





SENIOR LIBRARY BOOK SNAP

Dystopian fiction: a survival guide

This term in the Senior Library we are showcasing one of the more popular genres, dystopian fiction. Although mostly set in dark, oppressive societies, dystopian novels often show humanity at its best, people standing up and fighting for truth, freedom, and justice.

To celebrate this great genre the library is running a competition. To go into the draw, you need to borrow a dystopian book and tell us how you would survive a zombie outbreak for the chance to win a \$30 Ultimate Teens Gift Card! For more information, please speak to Library staff.

Upcoming activities in the Library

Page turners Book Club – Week 5, Monday lunchtime in N2

Anime and Manga Club – Week 6, Tuesday lunchtime in N2

Overdue notices

Library overdue notices will be emailed next week. Students who do not return their books after receiving their third email notice as well as an email to their parents will be invoiced for a replacement copy. All invoices will still stand if books are returned after this final date. If you have any problems or questions regarding overdue books please speak to Mrs Comiskey or Mr Smith who will be happy to help.

Book Bites

Take a book bite to see if it is to your taste!

‘Switchback’ – Danika Stone

“Vale loves to hike, but kind of hates her classmates. Ash is okay with his classmates, but kind of hates the outdoors. So, needless to say they are both fairly certain that the overnight nature hike with their PE class is going to be a hellish experience. But when they get separated from the group during a storm, they have worse things to worry about than bullies and blisters. Lost in the Canadian wilderness with limited supplies, caught in dangerous weather conditions, and surrounded by deadly wildlife, it's going to take every bit of strength, skill, and luck they can muster to survive.”

‘Switchback’ is an exciting and thrilling story of survival that will have all readers gripped to the very last page. Filled with exciting encounters with dangerous animals, as well as deadly natural obstacles that the characters must overcome, readers will find themselves cheering on Vale and Ash as they bravely fight their way to safety. This is also a story of friendship, of two friends relying on each other to help get them through a terrible experience. A great read for students in years 7 to 9.

‘The Outliers’ – Kimberly McCreight

“Isobel is a portrait artist with a dangerous set of clients: the immortal fair folk. Yet when she receives her first royal patron – Rook, the autumn prince – she makes a horrific mistake. She paints mortal sorrow in his eyes – a weakness that could cost him his life. Furious, Rook escorts Isobel to his kingdom to stand trial for her crime, but their journey is full of danger. Forced to depend on each other for survival, will their alliance blossom into something more? After all, their

love would violate the fair folks' ruthless laws...but are some matters worth the risk?"

'The Outliers' is a wonderful fantasy romance, filled with magic, awe and wonder. This novel has a traditional fairy tale story but takes it to the next level, with a large cast of likable and engaging characters and a fantasy world unique to others in the genre. Main protagonist Isobel is a wonderful character, brave, relatable, smart, her growing relationship with the Prince is beautiful story that readers will love. A great book for fans of Cassandra Clare, Alexandra Bracken, Leigh Bardugo and Holly Black. Suitable for readers in Years 9 to 12.

Mrs Annette Comiskey & Mr Michael Smith

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