

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
February 27, 2017**

FOR ACTION

RESOLUTION NUMBER **3530**

SUBJECT Book Adoption

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT The Board of Education adopts the following book:

SUBJECT	GRADE	TITLE/AUTHOR	PUBLISHER/DATE
Freedom	11-12	Jonathan Franzen	Picador: Reprint edition (9/27/11)
Background: The novel offers a contemporary piece of literature which critiques the modern American family as well as the political and personal struggles related to environmentalism. The book traces not only the conflicts of the father and mother but also of the son and daughter as they move from high school into adulthood. While his novel Corrections won the National Book Award, this text contains main characters at or near the age of students and thus is more relatable.			

SUBJECT	GRADE	TITLE/AUTHOR	PUBLISHER/DATE
Middlesex	11-12	<i>Jeffrey Eugenides</i>	Picador; 1 st edition (June 5, 2002)
Background: The novel offers a contemporary coming of age epic, tracing the struggles with identity faced by the narrator and his family based on ethnicity, race, and gender in the United States. Thus, it fits the curricula of both Contemporary Literature (e.g. American Dream, historical fiction, gender) as well as Gender Identities (e.g. how social, historical and religious trends impact gender as expressed in associated characteristics, roles and responsibilities).			

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Hidden Figures Young Readers' Edition	6	<i>Margot Lee Shetterly</i>	Harper Collins 2016
Background: It tells the true story of African American female mathematicians and their role in the US 1960's space program. The content is appropriate with the Gr. 6 science unit on astronomy and technologies to explore space. It also reinforces mathematics standards on mathematical practices.			