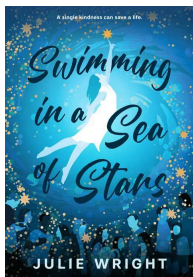


FLVS Book Club 2025-2026

Note: This voluntary program is designed to entice teens to read using resources from the Florida Teens Read Program. In order to engage their interests and spur critical thinking, the book selections include those that involve sensitive issues, and the content of some of the titles may be more mature than younger students may have previously encountered. While book selections have been reviewed by a media specialist for compliance with Florida law, we encourage parents and guardians to review all titles prior to their child's participation in the monthly meeting. Not every book will suit every student, and teens along with their parents are encouraged to choose the reading selections that best suit their interests and needs. We have included content warnings as well as a [Book Review Guide](#) for your convenience.

SEPTEMBER SPOTLIGHT REALISTIC FICTION



Wright, Julie. *Swimming in a Sea of Stars*. Shadow Mountain Publishing, 2023.

The first day back after her suicide attempt, Addison encounters four other students with secrets of their own. Celia knows all too well why Addison tried to end things. Damion's friendliness.....is it only because of his need to boost followers? The nearness of Avery's locker gives Addison a reason to talk to her, but does Addison need a friend like Avery? And, then there is Booker, was their kiss what pushed her too far? The secrets could break each of them, or possibly a kindness here or there could save them. **Content Warning:** Child Abuse, Mental Health Struggles, Suicide Attempt and Recovery

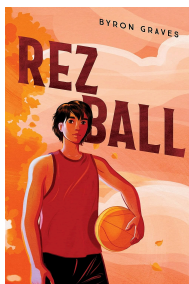
OCTOBER SPOTLIGHT MYSTERY. THRILLER



de la Cruz, Melissa. *Going Dark. Union, Square, and Co., 2024*

When Amelia Ashley, a popular vlogger and influencer, goes missing and everyone is quick to blame her boyfriend Josh. Its easy to think the worst of him when he abandoned her in Europe after a fight. The case has blown up and everyone online thinks they can solve the mystery, including Amelia's best friend who hires Harper, a hacker. What starts out as a seemingly simple case of a man killing his girlfriend, reveals a web of mystery and deceit. Harper is quickly in too deep and won't rest until she gets answers. **Content Warning:** Domestic Abuse, Violence, Murder, Minimal Language

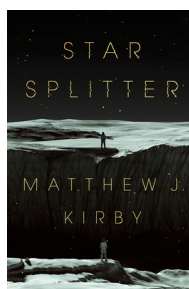
NOVEMBER SPOTLIGHT REALISTIC FICTION



Graves, Byron. *Rez Ball*. Heartdrum, 2023.

Playing in the NBA is his ultimate goal, but when he isn't asked to be on the varsity team, Tre questions his future. Tre's desire to live up to his late brother's star-status quickly has him back on the court though. While he balances his grief, goals and friendships, including a relationship with a new girl, Tre is given the opportunity to prove his worth to the team. Will the Warriors be able to finally put Red Lake on the championship banner? **Content Warning:** Frequent, Strong Language, Underage Drinking and Drug Use, Sexual References, Racism

DECEMBER SPOTLIGHT SCI-FI. SURVIVAL.



Kirby, Matthew J. *Star Splitter*. Dutton Books for Young Readers, 2023.

The year is 2199, and deep space exploration has become routine. After six long years apart, Jessica Mathers is set to reunite with her scientist parents by teleporting to the distant planet Carver 1061c. But instead of a seamless transport (involving reprinting her body on Carver 1061c), Jessica awakens in a silent, bloodstained ship—alone. Outside, a strange planet looms, its surface marred by freshly dug graves. As she unravels the mystery of what went wrong, Jessica must also confront a familiar stranger, leading to a real crisis of identity. **Content Warning:** Language, Grief, Violence

JANUARY SPOTLIGHT HORROR. SURVIVAL.



Oliver, Ben. The Kill Factor. Chicken House, 2024.

In this dystopian world, teen criminals can win their freedom by competing in a brutal reality-TV competition. Sixteen-year-old Emerson Ness joins the contest, hoping to secure a better future for her family. Set on a remote island, the fate of the game's contestants are determined by public votes. Losing means death. And there can only be one winner... **Content Warning:** Graphic Violence, Self Harm, Infrequent, mild language

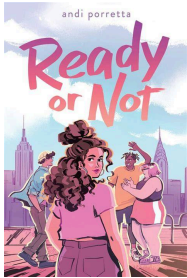
FEBRUARY SPOTLIGHT REALISTIC FICTION. ROMANCE.



Zentner, Jeff & Cavallaro, Brittany. Sunrise Nights. Quill Tree Books, 2024.

Jude is a photographer and Florence is a dancer. They meet at a Sunrise Night - their sleep-away art camp's dusk-to-dawn closing celebration. By the end of Sunrise Night they decide to take a chance on what fate has in store for them, but they make one rule: no contact for one year. Over the course of three years, will Florence and Jude's yearly meetings at Sunrise Night be enough to form a deeper connection? **Content Warning:** Language, Crude References

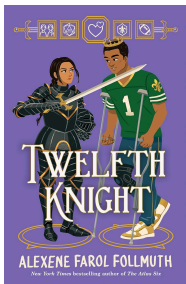
MARCH SPOTLIGHT GRAPHIC NOVEL. REALISTIC FICTION. ROMANCE. LGBTQIA+.



Porretta, Andi. Ready or Not. Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2024.

High school is over for four best friends. Before they all go their separate ways, they have one last summer to spend together hanging out, falling in love, and daring each other to do fun (and stupid) things. But, our girl Cassie has a secret; she has no plans after summer. Will her friends leave her behind and forget her? Or will they pull together one last time to help her find her way? This is a story of friendship, growing up, and finding your place in the world. **Content Warning:** Language

APRIL SPOTLIGHT REALISTIC FICTION. ROMANCE



Follmuth, Alexene Farol. Twelfth Knight. Tor Teen, 2024

PViola Reyes is angry. Star football player Jack Orsino is coasting through his term as Student Body President making her job as VP that much more difficult. She has carefully designed an online gaming campaign, only to be shot down by her teammates. And to top it off, Jack's recent football injury causes him to infiltrate Viola's sacred gaming space. Of course, Jack doesn't know he's playing with Viola since she's created a male avatar to avoid the discrimination that comes along with being a girl gamer. Jack becomes friends with Viola's online persona, and Viola discovers there's more to Jack than meets the eye. Will their friendship last outside the game, especially when Jack finds out the truth about Viola's character? **Content Warning:** Language

MAY SPOTLIGHT REALISTIC FICTION. ROMANCE. LGBTQIA+



Couch, Robbie. Another First Chance. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers.

For the past year, River Lang has been grieving the loss of his best friend Dylan. Everyday, he has to pass the Billboard that has made Dylan into a cautionary tale and nothing more than a statistic. So one day he decides to "improve" the billboard. River is sure that Dylan would find it hilarious, but some classmates don't feel the same and River is blackmailed into joining a research study, the Affinity Trials, for teens who are "struggling socially". During the Trials, River has to face his grief, an ex-best friend (and Dylan's former girlfriend), and he meets an interesting jock from another school who begins to remind him of Dylan. As the Trials progress, bizarre developments begin to make the participants wonder what is actually being studied... **Content Warning:** Language, Sexual References