SUMMER READING: A UNIVERSE OF STORIES
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BOOK LIST 2020: Middle School

The titles selected for this Summer Reading list were chosen especially for those students leaving grades 6-8. Titles included are just a sampling of the books you may enjoy reading during the summer. Many of the authors on this list have written more than one book. Check out some of those titles, too.

* Title is also available in electronic format.

Black Eyed Susan Nominees 2020-2021
* CHILDRENS ANS Ansari, Rebecca K. S
The Missing Piece of Charlie O’ Reilly
* CHILDRENS CAR Cartaya, Pablo
Marcus Vega Doesn’t Speak Spanish
* CHILDRENS FLE Fletcher, Susan
Journey of the Pale Bear
* CHILDRENS GEM Gemeinhart, Dan
The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise
* CHILDRENS LAC Lackey, Lindsay
All the Impossible Things
* YA DEE Dee, Barbara
Maybe He Just Likes You
* YA GIB Gibbs, Stuart
Charlie Thorne and the Last Equation
* YA GRA Gratz, Alan
Allies
* YA JAC Jacobson, Jennifer Richard
The Dollar Kids
* YA LEV Levy, Dana Alison
It Wasn’t Me

BES Graphic Novel Nominees 2020-2021
* 741.59G Garcia, Kami
Teen Titans: Raven
* 741.59G Greentea, Vera
Grimoire Noir
* 741.59H Ha, Robin
Almost American Girl
* 741.59M Maclear, Kyo
Operatic
* CHILDRENS 741.59P Palacio, R. J.
White Bird
* 741.59R Revoy, Antoine
Animus
* 741.59S Shirahama, Kamome
Witch Hat Atelier: Vol. 1
* 741.59V Vaughn, Sarah
Sleepless: Vol. 1
741.59W Walker, Suzanne
Mooncakes
* EBOOK
Locatelli-Kournwsky, Loic
Persephone

Between Worlds
* 741.9 Gharib, Malaka
I Was Their American Dream: A Graphic Memoir
CHILDRENS MCMA
McManis, Charlene
Indian No More
* TEEN B NOAH Trevor, Noah
It’s Trevor Noah: Born a Crime: Stories from A South African Childhood
* YA BAJ Bajaj, Varsha
Count Me In

On the Go?
Read, watch, and listen at hclibrary.org/ebooksforkids.

Forged and Fabricated
* CHILDRENS 641.5C
The Complete Cookbook for Young Chefs
CHILDRENS 741.59S Schweizer, Chris
Fix a Car!
* CHILDRENS 629.23S
Swanson, Jennifer
Save the Crash Dummies
* TEEN 540.78C Connolly, Sean
The Book of Ingeniously Daring Chemistry
* TEEN 709.02T Taylor, Diane C
The Renaissance Artists

Quests and Crossings
* CHILDRENS KAD Kadohata, Cynthia
A Place to Belong
* 741.59A
Alexander, Kwame
The Crossover: A Basketball Novel
* TEEN 323.092M
Murphy, Claire Rudolf
Martin and Bobby: A Journey Toward Justice
* TEEN 591.568M Montgomery, Sy
The Magnificent Migration
* YA WAR Warga, Jasmine
Other Words for Home

Secrets Revealed
* CHILDRENS 623.824M
Macaulay, David
Crossing on Time
* TEEN 363.1926J Jarrow, Gail
The Poison Eaters: Fighting Danger and Fraud in Our Food and Drugs
* TEEN B HOMAYOONFAR
Homayoonfar, Nioucha
Taking Cover: One Girl’s Story of Growing Up During the Iranian Revolution
TEEN 001.95W Wood, H. P.
Fakers: An Insider’s Guide to Cons, Hoaxes, and Scams
TEEN 391.009M McMahon, Serah-Marie
Killer Style: How Fashion has Injured, Maimed, & Murdered through History

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Monsters & Minions
* CHILDRENS ARM
   Armstrong, Kelley
   A Royal Guide to Monster Slaying
* TEEN 001.944B  Beccia, Carlyn
   Monstrous: The Lore, Gore, and Science Behind Your Favorite Monsters
* TEEN 001.944J  Johnson, Hal
   The Big Book of Monsters
* TEEN 393.3H  Hollihan, Kerrie Logan
   Mummies Exposed
* YA SMI  Smith, Ronald L
   The Owls Have Come to Take Us Away

Sage Advice
* CHILDRENS 741.59S
   Survivors of the Holocaust
   TEEN 028.55V
   A Velocity of Being
* TEEN B GINSBURG O
   Ortiz, Victoria
   Dissenter on the Bench: Ruth Bader Ginsburg’s Life & Work
* YA SMI  Smith, Ronald L
   The Owls Have Come to Take Us Away

Heroes and Hiccups
* CHILDRENS CAR  Cartaya, Pablo
   Each Tiny Sparks
* TEEN 940.5403S
   Stone, Tanya Lee
   Courage Has No Color: The True Story of the Triple Nickles: America’s First Black Paratroopers
* TEEN B GALDIKAS S  Silvey, Anita
   Undaunted: The Wild Life of Birute Mary Galdikas and Her Fearless Quest to Save Orangutans
* YA KEP  Kephart, Beth
   Wild Blues
* YA WIL  Williams, Alicia
   Genesis Begins Again

Stronger Together
* CHILDRENS 973.7F
   Freedman, Russell
   Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass
* CHILDRENS MUR  Murphy, Julie
   Dear Sweet Pea
* TEEN 306.766P  Pitman, Gayle E.
   The Stonewall Riots: Coming Out in The Streets
* YA REY  Reynolds, Jason
   Look Both Ways
* YA TIN  Tingle, Tim
   Stone River Crossing

Weird & Wonderful
* CHILDRENS 741.59T
   Telgemeier, Raina
   Guts
* CHILDRENS DOW  Dowell, Frances O’Roark
   The Class
* CHILDRENS HER  Hernandez, Carlos
   Sal and Gabi Break the Universe
* CHILDRENS MUR  Murdock, Catherine Gilbert
   The Book of Boy
* 741.59S  Steinkellner, Emma
   The Okay Witch

Sword & Scandal
CHILDRENS 741.59L
   Lee, Tony
   Pirate Queen
* CHILDRENS LEE
   Lee, Yoon Ha
   Dragon Pearl
* 741.59M  Meconis, Dylan
   Queen of the Sea
* YA FLE  Fleck, Jessika
   Beware the Night

The Gauntlet
* CHILDRENS 741.59C
   Schweizer, Chris
   The New Kid
* TEEN 940.542H  Heiligman, Deborah
   Torpedoed: The True Story of the World War II Sinking of “The Children’s Ship”
* TEEN 797.52S  Sheinkin, Steve
   Born to Fly: The First Women’s Air Race Across America
* TEEN 973.747W  Walker, Sally M
   Deadly Aim: The Civil War Story of Michigan’s Anishinaabe Sharpshooters
* YA POL  Pollen, Samuel
   The Year I Didn’t Eat

Thud & Tender
* 741.59S  Sedgwick, Marcus
   Scarlett Hart: Monster Hunter
* TEEN 973.924B  Balis, Andrea
   Bringing Down a President
* TEEN 940.54213L  Letts, Elizabeth
   The Perfect Horse: The Daring Rescue of Horses Kidnapped by Hitler
* YA KIE  Kiernan, Celine
   Begone the Raggedy Witches
* YA MAR  Marshall, Kate Alice
   Rules for Vanishing

Trolls & Troublemakers
CHILDRENS B PIETERSON W
   Wright, Adrienne,
   Hector: A Boy, a Protest, and the Photograph that Changed Apartheid
* TEEN 364.1092B  Bragg, Georgia
   Caught!: NABBing History’s Most Wanted
* TEEN B RUSTIN H  Houtman, Jacqueline
   Trouble Maker for Justice
* YA LEE  Lee, Mackenzi
   Loki: Where Mischief Lies
* YA RAM  Ramele, Lisa Moore
   A Good Kind of Trouble

Worldbuilders
* CHILDRENS 333.7516P
   Pearson, P. O’Connell
   Fighting for the Forest
* CHILDRENS MACK
   MacKnight, Wendy McLeod
   The Frame-Up
* CHILDRENS SAL
   Salazar, Aida
   The Moon Within
* YA OKO  Okorafor, Nnedi
   Akata Witch