



## SENIOR LIBRARY BOOK SNAP

### Upcoming events in the library

Tuesday 31st October – Anime and Manga Club (Week 4)

Monday 6th November – Senior IRC Book Club (Week 5)

## Year 12 Library Loans

Year 12 students will need to return all their Library loans before they leave the College after the HSC exams. Students who have lost books will be invoiced for a replacement copy. Any students who require a list of their loans need to speak to Mrs Comiskey or Mr Smith.

## Stocktake 2023

This year's Library stocktake will be starting on Monday 13th November. During this time the Library will be closed. The last day students can borrow will be Friday 3rd November. All students will need to have returned all of their Library loans no later than Friday 10th November. Any students who require a list of their loans need to speak to Mrs Comiskey or Mr Smith.

## Book Bites

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

### **'A Forgery of Roses' - Jessica S. Olson**

*"Myra has a gift many would kidnap, blackmail, and worse to control: she's a portrait artist whose paintings alter people's bodies. Guarding that secret is the only way to keep her younger sister safe now that their parents are gone. But one frigid night, the governor's wife discovers the truth and threatens to expose Myra if she does not complete a special portrait that would resurrect the governor's dead son. Once she arrives at the legendary stone mansion, however, it becomes clear the boy's death was no accident. A killer stalks these halls – one disturbingly obsessed with portrait magic. Desperate to get out of the manor as quickly as possible, Myra turns to the governor's older son for help completing the painting before the secret she spent her life concealing makes her the killer's next victim."*

'A Forgery of Roses' is a wonderful gothic fantasy story filled with magic, mystery, murder, and a touch of romance. Featuring an engaging and compelling story full of twists and turns, loveable characters, and a unique magical world, this is a novel that will keep readers captivated to the very last page. The central idea of art affecting reality is a clever concept and stands this book apart from many others in the genre. A must read for all fantasy fans, a book that is guaranteed to be a favourite. Suitable for all secondary students.

### **'White Smoke' - Tiffany D Jackson**

*"Marigold is running from ghosts. The phantoms of her old life keep haunting her, but a move with her newly blended family from their small California beach town to the embattled Midwestern city of Cedarville might be the fresh start she needs. Her mom has accepted a new job with the Sterling Foundation that comes with a free house, one that Mari now must share with her bratty ten-year-old stepsister, Piper. The renovated picture-perfect home on Maple Street, sitting between dilapidated houses, surrounded by wary neighbours has its . . . secrets. That's only half the problem: household items vanish, doors open on their own, lights turn off, shadows walk past rooms, voices can be heard in the walls, and there's a foul smell seeping through the vents only Mari seems to notice. Worse: Piper keeps talking about a friend who wants Mari gone."*

An award-winning chilling psychological thriller, "White Smoke" takes the traditional haunted house tale and makes it even more terrifying with a spooky tension filled story that is guaranteed to give you goosebumps. Dark, suspenseful, and gripping, this novel is a real page turner. Reader beware, this book is not for the faint hearted, especially those with a fear of bugs, but for those who brave it they will find a riveting and memorable horror story. Due to the books content this book is more suited for students in Years 10 to 12.

**Mrs Annette Comiskey & Mr Michael Smith**

Senior IRC Library Team

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