

# Memorandum

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**To:** School Committee  
**CC:** John Phelan; Janice Darias; Tony DiCologero; Isaac Taylor  
**From:** Lisa Hurtubise  
**Date:** 5/21/2021  
**Re:** Disposing of unwanted ELA books at Belmont High School

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The ELA department has compiled a list of books for disposal before the move to the new Belmont Middle and High School. These books are paperbacks in poor condition and are obsolete due to the changes in educational standards over the years. Materials will be recycled or given away to make this move possible.

These items do not need to be replaced. We have incorporated more relevant texts into the curriculum in order to meet state and district standards and to continue to diversify our curriculum to be more culturally responsive.

Please see attached list of titles recommended for decertification.

Thank you for your consideration.

## Titles Recommended for Decertification at the BHS English Department

Billy Bud

A World Remade: Comedy

Writing About Literature

Creative Writing handbook

Everything that Rises Must Converge

In Country

Yonnondio: from the Thirties

The American

Native Son

The Sketchbook  
Martin Eden  
The Heath Introduction to Poetry  
Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant  
Vocabulary Workshop  
Agee  
The Red Badge of Courage  
Johnny Got His Gun  
The Ox Bow Incident  
Designs for Reading  
A World Enclosed: Tragedy  
Thus Spoke Zarathustra  
The Little Prince  
The Count of Monte Cristo  
Kim  
Utopia  
The Republic  
Honore de Balzac  
The Plague  
The Age of Enlightenment  
The Italian Renaissance  
Lord Jim  
Music and Art in the Western World  
Television Production  
Lucky Jim  
The Power and the Glory  
A World Elsewhere: Romance  
The Perilous Journey

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The Bedford Reader

A Tale of Two Cities

Oliver Twist

Jane Eyre

Ethan Frome