

“There is no friend as loyal as a book.”

— Ernest Hemingway

Staff	Favorite Novel	Why It’s So Great	Favorite Writer
Ms. Karen Bennett	<i>The Endurance</i> by Caroline Alexander	It is the best adventure book, and I couldn’t put it down!	
Mr. Jonathan Bridges			
Mrs. Sue Buffington	<i>The Road</i> by Cormac McCarthy		
Mr. Joshua Chumley	<i>Blood Meridian</i> by Cormac McCarthy		Cormac McCarthy
Mrs. Susana Clapham	<i>Midnight Rider</i> by Joan Hiatt Harlow	This historical fiction novel takes place during August 1774 - Spring/Summer of 1775. I love this period in history, and I used to live in Boston (where the story takes place).	C.S. Lewis
Mr. Beum-Ho Chung	<i>Watership Down</i> by Richard Adams	Bunnies fighting against prophecy, predators, domestication, and fascism? Animals discovering the power of boats and friendship? A meditation on leadership? One tremendous last stand against the ultimate bully? This is an amazing book...	Frank Herbert
Ms. Jamie Cordova	<i>The Outsiders</i> by S.E. Hinton	It is timeless.	

Ms. Britnie Crandell	<i>The Great Gatsby</i> by F. Scott Fitzgerald		
Ms. Emma Deki	<i>Anxious People</i> by Fredrik Backman	It captures the messy essence of being human while providing a wonderful hope for humanity.	F. Scott Fitzgerald
Mrs. Courtney Dexter			
Mr. Joshua Hepp	<i>Crazy Love</i> by Francis Chan		C.S Lewis
Ms. Krystal Holyoak	<i>The Hunger Games</i> by Suzanne Collins		
Mrs. Jennifer Martinez	<i>Catcher in the Rye</i> by J.D. Salinger		
Ms. Jessica Penoyer	<i>Hatchet</i> by Gary Paulsen	This was the first book that I truly enjoyed reading as a child. I remember not being able to put it down. This book is a constant reminder that those who do not enjoy reading, may have not found the right book yet.	Gary Paulsen
Ms. Kim Pisano	<i>Educated</i> by Tara Westover	<i>Educated</i> is one of my favorite books because it tells the true story of the lengths that someone would go through in order for the opportunity to get a formal education. Very powerful read!	Jodi Picoult
Mrs. Mary Powell	<i>East of Eden</i> by John Steinbeck	Great themes; idea of self improvement if you choose--excellent villain and characters!	John Steinbeck and Richard Wright
Ms. MaryJoyce Ramirez	<i>To Love and Let Go</i> by Rachel Brathen		

Mrs. Joy Robbins	<i>The Handmaid's Tale</i> by Margaret Atwood	Margaret Atwood knew how to make her readers care more about the present as she predicted the future. I love the strength of her characters.	David Foster Wallace
Ms. Kristin Schmella	<i>The Giver</i> by Lois Lowry	I love <i>The Giver</i> for so many reasons! This book makes me think about something new every time I read it. (I taught it for several years, so I have read it A LOT.) Is a painless life worth giving up all the pleasure from life? The ending - I love! The foreshadowing of that moment earlier on is just genius.	Sarah J. Maas
Mr. Baron Smith	<i>A Moveable Feast</i> by Ernest Hemingway	This book is an autobiographical account of Ernest Hemingway's early struggles as a writer. It is inspirational!	Ernest Hemingway
Mrs. Samantha Stuart			
Mr. Matthew Stuart			
Mrs. Danielle Towle	<i>Devil in the White City</i> by Erik Larson	It's a perfect blend of historical non-fiction, tracing both the Chicago World's Fair of 1893 and also the murders of H. H. Holmes.	Classic - William Wordsworth Modern - Liane Moriarty
Ms. Alexis Thomson	<i>Looking for Alaska</i> by John Green	This book changed my perception on mental health. It also showed me what it was like to SOB at the end of a book. This book made me feel every emotion.	John Green and Madeline Miller
Ms. Mary Welch	<i>Daisy Miller</i> by Henry James	Daisy is a character who is unapologetically	Andrew Mayne

		herself despite the fact that she was told to make herself smaller to fit in the box that high society wanted her to be in.	
Ms. Kathi Zink	<i>Anxious People</i> by Fredrik Backman	I loved all the relationships, dynamics, and twist in the book.	Liane Moriarty

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