Justice Requires Restraint
There are things I can not say or do to myself, any other person, or the planet because justice demands it. The actions I take and the decisions I make must respect the rights of all.

Middle School

CBL

Cycle II 2015-2016

Maniac Magee
Jerry Spinelli
Maniac is an “on-his-own” kid searching for a place that he can call home. When he sees no difference between the people of the East Side and the West Side, others begin to realize that Jeffrey “Maniac” Magee is truly the “stuff” from which legends are made.

My Brother Sam is Dead
James Lincoln Collier & Christopher Collier
The Meeker family is torn apart during the American Revolutionary War when one son joins the rebel forces and the rest of the family try to remain neutral in a divided town.

Nothing but the Truth
Avi
Ninth-grader Philip hums in his homeroom during the playing of the National Anthem, bringing him a suspension that gains national media attention. The story, told in the form of school memos, news clips, interviews, and diary entries, exposes how media misinformation can change lives.

High School

High School

Cycle IV 2015-2016

Romeo and Juliet
William Shakespeare
Two lovers are destroyed by the hatred of their families for one another in this play about prejudice, innocence, and power. (Circa 1595). Drama, English-Language Arts/Writing, Visual and Performing Arts 9-12

Red Scarf Girl
Ji-Li Jiang
Ji-Li Jiang is a highly-ranked student, exceptional athlete, and avid follower of Chairman Mao’s New China until her family’s bourgeois background brings persecution and wrecks her educational opportunities and dreams of a successful career. This well-written memoir provides a detailed look at everyday life in 1960s Shanghai and presents a dilemma for readers to ponder. California author. Biography/Autobiography English-Language Arts/Literary Elements, History/Social Science 9-12

Left for Dead: A Young Man’s Search for Justice for the USS Indianapolis
Pete Nelson
Recalls the sinking of the U.S.S. Indianapolis at the end of World War II, the Navy cover-up and unfair court martial of the ship’s captain, and how a young boy helped the survivors set the record straight fifty-five years later. Written in simple chronological order, it tells a powerful story. Illustrated with photographs. Nonfiction History/Social Science 9-12