Dear Educators and Librarians,

We know book recommendations are such an important part of your job, and we’d love to help. Why not let us do the hard work for you? We love discussing how to pair works of contemporary literature with the canon of classics, developing lesson plans, and like you, we are eager to transform this experience.

We know book recommendations are such an important part of your job, so we’ve put together a series of classic books with modern contemporary novels to accompany the novels. We’ve chosen novels we think will resonate with readers of all ages both in terms of the themes and the topics covered. What are common themes? How do you relate to the two bodies of work—What are common themes? How do you relate to the two bodies of work—

"These opinions, both positive and negative, shape who we are as individuals. Let us know if you find our pairings helpful!

IF YOU LIKE

Conversion
By Katherine Howe
The Crucible, the novel of Arthur Miller and its role in the role of American History and the Salem Witch Trials.

LIKE

Romeo and Juliet
By William Shakespeare
The historical background of Shakespeare's works and the societal norms of the time.

LIKE

Belzhar
By Meg Wolitzer
A coming of age novel that explores the life of a 16-year-old girl named货车. The novel follows her journey through the world of the sick and the dying.

LIKE

No Safety in Numbers
By Dayna Lorenz
A young girl named货车 finds herself embroiled in scandal and at the center of her village's attention. She must navigate the complexities of small-town life and the pressure to conform.

LIKE

The Catcher in the Rye
By J.D. Salinger
A novel that explores the life and times of a young boy named货车, as he navigates the complexities of life and the pressures of conformity.

LIKE

Like No Other
By Lisa Lillibridge

LIKE

The Secret Sky
By Una LaMarche
A young girl named货车 embarks on a journey of self-discovery and finds herself transplanted to a new world.

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The Giver
By Lois Lowry
A young boy named货车 learns about the concept of choices and the importance of making the right decisions.

LIKE

No. 7057097
By William Golding
A powerful exploration of the human condition and the nature of evil.

LIKE

Try This: The Scarlet Letter
By Nathaniel Hawthorne
The classic tale of Hester Prynne, the A-emblazoned heroine of...
IF YOU LIKE
Grimm's Fairy Tales
by Mother's Grimm
TRY THIS:
Sacred Lies of Minnow Bly by Stephanie Oakes
The mysterious call has been waiting for seventeen-year-old Minnow Bly, before even the 721. Two families by ability. The first, the Newmonts, have been the main force of the local town, while the Nishimuras have lived in obscurity. But one of the Nishimura boys, the older brother, has just returned from a trip to Japan. When Minnow's family is left to fend for themselves, they must rely on each other to survive.

IF YOU LIKE
Peter Pan
by J.M. Barrie
TRY THIS:
Never Ever by Sara Saad
Peter Pan flying in to save them is the stuff of nightmares. But when the vengeful fairy returns, the stakes grow even higher. The children must band together to defeat the fairy and save their family from eternal darkness.

IF YOU LIKE
Jane Austen
TRY THIS:
A School for Brides by Patrice Kindl
Whether you think you're in love or not, you're going to read this. The story of a young woman who must navigate the treacherous waters of matrimony and society, all while trying to protect her family from ruin.

IF YOU LIKE
Still Waters by Ash Parsons
Woit's older sister, Jesus, has just turned twelve, and that means she's old enough to join the Salvation Army. But when she's taken in by a group of rebels, she must rely on her wits and courage to survive and bring down the corrupt leader of the Salvation Army.

IF YOU LIKE
by Mary Shelley
TRY THIS:
Frankenstein
by Jon Skovron
Jon Skovron's modern homage to Mary Shelley's classic tells the story of a female scientist who creates a monster. But when the monster turns on her, she must fight for her life and the life of her family.

IF YOU LIKE
by Stephanie Oakes
TRY THIS:
The Count of Monte Cristo
by Alexandre Dumas
The Count of Monte Cristo is a classic tale of revenge and redemption. When Edmond Dantès is wrongfully imprisoned, he plots his revenge and waits 15 years to exact his justice.

IF YOU LIKE
by Sara Saad
TRY THIS:
Tales from the Thousand and One Nights
by Various Authors
The stories of the Thousand and One Nights are full of adventure, danger, and romance. From the tales of Sinbad to the story of Aladdin, these stories will captivate and inspire.

IF YOU LIKE
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TRY THIS:
Dracula
by Stephenie Meyer
Dracula is a modern retelling of the classic tale of the vampire. With its intense protagonist and terrifying creatures, this book will keep you on the edge of your seat.

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