

Special Collection

Donated in the memory of Phyllis Director



After the recent death of Phyllis Director, a retired member of the Oceanside School Community, a group of friends decided to pay tribute to her by placing books in the Oceanside High School Library.

Phyllis had a career in journalism, raised three children, began her teaching career at Boardman Junior High School (currently Oceanside Middle School), later a teacher of English at Oceanside High School, became Chair of the English Department at Oceanside High School., and was a former Vice President of the Lynbrook Board of Education. After her retirement, she remained active until her death.

The donated collection includes the following titles which are available for loan to students and staff of the OHS community:

A Gesture Life: A Novel, by Chang-rae Lee
A Lesson Before Dying: Play based on the novel, by Romulus Linney
A Thread of Grace, by Mary Gloria Russell
After Long Silence, A Memoir, by Helen Fremont
Amelia Earhart, by Doris L. Rich
Bliss, by Lauren Myracle
Born On a Blue Day: Inside the Extraordinary Mind of an Autistic Savant, by Daniel Tammet
Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed, by Jared Olamond
Different Life, A: Growing Up Learning Disabled and Other Adventurers, by Quinn Bradlee
Dreams of My Father: A Story of Race and Inheritance, by Barack Obama
Game Change: Obama and the Clintons, McCain and Palin, and the Race of a Lifetime, by John Heilmann
Infidel, by Ayaan Hirsi Ali
Madness: A Bipolar Life, by Marya Hornbacher
Olive Kitteridge: Fiction, by Elizabeth Strout
Outliers: The Story of Success, by Malcolm Gladwell
Plainsong, by Kent Haruf
Sarah's Key, by Tatiana de Rosnay
Something to Declare, by Julia Alvarez
Stones from the River, by Ursula Hegl
Suite Francaise, by Irene Nemirovsky
The Girl in the Green Sweater: A Life in Holocaust's Shadow, by Krystyna Chiger
The Other Side of the Bridge, by Mary Lawson
The Players: A Novel of the Young Shakespeare, by Stephanie Cowell
The Rape of Nanking, by Iris Chang
The Samuri's Garden: A Novel, by Gail Tsuklyama
The Space Between Us, by Thrity Umngar
The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference, by Malcolm Gladwell

The World of Emily Dickinson, by Polly Longworth
Those Who Save Us, by Jenna Blum
War Trash, by Ha Jin

Special Collection **NOVELS IN VERSE**

- FIC**
CHE
- Cheng, Andrea.
Brushing Mom's hair / Andrea Cheng ; illustrations by Nicole Wong.
-- 1st ed. -- Honesdale, Pa. : Wordsong, c2009.
SUMMARY: A fourteen-year-old girl, whose mother's breast cancer diagnosis and treatment have affected every aspect of their lives, finds release in ballet and art classes. This book is written in verse style.
- FIC**
HOP
- Hopkins, Ellen.
Impulse / Ellen Hopkins. -- 1st ed. -- New York : Margaret K. McElderry Books, c2007.
SUMMARY: Three teens who meet at Reno, Nevada's Aspen Springs mental hospital after each has attempted suicide connect with each other in a way they never have with their parents or anyone else in their lives. This book is written in verse style.
- FIC**
ZIM
- Zimmer, Tracie Vaughn.
Reaching for sun / Tracie Vaughn Zimmer. -- 1st U.S. ed. -- New York : Bloomsbury Children's Books : c2007.
SUMMARY: Josie, who lives with her mother and grandmother and has cerebral palsy, befriends a boy who moves into one of the rich houses behind her old farmhouse. This book is written in verse style.