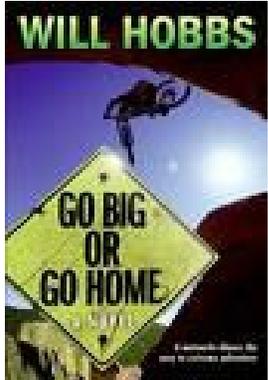


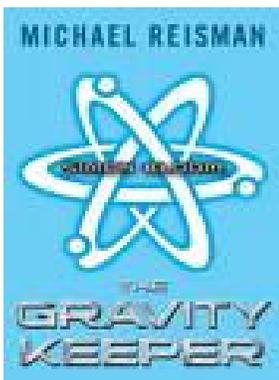
APRIL 2009 BOOKTALKS– SCIENCE FICTION

Found by Margaret Peterson Haddix– 13-year-old Jonah has always known he was adopted. Then he and his new friend Chip begin receiving anonymous letters about being one of ‘the missing’. Then the second letter says, ‘Beware! They are coming to get you!’ Jonah, Chip and Jonah’s sister Katherine are plunged into a mystery involving the FBI, a vast smuggling operation, and an airplane that appears out of nowhere, with 36 babies on board. AR 5.0, 9 pts.



Go Big or Go Home by Will Hobbs- 14-year-old Brady and his cousin Quinn love extreme sports. But the superpowers Brady gets in the aftermath of his encounter with a meteorite that crashes through his roof are hard to deal with! Suddenly he can bike faster, jump higher, and his asthma is nonexistent. But Brady and Quinn have to battle the notorious Carver boys for possession of the meteorite, and Brady is developing some frightening symptoms.. Could he be infected with some space germs? AR 4.7, 6 pts.

The True Meaning of Smekday by Adam Rex– 12-year-old Gratuity “Tip” Tucci has to write an essay on ‘The True Meaning of Smekday’ for a time capsule contest. She tells the story about what happened on Christmas Eve when the huge, bizarre spaceships descended to Earth and aliens called the Boov abducted her mother. The story involves her unlikely friendship with a renegade Boov mechanic named J.Lo and a cross-country trip in a hovercar named Slushious and a yet another alien invasion from an even stranger world.... AR 4.5, 12 pts.



Simon Bloom, The Gravity Keeper by Michael Reisman- When a giant book falls on 6th grader Simon Bloom’s head, Simon realizes he has become the Keeper of the Teacher’s Edition of Physics a magical reference book that has the formulas that contain the laws of the universe... and he can change those laws! If he wants gravity NOT to work, he can make it happen! But the book is not safe... before he knows it, he’s being pursued by evil forces bent on gaining control of the book. He and his friends Alysha and Owen must use their wits against some seriously bad guys!!! AR 4.9, 9 pts.