Classic Retellings and Special Collections

Advantages of a Genrefied Library
Classic Retellings: Classic Literature, Fairy Tales, and Myths/Legends
Why Retellings?

“A novel setting, a different perspective, or even a different genre can offer unexpected insights into established stories” (LJ Reviews).

❖ Generate interest in the story when the original language overwhelms
❖ Nurture a taste for great stories
➢ Provide samplings of the original to pair with the retelling
➢ Sample from Clockwork Angel
Classic Literature Retellings

- **Heartless** by Marissa Meyer
  - Alice in Wonderland
- **The Fall** by Bethany Griffin
  - “The Fall of the House of Usher”
- **Roseblood** by A G Howard
  - The Phantom of the Opera
- **Clockwork Angel** by Cassandra Clare
  - A Tale of Two Cities
- **When She Woke** by Hillary Jordan
  - The Scarlet Letter
Fairy Tale Retellings

- A Court of Thorns and Roses by Sarah J. Maas
  - Beauty and the Beast
- Cinder by Marissa Meyer
  - Cinderella
- Hunted by Meagan Spooner
  - Beauty and the Beast
- A Curse So Dark and Lonely by Brigid Kemmerer
  - Beauty and the Beast
Myths/Legends Retellings

- The Siren by Kiera Cass (author of The Selection series)
  - Greek myth (The Sirens)
- Cursed by Thomas Wheeler
  - Arthurian legend
- Bull by David Elliott
  - Greek myth (Theseus and the Minotaur)
Classic Retellings List

YA Classic Retellings from Epic Reads

That moment when you're reading a book and the whole world around you does not exist anymore.

Incredible.
Special Collections

For school libraries
Classics Collection

- Place literary classics next to classic literary retellings
- Display pairings
- Encourage teachers to build units around pairings
  ➢ Build it, and they will come!
Graphic Novels
Collection

- Mini-library
  - 0-900
  - Biographies
- Location! Location! Location!
  - Place a book where it is most likely to be seen and checked out
Sports Collection

- Temporary themes
  - Monthly
  - Historical
  - Seasonal

- Permanent collections
  - Add to sub-location in Destiny
  - Color code the current books
  - Work with Follett for future purchases
Why add special collections to a school library?

- They work!
  - Books are being checked out that had not been for a long time.
  - *Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark*  
    - 2015  
    - 4x already!