

2015-2016 Spirit of Texas Reading Program for Middle School

The programming for these authors will be published on the TLA website in April before the 2014 TLA Annual Conference.

Bajaj, Varsha

Featured Title – *Abby Spencer Goes to Bollywood.*, Albert Whitman & Co. 2014.
Hardcover: 978-0-8075-6363-2, Paperback: 978-0-8075-6365-6

Fry, Michael

Featured Title – *The Odd Squad.* Disney Hyperion , 2013. Hardcover: 978-1-42316-924-6

Harrington, Karen

Featured Titles – *Courage for Beginners.* Little, Brown Books for Younger Readers. 2014.
Hardcover: 978-0-316-21048-5 Paperback: 978-0-316-21046-1
Sure Signs of Crazy. Little, Brown Books for Younger Readers. 2013.
Hardcover: 978-0-316-21058-4 Paperback: 978-0-316-21049-2

Hoover, P.J.

Featured Title – *Tut: The Story of My Immortal Life.* Tor, 2014.
Hardcover: 978-0-7653-3468-8

Johnson, Varian

Featured Title – *The Great Greene Heist.* Scholastic, 2014.
Hardcover: 978-0-545-52552-7, Paperback: 978-0-545-52553-4

Van Wegenen, Maya

Featured Title – *Popular: Vintage Wisdom for a Modern Geek.* Penguin. 2014.
Hardcover: 978-0-525-42681-3.

The Spirit of Texas Reading Program- Middle School is a recommended reading list developed by public and school librarians from the Young Adult Round Table (YART). The purpose of the list is to encourage youths in grades 6-8 to explore a variety of current, quality books from Texas authors and illustrators, develop critical reading skills, and to encourage greater interaction between Texas authors and illustrators, Texas librarians, and Texas youth. The Spirit of Texas Reading Program-Middle School is intended for recreational reading, not to support a specific curriculum. Due to the diversity of this age range, Texas librarians should purchase titles on this list according to their individual collection policies. Each author featured on the list has had at least one book favorably reviewed for grades 6-8 in a professional review source. Six authors will be featured bi-monthly with all programming available year round.

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