

## ***YSD1 Connected As Readers Program*** **Grades 7-8**

### **Program Details**

- Participation in the program is voluntary.
- Students will read books from this list in any order they choose.
- Students will be required to answer a written discussion question after finishing a book.
- Successful completion of the discussion question will earn the student a prize if completed by a monthly deadline.
- Complete the requirements for all 12 books by May 10 and students will attend the *Reading Celebration* at YCHS!

### **2023-2024 Reading Deadlines**

**September 1**  
**September 29**  
**October 27**  
**November 21**  
**December 19**  
**January 26**  
**February 29**  
**March 29**  
**April 26**  
**May 10**

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Students in grades 3-8 have the opportunity to participate in YSD1: Connected as Readers program each year! The following information outlines the details of the program. Please review it and if you have any questions, please contact the library media specialist at your child's school!

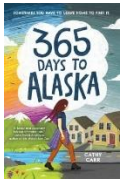
### **Purpose:**

The purpose of YSD1: Connected As Readers is to promote literacy and provide enjoyable reading experiences through books of interest for the students of York School District #1. Using a district-wide approach will create a reading platform in each school to engage all students and staff.

To accomplish this purpose, the library media specialists in York School District #1 have worked to create book lists for each division, which is based on grade levels. Extensive review of each book title has been done to ensure age appropriateness and diversity. Book selections for this program will allow students to be exposed to a variety of genres, reading levels, and high-interest books, using current literature published within the past few years. Participation is voluntary but each child is encouraged to read one book and complete the requirements for it!

**Divisions:** Each division will have a list of books appropriate for the age and reading level. Books are available in the media center!

- Grades 3-4
- Grades 5-6
- Grades 7-8

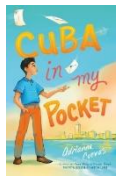


### ***365 Days to Alaska* by Cathy Carr**

When Rigel Harman's parents divorce, she and her sisters must move from the Alaskan wilderness to suburban Connecticut, and while she yearns to return in a year, she eventually realizes she must move forward.

### ***Across the Desert* by Dusti Bowling**

While using a public library computer to find help for her mother who is addicted to pain medicine, Jolene witnesses a friend's livestreamed crash-landing in the Arizona desert and embarks on a journey to rescue her.

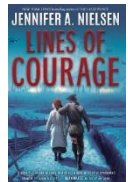
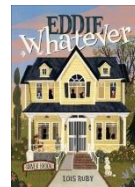


### ***Cuba in My Pocket* by Adrianna Cuevas**

In 1961 Cuba, with the threat of military service for children looming, twelve-year-old Cumba's parents send him to Miami, where he lives with a new family and misses his homeland.

### ***Eddie Whatever* by Lois Ruby**

Eddie's Mitzvah project takes him to Silver Brook retirement home, where his assumptions about the elderly are upended by a ghost, a thief, long-running disagreements, and unexpected romance.

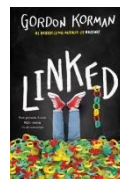


### ***Lines of Courage* by Jennifer A. Nielsen**

From the assassination that triggers World War I in 1914 to Armistice Day in 1918, the story follows the fates of five young people on both sides of the conflict--each facing their portion of the war with courage, until the end of the war brings them together.

### ***Linked* by Gordon Korman**

When swastikas begin appearing all over town, Link, Michael, and Dana, the only Jewish girl in town, must face crimes both past and present to find the truth.

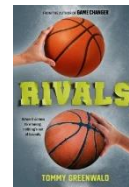


### ***Lion of Mars* by Jennifer L. Holm**

Bell has spent his whole life on Mars. But he's still just a regular kid--he loves cats, any kind of cake, and is curious about the secrets the adults in the US colony are keeping. It's up to Bell--a regular kid in a very different world--to uncover the truth and save his family--and possibly unite an entire planet.

### ***Playing the Cards You're Dealt* by Varian Johnson**

Anthony Joplin is finally old enough to play in the spades tournament every Joplin Man before him seems to have won. Ant is only thinking about how he'll measure up to his father's expectations. Only it turns out secrets are another Joplin Man tradition, and his father is hiding one so big it may tear their family apart.

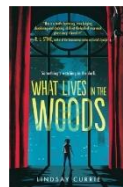
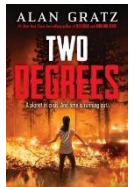


### ***Rivals* by Tommy Greenwald**

In basketball-crazed Walthorne, rival middle school stars Austin Chambers and Carter Haswell are both feeling the pressure when school sports reporter Alfie Jenks reveals scandals that jeopardize the whole season. Told through flashbacks, newspaper reports, social media posts, and interviews.

### ***Two Degrees* by Alan Gratz**

When three children endure separate climate change disasters--a wildfire in the California woods, a close encounter with a hungry polar bear in Canada, and a massive hurricane in Florida--they emerge from their experiences committed to changing the world.



### ***What Lives in the Woods* by Lindsay Currie**

Ginny is unhappy when her family moves from Chicago to upstate Michigan for the summer. Her father has a job restoring a 1930s mansion, but there are rumors about Woodmoor and the forest next to it. Ginny is soon half convinced that the rumors are true, because something is haunting the house--and she plans to investigate.

### ***Worst-Case Collin* by Rebecca Caprara**

In the two years since his mother was killed in an automobile crash, Collin has been anticipating further disasters, writing down what to do just in case--but the real trouble is that his mathematician father is obsessed with a classic math problem and has a hoarding problem that is spiraling out of control, leaving Collin desperate to hide this chaos from his friends and everyone else.

