

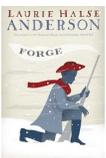
Saint Ann's School Library, 2011

Suggested Summer Reading List

for students entering fifth & sixth grades

Fiction

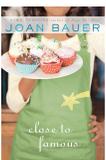
KEY ♀ - mystery; ♥ - romantic; ☹ - scary/creepy; 🦹 - sci fi;
⚽ - sports; 🕵 - spies; 🎨 - artsy; 🎬 - there's a movie based on the book;
👻 - spooky; 🕊 - promotes peace; 🏛 - historical fiction; ☹ - sad;
💣 - violent; 🩸 - bloody; 😄 - funny; 🧚 - fantasy; 🗣 - contemporary realistic



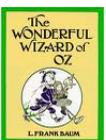
Anderson, Laurie Halse. **Forge**. A novel set during the Revolutionary War that seems totally accurate *and* totally contemporary. An escaped slave named Curzon is encamped with George Washington's troops during the brutal winter at Valley Forge. Along with the other hardships, he must also contend with prejudice, but finds hope when his beloved friend Isabel arrives. Sequel to *Chains*. 🏛



Balliet, Blue. **The Danger Box**. A smart mystery by the author of *Chasing Vermeer* and *The Calder Game* featuring a 12-year-old named Zoomy who is eccentric, friendless and nearly blind. When his long-absent alcoholic father shows up with a peculiar box that holds a mystifying journal, Zoomy and a newfound friend uncover secrets—and attract the attention of a dangerous stranger. ♀ 🗣



Bauer, Joan. **Close to Famous**. “The smartest thing I ever did in sixth grade was give Mrs. Ritter a cupcake. I think it might be why I passed sixth grade,” says Foster, the main character of this heart-warming book about a girl who runs away (with her mom) from a terrible life in Memphis, and winds up in a middle-of-nowhere town. Foster has many problems, but she also has a dream—to have her own TV cooking show. The award-winning author visited Saint Ann's and spoke to students in the library this year. 🗣 😄



Baum, L. Frank. **The Wonderful Wizard of Oz**. A quick and entertaining read. Decide which you like better—the book or movie. See how the filmmakers changed the ending, changed the shoes, and left out some of the quirky characters. If you like it, try one of the many sequels. 🧚 🗣



Bosch, Pseudonymous. **The Name of this Book is Secret** We could tell you more, but then we'd have to kill you. (And you'd miss out on the sequels, *If You're Reading This, It's Too Late*, and *This Book is Not Good For You*) 🕵️ 😊



Boyce, Frank Cottrell. **Cosmic**. Liam looks 30 but he's really 12. He decides to pose as an adult, and is chosen as the chaperone on the first spaceship to take civilians into space. But when things go wrong onboard, he's up in the stars with a bunch of kids—and it's his job to get them back safely. Luckily he has the problem-solving skills he's developed playing World of Warcraft... By the author of *Millions* (another great book). 🧠 😊



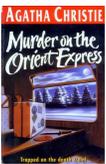
Buckley, Michael. **N.E.R.D.S.: National Espionage, Rescue, and Defense Society** A group of unlikely fifth-graders are the key players in an evil-fighting spy network based in their school. With the help of cutting-edge science, they transform their nerdy qualities (allergies, braces, etc.) into related superpowers. Their enemies? A wild cast of James Bond-style villains. **Sequel:** *Nerds: M is for Mamma's Boy* 😊🌟🕵️



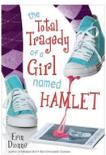
Broach, Elise. **Masterpiece**. An artistic beetle who craves adventure teams up with a lonely 11-year-old boy. Together, they work to track down the thief who has stolen a priceless Albrecht Durer print from the Metropolitan Museum of Art. If you like *Masterpiece*, try *Shakespeare's Secret*, another mystery by the same author. 📖 🧐 🕵️



Carter, Ally. **Heist Society**. The daughter of a brilliant art thief, Katrina decides she doesn't want to follow in her father's footsteps. She cons her way into a New England boarding school, where she hopes to settle in as a normal rich girl. But can she escape her past? What do you think? Nonstop intrigue, action, and glamor. **Sequel:** *Uncommon Criminals*. 🕵️ 🌟



Christie, Agatha. **Murder on the Orient Express**. When a rich American is found murdered on the Orient Express train while traveling from Istanbul to Paris, Belgian Detective Hercule Poirot suspects that one of thirteen passengers may have committed the crime. A classic! 🧐 🕵️



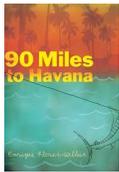
Dionne, Erin. **Total Tragedy of a Girl Named Hamlet**. Hamlet's plan to be a “normal” eighth grader is foiled when her brilliant 7-year-old sister Desdemona enrolls at her middle school and her eccentric Shakespeare scholar parents keep showing up in Elizabethan costumes. 😊 🗣️



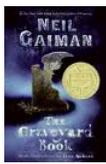
Draper, Sharon. **Out of My Mind**. Melody is intelligent and has a photographic memory—but nobody knows that but her. Why? She has a type of cerebral palsy that makes it impossible for her to make her thoughts known. But something changes, and Melody can finally communicate with the outside world. 🗣️ 😊



Erskine, Kathryn. **Mockingbird**. Caitlin has Asperger’s Syndrome, and her older brother helps her navigate the world and learn to be “normal.” Then he dies in a random act of violence—and Caitlyn is shaken to the core. How does Caitlyn learn to heal and help herself, her father and her community? Find out in this super-sad and moving book. Winner of the 2011 National Book Award for Young People’s Literature. 🗣️ 😞



Flores-Galbis, Enrique. **90 Miles to Havana**. IN 1959 when he was 9 years old, the author witnessed the Cuban revolution: Communists overthrew the government of the Caribbean island, and Fidel Castro took over. Enrique’s parents were anti-Communist, and feared that he and his brother would be brainwashed in state schools if they stayed. So they sent the boys away on Operation Pedro Pan, a secret transport of 14,000 unaccompanied Cuban kids to the United States. This riveting novel is a fictionalized version of the author’s true-life story. 🏛️



Gaiman, Neil. **The Graveyard Book**. Nobody Owens (friends call him Bod) is a normal boy—except that he lives in a graveyard, and is being raised by ghosts. Why doesn’t Bod leave? There’s the little matter of Jack, who has already killed Bod’s family and is now after him. 🗿 🦋 🕯️



Gidwitz, Adam. **A Tale Dark and Grimm**. “Are there any small children in the room?” the narrator asks near the beginning of this compellingly terrifying book. “If so, it would be best if we just...hurried them off to bed. Because this is where things start to get, well...awesome. In a horrible, bloody kind of way.” Gidwitz—a Language Structures teacher at Saint Ann’s—creates a novel out of the most twisted Grimm’s fairy tales and casts Hansel and Gretel as the heroes. You’ll be unable to put it down. 🗿 🗿 🕯️



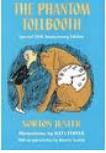
Grabenstein, Chris. **The Crossroads**. With some books, you just have to read the first line, and you’re hooked. For instance: “Have you ever seen a face hidden in the bark of a tree and known that the man trapped inside wanted to hurt you?” This book is written from the point of view of 11-year-old Zack, a kid you’ll like and relate to. It is the best kind of ghost story: frighteningly believable and filled with adventure. **Sequel:** *The Hanging Hill, The Smoky Corridor* 🗿 🦋



Hale, Shannon. **Princess Academy**. While attending a strict school for princesses in training, Miri uncovers secrets about her past and discovers special talents. A perfect fantasy—a cut far above the usual princess fare. 🗿 ❤️



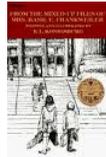
Holm, Jennifer. **Turtle in Paradise**. The Turtle here is an 11-year-old whose life is upended when her mom lands a job as a live-in housekeeper—in a house where kids aren’t allowed. It’s the height of the Great Depression and jobs are scarce, so Turtle is hustled from New Jersey to paradise—a.k.a. Key West, Florida—to live with her aunt. Trouble is, her aunt didn’t even know she was coming, her cousins are mean, and... read the book! It’s funny, adventure-filled, and old-fashioned. 😊 🏛️



Juster, Norton. **The Phantom Tollbooth.** “It seems to me that almost everything is a waste of time,” says Milo, the main character. He is *so* wrong. If you haven’t read this one-of-a-kind book, do it this summer. A classic guaranteed to keep you out of the doldrums. ☺🌀



Kelly, Jacqueline. **The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate.** Imagine being a girl at the turn of the last century. You live in rural Texas. You have six brothers. Your parents (and practically everyone else in the world) can’t wait for you to take your place in the endless line of young women who live to do needlepoint and put on corsets. Luckily your eccentric grandfather has a different idea. If you like science, evolution, gutsy girls, and old-fashioned stories, this is a book for you. 🏛️



Konigsberg, E.L. **From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler.** Claudia runs away from her annoying Connecticut life, taking her little brother with her. They secretly spend their days and nights in the Metropolitan Museum of Art—and get involved in a mystery that could change the face of art history. A kids’ classic. 🖼️👤



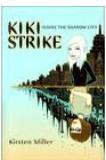
Levine, Gail Carson. **A Tale of Two Castles.** It’s a fairy tale! It’s a mystery! It’s a wonderful read. Elodie makes her way to the town of Two Castles to become an actress. That doesn’t work out so well, but when she becomes the apprentice to a genius dragon who moonlights as a detective, things start to look up...sort of...if you overlook that ogre.... From the brilliant author of *Ella Enchanted*, *Fairest*, and *Ever*. 👤🌀☺



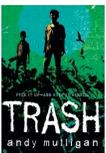
Lowry, Lois. **Number the Stars.** It’s Denmark during World War II, and the Nazis are coming after the country’s Jews. Annemarie isn’t Jewish, but her best friend is. Can she find the courage to try to save her? 🏛️🕊️



Lupica, Mike. **Hero.** High-octane action! When his father is killed in a secret government operation, 14-year-old Billy sets out to find out who did it and why. As he investigates, he learns something he never imagined: His father had superpowers, Billy has inherited them—and he must use them for good or watch disaster unfold. The author is a sports columnist, and his sports novels—including *Heat* and *Travel Team*—are also great. 🏀👤👤



Miller, Kirsten. **KiKi Strike: Inside the Shadow City.** Imagine that you’ve discovered a hidden city under Manhattan and started to explore it with some strangely talented girls (think forgery and safe-cracking). Of course, interesting things would start happening. **Sequel:** *KiKi Strike: The Empress’s Tomb*. 👤🌀



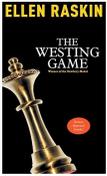
Mulligan, Andy. **Trash.** In an unnamed third-world city, Raphael and his friend Gardo are “trash boys”—kids who sift through the garbage at a dump, looking for anything of value. One day they find a bag that holds a wallet, money, a map, and a key, which sends the boys on a dangerous quest. 👤



Myers, Walter Dean. **Game.** Drew is counting on basketball to get him into college and out of the poor neighborhood where he lives. When his coach brings in two white players (Drew is African-American) and puts them in positions that clearly threaten his game, Drew struggles to stay cool. Intense and a bit grown-up, but great. 🙄



O'Connor, Barbara. **The Fantastic Secret of Owen Jester.** Owen hears something huge fall off of a passing train one warm summer night. When he discovers what it is, he has a truly fantastic secret, which he shares with his two best friends and (though it hadn't been his plan) a neighborhood busybody. A delicious summer adventure is launched. 🗨️ 😊



Raskin, Ellen. **The Westing Game.** Who will solve the puzzle and inherit the mysterious Mr. Westing's \$200 million fortune? All the residents of an apartment building join a befuddling, dangerous contest to become the rich man's heir. 🗨️



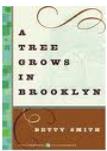
Riordan, Rick. **The Throne of Fire.** The second book in The Kane Chronicles, the latest series from the author of the wildly popular Percy Jackson books. This fast paced adventure features siblings who have a mysterious connection to ancient Egyptian gods. They must embark on a globe-trotting quest to find The Book of Ra, with magical creatures in hot pursuit who want to kill them. It's exciting, it's funny, and it's set partly in Brooklyn! First book in the series: *The Red Pyramid* 🗨️ 🗨️



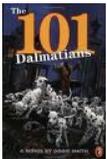
Ryan, Pam Munoz. **Esperanza Rising.** When her father dies, Esperanza has to leave her comfortable, middle-class life in Mexico for a tough California migrant camp. 🗨️



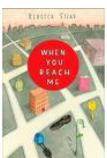
Shusterman, Neal. **Everlost.** Nick and Allie die in a violent car crash, but their souls don't make it all the way to the other side. They're trapped in Everlost—a limbo between life and death filled with the souls of kids. Can they get out? Should they? VERY spooky. First book in The Skinjacker Trilogy. **Sequels:** *Everwild* and *Everfound*. 🗨️ 🗨️



Smith, Betty. **A Tree Grows in Brooklyn.** Eleven-year-old Francie lives in a cramped apartment in turn-of-the-century Brooklyn where she joyfully strives to rise above poverty and family tragedy. You will love her and feel sad to say goodbye when you turn the last page of this classic. 🗨️ 😞 🗨️



Smith, Dodie. **The 101 Dalmatians.** The classic British adventure story starring brave and noble dogs. FYI—*much* more mature than the movie versions. 🗨️ 🗨️



Stead, Rebecca. **When You Reach Me.** In Manhattan in 1978, life seems fine for 12-year-old best friends Miranda and Sal. Then things get disturbing. Sal is punched by a new kid for no apparent reason, then he cuts Miranda out of his life. And Miranda finds a mysterious note scribbled on a scrap of paper: *I am coming to save your friend's life, and my own. I must ask two favors. First, you must write me a letter.* Winner of the 2010 Newbery Medal. 🗨️ 🗨️



Stevenson, Robert Louis. **Treasure Island.** Sorting through the belongings of a guest who died at his mother's inn, Jim finds a mysterious treasure map. Long John Silver comes into the story, and things really start to swashbuckle. The perfect pirate tale. 🗺️ 🏰 🏴‍☠️



Vanderpool, Clare. **Moon Over Manifest.** In this Depression-era tale, Abby has spent her life riding the rails with her father. When she turns 12, her dad decides she needs a home, so he sends her to the tiny town of Manifest, Kansas to live with an old friend: a current pastor and former bootlegger named Shady Howard. There, looking for clues to her father's past, she stumbles on a true mystery. Winner of the 2011 Newbery Medal. 🗺️ 🏰



Williams-Garcia, Rita. **One Crazy Summer.** It's 1968, and three African-American sisters fly from Brooklyn to Oakland, California. They're spending the summer with their mother, a poet who had left them with their father years before to join the Black Panthers. Mystery, humor, and lots of history combine with compelling characters to make this a must-read! 🏰 😊



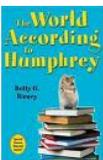
Yancey, Rick. **The Monstrumologist.** If you fancy super-gory, gothic horror stories, this book is for you. A mystery featuring the 12-year-old assistant to a monstrumologist, a scientist who studies (and often kills) monsters. 💧 🕷️



Yansky, Brian. **Alien Invasion and Other Inconveniences.** "It takes less time for them to conquer the world than it takes me to brush my teeth. That's pretty disappointing." And that's a pretty good first line. The rest of the book delivers as well. Though the events are depressing—an alien invasion sends most humans into a sleep from which they will never wake—the book is funny and action packed, and the narrator, a surviving teenager named Jesse, is fantastic. 🤖

Long Series

*Summer can be the perfect time to work your way through a fantastic series.
Spend June, July, and August with characters that you love!*



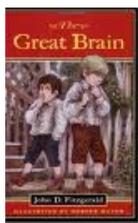
Birney, Betty G. **Humphrey the Hamster.** You can learn lots about life by observing another species. That's what Humphrey, a golden hamster, comes to realize through his adventures as a class pet. Unsqueakably cute and funny! **The Series:** *The World According to Humphrey, Friendship According to Humphrey, Trouble According to Humphrey, Surprises According to Humphrey, Adventure According to Humphrey, Summer According to Humphrey*



Blume, Judy. **Fudge Series.** About a typical New York kid named Peter Hatcher and his annoyingly cute little brother whose nickname is Fudge. Is it the best kids' series ever? You be the judge. **The Series:** *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing, Otherwise Known as Sheila the Great, Superfudge, Fudge-a-Mania, Double Fudge*



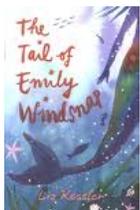
Buckley, Michael. **The Sisters Grimm Series.** Sabrina and Daphne Grimm discover that they're descendants of the Brothers Grimm, that the famous fairy tales are actually case files, and that it's their destiny to become fairy-tale detectives—solving mysteries in the magical world. **The Series:** *The Fairy-Tale Detectives, The Unusual Suspects, The Problem Child, Once Upon a Crime, Magic and Other Misdemeanors, Tales from the Hood, The Everafter War, The Inside Story*



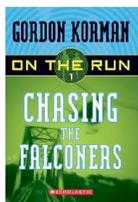
Fitzgerald, John D. **The Great Brain Series.** Hilarious and historically fascinating—the ongoing exploits of a Catholic boy growing up in mostly-Mormon Utah at the turn of the last century. Meet his clever and tricky older brother (“The Great Brain”), his newspaper-publisher dad, and wild characters including robbers, traveling salesmen, and a cute orphan. **The Series:** *The Great Brain, More Adventures of the Great Brain, Me and My Little Brain, The Great Brain At The Academy, The Great Brain Reforms, The Return of the Great Brain, The Great Brain Does It Again, The Great Brain Is Back*



Flanagan, John. **The Ranger's Apprentice Series.** An orphan named Will dreams of becoming a knight, but on Choosing Day he is instead made an apprentice to a mysterious, dark-cloaked ranger. Soon, he learns that his mission is to protect the kingdom from looming evil. A compelling, believable fantasy series with sympathetic characters and loads of action. **The Series:** *The Ruins of Gorlan, The Burning Bridge, The Icebound Land, Oakleaf Bearers, The Sorcerer in the North, The Siege of Macindaw, Erak's Ransom, The Kings of Clonmel, Halt's Peril, The Emperor of Nihon-Ja*



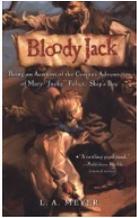
Kessler, Liz. **The Tail of Emily Windsnap.** After finally persuading her mother to let her take swimming lessons, Emily discovers a wild and secret side to herself. (Want a hint about the secret? Read the second word of the series title very carefully.) **The Series:** *The Tail of Emily Windsnap, Emily Windsnap and the Monster from the Deep, Emily Windsnap and the Castle in the Mist, Emily Windsnap and the Siren's Secret*



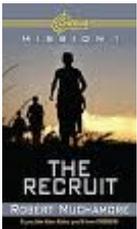
Korman, Gordon. **On the Run.** After what news reports call “the trial of the new millennium,” Megan and Aidan Falconer’s parents are convicted of treason and sent to prison for life. Megan and Aidan are given new identities and locked up in a juvenile jail—supposedly for their own safety. Convinced that their previously well-respected criminologist parents didn’t really pass government secrets to terrorists, the siblings run away, determined to clear their parents’ names. Short, quick reads, packed with adventure. **The Series:** *Chasing the Falconers, The Fugitive Factor, Now You See Them, Now You Don't, The Stowaway Solution, Public Enemies, Hunting the Hunter*



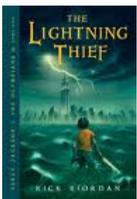
LaFevers, R.L. **The Theodosia Series.** History, fantasy, magic, and a quirky protagonist you'd like to hang out with: Theodosia Throckmorton, whose father is curator of the Museum of Legends and Antiquities in London. (But it's Theo herself who has to stay alert for—and deal with—the ancient curses and black magic lurking around the place). **The Series:** *Theodosia and the Serpent of Chaos*, *Theodosia and the Staff of Osiris*, *Theodosia and the Eyes of Horus*, *Theodosia and the Last Pharaoh*.



Meyer, L.A. **Bloody Jack.** Jacky Farber loves being a ship's boy aboard the HMS Dolphin. It's a vast improvement over Jacky's previous life—scavenging for food with other orphans on the dangerous streets of 18th Century London. But guess what nobody on the ship knows: Jacky is a girl. **The Series:** *Bloody Jack*, *in Curse of the Blue Tattoo*, *Under the Jolly Roger*, *In the Belly of the Bloodhound*, *Mississippi Jack*, and *My Bonny Light Horseman*



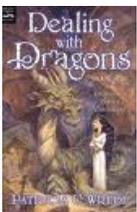
Muchamore, Robert. **Cherub.** Cherub is top-secret branch of the British Security Service that employs orphans as agents. For official purposes, these children do not exist. The challenge is to turn the pages fast enough to keep up with their missions. The books are packed with adventure, but they also manage to squeeze in plenty of compelling drama about the agents' friendships and rivalries. **The Series:** *The Recruit*, *The Dealer*, *Maximum Security*, *The Killing*, *Divine Madness*, *Man vs. Beast*, *The Fall*, *Mad Dogs*, *The Sleepwalker*, *The General*, *Brigands MC*, *Shadow Wave*



Riordan, Rick. **Percy Jackson and the Olympians.** Twelve-year-old Perseus “Percy” Jackson is stunned to learn that he is Poseidon's son, and that he must join in the battles of the gods. **The Series:** *The Lightning Thief*, *The Sea of Monsters*, *The Titan's Curse*, *The Battle of the Labyrinth*, *The Last Olympian*



Snicket, Lemony. **A Series of Unfortunate Events.** The unhappy tale of three clever but ill-fated siblings that begins with tragic news about their parents (yes, they're dead) and goes downhill from there. If you have nothing better to do, consider reading these books. Or, you could just go play a violent video game. **The Series:** *The Bad Beginning*, *The Reptile Room*, *The Wide Window*, *The Miserable Mill*, *The Austere Academy*, *The Ersatz Elevator*, *The Vile Village*, *The Hostile Hospital*, *The Carnivorous Carnival*, *The Slippery Slope*, *The Grim Grotto*, *The Penultimate Peril*, *The End*



Wrede, Patricia C. **The Enchanted Forest Chronicles.** Bored with traditional palace life, Princess Cimorene runs away to live with dragons. Soon, she finds herself leading a battle to save the dragon kingdom from a band of wicked wizards. **The Series:** *Dealing With Dragons*, *Searching for Dragons*, *Calling on Dragons*, *Talking to Dragons*

The 39 Clues (multiple authors). The Cahill family is the most powerful clan in the world (members have included Thomas Edison, Bill Gates, Mozart, and Galileo, to name just a few). Thirty-nine clues that are hidden throughout the world guard the family's secrets. Anyone in possession of all of all 39 can create a compound that will make him or her the most powerful human on earth. Read along (and search for clues yourselves) as Amy Cahill and her brother Dan race each other across the globe in search of clues. **The Series:** *The Maze of Bones, One False Note, The Sword Thief, Beyond the Grave, The Black Circle, In Too Deep, The Viper's Nest, The Emperor's Code, Storm Warning, Into the Gauntlet, Vespers Rising*



Graphic Novels & Illustrated Books



Angleberger, Tom. **The Strange Case of Origami Yoda**. If an origami finger puppet started giving you advice, would you follow it? See what a bunch of sixth graders decide in this hilarious story.



Bertozzi, Nick. **Lewis & Clark**. The amazing westward journey in speech balloons and beautiful, sweeping action drawings. Really gets at what must have been going on in the minds of Lewis and Clark, and the Native Americans they encountered along the way.



Dembicki, Matt (editor). **Trickster: Native American Tales: A Graphic Collection**. This collection of work by more than 40 writers and artists presents 21 Native American trickster tales in graphic novel format.



Hale, Shannon and Dean. **Rapunzel's Revenge**. Once upon a time, in the swashbuckling wild west, lived a girl named Rapunzel who escaped the tower and used her long braids as weapons. A twist on the famous fairy tale.



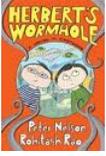
Hatke, Ben. **Zita the Spacegirl**. You find a meteor with a red-button remote. Of course you're going to push the button. That's exactly what Zita does. And—whoosh—there goes her best friend, who was with her! Zita goes on a wild journey to rescue her friend.



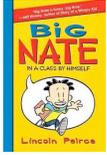
Kibuishi, Kazu. **Amulet (Volumes 1-3)**. Part manga, part fantasy. Emily and her brother are transported to a different world by a mysterious amulet. Will it help them find their mother—who is now lost in the same world? Is the amulet's power all for good? A continuing series.



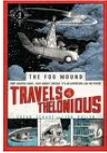
McCranie, Stephen. **Mal and Chad: The Biggest, Bestest Time Ever**. Mal is a kid genius, but he keeps it under his hat. The only one who knows about Mal's great brain is Chad, his possibly talking dog. When Mal builds a time machine that whisks them to the age of dinosaurs, things, naturally, get a bit out of hand.



Nelson, Peter and Rao, Rohitash. **Herbert's Wormhole**. Kind of a grown-up *Captain Underpants*. A boy who is about to beat his favorite video game (which means he's going to have to go outside and play, with no video games for the rest of the summer) teams up with a neighborhood nerd with whom he'd normally have nothing in common, and they travel to the future.



Peirce, Lincoln. **Big Nate Series**. Diary of a Wimpy Kid meets Calvin and Hobbes. A spin-off of the popular comic strip, this series chronicles the exploits of a self-described genius, the hilarious, trouble-prone sixth-grader Nate Wright. **The Series:** Big Nate: In a Class By Himself, Big Nate Strikes Again



Schade, Susan and Buller, Jon. **The Fog Mound Travels of Thelonious**. A talking chipmunk who inhabits a land where humans are a legend sets out to uncover Earth's secrets and find out if humans are real. Alternates between graphic novel and straight text. Cute and suspenseful!



Smith, Jeff. **Bone Series**. A hilarious *Lord of the Rings*-style epic featuring blobby creatures who stumble into a valley peopled with supernatural beings, and find themselves dragged into a struggle for power and money. Hilarious and totally original. The Series: *Out from Boneville, The Great Cow Race, Eye of the Storm, The Dragonslayer, Rock Jaw, Old Man's Cave, Ghost Circles, Treasure Hunters, Crown of Horns*

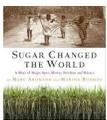


Tegelmeier, Raina. **Smile**. Through artwork showing the gory details, details, share Raina's pain as the angst of middle school is made worse by a disfiguring dental disaster.

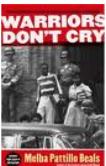


Wood, Don. **Into the Volcano**. Two brothers are sent to visit their mysterious aunt in Hawaii. Quicker than you can say igneous rock, she whisks them down into the bowels of an erupting volcano. There, trapped between rivers of lava, they begin to question her motives—and whether they'll escape alive. Scary and intense.

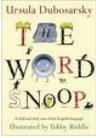
Nonfiction



Aronson, Marc. **Sugar Changed the World: A Story of Magic, Spice, Slavery, Freedom and Science**. An amazingly interesting history book! Learn about how sugar made its way around the globe and changed people's lives—sometimes for the better, often for the worse—along the way. You'll never look at candy the same way again (but don't worry, it will still taste good).



Beals, Melba Patillo. **Warriors Don't Cry: A Searing Memoir of the Battle to Integrate Little Rock's Central High** The true story of the nine brave African-American students who stood up to hate and violence to integrate Little Rock High School in 1957, told by one of the nine. Intense and sometimes disturbing.



Dubosarsky, Ursula. **The Word Snoop.** Where did the alphabet come from? Why does English have all those pesky psilent letters? This fun and fascinating book takes readers on a tour of the English language, from the earliest days up through text messaging and twitter. Also includes lots of word-related puzzles, jokes, riddles.



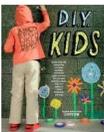
Fleischman, Sid. **Sir Charlie: Chaplin, the Funniest Man in the World.** Watch a Charlie Chaplin movie, then read this fascinating book, which describes Chaplin’s childhood fending for himself in the slums of London, with little help from his mentally-ill mother or alcoholic father. See how he miraculously made his way to Hollywood to become one of the most famous men on Earth.



Hoose, Phillip M. **Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice.** In this compelling biography, learn about the 15-year-old African-American girl who refused to give up her seat to a white passenger on a Montgomery, Alabama, bus—nine months before Rosa Parks’s history-making protest. Find out why her story is so little known, even though she was part of the landmark court case that integrated Montgomery’s buses.



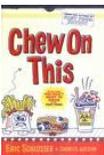
Jackson, Donna M. **Phenomena: Secrets of the Senses.** Does ESP exist? Can some people really sense what others are feeling? Do animals have “super-senses”? How can some dogs detect cancer by smell? Check out this book, and learn the answers to these questions and more.



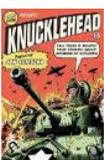
Lupton, Ellen and Lupton, Julia. **D.I.Y. Kids.** Cool, approachable book about how to design and make your own characters, party supplies, pop-up books, toys, kites, and more.



Tack, Karen and Richardson, Alan. **Hello Cupcake: Irresistibly Playful Creations Anyone Can Make.** Impress (and feed) your friends with Van Gogh’s Starry Night cupcakes, kids-in-sleeping-bag cupcakes, or cupcakes that look like spaghetti and meatballs but taste like...cupcake. Yum!



Schlosser, Eric and Wilson, Charles. **Chew On This: Everything You Don’t Want to Know About Fast Food.** A single fast-food hamburger may contain meat from thousands of different cows. A can of soda often contains more than ten teaspoons of sugar. Read this book to learn more about fast food and how it affects you—and to meet activist kids who are trying change America’s unhealthy relationship with food. Perpetually popular in the library.



Scieszka, Jon. **Knucklehead: Tall Tales and Almost True Stories of Growing Up Scieszka.** The author of *The Stinky Cheeseman and Other Fairly Stupid Tales* shares hilarious stories of growing up with his five brothers in the 1960s.



Sheinkin, Steve. **Which Way to the Wild West?** A funny but factual inside look at the history of the Wild West, from the Louisiana Purchase to Wounded Knee. The chapter about the Donner Party is titled: “Beware of Shortcuts.” Also check out Sheinkin’s other funny/true history books: *King George: What Was His Problem?* and *Two Miserable Presidents: Everything Your Schoolbooks Didn’t Tell You About the Civil War.*



Stone, Tanya Lee. **Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream.** In the 1960s, the U.S. government put out a call for citizens who wanted a chance at joining the country’s first astronaut training program. Thirteen very qualified woman pilots answered. Read about how they battled for a place in space.

With Love from your Librarians: Denise, Ragan, Maria, and Eva

WAIT! ... JUST ONE MORE THING!



Where are you going this summer? To Prospect Park? To camp? To Togo?

While you’re there, **have someone take a photo of you reading a book.** Then **send it to us** at the library and we’ll post it on the library bulletin board in the fall. (Be sure to say **where** you were when you took the photo, and include **your name** and the book’s title.)

Our e-mail address is **easy** to remember:

library@saintannsny.org

