

ABRAHAM LINCOLN BOOK AWARD

2019-2020 - NEUQUA VALLEY - MAIN



Book Talk Dates

SEMESTER 1

Tuesday, Nov. 5 2:30PM-3:15PM - B127
Tuesday, Nov. 19 2:30PM-3:15PM - LMC
Tuesday, Dec. 10 6:30AM-7:10AM - LMC
Tuesday, Dec. 10 2:30PM-3:15PM - LMC

SEMESTER 2

Tuesday, March 24 2:30PM-3:15PM - LMC
Tuesday, April 14 6:30AM-7:10AM - LMC
Tuesday, April 14 2:30PM-3:15PM - LMC

TITLES

THE 57 BUS BY DASHKA SLATER

Documents the true story of two Oakland high school students, a white girl from a privileged private school and a black youth from a school overshadowed by crime, whose fateful interaction triggered devastating consequences for both, garnering national attention and raising awareness about hate.

THE ASTONISHING COLOR OF AFTER BY EMILY X.R. PAN

A teen grieving the loss of her mother travels to Taiwan to meet her maternal grandparents for the first time and search for her mother's spirit while uncovering tragic family secrets and struggling to reconcile the truth about how her mother's life really ended. A first novel.

CHILDREN OF BLOOD AND BONE

BY TOMI ADEYEMI

Coming of age in a land where her magi mother was killed by the zealous king's guards along with other former wielders of magic, Zélie embarks on a journey alongside her brother and a fugitive princess to restore her people's magical abilities.

DEAR MARTIN BY NIC STONE

Profiled by a racist police officer in spite of his excellent academic achievements and Ivy League acceptance, a disgruntled college youth navigates the prejudices of new classmates and his crush on a white girl by writing a journal to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in the hopes that his iconic role model's teachings will be applicable half a century later.

DON'T GET CAUGHT BY KURT DINAN

To his great surprise, uncool eleventh-grader Max Cobb is invited to join the Chaos Club, an exclusive group of students responsible for some of the biggest pranks at his high school.

FAR FROM THE TREE BY ROBIN BENWAY

Feeling incomplete as an adopted child after placing her own baby up for adoption, teen Grace tracks down her biological siblings and finds herself struggling with the dynamics of being a middle child between an embittered older brother and an outspoken younger sister.

THE FEMALE OF THE SPECIES BY MINDY MCGINNIS

Three years after her sister's murderer walked free and Alex Craft skillfully achieves her vengeance without detection, she begins to form a friendship with a preacher's daughter and the popular Jack Fisher, but she isn't sure she can control her dark side.

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MORE TITLES

HOOPER BY GEOFF HERBACH

Adam's basketball skills have taken him from an orphanage in Poland to a loving adoptive mother in Minnesota. When he's tapped to play on a select AAU team, it just confirms that basketball is his ticket to the good life to a better future.

HOW DARE THE SUN RISE : MEMOIRS OF A WAR CHILD BY SANDRA UWIRINGIYIMANA

The author shares the story of her survival during the Gatumba massacre, despite losing her mother and sister, and how after moving to America she found healing through art and activism.

I AM NOT YOUR PERFECT MEXICAN DAUGHTER BY ERIKA L. SÁNCHEZ

Perfect Mexican daughters do not go away to college and never abandon their family. But Julia is not your perfect Mexican daughter.

LONG WAY DOWN BY JASON REYNOLDS

As Will, fifteen, sets out to avenge his brother Shawn's fatal shooting, seven ghosts who knew Shawn board the elevator and reveal truths Will needs to know.

MONDAY'S NOT COMING BY TIFFANY D. JACKSON

Knowing when her best friend stops showing up at school that something is terribly wrong, Claudia is baffled when nobody around her seems to remember the last time they saw her friend.

NYXIA BY SCOTT REINTGEN

Recruited by a mysterious corporation for a mission in outer space, an ordinary teen joins a group of fellow travelers, each of whom must earn the right to travel down to a paradise planet where the universe's most valuable mineral has been discovered.

ONLY CHILD BY RHIANNON NAVIN

Surviving a horrific school shooting, a six-year-old boy retreats into the world of books and art while making observations about his mother's determination to prosecute the shooter's parents and the wider community's efforts to make sense of the tragedy.

THE POET X BY ELIZABETH ACEVEDO

The daughter of devout immigrants discovers the power of slam poetry and begins participating in a school club as part of her effort to understand her mother's strict religious beliefs and her own developing relationship to the world. A first novel..

SADIE BY COURTNEY SUMMERS

Told from the alternating perspectives of nineteen-year-old Sadie who runs away from her isolated small Colorado town to find her younger sister's killer, and a true crime podcast exploring Sadie's disappearance.

THE SUN IS ALSO A STAR BY NICOLA YOON

A scientifically minded girl who avoids relationships to help keep her family from being deported and a dutiful student who endeavors to live up to his parents' high expectations unexpectedly fall in love and must determine which path they will choose in order to be together.

THEY BOTH DIE AT THE END BY ADAM SILVERA

In a near-future New York City where a service alerts people on the day they will die, teenagers Mateo Torrez and Rufus Emeterio meet using the Last Friend app and are faced with the challenge of living a lifetime on their End Day.

TURTLES ALL THE WAY DOWN BY JOHN GREEN

In his long-awaited return, the author of #1 best-selling *The Fault in Our Stars* shares the story of Aza Holmes, a young woman navigating daily existence within the ever-tightening spiral of her own thoughts.

WORDS IN DEEP BLUE BY CATH CROWLEY

Rachel left a love note for Henry in his favorite book tucked away in his family's bookstore and has returned years later to work alongside him as they both struggle through challenges and find hope in each other.