

## 2016 TAYSHAS High School Reading List

Author	Title	ISBN	Year	Publisher
<b>Ahdieh, Renee</b>	<b>The Wrath and The Dawn</b>	<b>9780399171611</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>G.P. Putnam's Sons, an imprint of Penguin Group (USA)</b>
Shahzad hopes to avenge the death of her best friend by volunteering to marry the man who killed her, the Caliph of Khorasan. But things in the palace are not what she thought they were, nor is the caliph the callous killer she thought he was. Will she follow her head and avenge				
<b>Alameda, Courtney</b>	<b>Shutter</b>	<b>9781250044679</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Feiwel and Friends</b>
Micheline Helsing has worked hard to overcome a traumatic event and live up to the Van Helsing legacy, but she makes a rooky mistake when she takes on a powerful entity without the full backup of the Helsing Corps that puts her life and that of her team in jeopardy.				
<b>Albertalli, Becky</b>	<b>Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda</b>	<b>9780062348678</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Balzer &amp; Bray/HarperTeen</b>
When Simon's sexuality - and that of his anonymous pen pal - are discovered by a classmate, Simon is blackmailed into being a matchmaker.				
<b>Almond, David</b>	<b>The Tighrope Walkers</b>	<b>9780763673109</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Candlewick Press</b>
Dominic Hall is the son of an English ship-builder during the 1950's-1960's. With his intelligence and gift of writing, his parents hope that he will be able to better himself in ways they could only imagine. Vincent, the son of a murder, does all he can to bring chaos and cruelty to Dom's life. Holly, Dom's best friend and neighbor, encourages him to be the very best and explore an every changing world. As Dominic grows, he is torn between the reckless lifestyle of Vincent and the opportunity education and love. Every choice has a consequence, which will he choose?				
<b>Anderson, M.T.</b>	<b>Symphony for the City of the Dead: Dmitri Shostakovich and the Siege of Leningrad</b>	<b>9780763668181</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Candlewick Press</b>
A biography of Dmitri Shostakovich and an exploration of his music, all against the backdrop of the lead-up to war and one of the most destructive and longest sieges in modern history.				
<b>Andrews, Arin</b>	<b>Some Assembly Required</b>	<b>9781481416757</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Simon &amp; Schuster</b>
Arin Andrews tells his story of not feeling comfortable in his own skin and deciding to transition from female to male, while a high school student.				
<b>Arnold, David</b>	<b>Mosquitoland</b>	<b>9780451470775</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Viking</b>
Mim wants to ditch Mosquitoland where she lives with her dad and new stepmom and go back to her mother and real home. She buys a bus ticket that leads her to the ride of her life.				
<b>Banash, Jennifer</b>	<b>Silent Alarm</b>	<b>9780399257896</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>G.P. Putnam's Sons</b>
Luke shoots and kills fifteen people at school. His sister Alys witnesses the shootings. Her family falls apart afterwards as people blame them for Luke's actions. Heartbreaking, gritty and realistic!				

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<b>Beaufrand, Mary Jane</b>	<b>The Rise and Fall of the Gallivanter</b>	<b>9781419714955</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Amulet Books</b>
Punk rock is all about fighting something, and the punk rock band The Gallivanter is no different. Only this band has to fight to overcome a menacing serial killer, demons from their past, and the big C to get their message out.				
<b>Betts, A. J.</b>	<b>Zac &amp; Mia</b>	<b>9780544331648</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Houghton Mifflin Harcourt</b>
Zac is lying in his hospital bed, counting the days when he will be released from the hospital and cancer-free when he hears Mia - the newbie - being settled into Room 2. Zac knows the drill, but this new patient isn't playing by the rules.				
<b>Blumenthal, Karen</b>	<b>Tommy: The Gun That Changed America</b>	<b>9781626720848</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Roaring Brook Press</b>
The developers of the Thompson machine gun wanted to be on the side of law and order, but instead the Tommy gun became known as the go-to weapon for bootleggers, mobsters, and outlaws.				
<b>Brockenbrough, Martha</b>	<b>The Game of Love and Death</b>	<b>9780545668347</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Arthur A. Levine</b>
In the 30's, Love pits his player Henry against Death's Flora in a life-threatening game. The two are reconnected due to newspapers, airplanes, music, and baseball. Who will live?				
<b>Brooks, Kevin</b>	<b>The Bunker Diary</b>	<b>9781467754200</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Carolrhodalab</b>
Diary of a kidnapped boy made to live in a bunker with five others. Their only connection with the outside world is a lift operated by their captor.				
<b>Burcaw, Shane</b>	<b>Laughing at My Nightmare</b>	<b>9781626720077</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Roaring Brook Press</b>
Shane Burcaw shares his humorous, optimistic view on life despite his having a rare muscular degenerative disease.				
<b>Chupeco, Rin</b>	<b>Girl from the Well</b>	<b>9781402292187</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Sourcebooks</b>
Tark, 15, has been tattooed with strange symbols for as long as he remembers, but recently the tattoos seem to glow and his mother, Yoko, is always trying to kill him. Luckily, his cousin Cassie, not only sees the dark lady that follows Tark everywhere, but also the Lady in white, Okiku, a 300 year old ghost. A page turner with the reader never knowing who is the villain or the hero until the very end.				
<b>Crowe, Chris</b>	<b>Death Coming up the Hill</b>	<b>9780544302150</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing</b>
1968 was one of the most chaotic years in American history. With death counts from Vietnam climbing, assassinations of American leaders, and racial unrest, Ashe Douglas must try to make sense of this mess plus face his own family's crisis - his mom's extramarital affair with a black man resulting in a baby and his father's stern belief that the war is good. Add in girlfriend Angela whose brother is MIA in Vietnam and this story has all the elements needed for a thought provoking trip in history.				
<b>Davis, Joshua</b>	<b>Spare Parts: Four Undocumented Teenage</b>	<b>9780374183370</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Farrar, Straus and Giroux</b>
Four undocumented high school students enter a prestigious robotics competition with a smelly, ugly robot and beat universities including MIT.				

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<b>Demetrios, Heather</b>	<b>I'll Meet You There</b>	<b>9780805097955</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Henry Holt &amp; Co</b>
<p>Skyler Evans can't wait to leave small town Creek View to go off to college. She is tired of dealing with her mom's depression and reaccuring alcolism and wants her life to be better. Her goal becomes distorted when Josh Mitchell, a former crush, returns from Afganistan to heal from wounds he sustained while on manuevers. While they both work at the Paradise Hotel, their relationship develops into a deep friendship and love while they both save each other.</p>				
<b>Dunkle, Elena &amp; Clare</b>	<b>Elena Vanishing</b>	<b>9781452121512</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Chronicle</b>
<p>Elena Dunkle tells others about her struggles with anorexia and past trauma that has shaped her life. Elena is a fighter and her memoir is powerful.</p>				
<b>Easton, T.S.</b>	<b>Boys Don't Knit (In Public)</b>	<b>9781250053312</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Feiwel and Friends</b>
<p>After getting in trouble with the law, awkward Ben Fletcher is required to take a class as part of his probation. Although unenthusiastic when he first signs up for knitting class, Ben soon learns he's a natural at it.</p>				
<b>Fleming, Candace</b>	<b>The Family Romanov</b>	<b>9780375867828</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Schwartz &amp; Wade Books</b>
<p>The Russian Romanov family has been a discussion topic for almost a century. This story of Nicholas and Alexandria and their children is told in an easy to follow and informative manner. The manner that they came to power, their introverted, extravagant life styles and their ultimate tragic downfall is relayed in a manner that will not be forgotten.</p>				
<b>Foley, Jessie Ann</b>	<b>The Carnival at Bray</b>	<b>9780989515597</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Elephant Rocks Books</b>
<p>After moving to Ireland with her mom and step-dad, Maggie deals with her own teen angst and family tragedy by taking a pilgrimage through Dublin and Rome.</p>				
<b>Frank, E.R.</b>	<b>Dime</b>	<b>9781481431606</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Antheneum</b>
<p>Dime thinks she has finally found someone to love and care for her when a pimp named Daddy takes her under his wing. She begins to realize that the cost may be more than she is willing to pay.</p>				
<b>Gardner, Scot</b>	<b>The Dead I Know</b>	<b>9780544232747</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Houghton Mifflin Harcourt</b>
<p>Aaron's nightmares only serve to complicate an already complicated life...he lives in poverty with Mam who appears to be losing her memory and his only saving grace is Mr. Barton who offers him a job in his funeral home.</p>				
<b>Griffin, Adele</b>	<b>The Unfinished Life of Addison Stone</b>	<b>9781616953607</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Soho Teen</b>
<p>Artist Addison Stone died just as she broke into NYC's art scene. Those closest to her recount her life, her struggles, her brilliance and her tragic death.</p>				
<b>Johansson, J. R.</b>	<b>Cut Me Free</b>	<b>9780374300234</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Farrar Straus Giroux Books for Young Readers</b>
<p>After years of abuse and the death of her brother, Charlotte, aka Piper, manages to escape and start a new life with the help of Cam. Just as she begins her life, Charlotte saves a young abused girl, Sanda. Unfortunately, Sanda does not completely break free, and all of their lives are at risk.</p>				

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<b>Johnston, E.K.</b>	<b>The Story of Owen: Dragon Slayer of Trondheim</b>	<b>9781467710664</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Carolrhoda Lab</b>	Owen and Siobhan team together to fight present day dragons seeking fossil fuels.
<b>Kephart, Beth</b>	<b>One Thing Stolen</b>	<b>9781452128313</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Chronicle Books</b>	The more time Nadia spends in Florence, the more she seem to be losing her grip on reality. She doesn't understand why she keeps stealing things and why no one can see the boy with the flowers except her. Will she be able to keep herself together long enough to weave her way back to reality?
<b>King, A.S.</b>	<b>Glory O'Brien's History of the Future</b>	<b>9780316222723</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Little, Brown Books for Young Readers</b>	After drinking a bat with her best friend, Glory O'Brien sees a frightening future she's not sure she'll be around to experience.
<b>Knowles, Jo</b>	<b>Read Between the Lines</b>	<b>9780763663872</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Candlewick Press</b>	Sometimes what we perceive others to be is not the reality. Such is the case with Nate, Claire, Dewey and all of the other characters who in some way touch each others lives.
<b>Kurti, Richard</b>	<b>Monkey Wars</b>	<b>9780385744416</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Delacorte Press</b>	The langur monkey troops are brutally attacking the rhesus monkeys and forcing them from their homes. Rhesus Papina and langur Mico forge a friendship, one that could be dangerous for them both.
<b>Lake, Nick</b>	<b>There Will Be Lies</b>	<b>9781619634404</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Bloomsbury</b>	Shelby follows the routine of her life - homeschooling, ice cream for dinner Fridays and the thrill of the batting cages until she is involved in a car accident. Suddenly her reality is shattered, and she finds herself on a quest for the truth.
<b>LaMarche, Una</b>	<b>Like No Other</b>	<b>9781595146748</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Penguin Books</b>	Devorah, a Hasidic Jewish, and Jaxon of West Indian descent, meet when trapped in an elevator. It is love at first conversation, but their differences make a future together impossible.
<b>Larbalestier, Justine</b>	<b>Razorhurst</b>	<b>9781616955441</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Soho Teen</b>	In the midst of a battle between the leaders of organized crime families, Kelpie and Dymphna do what they can to survive - sometimes with the help of some friendly and not-so-friendly ghosts.
<b>Lee, Fonda</b>	<b>Zeroboxer</b>	<b>9780738743387</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Flux</b>	Carr Luka is a rising star of zeroboxing, a sport pitting fighter against fighter in weightless combat. But a secret from Carr's past may destroy his ambitions and incite interplanetary conflict.
<b>Maas, Sarah</b>	<b>A Court of Thorns and Roses</b>	<b>9781619634442</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Bloomsbury</b>	After killing a shape shifting faery, Feyre is taken captive to a magical land she's been raised to fear. Will she die at the hands of her captor who clearly despises her or will she come to realize the role she plays in saving this magical land?
<b>Magoon, Kekla</b>	<b>How It Went Down</b>	<b>9780805098693</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Henry Holt &amp; Company</b>	When Tariq Johnson is shot and killed by Jack Franklin, the surrounding community is torn apart by grief and conflicting accounts of the incident.

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<b>Metcalfe, Stephen</b>	<b>The Tragic Age</b>	<b>9781250054418</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>St. Martin's Griffin</b>
Billy is trying to navigate high school under the radar. That changes when he befriends a tough, rebellious teenager, and a girl from his past moves back into his life.				
<b>Murphy, Julie</b>	<b>Dumplin'</b>	<b>9780062327185</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Balzer &amp; Bray</b>
Willowdean is a self-described fat girl with a heart the size of Texas. She has always been pretty comfortable with her size, even with a former-beauty queen mom and a gorgeous best friend. With the death of her favorite aunt, a fight with her best friend, and a kiss from the hot guy at work, Willowdean's life is headed for a change.				
<b>Niven, Jennifer</b>	<b>All the Bright Places</b>	<b>9780385755887</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Alfred A. Knopf</b>
Violet and Finch meet on the ledge of a belltower, both considering suicide. After rescuing one another, they embark on a relationship that may be enough to change their lives.				
<b>Oakes, Stephanie</b>	<b>The Sacred Lies of Minnow Bly</b>	<b>9780803740709</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Dial Books</b>
Minnow, raised in a cult, had her hands cut off as punishment from the Prophet. She ends up in juvie where Angel teaches her the ways of the world.				
<b>Older, Daniel</b>	<b>Shadowshaper</b>	<b>9780545591614</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Arthur A. Levine</b>
Sierra is ready to have a summer full of friends, parties, and her art. When she notices a mural weeping real tears and a cute artist named Robbie tells her of the magical shadowshaping, she knows her summer just got more exciting.				
<b>Parsons, Ash</b>	<b>Still Waters</b>	<b>9780399168475</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Philomel Books/Penguin</b>
Jason is a survivor. He is given an opportunity for a way out of his abusive home life, but it comes with a price he might not can afford-his life.				
<b>Perez, Ashley Hope</b>	<b>Out of Darkness</b>	<b>9781467742023</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Carolrhoda Lab</b>
Naomi, a Mexican American, and Wash, an African American, connect with each other. A school explosion rocks the town. The town's prejudiced men retaliate with violence. Lives shatter; hope remains.				
<b>Perkins, Stephanie</b>	<b>My True Love Gave to Me: Twelve Holiday Stories</b>	<b>9781250059307</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>St. Martin's Griffin</b>
A short story collection of twelve holiday love stories by twelve well-known authors including Rainbow Rowell and Matt De La Pena feature diverse characters celebrating holidays like Christmas, New Year's Eve, Hannukkah, etc.				
<b>Quintero, Isabel</b>	<b>Gabi, a Girl in Pieces</b>	<b>9781935955948</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Cinco Puntos Press</b>
Through her journaling and poetry, Gabi recounts the struggles and successes of her senior year in high school, as well as her hopes for the future.				
<b>Rabb, Margo</b>	<b>Kissing in America</b>	<b>9780062322371</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Harper</b>
Eva's father was killed in a plane crash; she escapes into romance novels. Eva enters her friend into a contest so she can go to California. The results are disastrous.				

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<b>Reynolds, Jason</b>	<b>The Boy in the Black Suit</b>	<b>9781442459502</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Atheneum Books for Young Readers</b>
After Matt's mother passes away, he gets a job at a funeral home, where he begins to work through her death and his grief.				
<b>Ruby, Laura</b>	<b>Bone Gap</b>	<b>9780062317605</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Balzer + Bray</b>
Rosa escapes to Finn and Sean's. From brothers to beekeepers, a mysterious horse, a kidnapper, and whispering corn fields, Bone Gap provides a ride filled with suspense AND perseverance.				
<b>Ruiz Zafon, Carlos</b>	<b>Marina</b>	<b>9780316044714</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Little, Brown, and Company</b>
Oscar and Marina set out to find adventure. What they found instead was a terrible secret playing itself out in the dark streets and abandoned buildings in Barcelona, Spain.				
<b>Schmidt, Jason</b>	<b>A List of Things That Didn't Kill Me</b>	<b>9780374380137</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Farrar Straus Giroux</b>
Jason Schmidt had a rough childhood, living through years of abuse. A List of Things That Didn't Kill Me chronicles his survival.				
<b>Shabazz, Ilyasha &amp; Kekla Magoon</b>	<b>X: A Novel</b>	<b>9780763669676</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Candlewick Press</b>
Fictionalized account of Malcolm X's childhood, imprisonment, and humanitarianism written by the legend's daughter.				
<b>Shusterman, Neal</b>	<b>Challenger Deep</b>	<b>9780061134111</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>HarperTeen</b>
As Caden loses touch with reality, he goes from ordinary high school student to crewman on a ship of fools.				
<b>Suma, Nova Ren</b>	<b>The Walls Around Us</b>	<b>9781616203726</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Algonquin Books</b>
Competitive dancers and best friends Orianna and Violet are torn apart when Violet's bullies are found murdered and Orianna is convicted of the crime.				
<b>Summers, Courtney</b>	<b>All The Rage</b>	<b>9781250021915</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>St. Martin's Griffin</b>
Romy Grey is a senior at Grebe High and works at the local diner. Things seem to be ok for her at home with her mother and her mother's boyfriend, and at work with her budding relationship with Leon. However, when she attends the senior party at the lake things in her life take a turn. She is raped, and her friend Penny goes missing. In the aftermath of the party, Grey is bullied and outcast at school because she accuses the sheriff's son of Rape. She struggles to deal with what happened to her and the fate of her best friend Penny.				
<b>Sundquist, Josh</b>	<b>We Should Hang out Sometime: Embarrassingly, A True Story</b>	<b>9780316251020</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Little, Brown and Company</b>
Josh survived cancer and having a leg amputated, but can he survive the high pressure world of teenage relationships?				
<b>Tahir, Saba</b>	<b>An Ember in the Ashes</b>	<b>9781595148032</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Razorbill/Penguin</b>
When Laia's brother is taken by "Masks", she will do anything to get him back, even if that means placing her trust in the very group the same group that betrayed her family.				
<b>Tucholke, April Genevieve</b>	<b>Slasher Girls &amp; Monster Boys</b>	<b>9780803741737</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Dial Books</b>
14 stories from 14 authors sure to give you chills and thrills with their creepy, terrifying, and gruesome tales.				

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<b>Westerfeld, Scott</b>	<b>Afterworlds</b>	<b>9781481422345</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Simon Pulse</b>
Darcy writes the story. Lizzie lives the fiction. Told as a novel-within-a-novel, Afterworlds tells two stories of young women navigating new worlds and finding themselves.				
<b>Williams, Michael</b>	<b>Diamond Boy</b>	<b>9780316320696</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Little, Brown and Company</b>
Patson works in the diamond fields. His family gone; he depends on his gwejana syndicate for help finding and selling the stones, all at great cost to himself. Intensely fascinating!!				
<b>Wood, Fiona</b>	<b>Wildlife</b>	<b>9780316242097</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>Poppy/Little, Brown and Co.</b>
During a 9 week wilderness term, Sib evaluates her friendship with Holly, starts a relationship with Ben, and gets to know Lou, a girl confronting her painful past year.				
<b>Yoon, Nicola</b>	<b>Everything Everything</b>	<b>9780553496642</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Delacorte Press</b>
Madeline Whittier has spent her entire life indoors suffering from a rare disease essentially making her allergic to the world. But when Olly and his family move next door, she wonders if love is worth taking the risk to go outside.				

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