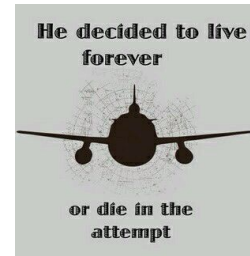


September: Banned Books

Selection: Catch 22 by Joseph Heller

Summary: Set in the closing months of World War II in an American bomber squadron off Italy, Catch-22 is the story of a bombardier named Yossarian, who is frantic and furious because thousands of people who he hasn't even met yet keep trying to kill him. -The back cover



October: Horror/Mystery

Selection: John Dies at the End by David Wong

Summary: **The important thing is this:** The drug is called **Soy Sauce** and it gives users a window into another dimension. John and I never had the chance to say no. You still do. I'm sorry to have involved you in this, I really am. But as you read about these terrible events and the very **dark epoch** the world is about to enter as a result, it is crucial you keep one thing in mind: *None of this was my fault.* - Goodreads.com

November: Fantasy

Selection: The Name of the Wind

Summary: A tale unequalled in fantasy literature - the story of a hero told in his own voice. It is a tale of sorrow, a tale of survival, a tale of one man's search for meaning in his universe, and how that search, and the indomitable will that drove it, gave birth to a legend. -The back cover



December: Nonfiction

Selection: Under the Banner of Heaven

Summary: At the core of Krakauer's book are brothers Ron and Dan Lafferty, who insist they received a commandment from God to kill a blameless woman and her baby girl. Beginning with a meticulously researched account of this appalling double murder, Krakauer constructs a multi-layered, bone-chilling narrative of messianic delusion, polygamy, savage violence, and unyielding faith. Along the way he uncovers a shadowy offshoot of America's fastest growing religion, and raises provocative questions about the nature of religious belief. - Goodreads.com

January: Romance

Selection: George Bush, Dark Prince of Love

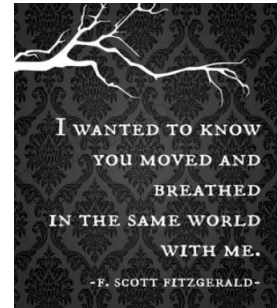
Summary: Rosemary is an ex-con with no viable career prospects, a boyfriend old enough to be her grandfather, and a major obsession with our nation's forty-first president, whom she fondly refers to as "G.B." Unexpectedly smitten during his inaugural address, Rosemary is soon anticipating G.B.'s public appearances with the enthusiasm she once reserved for all-you-can-eat breakfast buffets. As her ardor and determination to gain G.B.'s affection grow, Rosemary embarks on an increasingly outrageous campaign that escalates from

personal letters to paid advertising, until at last she reaches the White House. - Goodreads.com

February: Short Stories

Selection: F. Scott Fitzgerald

Summary: We have not yet decided on a specific set of short stories but his stories are eloquent masterpieces that will have the reader alternately weeping and laughing. Some of his stories include, The Diamond as Big as the Ritz, The Curious Case of Benjamin Button and The Lost Decade.



March: Science Fiction

Selection: Dune By Frank Herbert

Summary: Set in the far future amidst a sprawling feudal interstellar empire where planetary dynasties are controlled by noble houses that owe an allegiance to the imperial House Corrino, Dune tells the story of young Paul Atreides (the heir apparent to Duke Leto Atreides and heir of House Atreides) as he and his family accept control of the desert planet Arrakis, the only source of the 'spice' melange, the most important and valuable substance in the cosmos. The story explores the complex, multi-layered interactions of politics, religion, ecology, technology, and human emotion as the forces of the empire confront each other for control of Arrakis. - Goodreads.com

April/May/June: Coming of Age

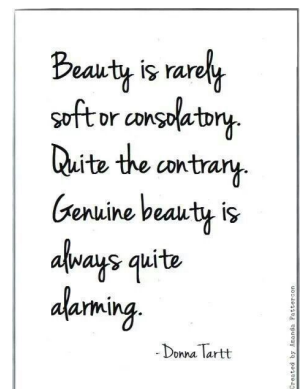
Selection: It's Kind of a Funny Story by Ned Vizzini

Summary: Ambitious New York City Teenager Craig Gilner is determined to succeed at life - which means getting into the right high school to get into the right college to get the right job. But once Craig acs his way into Manhattan's Executive Pre-Professional High School, the pressure becomes unbearable. He stops eating and sleeping until, one night, he nearly kills himself. Craig's suicidal episode gets him checked into a mental hospital, where his new neighbors include a transsexual sex addict, a girl who has scarred her own face with scissors, and the self-elected President Armelio. There, Craig is finally able to confront the sources of his anxiety. - The Back Cover

Summer: Miscellaneous

Selection: The Goldfinch by Donna Tartt

Summary: It begins with a boy. Theo Decker, a thirteen-year-old New Yorker, miraculously survives an accident that kills his mother. Abandoned by his father, Theo is taken in by the family of a wealthy friend. Bewildered by his strange new home on Park Avenue, disturbed by schoolmates who don't know how to talk to him, and tormented above all by his unbearable longing for his mother, he clings to one thing that



reminds him of her: a small, mysteriously captivating painting that ultimately draws Theo into the underworld of art. - Goodreads.com