Seaman: the Dog Who Explored the West With Lewis and Clark by Gail Laner Karwoski Call number: F/Kar

Seaman, a Newfoundland, proves his value as a hunter, navigator and protector while serving with the Corps of Discovery when it explores the West under the leadership of Lewis and Clark.

The Likes of Me by Randall Beth Platt

Call number: F/Pla

In 1918, having run away from the Washington State lumber camp she calls home, a 14-yearold half-Chinese albino named Cordy makes her way to Seattle and finds work in a carnival.

The Last Man's Reward by Dave Patneaude

Call number: F/Pat

In hopes of winning the valuable baseball card that he and his new friends have hidden in a remote cave outside Granite Falls, Washington, Andrew asks the gruff P.E. teacher at his middle school to help him become a long-jumper.

Whale Talk by Chris Crutcher

Call number: F/Cru

Intellectually and athletically gifted, TJ, a multiracial, adopted teenager living in a small town north of Spokane, WA, shuns organized sports and the hung-ho athletes at Cutter High School until he agrees to form a swimming team and recruits some of the school's less popular students.

How to Disappear Completely and Never Be Found by Sara Nickerson

Call number: F/Nic

With a swimming medal, the key to a mansion and a comic book about a half-man/half-rat as her only clues, a 12-year-old girl seeks the true story of her father's mysterious death four years earlier near an island in the Pacific Northwest.

Jackie's Wild Seattle by Will Hobbs

Call number: F/Hob

14-year-old Shannon and her little brother, Cody, spend the summer with their uncle, helping at a wildlife rescue center named, "Jackie's Wild Seattle."

Boston Jane: An Adventure by Jennifer Holm

Call number: F/Hol

Schooled in the lessons of etiquette for young ladies of 1854. Miss Jane Peck of Philadelphia finds little use for manners during her long sea voyage to the Pacific Northwest and while living among the American traders and Chinook Indians of Washington Territory.

Also available: Boston Jane: the Claim and Boston Jane: Wilderness Davs

The Captain's Dog by Roland Smith

Call number: F/Smi

Captain Meriwether Lewis' dog, Seaman, describes his experiences as he accompanies his master on the Lewis and Clark Expedition to explore the uncharted western wilderness.

Flight of the Fisherbird by Nora Martin

Call number: F/Mar

In 1889 in the islands off the coast of Washington State, 13-year-old Clementine pulls a nearly drowned Chinese man out of the sea and begins to suspect that her beloved uncle may have been involved in his attempted murder as well as other treacherous deeds.

Reservation Blues by Sherman Alexie

Call number: F/Ale

Coyote Springs is an all-Indian Catholic rock band from the Spokane Reservation in eastern Washington, and if their career eventually crashes and burns, the novel they inhabit soars like that elusive fifth chord.

Voyage of the Continental by Katherine Kirkpatrick

Call number: F/Kir

When Asa Mercer makes a public plea for women to come to the Washington Territory, Emeline, 17, decides to go with the hope of becoming a teacher. Through journal entries and occasional letters, she tells of her 1866 voyage by steamer from a New England mill town to Seattle. Aboard, she meets a woman traveling under an alias who fears for her life at the hands of her abusive, swindler husband.

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Looking For Normal by Betty Monthei

Call number: F/Mon

12-year-old Annie and her younger brother, Ted, try to cope with their turbulent emotions, as well as with their grandmother's terrible anger and grief, after their father kills their mother and then commits suicide.

Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie

F/Ale

Budding cartoonist Junior leaves his troubled school on the Spokane Indian Reservation to attend an all-white farm town where the only other Indian is the school mascot.

Runner by Carl Deuker

Call number: F/Deu

Living with his alcoholic father on a broken-down sailboat on Puget Sound has been hard on 17year-old Chance Taylor, but when his love of running leads to a high-paying job, he quickly learns that the money is not work the risk.

The Grape Thief by Kristine Franklin Call number: F/Fra

Slava Petrovich, 12, aka "Cuss" for his outstanding ability to curse in 14 languages, balances his life around friends, school and his fatherless, Croatian-immigrant family struggling to make a living in the 1925 coal-mining town of Roslyn, WA. He and his best buddies, Perks and Skinny, plan to take part in the annual ritual of stealing grapes from the train that arrives from California. This boyhood prank transpires on a fateful night that marks the end of the protagonist's childhood and has long-lasting repercussions for the whole family.

Wild Roses by Deb Caletti

Call number F/Cal

In Washington State, seventeen-year-old Cassie learns about the good and bad sides of both love and genius while living with her mother and brilliant, yet disturbed, violinist stepfather and falling in love with a gifted young musician.

Hannah West in the Belltown Towers by Linda Johns

Call number: F/Joh

12-year-old Hannah and her single mother move into a swanky Seattle high-rise, the Belltown Towers. As they're getting settle, someone tries to steal a valuable piece of artwork from one of their new neighbors, and other paintings keep disappearing as the Honcho charity auction nears.

Series continues with: Hannah West in Deep Water, Hannah West in the Center of the Universe and Hannah West on Millionaire's Row

Half and Half by Lensey Namioka

Call number: F/Nam

At Seattle's annual Folk Fest, 12-year-old Fiona and her older brother are torn between trying to please their Chinese grandmother and making their Scottish grandparents happy.

Rachel Chance by Jean Thesman

Call number: F/The

In this suspenseful and exciting story set in Seattle in the 1940s, 15-year-old Rachel, her grandfather and a teenage hired hand, set out to rescue her baby brother, who has been kidnapped.

Our Only May Amelia by Jennifer Holm

Call number: F/Hol

It isn't easy being a pioneer in the state of Washington in 1899, but it's particularly hard when you are the only girl ever born in the new settlement. With seven older brothers and a love of adventure, May Amelia Jackson just can't seem to abide her family's insistence that she behave like a proper young lady. Not when there's fishing to be done, sheep to be herded, and real live murderers to be captured!



Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech

Call number: F/Cre

After her mother leaves home suddenly, 13-yearold Sal and her grandparents take a road trip to Idaho retracing her mother's route. Along the way Sal recounts the story of her friend Phoebe, whose mother also left.

Josie Poe: Palouse, Washington, 1943 by Kathleen Duey

Call number: F/Due

Living with her family in the farming town of Palouse, Washington, during World War II, 13-yearold Josie worries about her brother's strange behavior and wonders why he has not enlisted.

Westward to Home: Joshua's Diary by Patricia Hermes

Call number: F/Her

In 1848, nine-year-old Joshua McCullough writes a journal of his family's journey from Missouri to Oregon in a covered wagon. Includes an historical note about westward migration.

A Perfect Place: Joshua's Oregon Trail Diary by Patricia Hermes

Call number: F/Her

Late in 1848, nine-year-old Joshua McCullough starts a second journal, this time recording events in Willamette Valley, Oregon Territory.

Ghost Canoe by Will Hobbs

Call number: F/Hob

14-year-old Nathan, fishing with the Makah in the Pacific Northwest, finds himself holding a vital clue when a mysterious stranger comes to town looking for Spanish treasure.

A Girl, in Parts by Jasmine Paul

Call number: F/Pau

Dottie is a girl of nine, growing up in the 1980s in West Virginia. She lives in working-class poverty with her bartending mother, her stepfather, and her baby brother, Gabe. Life takes a turn for the better when the family moves to eastern Washington State; still, Dottie must deal with the struggles of adolescence and the psychological impact of abuse. Five years of her life are chronicled in the book