

Crenshaw Library Purchase Review

Galveston ISD | Crenshaw Elementary and Middle School | 2026-2027
 Prepared for Dr. Matthew Neighbors and the Board of Trustees | October 8, 2026

Overall assessment

The proposed list contains **40 distinct titles or collection products**, including two horror box sets. Popular series, manga, STEM, historical fiction, and outdoor nonfiction support varied interests. The range extends into teen fiction, making grade placement and reader readiness central to purchase decisions.

Prospective grade level uses

Grade bands are advisory primary uses and may overlap. Titles are abbreviated; manga volume ranges combine separate listed volumes. Lava vs. Laser appears once below despite two listed formats.

Grade band	Suggested titles / products	Prospective uses
Grades 2-4	Mysteries According to Humphrey; Dog Man: Big Jim Begins; Dog Man: The Scarlet Shedder; Dog Man: Big Jim Believes; Dog Man: A Sprinkle in Time.	Accessible series reading Support reading engagement, friendship, problem-solving, and visual literacy. Discuss exaggerated comic action and conduct.
Grades 3-6	Ungifted; Backcountry; Iceberg; A Black Hole Is Not a Hole; CrunchLabs: Lava vs. Laser; CrunchLabs: Extreme Engineering; Sunny Makes a Splash; Mixed Feelings; Sonic the Hedgehog: Adventure Awaits.	Upper elementary / early middle school Build interest in STEM, resilience, belonging, and growing independence. Provide context for disaster survival, medical needs, puberty, and peer relationships.
Grades 4-8	Darkroom; The Teacher of Nomad Land: A World War II Story; Crescent Moon Marching, Vols. 1-2; Mecha-Ude: Mechanical Arms, Vols. 1-4; Spider-Man: Shadow Warrior; Around the Spider-Verse; Uprising; Resistance; On the Hunt: Alligator Hunting; On the Hunt: Deer Hunting; On the Hunt: Duck Hunting; On the Hunt: Wild Hog Hunting; Rabbit and Squirrel Hunting; Fish Family; Warm, Wet World.	Reading choice and deeper discussion Manga, history, science, and outdoor interests offer varied entry points. Match horror, conflict, and hunting content to readiness. Confirm nonfiction authors and editions.
Grades 7-8	Stargirl; Sunrise on the Reaping; I Will Follow; Influenced; Burn the Water; Five Nights at Freddy's: Fazbear Frights Boxset; Five Nights at Freddy's: Tales from the Pizzaplex Box Set.	Older middle school use These teen selections warrant deliberate placement. Consider violence, horror, psychological tension, romance, and online behavior. Confirm every included box-set title.

Content Considerations

Content Considerations by Title

Sunrise on the Reaping | Proposed grades 7-8

Description: Teenage Haymitch is forced into a deadly arena while confronting oppression and propaganda.

Content considerations: Graphic killings, child deaths, alcohol use, and a suicide reference. Common Sense Media recommends age 13+; consider readiness.

I Will Follow | Proposed grades 7-8

Description: An obsessive fan kidnaps a social media star, convinced they are meant to be friends.

Content considerations: Kidnapping, captivity, and parasocial obsession. Publisher ages 12+; discuss boundaries and online safety.

Influenced | Proposed grades 7-8

Description: An anxious teenager investigates an online friendship when her influencer friend disappears.

Content considerations: Anxiety, disability, online trust, and deception. Publisher ages 12+; discuss mental health sensitively.

Burn the Water | Proposed grades 7-8

Description: Soldiers from rival factions fall in love in a flooded future London.

Content considerations: Brutal warfare and intense forbidden romance. Publisher ages 12+; consider mature themes and readiness.

Five Nights at Freddy's box sets | Proposed grades 7-8

Description: Horror collections expand the game franchise with dangerous encounters and sinister consequences.

Content considerations: Intense horror and disturbing scenarios. Publisher ages 12+; confirm and evaluate every included book.

Darkroom | Proposed grades 4-8

Description: A ghost-viewing phone app brings frightening experiences that persist after the phone is off.

Content considerations: Supernatural horror and unsettling imagery. Publisher ages 9-12; match scary content to reader sensitivity.

Uprising; Resistance; Nomad Land | Proposed grades 5-8

Description: Young people face Nazi-occupied Poland or wartime Iran while seeking freedom, survival, or education.

Content considerations: War, loss, and persecution. Resistance addresses the Holocaust; Nomad Land follows orphaned siblings. Provide historical context.

Backcountry; Iceberg | Proposed grades 4-8

Description: A skier with diabetes faces wilderness survival; a young Titanic stowaway confronts a sinking ship.

Content considerations: Life-threatening danger, medical vulnerability, and disaster loss. Support students sensitive to traumatic events.

Hunting selections | Proposed grades 4-8

Description: Five nonfiction titles introduce hunting alligators, deer, ducks, wild hogs, rabbits, and squirrels.

Content considerations: Consider weapons, animal harvest, and ethics. Confirm illustrations and editions; reinforce supervised safety instruction.

Guidance for other selections

Growing up: Stargirl, Sunny, and Mixed Feelings address identity, relationships, belonging, or puberty.

Action and STEM: Preview manga and superhero combat. Distinguish CrunchLabs demonstrations from safe student activities.

Reference links

Publisher descriptions and editorial guidance: [Sunrise review](#) | [I Will Follow](#) | [Influenced](#) | [Burn the Water](#) | [Fazbear Frights](#) | [Pizzaplex](#) | [Darkroom](#) | [Uprising](#) | [Resistance](#) | [Nomad Land](#) | [Backcountry](#).

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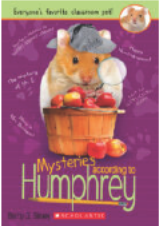
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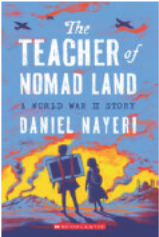
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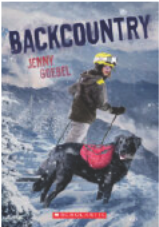
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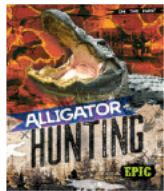
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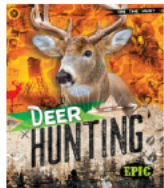
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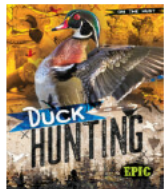
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Five Nights at Freddy's: Tales from the Pizzaplex Box Set

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