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Fourth Marking Period Book Talk Book Choices

Directions: Pick one of the books below to use for your 4th marking period Book Talk project.

☺	BOOK TITLE	SUMMARY
	Al Capone Does My Shirts	A historical fiction novel for young adults. In this story, Moose Flanagan and his family move from Santa Monica to Alcatraz Island. The move was caused by the father's new job positions as an electrician and as a guard in the well-known Alcatraz prison. Most people get to Alcatraz by being the worst of the worst. Unless you're Moose. He went there because his mother said he had to.
	Coraline	When Coraline moves to an old house, she feels bored and neglected by her parents. She finds a hidden door with a bricked up passage. During the night, she crosses the passage and finds a parallel world where everybody has buttons instead of eyes, with caring parents and all her dreams coming true.
	Dateline Troy	Newbery Medal winner Fleischman goes right to today's headlines and shows that the ancient world and our own are not so very different at all. He retells Homer's tale of the Trojan War, THE ILLIAD, in a brisk narrative that would capture anyone's attention
	Fever 1793	In the book Fever 1793 there is a girl named Mattie, short for Matilda. She lives in a coffeehouse that her, her mother, and her Grandfather run in Philadelphia. In the summer, a deadly disease starts to spread called the "Yellow Fever" and panic sets in.
	Lightning Thief	When his lightning bolt is stolen, Zeus accuses Poseidon's son Percy Jackson and gives Poseidon's son fourteen days to return it, otherwise he will initiate a war amongst the gods.
	Schooled	Capricorn (Cap) Anderson has always been home schooled until his teacher and hippie grandma, Rain, falls out of a tree. Now he goes to Claverage Middle school and stays with Mrs. Donnelly and her daughter Sophie. This is where things get interesting.
	Shabanu	Life is both sweet and cruel to strong-willed young Shabanu, whose home is the windswept Cholistan Desert of Pakistan. The second daughter in a family with no sons, she's been allowed freedoms forbidden to most Muslim girls. But when a tragic encounter with a wealthy and powerful landowner ruins the marriage plans of her older sister, Shabanu is called upon to sacrifice everything she's dreamed of. Should she do what is necessary to uphold her family's honor—or listen to the stirrings of her own heart?
	So B. It	Although she lives an unconventional lifestyle with her mentally disabled mother and their doting neighbor, Bernadette, Heidi has a lucky streak that has a way of pointing her in the right direction. When a mysterious word in her mother's vocabulary begins to haunt her, Heidi's thirst for the truth leads her on a cross-country journey in search of the secrets of her past.
	Sounder	The Morgans, a family of poor black sharecroppers in the Depression-plagued South, struggle to find enough to eat despite the help their hunting dog, Sounder. When their father Nathan resorts to stealing food, he is captured by police and sent to prison, and his wife, Rebecca, is left to care for their son, David. Though Sounder has run away, David never gives up hope that his dog will return, just as he believes that he will see his father again someday.
	Tangerine	Paul Fisher sees the world from behind glasses so thick he looks like a bug-eyed alien. But he's not so blind that he can't see there are some <i>very...</i> unusual things about his family's new home in Tangerine County, Florida. Where else does a sinkhole swallow the local school, fire burn underground for years, and lightning strike at the same time?
	The Adventures of Ulysses	The story follows Ulysses' journey to Ithaca, his home, after his efforts in the Trojan War. While being plagued by the god of the sea, Poseidon, Ulysses and his crew falter through many adventures before Ulysses finally finds his way home.
	The Cay	Phillip is excited when the Germans invade the small island of Curaçao. War has always been a game to him, and he's eager to glimpse it firsthand—until the freighter he and his mother are traveling to the United States on is torpedoed. They drift in the sea and finally happen upon a small cay (island). Timothy steers the raft to the island and this is where the adventure begins.
	The Hobbit	Bilbo Baggins is a hobbit who enjoys a comfortable, unambitious life, rarely traveling any farther than his pantry or cellar. But his contentment is disturbed when the wizard Gandalf and a company of dwarves arrive on his doorstep one day to whisk him away on an adventure.
	Waiting for Normal	The story centers on twelve-year-old Addison "Addie" Schmeeter. When she was three her father died, and Addie was left in the care of her unstable mother. In spite of life's twists and turns, Addie remains optimistic. Someday, maybe, she'll find normal.