



Toms River Elementary Schools

Station Eleven Read-Alikes

For Students ages 9 thru 12 years old



L = Lexile

- Rise of the Balloon Goons** *Troy Cummings* 490L **J Cumm** *Fiction*
Alexander has just moved into Stermont, but the elementary school is being torn down, his new classroom is located in the hospital morgue, a notebook he finds is full of information about monsters--and everywhere he turns there are spooky balloon men determined to attack him.
- The Last Wild** *Piers Torday* 820L **J Tord** *Fiction*
Twelve-year-old Kester Jaynes, who has been locked away at a school for troubled children, is called upon to save the last animals living in a post-apocalyptic world where disease has killed most living things.
- The Fog Diver** *Joel N. Ross* **J Ross** *Fiction*
In this futuristic high-stakes adventure, humanity clings to cities on the highest mountain peaks above the deadly Fog, and airships transport the pirates of the skies. Daring 13-year-old tetherboy Chess and his salvage crew must face the dark plans of Lord Kodoc and work to save their beloved Mrs. E.
- Sky Jumpers** *Peggy Eddleman* 860L **J SF Eddl** *Fiction*
Twelve-year-old Hope lives in a post-World War III town called White Rock where everyone must participate in Inventions Day, though Hope's inventions always fail. Her unique skill set comes in hand when a group of bandits invades the town.
- Fuzzy Mud** *Louis Sachar* 700L **J Sach** *Fiction*
Two middle-grade kids take a shortcut home from school and discover what looks like fuzzy mud but is actually a substance with the potential to wreak havoc on the entire world
- The contagious colors of Mumpsey Middle School** *Fowler DeWitt* 720L **J DeWi** *Fiction*
When a mysterious illness sweeps through school, causing students to change color, sixth-grader scientist Wilmer Dooley tries to find the cause and cure
- Overboard!** *Terry Lynn Johnson* 540L **J John** *Fiction*
Eleven-year-old Travis and twelve-year-old Stacey, separated from their families after being thrown into the Atlantic off the coast of Washington, battle hypothermia as they struggle to survive. Includes Coast Guard-approved cold-water survival tips.
- The Wolf's Boy** *Susan Williams Beckhorn,* 570L **J Beck** *Fiction*
Marked as tabat--the unlucky one--Kai and his wolf, Uff, must brave the long winter together and learn what it takes to survive on their own

The Big Dark *W. R Philbrick* 780L **J Phil** *Fiction*
When something knocks out everything electrical at midnight on New Year's Eve, the world is plunged into chaos, including the town of Harmony, New Hampshire, where Webster Bragg, a vicious survivalist, sees an opportunity to dominate his fellow citizens--but as the town struggles to maintain order and civilization, young Charlie Cobb sets out on a dangerous journey through the snow to find medicine for his diabetic mother.

The Firefly Code *Megan Frazer Blakemore* 660L **J SF Blak** *Fiction*
Mori and her friends live a normal life on Firefly Lane in Old Harmonie, a utopian community where every kid knows he or she is genetically engineered to be better and smarter, but when a strangely perfect new girl named Ilana moves in, the friends begin to question the only world they have ever known.

The Wild Robot *Peter Brown* 740L **J Brow** *Fiction*
Roz the robot discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island with no memory of where she is from or why she is there, and her only hope of survival is to try to learn about her new environment from the island's hostile inhabitants.

Among the hidden *Margaret Peterson Haddix* 800L **YA Hadd** *Fiction*
A government decree allows each family only two children. For Luke, a third child, this has meant a lifetime of hiding. But could a stray glimpse of a child hiding in the house across the way lead to freedom?

The Secret Sea *Barry Lyga* 710L **YA Lyga** *Fiction*
Three friends find themselves plunged into a world of quantum physics, a rare disease that only affects identical twins, and a mysterious fact about a real-life global catastrophe.

A Single Stone *Megan McKinglay* 660L **YAMcKi** *Fiction*
After years of conditioning her body, Jena is finally small enough to make her way into the mining tunnels to provide for her community, but she soon begins to doubt her life and question the way of things.

MARTians *Blythe Woolston* 690L **YA Wool** *Fiction*
In a near-future consumer dystopia, Zoë Zindleman must choose from limited, bleak housing options, including a converted strip-mall refuge that offers safety and proximity to her new place of work, ALLMART.

Zom-B *Darren Shan* 710 L **YA Shan** *Fiction*
When the news starts reporting a zombie outbreak in Ireland, B's father thinks it's a hoax-but even if it isn't, the two of them joke, it's only the Irish, right? That is, until zombies actually attack the school. B is forced on a mad dash through the serpentine corridors of high school, making allegiances with anyone with enough gall to fight off their pursuers. But when they come face-to-face with the ravenous, oozing corpses, all bets are off. There are no friends. No allies. Just whatever it takes to survive.

Plagues, pox, and pestilence *Richard Platt* 930L **YA 614.4 Barn** *Non-Fiction*
Provides a history of disease and pestilence as told from the point of view of the bugs and pests that caused them, from common diseases such as influenza, malaria and tuberculosis to such rare diseases as leprosy, cholera, and bubonic plague.

Survival Skills *Simon Ellar* 930L **YA 613.69 Ella** *Non-Fiction*
Presents valuable skills and secret tricks for surviving in the wilderness, discussing knot tying, preparing and lighting a fire, tracking animals, and collecting water.

Survivors: Into The Wilderness *Jim Pipe* **J613.69 Pipe** *Non-Fiction*
Highlights some extreme survival stories of adventurers who met with disaster, from being adrift on the ocean to getting lost in the Sahara Dessert

The Flu Pandemic of 1918 *Kristin Marciniak* **J614.5 Marc** *Non-Fiction*
Looks at how the influenza outbreak of 1918 broke out and spread, how it impacted the war, and attempts to treat and prevent it.

Natural Disasters *Claire Watts* 1220L **J363.34 Watt** *Non-Fiction*
Describes a wide range of natural disasters including earthquakes, tsunamis, floods, volcanoes, landslides, hurricanes, tornadoes, wildfires, and epidemics.



Toms River Intermediate Schools

Station Eleven Read-Alikes

For Students *in Middle School*



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The Giver *Lois Lowry*

760L

J Lowr

Fiction

Given his lifetime assignment at the Ceremony of Twelve, Jonas becomes the receiver of memories shared by only one other in his community and discovers the terrible truth about the society in which he lives.

The Roar *Emma Clayton*

910L

J SF Clay

Fiction

In an overpopulated world where all signs of nature have been obliterated and a wall has been erected to keep out plague-ridden animals, twelve-year-old Mika refuses to believe that his twin sister was killed after being abducted, and continues to search for her in spite of the dangers he faces in doing so.

Museum of Thieves *Lian Tanner*

640L

J Tann

Fiction

Goldie, an impulsive and bold twelve-year-old, escapes the oppressive city of Jewel, where children are required to wear guardchains for their protection, and finds refuge in the extraordinary Museum of Dunt, an ever-shifting world where she discovers a useful talent for thievery and mysterious secrets that threaten her city and everyone she loves.

The City of Ember *Jeanne DuPrau*

680L

J DuPr

Fiction

In the year 241, twelve-year-old Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a Messenger to run to new places in her decaying but beloved city, perhaps even to glimpse Unknown Regions.

Icebreaker *Lian Tanner*

720L

J Tann

Fiction

Living on an ancient icebreaker in a war-stricken world ruled by Anti-Machinists, twelve-year-old Petrel hides a stowaway only to discover that her new friend has been sent to destroy a secret object.

Crunch *Leslie Connor*

490L

J Conn

Fiction

The oldest Marriss brother, fourteen-year-old Dewey, attempts to be the "embodiment of responsibility" as he juggles the management of the family's bicycle repair business while sharing the household and farm duties with his siblings after a sudden energy crisis strands their parents far from home.

My Life With The Liars *Calea Carter*

590L

J Cart

Fiction

Raised in a cult, twelve-year-old Zylmn has been taught that the outside world is dark and full of liars, but when her father rescues her, Zylmn experiences new aspects of life for the first time and has to make a decision about the cult.

Trapped *S. A. Bodeen*

510L

J Bode

Fiction

It's up to Sarah Robinson to save her shipwrecked family from a time-traveling 'curator' of souls and a treasure-hunting criminal in Book 3 of the Shipwreck Island series

The Resisters *Eric S. Nylund* **J SF Nylu** *Fiction*
When twelve-year-olds Madison and Felix kidnap him, Ethan learns that the Earth has been taken over by aliens and that all the adults in the world are under mind control.

Time Snatchers *Richard Ungar* 710L **J SF Unga** *Fiction*
Thirteen-year-old orphan Caleb is a "time snatcher" who travels through history stealing valuable artifacts from the past for high-paying clients of his ruthless guardian.

The Last Book in the Universe *Philbrick, W. R. (W. Rodman)* 740L **YA Phil** *Fiction*
After an earthquake has destroyed much of the planet, an epileptic teenager nicknamed Spaz begins the heroic fight to bring human intelligence back to the Earth of a distant future

The Limit *Kristen Landon* 690L **YA Land** *Fiction*
When his family exceeds its legal debt limit, thirteen-year-old Matt is sent to the Federal Debt Rehabilitation Agency workhouse, where he discovers illicit activities are being carried out using the children who have been placed there.

Hatchet *Gary Paulson* 1020L **YA Paul** *Fiction*
After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the wilderness, learning to survive initially with only the aid of a hatchet given him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce.

The Enemy *Charles Higgins* 590L **YA Higg** *Fiction*
After a disease turns everyone over sixteen into brainless, decomposing, flesh-eating creatures, a group of teenagers leave their shelter and set out of a harrowing journey across London to the safe haven of Buckingham Palace.

Gone *Michael Grant* 620L **YA Gran** *Fiction*
In a small town on the coast of California, everyone over the age of fourteen suddenly disappears, setting up a battle between the remaining town residents and the students from a local private school, as well as those who have "The Power" and are able to perform supernatural feats and those who do not.

Ebola: fears and facts *Patricia Newman* 1020L **J616.9 Newm** *Non-Fiction*
What's Ebola? Do we need to be afraid? This short book will take readers beyond the headlines to help them understand the 2014 outbreak. It will inform while helping to alleviate fears

Lost in the Pacific, 1942: not a drop to drink *Tod Olson* **YA 940.5449 Olso** *Non-Fiction*
When the B-17 bomber carrying America's greatest war hero across the Pacific Ocean gets lost, there is no other option but an emergency landing, that leaves the crew stranded without food or water.

Disasters : natural and man-made catastrophes through the centuries *Brenda Z. Guiberson*
1080L **J904.5 Guib** *Non-Fiction*
A history of ten well-known disasters--from the great Chicago fire to Hurricane Katrina--explores the causes and effects of the devastation as well as the power of humankind to persevere in the face of adversity.

The Ultimate Survival Guide *Mike Flynn* 1120L **J796.5 Flynn** *Non-Fiction*
Presents a guide to the skills that are needed to survive in the wilderness, covering such topics as finding food and water, building a shelter, judging distances, making a fire, and calling for help, with advice on putting together a survival kit beforehand.

Maker projects for kids who love exploring the outdoors

Sarah Leveté 870L **J745.5 Leveté** *Non-Fiction*

The great outdoors is the perfect "Maker" space for exploring possibilities for creativity, problem solving, and innovation. From designing devices to study the natural world to figuring out ways to find food or water outside, this refreshing title inspires readers to come up with Maker projects of their own in their back yards or communities. "Makers and Shakers" sidebars introduce important innovators and their creations to inspire readers to be environmentally aware and involved in the natural world



Toms River High Schools

Station Eleven Read-Alikes

For Students in High School



L = Lexile

After The Snow *S.D. Crockett* 700L **YA Croc** *Fiction*
Fifteen-year-old Willo Blake, born after the 2059 snows that ushered in a new ice age, encounters outlaws, halfmen, and an abandoned girl as he journeys in search of his family, who mysteriously disappeared from the freezing mountain that was their home.

A Matter of Days *Amber Kizer* **YA Kize** *Fiction*
In the not-too-distant future when a global pandemic kills most of humanity, a teenaged girl and her younger brother struggle to survive.

H2O *Virginia Bergin* 740L **YA Berg** *Fiction*
When a strange rain falls bearing a fatal, contagious disease, Ruby finds herself alone with the only drinkable water quickly running out.

Birthmarked *Caragh M. O'Brien* **YA Obri** *Fiction*
In future world decimated by climate change, apprentice midwife Gaia lives along the shore of what used to be Lake Michigan, helping her mother deliver babies and making sure to "advance" the required three newborns per month to the exclusive, walled-in Enclave. Gaia is forced to infiltrate the Enclave herself after her parents are arrested as traitors, and though she finds help (maybe even love?) from someone unexpected, she also uncovers devastating secrets that shatter her understanding of her society. -- Description by Rebecca Honeycutt.

The 5th Wave *Richard Yancey* 690L **YA Yanc** *Fiction*
Cassie Sullivan, the survivor of an alien invasion, must rescue her young brother from the enemy with help from a boy who may be one of them.

Steelheart *Brandon Sanderson* 680L **YA Sand** *Fiction*
At age eight, David watched as his father was killed by an Epic, a human with superhuman powers, and now, ten years later, he joins the Reckoners--the only people who are trying to kill the Epics and end their tyranny.

The Infects *Sean Beaudoin* 640L **YA Beau** *Fiction*
A celebration of zombie culture features the story of seventeen-year-old Nero, who is stranded in the wilderness with fellow juvenile delinquents when their counselors transform into flesh-eating maniacs.

Sky On Fire *Emmy Laybourne* 560L **YA Layb** *Fiction*
After repairing a school bus, the group of survivors split in two, with one group heading to the airport in hopes of reuniting with their parents and saving their dying friend and the other trying to rebuild the community they lost.

The Hunger Games *Suzanne Collins* 810L **YA Coll** *Fiction*
In a future North America, where the rulers of Panem maintain control through an annual televised survival competition pitting young people from each of the twelve districts against one another, sixteen-year-old Katniss's skills are put to the test when she voluntarily takes her younger sister's place.

The Living *Matt de la Pena* 700L **YA Dela** *Fiction*
After an earthquake destroys California and a tsunami wrecks the luxury cruise ship where he is a summer employee, high schooler Shy confronts another deadly surprise.

The Young World *Chris Weitz* **YA Weit** *Fiction*
Jefferson, with his childhood friend Donna, leads a tribe of teenagers in New York City on a dangerous quest to find an antidote for a mysterious illness that wiped out all adults and children.

The Forest of Hands and Teeth *Carrie Ryan* 900 L **YA Ryan** *Fiction*
Through twists and turns of fate, orphaned Mary seeks knowledge of life, love, and especially what lies beyond her walled village and the surrounding forest, where dwell the Unconsecrated, aggressive flesh-eating people who were once dead.

The Stand *Stephen King* 900L **Fic King** *Fiction*
A monumentally devastating plague leaves only a few survivors in a desert world who move toward the ultimate confrontation of good and evil.

The Dog Stars *Peter Heller* **Fic Hell** *Fiction*
Surviving a pandemic disease that has killed everyone he knows, a pilot establishes a shelter in an abandoned airport hangar before hearing a random radio transmission that compels him to risk his life to seek out other survivors.

The Road *Cormac McCarthy* 670L **Fic McCa** *Fiction*
Apocalypse grips the earth; wildlife has disappeared; and starvation prevails. Amidst this bleak backdrop, a man and his young son slowly make their way toward the coast. Avoiding roves of marauding cannibals and fighting off starvation, they gain hope and stamina in knowing they are some of the remaining few virtuous people.

Symphony for the City of the Dead: Dmitri Shostakovich and the Siege of Leningrad
M.T. Anderson 990L **YA B Shos** *Non-Fiction*
An account of the Siege of Leningrad reveals the role played by Russian composer Dmitri Shostakovich and his Leningrad Symphony in rallying and commemorating their fellow citizens.

Drowned City: Hurricane Katrina and New Orleans
Don Brown 920L **YA 976.044 Brow** *Non-Fiction*
On August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina's monstrous winds and surging water overwhelmed the protective levees around low-lying New Orleans, Louisiana. Eighty percent of the city flooded, in some places under twenty feet of water. Property damages across the Gulf Coast topped \$100 billion. One thousand eight hundred and thirty-three people lost their lives. The tale of this historic storm and the drowning of an American city is one of selflessness, heroism, and courage -- and also of incompetence, racism, and criminality. Don Brown's kinetic art and as-it-happens narrative capture both the tragedy and triumph of one of the worst natural disasters in American history.

The end: 50 apocalyptic visions from pop culture that you should know about...before it's too late *Laura Barcella* 1240 L **YA 236.9 Barc** *Non-Fiction*

The end takes 50 iconic apocalypse scenarios ... and explains where they came from, why they matter, and when it's time to abandon life at street level and dive into the closest bomb shelter

The ebola epidemic: the fight, the future *Connie Goldsmith* 1160L **YA 614.57 Gold**
Non-Fiction

Discusses the history of the ebola virus, particularly the epidemic that exploded in West Africa in late 2013.

Tom Brown's field guide to nature and survival for children *Tom Brown* **613.69 Brow**
Non-Fiction

Here is the perfect guide to exploring the wonders of nature with children--safely. Whether your outdoor experience includes day trips to local parks or long wilderness treks, Tom Brown, Jr. can help children and adults fully appreciate the boundless beauty of our most precious natural resources. The ideal handbook for teachers, parents, counselors and children, it can make every trip to a park or forest a safe and educational wilderness adventure.