



CHSAT SUMMER READS 2009

13 Little Blue Envelopes by Maureen Johnson

When seventeen year old Ginny receives a packet of mysterious envelopes from her favorite aunt, she leaves NJ to criss-cross Europe on a short scavenger hunt that transforms her life.

Along for the Ride by Sarah Dessen

Auden gets a chance to recapture the carefree teen life she missed while her parents were going through a divorce when she goes to spend the summer with her dad and his new family in a charming beach town and meets fellow insomniac Eli, an intriguing loner fighting demons of his own.

An Abundance of Katherines by John Green

Having been recently dumped for the 19th time by a girl named Katherine, recent high school graduate and former child prodigy Colin sets off on a road trip with his best friend to try to find some new direction in life while also trying to create a mathematical formula to explain his relationships.

Bronx Masquerade by Nikki Grimes

While studying the Harlem Renaissance, students at a Bronx high school read aloud poems they've written, revealing their innermost thoughts and fears to their formerly clueless classmates.

The Crazy Horse Electric Game by Chris Crutcher

A high school athlete, frustrated at being handicapped after an accident, runs away from home and is helped back to mental and physical health by a black benefactor and the people in a special school where he enrolls.

The Dangerous Days of Daniel X by James Patterson

15 year old Daniel has followed his parents' footsteps as the Alien Hunter, exterminating beings on The List of Alien Outlaws on Tierra Firma, but when he faces his first of the top ten outlaws, the very existence of Earth and another planet are at stake.

Fairy Tale by Cyn Balog

Morgan Sparks and her boyfriend Cam have been best friends since they were children, but just before their shared 16th birthday, Cam confesses that he is a fairy who was switched at birth with a human child, and now the fairies want to switch them back.

Girl Stays in the Picture by Melissa de la Cruz

One a movie set in St. Tropez, France, several teenaged members of the Hollywood elite come together in an explosion of scenes shot and reshot, friendships formed and cast aside, and romances begun and destroyed, all duly reported by paparazzi.

Go Ask Alice by Anonymous

Based on the diary of a 15 year old drug user, chronicling her struggle to escape the pull of the drug world.

I'd Tell You I Love You, but Then I'd Have to Kill You by Ally Carter

As a sophomore at a secret spy school and the daughter of a former CIA operative, Cammie is sheltered from "normal teenage life" until she meets a local boy while on a class surveillance mission.

If We Kiss by Rachel Vail

14 year old Charlie feels guilty because she has a crush on her best friend's boyfriend, and her loyalties become even more confused when she discovers that her mother is dating the boyfriend's father.

Just Another Hero by Sharon Draper

As Kofi, Arielle, Dana, November, and Jericho face personal challenges during their last year of high school, a misunderstood student brings a gun to class and demands to be taken seriously.

Keeping the Moon by Sarah Dessen

15 year old Colie, a former fat girl, spends the summer working as a waitress in a beachside restaurant, staying with her overweight and eccentric Aunt Mira, and trying to explore her sense of self.

L. A. Candy by Lauren Conrad

19 year old Jane Roberts is cast in a new reality show and soon learns the cost of fame may be more than she is willing to pay.

Once Dead, Twice Shy: a novel by Kim Harrison
Spunky teen Madison, though technically dead, uses a stolen amulet to retain the illusion of a body and help her in the struggle between Light and Dark reapers.

One Lonely Degree by C. K. Kelly Martin

When 15 year old Finn's world falls apart after a violent sexual encounter, the only person she can talk to is her best friend, Audrey, until beautiful boy Jersey moves back to town and both girls develop feelings for him that threaten to destroy their friendship.

Pretty Little Liars by Sara Shepard

When one of their tightly-knit group mysteriously disappears, 4 high school girls find their friendship difficult to maintain when they begin receiving taunting messages from someone who seems to know everything about their past and present secrets.

Running Loose by Chris Crutcher

Louie, a high school senior in a small Idaho town, learns about sportsmanship, love, and death as he matures into manhood.

Sleepaway Girls by Jen Calonita

When the exceptionally people-pleasing Sam spends a summer as a counselor-in-training, she learns how to say no, to stand up for herself, and what it feels like to have a crush on a great guy.

Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie by David Lubar

While navigating his 1st year of high school and awaiting the birth of his new baby brother, Scott loses old friends and gains some unlikely new ones as he hones his skills as a writer.

Slept Away by Julie Kraut

City girl Laney Parker is sent to Camp Timber Trails for the summer. Splattered with tie dye fall out, stripped of her cell, and going through Diet Coke withdrawal, Laney is barely hanging on. Being declared the biggest loser of the bunk is one thing, but when she realizes her summer crush is untouchably uncrushable in the real world, she starts to wonder, can camp cool possibly translate to cool cool?

So Yesterday: a novel by Scott Westerfeld

Hunter Braque, a NYC teenager who is paid by corporations to spot what is "cool", combines his analytical skills with girlfriend Jen's creative talents to find a missing person and thwart a conspiracy directed at the heart of consumer culture.

Ttyl by Lauren Myracle

Chronicles, in "instant message" format, the day-to-day experiences, feelings, and plans of three friends, Zoe, Maddie, and Angela, as they begin 10th grade.

Waking Up to Boys by Hailey Abbott

Chesee McCormick, daughter of a Lake Tahoe resort owner, decides to ignore her long-time crush on Todd, the summer watersports instructor, and concentrate instead on winning the Northwest Extreme Watersports Competition, but the attentions of a hot Brazilian tennis prodigy awaken her to the fact that she can be an athlete and still get the boy of her dreams.