









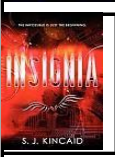
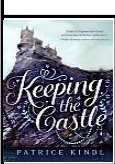

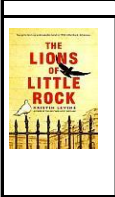

TEXAS STAR LIST 2013-14

North Ridge Middle School

	Title/Author	Genre/Interest	Sequel/Related
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	Almost Home by Joan Bauer Sixth-grader Sugar and her mother lose their beloved house and experience the harsh world of homelessness.	REALISTIC Grade 5-8	<i>The Double Life of Zoe Flinn</i> by Janet Lee Carey; <i>How to Steal a Dog</i> by Barbara O'Connor
	Bewitching by Alex Flinn (The Kendra Chronicles) Tells the story of Kendra, a witch, and the first three-hundred years of her life, including takes on a classic fairy tale, the 1666 plague in Britain, the "Titanic" disaster, and the story of a modern-day, plain stepsister.	FANTASY Young Adult	Sequel: <i>Towering</i> coming 5.14.13
	Cinder by Marissa Meyer (Lunar Chronicles) Cinder, a gifted mechanic and a cyborg with a mysterious past, is blamed by her stepmother for her stepsister's illness while a deadly plague decimates the population of New Beijing, but when Cinder's life gets intertwined with Prince Kai's, she finds herself at the center of an intergalactic struggle.	SCIENCE FICTION Young Adult	Sequels: <i>Scarlet</i> ; <i>Cress</i> 2014; <i>Winter</i> 2015
	Curveball: The Year I Lost My Grip by Jordan Sonnenblick After an injury ends former star pitcher Peter Friedman's athletic dreams, he concentrates on photography which leads him to a girlfriend, new fame as a high school sports photographer, and a deeper relationship with the beloved grandfather who, when he realizes he is becoming senile, gives Pete all of his professional camera gear.	REALISTIC Young Adult	<i>One-Handed Catch</i> by MJ Auch
	An Elephant in the Garden by Michael Morpugo Lizzie and Karl's mother, Mutti, working at a local zoo in Dresden, Germany, during World War II while their father is away fighting in France, brings home Marlene, a baby elephant that is slated to be destroyed as the Allied bombing grows closer, and when they are forced to flee, Mutti feels they must take Marlene with them, adding even more danger to their journey.	HISTORICAL Grades 5-8	<i>Elephant Run</i> by Roland Smith
	Every Other Day by Jennifer Barnes Every other day, sixteen-year-old high school student Kali transforms into an invincible demon hunter, but when she sees that a popular fellow-student is marked for death in the next twenty-four hours, unfortunately it is the wrong day for Kali.	SUPERNATURAL Young Adult	<i>Nobody</i> by Jennifer Lynn Barnes (Author's latest book; not a sequel.)


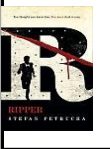

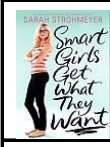
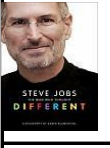
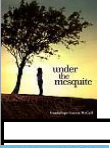
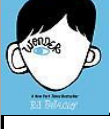
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	The False Prince by Jennifer A. Nielsen (Ascendance Trilogy) In the country of Carthya, a devious nobleman engages four orphans in a brutal competition to be selected to impersonate the king's long-missing son in an effort to avoid a civil war.	ADVENTURE Grades 5-8	Sequel: <i>The Runaway King</i>
	How They Croaked: The Awful Ends of the Awfully Famous by Georgia Bragg This fascinating collection of remarkable deaths relays all the gory details of how 19 world figures gave up the ghost, including King Tut, Julius Caesar, George Washington, Edgar Allan Poe, and Henry VIII.	BIOGRAPHY Grades 5-8	<i>Bodies from the Ice</i> by James Deem
	Insignia by S. J. Kincaid (Insignia series) Tom, a fourteen-year-old genius at virtual reality games, is recruited by the United States Military to begin training at the Pentagon Spire as a Combatant in World War III, controlling the mechanized drones that do the actual fighting off-planet.	SCIENCE FICTION Young Adult	Sequel: <i>Vortex</i> Coming 7.2.13
	Keeping the Castle: A Tale of Romance, Riches, and Real Estate by Patrice Kindl In order to support her family and maintain their ancient castle in Lesser Hoo, seventeen-year-old Althea bears the burden of finding a wealthy suitor who can remedy their financial problems.	HISTORICAL Young Adult	Trilogy planned. <i>Mad, Bad and Dangerous to Know</i> under development.
	Legend by Marie Lu (Legend Trilogy) In a dark future, when North America has split into two warring nations, fifteen-year-olds Day, a famous criminal, and prodigy June, the brilliant soldier hired to capture him, discover that they have a common enemy.	SCIENCE FICTION Young Adult	Sequel: <i>Prodigy</i>
	The Lions of Little Rock by Kristin Levine Twelve-year-old Marlee develops a strong friendship with Liz, the new girl in school, but when Liz suddenly stops attending school and Marlee hears a rumor that her friend is actually an African American girl passing herself off as white, the two young girls must decide whether their friendship is worth taking on integration and the dangers it could bring to their families.	HISTORICAL Grades 5-8	<i>The Best Bad Luck I Ever Had</i> by Kristin Levine, based on the author's family history.
	Outlaw by Stephen Davies The children of Britain's ambassador to Burkina Faso, fifteen-year-old Jake, who loves technology and adventure, and thirteen-year-old Kas, a budding social activist, are abducted and spend time in the Sahara desert with Yakuuba Sor, who some call a terrorist but others consider a modern-day Robin Hood.	ADVENTURE Young Adult	<i>Escape Under the Forever Sky</i> by Eve Yohalem; <i>Crocodile Tears</i> by Anthony Horowitz

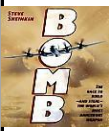



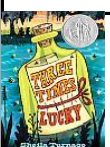
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	Planet Tad by Tim Carvel "MAD." Twelve-year-old Tad has a plan to make seventh grade his most awesome year, but he must overcome a devious little sister, an embarrassing summer job, a science fair project gone awry, and other obstacles.	REALISTIC Grades 3-6	<i>Charlie Joe Jackson's Guide to Extra Credit</i> by Tom Greenwald; For a girl's view, <i>Eighth Grade is Making Me Sick: Ginny Davis's Year in Stuff</i> by Jennifer
	Ripper by Stefan Petrucha Adopted by famous Pinkerton Agency Detective Hawking in 1895 New York, fourteen-year-old Carver Young hopes to find his birth father, but when he becomes involved in the pursuit of notorious killer Jack the Ripper, Carver discovers that finding the truth can be worse than ignorance.	MYSTERY Young Adult	<i>The Name of the Star</i> by Maureen Johnson
	Shadow and Bone by Leigh Bardugo (Grisha Trilogy) Orphaned by the Border Wars, Alina Starkov is taken from obscurity and her only friend, Mal, to become the protege of the mysterious Darkling, who trains her to join the magical elite in the belief that she is the Sun Summoner, who can destroy the monsters of the Fold.	FANTASY Young Adult	Sequels: <i>Seige and Storm</i> coming 6.4.13; <i>Ruin and Rising</i> 2014
	Smart Girls Get What They Want by Sarah Strohmeyer Three sophomore best friends use their brains--and their wits--to find happiness in high school.	REALISTIC Young Adult	<i>The Melting of Maggie Bean</i> by Tricia Rayburn; <i>Deep in the Heart of High School</i> by Veronica Goldbach
	Steve Jobs: The Man Who Thought Different by Karen Blumenthal Chronicles the life and accomplishments of Apple mogul Steve Jobs, discussing his ideas, and describing how he has influenced life in the twenty-first century.	BIOGRAPHY Young Adult	<i>Apple : The Company and Its Visionary Founder, Steve Jobs</i> by Marcia Amidon Lusted.
	Under the Mesquite by Guadalupe Garcia McCall Throughout her high school years, as her mother battles cancer, Lupita takes on more responsibility for her house and seven younger siblings, while finding refuge in acting and writing poetry.	REALISTIC Young Adult	<i>A Good Long Way</i> by Rene Saldana; <i>Inside Out and Back Again</i> by Thanhha Lai
	Wonder by R. J. Palacio Ten-year-old Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities and was not expected to survive, goes from being home-schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan, which entails enduring the taunts and fear of his classmates as he struggles to be seen as just another student.	REALISTIC Young Adult	<i>The Thing About Georgie</i> by Lisa Graff; <i>Addie on the Inside</i> by James Howe

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	Bomb: The Race to Build and Steal the World's Most Dangerous Weapon by Steve Sheinkin Examines the history of the atomic bomb, discussing the discovery of the behavior of uranium when placed next to radioactive material, the race to build a bomb, and the impact of the weapon on societies around the world.	NONFICTION 623.4 Young Adult	<i>The Gadget</i> by Paul Zindel; <i>The Green Glass Sea</i> by Ellen Klages; <i>A Place Called Hiroshima</i> by Betty Jean Lifton
	Ghost of Graylock by Dan Poblacki Staying with their aunts over the summer, Neil Cady, his sister Bree, and their new friends Wesley and Eric, set out to explore Greylock Hall, an abandoned psychiatric hospital which is supposed to be haunted by the ghost of Nurse Janet.	SUPERNATURAL Grades 3-6	<i>Deep, Dark and Dangerous</i> by Mary Downing Hahn; <i>Ghost Dog Secrets</i> by Peg Kehret
	Girl of Fire and Thorns by Rae Carson (Fire and Thorns Trilogy) A fearful sixteen-year-old princess discovers her heroic destiny after being married off to the king of a neighboring country in turmoil and pursued by enemies seething with dark magic.	FANTASY Young Adult	Sequels: <i>Crown of Embers</i> ; <i>Bitter Kingdom</i> coming Fall 2013
	Splendors and Glooms by Laura Amy Schlitz When Clara vanishes after the puppeteer Grisini and two orphaned assistants were at her twelfth birthday party, suspicion of kidnapping chases the trio away from London and soon the two orphans are caught in a trap set by Grisini's ancient rival, a witch with a deadly inheritance to shed before it is too late.	SUPERNATURAL Grades 5-8	<i>13 Curses</i> by Michelle Harrison; <i>The Lambkins</i> by Eve Bunting
	Three Times Lucky by Sheila Turnage Washed ashore as a baby in tiny Tupelo Landing, North Carolina, Mo LoBeau, now eleven, and her best friend Dale turn detective when the amnesiac Colonel, owner of a cafe and co-parent of Mo with his cook, Miss Lana, seems implicated in a murder.	MYSTERY Grades 5-8	<i>Way Down Deep</i> by Ruth White; <i>Ruby Holler</i> by Sharon Creech

About the Texas Star Reading Program

The Texas Star Reading List is a reading incentive program for middle school students in Birdville ISD. The list is selected by BISD middle school librarians from state reading lists for students in grades 6-8, and award-winning and highly reviewed titles. We encourage self-selection, allowing students to choose books on the list which align with their tastes and interests.

Students who read and review 12 or more titles from the selected list are eligible to attend the BISD Texas Star Reading Celebration in May. Students will have the opportunity to hear a guest author, receive an autographed book, and enjoy a delicious catered lunch. Students who read 20 or more Texas Star books will get to meet the author in person!

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