

Saint John Wall Catholic School A Catholic School For All

Mission Statement

'To educate each and every unique child in our care to hear and respond to what God calls them to be'

New Library Books – Reading List April 2023



Lion on the Loose

On the same day that Jess gets her face painted like a lion, Zak finds paw prints in the garden.

Ages 9 to 13



The Wrong Wheels

Troy tells his friends that his dad is buying him a new car, but Troy hasn't got his facts right.

Ages 9 to 13



Ghost in the House

Adam and Josh decide to spend a night in a haunted house.

Ages 9 to 13



Not a Good Look

Kim has a date with the best looking boy in school, but disaster strikes when she realises she has a spot.

Ages 9 to 13



Robot Eyes

There are new robot helpers at The Games. Can they be trusted?

Ages 9 to 13



Charlie's Tin

Tom and Jake are playing with a metal detector. Little do they know that they are about to make a very special discovery.



Changing Rooms

The Candy Canes dance team are in the dance finals with Razor Edge. Razor Edge will do anything to win.

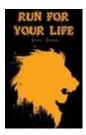
Ages 9 to 13



Galactic Games

Jack goes for a quick trip in his starship looking for fun. He ends up at the Galactic Games. To win would be great. To lose would be... deadly.

Ages 9 to 13



Run For Your Life

Joe must run and win in the first ever Olympic Games. Only a win will save Joe and Kat from becoming lion food!

Ages 9 to 13



Who Are You?

Gemma and Becky are identical twins and the best of friends... Until the day of the accident. Now they are more like strangers.

Ages 9 to 13



Too Risky!

Anna loves to play sports. When an accident means she can't be on the rugby team anymore, she finds a new team to join.

Ages 9 to 13





Strange things begin to happen in the city when Dee plays an old videotape.

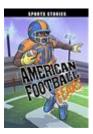
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Cross-Country Conspiracy

Domingo and Carmen try to track down the clues to reveal the truth about their rival runners' plans.

Ages 9 to 13



American Football Fears

Nothing can stop star running back Harris Weathers - until he takes a jarring hit, narrowly escaping injury. Harris is fine physically, but his nerves are rattled. He can't shake the idea that he could get hurt playing American football.

Ages 9 to 13



Werewolf Hotel

Hunter and his twin sister, Maeve, learn a terrifying secret during a family holiday at the Full Moon Hotel and Resort in Canada.

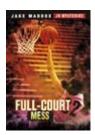
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The Watchers of Whitmore Way

Eleven-year-old Ellie knows something is off about her new community, and Dash, her neighbour, confirms it, but can she prevent her parents from joining the weird Neighbourhood Watch group?

Ages 9 to 13



Full-Court Mess

Follow along as Lisa and her teammates uncover the clues and track down the culprit who trashed their court.

Ages 9 to 13



American Football Foul Play

Kenny and Romeo work to uncover the truth when Jasper is kicked off the team for a crime he says he didn't commit.



Gymnastics Payback

Follow along as Mia discovers the shocking truth behind who's been sabotaging the competition during the gymnastics season.

Ages 9 to 13



Auto Body Parts

Molly hears a strange noise on the bus and the floor opens up. What do the children below the bus want from her?

Ages 9 to 13



Ooze Control

A boy gets on a bus full of ooze. The ooze starts growing. Can the boy escape in time?

Ages 9 to 13



Friday Night Headlights

Weird things start happening when an American football team catch the bus back to school, especially when a dark figure gets on the bus.

Ages 9 to 13



The Squeals on the Bus

When Jordan and Evan get on the bus, they see that the other passengers are very strange. One kid has only one eye! Another has no ears! Another has a lizard-like tongue! At least the girl Jordan likes is normal...or is she?

Ages 9 to 13



Invisible Ink

The Eraser has created a powerful gas that turns ink invisible and renders all books empty and useless. The Librarian will try to stop him before he destroys the Library of Doom.

Ages 9 to 13



Raiders of the Lost Archives

Deep within the Library of Doom, thieves come to raid the Lost Archives.

Ages 9 to 13



Dead Letters

When Spellbinder, the wicked wizard, uses the power of letters from the Graveyard of the Dead to create a fierce weapon, even the mighty Librarian will struggle to defeat it.

Ages 9 to 13



The Index Insects

At the Library of Doom, a mysterious book marked with an X has let loose a swarm of insects.

Ages 9 to 13



The Eraser Strikes Back

The Library of Doom's greatest foe, the Eraser, is causing trouble at a tower in the Mountains of Madness.

Ages 9 to 13



The Crushing Crystals

eenagers Zak and his alien friend, Erro, are trying to make it across the Plateau of Leng before the rising sun reveals them to the robot guards of Planet Alcatraz. Suddenly mountain-sized crystals start rising through the desert sands.

Ages 9 to 13



Prisoners of the Poison Sea

Captured by the guards of the prison planet Alcatraz, Zak and Erro are placed in cages hovering over a sea of acid.

Ages 9 to 13



Terror Woods

Pursued by the Alcatraz guards, Erro and Zak take refuge in the Phantom Forest, a dark wood of giant trees and extremely dangerous beasts where they find it safer to travel on the tree branches and avoid the huge hungry rats below.



Beyond the Furthest Star

Zak Nine, his alien friend Erro, and another prisoner try to escape from Planet Alcatraz in a small spacecraft.

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The Canyon of Giants

Blinded by heavy mist, a misstep causes Erro to plunge into a deep canyon.

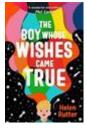
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Seven Doors to Death

On the edge of a golden lake, fugitives Zak Nine and his friend Erro discover an ancient golden building and stumble into a room with eight sides and eight doors, seven of which are traps that will kill.

Ages 9 to 13



The Boy Whose Wishes Came True

Archie is having a tough time, picked on at school and sad since Dad left. But then one day he bumps his head and sees his favourite famous footballer, who grants him nine wishes. Will Archie wish his way to happiness?

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Impostors



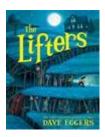
In a world that is rapidly descending into chaos, Frey and Rafi are twin sisters, but few people know of Frey's existence because she has been raised to be her sister's body double and lethal bodyguard.

Ages 12 Plus



Twelve Minutes to Midnight

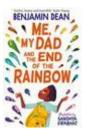
Penelope Tredwell is the feisty thirteen-year-old orphan heiress of the bestselling magazine, The Penny Dreadful. Her masterly tales of the macabre are gripping Victorian Britain, even if no one knows she's the author.



The Lifters

When Gran and his family move to Carousel, he has no idea that the town is built atop a secret. Little does he suspect, as he walks his sister to school or casually eats a banana, that mysterious forces lurk mere inches beneath his feet.

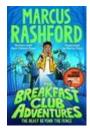
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Me, My Dad and the End of the Rainbow

Archie thinks his parents hate each other and suspects they are keeping a big secret from him. When a rainbow leaflet falls out of Dad's pocket, Archie thinks he knows how to fix things for his family.

Ages 9 to 13



The Beast Beyond the Fence

After Marcus loses his football, he joins the Breakfast Club Investigators to go beyond the fence to get it back. Co-author is Alex Falase-Koya.

Ages 9 to 13



The Boy With Wings

When Tunde sprouts wings and learns he's all that stands between Earth and total destruction, suddenly school is the least of his problems. Luckily, his group of pals have got his back. With his new powers, Tunde is ready to fly in the face of danger.

Ages 9 to 13



It's the End of the World and I'm in My Bathing Suit

Twelve-year-old Eddie Gordon Holloway has concocted a genius plan to avoid chores, especially the dreaded L-A-U-N-D-R-Y. On the day of the Beach Bash, Eddie's pile of dirty laundry is found by his mum. Eddie's day has just taken a turn for the worst.

Ages 9 to 13



Nisha's War

After escaping the Japanese invasion of Singapore, Nisha arrives at her grandmother's house in England where a boy beckons to her from the treehouse she is forbidden to play in. **Contains themes of racism and scenes of abuse.**



Hold Back the Tide

Everyone in Ormscaula knows what happened to Alva's mother years before. That's why she can't wait to run away. But when dark forces begin to stir in the mountains, she's faced with a different future to the one she's dreamed of. Contains violence.

Ages 12 Plus



Vi Spy: Licence to Chill

While her super-spy mum and super-villain dad get divorced, Vi sets out to stop an evil overlord from taking over the world.

Ages 9 to 13



A Girl Called Justice

On Justice's first day at boarding school, it's clear there's plenty of investigating to do. Are the teachers hiding something about the death of a chamber maid? When a snow storm cuts the pupils off from the outside world, the body count starts to rise.

Ages 9 to 13



The Smugglers' Secret

When Justice's teacher assigns her to visit Mr Arthur at Smugglers' Lodge, she's sure there's more to him than meets the eye. But there are other things on Justice's mind, like why is the new matron so suspicious? Contains gun violence. Book #2

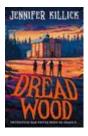
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Escape Room

When Ami arrives at The Escape, she thinks it's just a game, the ultimate escape room with challenges to beat before time runs out. But as the Host locks Ami and her teammates inside the first room, they quickly realise the stakes are sky-high.

Ages 9 to 13



Dread Wood

When four students are given Saturday detention, they think things can't get any worse. But when something drags their teacher underground, they realise that they must work together to fight what lurks in the shadows. Contains profanity. Book #1

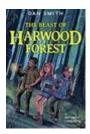
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Girls Rule

Pearl moves into 10 Downing Street when her mum Patrice becomes the first Black female Prime Minister. A chance meeting with Patrice's childhood sweetheart, Jackson, and suddenly Pearl's new life has an unexpected gatecrasher: Jackson's daughter Izzy.

Ages 12 Plus



The Beast of Harwood Forest

When Pete, Nancy and Krish go on a school trip, they're in for an adventure. The abandoned Harwood Institute is nearby, and the friends are determined to uncover the truth of what really went on there during the war.

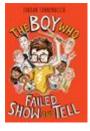
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You Only Live Once

Gracie decides to stop planning every detail of her life and start living in the moment. However she soon discovers that her actions affect others and that it's not as easy to seize the day as she had expected. Book #1

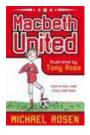
Ages 12 Plus



The Boy Who Failed Show and Tell

Based on the author's childhood, this story is about young Jason who has to deal with several issues at school while trying to become a drummer.

Ages 9 to 13



Macbeth United

Young striker Macbeth is determined to do whatever it takes to be the captain of Shotfield football team. His mum pushes him to play dirty to get ahead, hoping he'll be spotted by academy scouts. Fair is foul and fouls are fair!

Ages 9 to 13



The Week at World's End

Nothing ever happens in World's End Close. But there's trouble in the rest of the world, and tension mounts as the Cuban Missile begins to unfold. When Ray and Stevie find a girl in Stevie's garden, they realise adventure has found them close to home.

Ages 9 to 13



Secrets of a Sun King

When Lil finds a parcel on her grandad's doorstep, she's shocked to find it was sent by a famous Egyptologist who died that very morning. She and her friends must return the package to its resting place in order to break a deadly curse.

Ages 9 to 13



The Accidental Rock Star

Somehow - with the aid of a recorder, keyboard, and very disturbed cat - Hector and Ollie have made a hit single. And now everybody wants a piece of them. They may have always dreamed of fame, but is life on tour all it's cracked up to be?

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The Accidental Diary of B.U.G.

When new girl Janey starts at Billie's school, Billie suspects Janey is behind a series of thefts at the school. Book #1

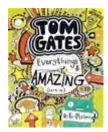
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Shoe Wars

Ruby and Bear are running out of time to rescue their dad from his hideous boss, Wendy Wedge. She'll do ANYTHING to win the Golden Shoe Award and knows that entering flying shoes is her ticket to the trophy. Shoes that the siblings happen to be hiding.

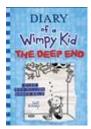
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Everything's Amazing (sort of)

Tom has a birthday and his dad comes up with a novel idea for a party. Norman has an accident and the Dogzombies have to cancel their school disco gig, where Tom finds a novel way to get his own back on Marcus. Book #3

Ages 9 to 13



Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Deep End

Greg Heffley and his family hit the road for a cross-country trip. Things take an unexpected turn when they end up in a campsite that isn't exactly paradise. Book #15

Ages 9 to 13



Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Wrecking Ball

When an unexpected inheritance gives Greg Heffley's family a chance to make big changes to their house, they soon discover that renovations may not be worth the effort. Book #14



As Good as Dead

Pip has a new case, but this time it is all about her. Someone is stalking her, and she soon uncovers troubling connections to her previous investigations. **Contains violence**, **profanity and drug abuse**. Book #3

Ages 14 Plus



Good Girl, Bad Blood

Pip has released a podcast about the murder case she and Ravi solved together last year. But the podcast soon becomes about a young man who's gone missing. Story has profanity, violence, and sexual violence. Book #2

Ages 14 Plus