high school basketball stars with bright futures. When they make a serious mistake only one of them will pay.

Black Duck (K)

Lisle, Janet Taylor

During the 1920s prohibition era, two teenage boys find a body on the beach. When they tell the police, the body mysteriously disappears.

The Body of Christopher Creed (K/W)

Plum-Ucci, Carol

When class outcast Christopher Creed mysteriously disappears, Tory Adams, one of his past tormentors, investigates.

Bonechiller (K/W)

McNamee, Graham

It's the dead of winter in an isolated northern Canadian town. Danny is attacked by a strange creature and convinces himself that he was hallucinating

Clay (K/W)

Almond, David

Davie and his new, strange friend Stephen create a clay monster. Davie wants the monster to be good but Stephen has other plans for it.

Deadline (K/W)

Crutcher, Chris

Ben's plans for senior year change when he is told he has one year to live.

Devilish (K/W)

Johnson, Maureen

Allison sells her soul to the devil to be popular and her best friend Jane must save her.

Double Helix (K/W)

Werlin, Nancy

High School senior Eli Samuels is offered a job with a world-renown geneticist, Dr. Quincy Wyatt. His father insists that he turn down the job because of a secret he knows about Wyatt.

Double Identity (K/W)

Haddix, Margaret Peterson

Thirteen-year-old Bethany's overprotective parents suddenly go away leaving her with an aunt. Then, Bethany uncovers the truth about her identity.

Dramarama (K)

Lockhart, E

Two theater-mad Ohio teenagers attend a drama camp together and discover their true selves.

Fake ID (K/W)

Sorrells, Walter

On the night of Chastity's 16th birthday, her mother disappears. Police find blood matching her mother's DNA but Chass must prove her mother is still alive or be murdered herself.

Found (K/W)

Haddix, Margaret Peterson

Jonah and his friend Chip, who are both adopted, get a series of strange letters in the mail leading them to investigate their true identities.

Harmless (K/W)

Reinhardt, Dana

When three high school freshman girls get caught lying to their parents, they try to avoid punishment by making up an even bigger lie that turns the community upside down.

Hope was Here (K/W)

Bauer, Joan

Sixteen-year-old Hope moves across country to Wisconsin to help her aunt run a diner and becomes involved in the town's mayoral race.

Hunger Games (K)

Suzanne Collins

In a futuristic world, teenagers are selected for a brutal survival competition where they must fight to the death while the rest of the country watches.

Memoirs of a Teenage Amnesiac (K/W)

Zevin, Gabrielle

After a head injury, 16-year-old Naomi can't remember anything before she was 12 and realizes she doesn't like the person she has become.

Milkweed (K/W)

Spinelli, Jerry

A holocaust story through the eyes of a Polish orphan in the Warsaw Ghetto.

My Swordhand is Singing (K)

Sedgwick, Marus

Shortly after Peter and his secretive father, Tomas, move to a remote village in Eastern Europe, people begin to get brutally murdered.

Ransom (K/W)

Duncan, Lois

Five teenagers are kidnapped for ransom on a school bus ride home.

Right Behind You (K/W)

Giles, Gail

Kip is just released from a juvenile ward but continues to live with the reality that, when he was 9-years-old, he killed a neighborhood child.

Road of the Dead (K)

Brooks, Kevin

Two brothers travel to a remote village in northern England to investigate the brutal murder of their sister.

Shift (K)

Bradbury, Jennifer

Best friends, Chris and Win, take a cross country bike trip after high school graduation but Win suddenly disappears along the way.

So Be it (K/W)

Weeks, Sarah

Heidi's mother is mentally disabled but a mysterious word in her mother's limited vocabulary leads Heidi on a quest for the truth about her past.

Sold (K/W)

McCormick, Patricia

13-year-old Lakshmi thinks she is going to be a maid in India but she is really being sold into prostitution.

Someone is Hiding on Alcatraz Island (K/W)

Bunting, Eve

Danny tries to escape a tough San Francisco gang by hiding on Alcatraz Island but realized he is trapped there with his enemies.

Turnabout (K/W)

Haddix, Margaret Peterson

Melly and Anny Beth have gotten shots that make them grow younger by the day in Project Turnabout. Soon they will be too young to take care of themselves and they need to find help before time runs out.

What I Saw and How I Lied (K)

Blundell, Judy

Evie's father comes home from WWI with secrets the lead to a terrible tragedy. Evie is forced her to choose between loyalty to her family and the boy she loves.

Would You (K)

Jocelyn, Marthe

Natalie's carefree summer before her junior year is cut short by a tragic accident.