

SUGGESTED SUMMER READING LIST

**Saint Ann's School Library, 2016
for students entering fifth & sixth grades**

KEY

Ⓢ - scary/creepy; 🧟 - sci fi; ⚽ - sports; 🎨 - artsy; 🎬 - there's a movie based on the book;
👻 - spooky; 🕊 - promotes peace; 🏰 - historical; ☹ - sad; 🐾 - animals;
💣 - violent; 🩸 - bloody; 😄 - funny; 🧙 - fantasy; 🗣 - realistic; 🏴 - pirates

Fiction



Ⓢ Alexander, Kwame. **Booked**. Nick loves soccer. His dad, a linguistics professor, loves words. Sometimes they clash. On top of that, Nick's best friend now plays for a rival team, Nick is being bullied on a regular basis, and his mom is off to pursue her dream—without him. He tells his story in verse. This is a follow-up to the 2015 Newbery Medal winner, **The Crossover**. 🗣⚽



Ⓢ Appelt, Kathi and Alison McGhee. **Maybe a Fox**. In the mood for something sad but great? Try this. Sylvie is thoughtful—a rock collector. Her beloved older sister, Jules, is impetuous—a runner. One day, Jules runs into the Vermont woods, never to return. Told from alternating points of view: Sylvie's, and that of a fox born in the woods the moment Jules disappears. ☹🐾



Ⓢ Applegate, Katherine. **The One and Only Ivan**. "I am Ivan. I am a gorilla. It's not as easy as it looks." Thus begins the tale of Ivan, a gorilla who lives in a display in a mall, and his friendships with an elderly elephant, a stray dog, and the mall janitor's kid. Ivan uses art to try to communicate with humans. Emotional, intense, funny—and inspired by a true story. 🐼☹



Ⓢ Barry, Dave. **The Worst Class Trip Ever**. Laughs and thrills! On the plane for their eighth-grade class trip from Miami to Washington D.C., best friends Wyatt and Matt spot suspicious men poring over aerial shots of the White House. Terrorists...or not? On impulse, Matt grabs an odd electronic gadget that one of the men drops, triggering kidnapping, wild chases, attacks and more. 😄🗣



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

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Bertman, Jennifer Chambliss. **The Book Scavenger**. Emily's family moves *all the time*. When they alight in San Francisco, she's thrilled, because it's the headquarters of Book Scavenger, an online puzzle game she loves that's run by the eccentric genius Garrison Griswold. Emily is desperate to meet him. Then, he is attacked, and the game gets serious. Fun, filled with puzzles, codes and book trivia. 🗝️



© Blackwood, Gary. **Curiosity**. Rufus feels powerful when he's inside the Turk, moving chess pieces and vanquishing opponents. Spellbound audiences don't realize that there's a person inside the contraption—they think it has a mind of its own. Rufus, a small boy with a curved spine, is a virtual hostage to the shady showman who owns the Turk. Set in 1830s Philadelphia, this story is packed with mystery, adventure, and cool historical detail. 🏰 🗝️



© Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker. **The War that Saved My Life**. Ada cannot recall a single time in her life when she's been outdoors. She was born with a twisted foot and her mother found it so shameful that she never let Ada out on the streets of London. When World War II begins it's a blessing for Ada. Because of the threat of bombing in London, she and her brother leave for the countryside. Her life expands, and she begins to understand all that she's been missing. 🏠 🗝️



© Busby, Cylin. **The Nine Lives of Jacob Tibbs**. Swashbuckling tale of a ship's cat told from the feline's own perspective. Suspenseful, heartfelt, and filled with fascinating facts about life at sea in the 19th Century. 🐱 🏰



© Christie, Agatha. **Crooked House**. If you enjoyed **And Then There Were None**, you'll love this fantastic Christie classic also based on a nursery rhyme. The Leonides family *all lived together in a little crooked house* (actually a mansion). But which one of them poisoned the patriarch? This was one of Christie's own favorites. **Beware:** The ending is truly shocking. 🗝️ 🏠



Condie, Ally. **Summerlost**. Last summer, Cedar had a father and a brother. Now, they're gone, killed in a devastating car crash. She and what's left of her family are spending this summer in her mother's hometown. A story about loss, redemption and the power of friendship. 🗝️ 😊



© DeCamillo, Kate. **Raymie Nightingale**. It's the summer of 1975, and Raymie's father has run off with a dental hygienist. Raymie is convinced he'll return and all her other problems will be solved if only she can win the Little Miss Central Florida Tire contest. Enter two unlikely friends who themselves have pressing problems, and you have a funny, subtle summer book. 🗝️



Draper, Sharon. **Stella by Starlight**. The year is 1932. Stella lives in a tiny town in the segregated South. One night she and her brother are awakened by light from the flames of a Ku Klux Klan rally. What will it mean for her tight-knit African-American community? Inspired by family stories Draper heard as a child. 🏠 🗝️



© Eager, Lindsay. **Hour of the Bees**. Starts out with an ordinary kids' book story: Carolina must help her parents move her grandfather from his New Mexico ranch into a home for people with dementia. Then, around the 100-page mark, magical things start happening. 🗝️ 🐝



© Federle, Tim. **Better Nate Than Ever**. Nate steals away from small-town Pennsylvania to try out for *ET*, the Broadway musical. His first impressions of New York are hilarious, as are his observations about Broadway culture and his overly-prepared competitors. Nate is out of his league, but his quirkiness—and photographic memory—may be enough to land him a spot in the show. Smart, heartwarming, laugh-out-loud funny. Sequel: **Five, Six, Seven, Nate!** 🗝️ 😊



Fox, Janet. **The Charmed Children of Rookskill Castle**. Ghostly thriller set in a castle in the Scottish highlands during World War II, where Kat and her siblings have been sent to escape the Nazi bombing in London. Spies, spells, and more! 🏰 🦋



© Gemeinhart, Dan. **Some Kind of Courage**. Fast-past adventure about a boy named Joseph who's lost almost everything—his father in an accident, his mother and sister to illness. He's not about to sit still when his beloved horse is taken from him—"We share a heart," he says. Set in the 1890s in the wilderness of Washington State. Exciting and full of feeling. 🏠 🐾



Gephart, Donna. **Lily and Dunkin**. Thirteen is an awkward age for many people, but for Lily and Dunkin, eighth grade is particularly difficult. Lily is a transgender girl, and Dunkin is dealing with bipolar disorder and more. Their friendship will grab you and stay with you long after you finish this heart-wrenching and inspiring new book. 🗨️ 🕊️



© Gibbs, Stuart. **Spaced Out**. The world's first moon base is small—not much bigger than a soccer field. So how could the commander simply disappear? Dash Gibson, the 12-year-old who showed some aptitude for crime-solving in **Space Case** (the book to which this is a companion), steps in to try to get to the bottom of the mystery—while dealing with major sibling problems and a space alien that only he knows about. 🤖 🔍 😊



© Green, Tim. **Unstoppable**. An orphan who's survived abusive foster homes, Harrison feels things are finally coming together for him when he settles with a kind family, joins the school football team and finds he has a talent for the sport. Then, he is diagnosed with bone cancer and he faces amputation of part of his leg. A compelling story of courage and grit. If you like sports stories, try another book by Green, who played defensive end with the Atlanta Falcons. **New Kid** and **Force Out** (both about baseball) are good ones! 🗨️ 🏈



© 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. 🌀 ❤️



Hamilton, Alwyn. **Rebel of the Sands**. Orphaned Amani Al'Hiza lives in her uncle's home in the depressing town of Dustwalk. Her uncle decides she needs to get married—to him, as his third wife. Amani has to escape. The one thing she has going for her is that she is a phenomenal gunslinger. When she meets Jin in a shooting contest, he becomes her ticket out. An entertaining fantasy-Western-Arabian-Nights mashup. 🌀 ❤️



Howe, James. **Also Known As Elvis**. If you liked **Totally Joe** (a read-aloud in our fifth-grade library classes) don't miss this book. In it, Skeezie, who is about to have his first child at the age of 25, recalls the very important summer he spent in Paintbrush Falls between seventh and eighth grades—when Joe, Addie, and Bobby were off having adventures. Other books about the gang: **Addie on the Inside** (Addie Carle's story told in verse), and **The Misfits** (before the events of **Totally Joe**). 🗨️



© 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. 😊 🌀



Kennedy, Caroline. **Poems to Learn by Heart.** From Emily Dickinson to Langston Hughes and even the Gettysburg Address, a fantastic collection of verse to memorize—or simply appreciate. Yes, it's *the* Caroline Kennedy.



© Knowles, Jo. **See You at Harry's.** Do you love sad books? If so, this one's for you. Tragedy strikes the family. How does Fern handle the grief and guilt? Heartbreaking, yet hopeful. (In case you're wondering, Harry's is a diner.) 🗨️ 😊



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. If you haven't read this kids' classic, do so immediately. 📖 🔍 🗨️



Levy, Dana Alison. **The Family Fletcher Takes Rock Island.** Two dads, their four adopted sons, a couple of dogs and a cat set out for their annual vacation on old-fashioned Rock Island. The kids try to get to the bottom of why the lighthouse they've always played in is boarded up, while alternating points of view give reader the chance to hear the story of each boy in the diverse family. Fun! Summery! (Companion to **The Misadventures of the Family Fletcher.**) 🗨️ 😊



Lloyd, Natalie. **The Key to Extraordinary.** If you're a woman in Emily's family, you learn your destiny through a dream. Emily made a deathbed promise to her mom that she'd follow her destiny no matter what, but she's taken aback when her dream seems to ask her to do the impossible: find a legendary treasure in the local cemetery. 🗨️



Lupica, Mike. **The Only Game.** Jack, a star little leaguer in Walton, announces he's not going out for the team—a team likely to make it to the Little League World Series. His teammates are shocked. Turns out Jack feels responsible for a recent family tragedy and doesn't want to allow himself the enjoyment of playing. Great story of friendship and family, plus fantastic sports action (the author is an award-winning sports journalist). After you finish this, read Lupica's new book about the sports-loving town of Walton, **The Extra Yard** (about football). 🗨️ 🗨️



© Malone, Lee Gjersten. **The Last Boy at St. Edith's.** Jeremy is the only boy left after his school's failed experiment with going co-ed. Jeremy wants out but his mom, a teacher at St. Edith's, insists he must stay. So, he and some of his school friends (girls, of course) hatch a prank-filled scheme to get him expelled. Funny, but not goofy—a story of friendship and fitting in. 🗨️ 😊



Marsh, Katherine. **The Door by the Staircase.** Mary is rescued from a cruel orphanage in Buffalo, New York, by a strange old woman who shows up asking to adopt a child. But is *rescue* the right word? Upon close examination it seems that Madame Z bears an alarming resemblance to Baba Yaga, the child-eating witch of Russian folklore. This is a magical, suspenseful, one-of-a-kind book featuring a great friendship and an important message about the transformative power of love. Also, tons of fun—realistic historical fiction meets magic! 🗨️ 📖 🗨️



© Meloy, Maile. **The Apothecary.** Alchemy and magic meet the Cold War in this mystery set in the 1950s. Janie's parents are victims of the Hollywood blacklist, so the family leaves sunny California for bleak London. There, Janie meets a spy-obsessed son of an apothecary—and the game (saving the world) is afoot. **Sequel: The Apprentices** 🗨️ 📖



© Neri, G. **Tru and Nelle**. Have you heard of the book *To Kill A Mockingbird*? You'll probably read it in sixth grade English class. **Tru and Nelle** is based on the real-life childhood adventures of Harper Lee (author of *To Kill a Mockingbird*, whose nickname was Nelle) and Truman Capote (Lee's childhood friend who became a writer and inspired a character in *Mockingbird*). 🏠 🗨️



© Palacio, R.J. **Wonder**. What would you do if you came to school in the fall and next to you was a kid whose face was so deformed that just looking at him made you gasp? This book is about Auggie—that kid—who enrolls in a private New York City middle school after having been home schooled for his whole life. How will it go? The story is told first from Auggie's point of view, then from others'. This is an amazing book. *Not* depressing. 🗨️ 🕊️



© Pullman, Philip. **Fairy Tales from the Brothers Grimm: A New English Version**. Master storyteller Pullman, author of *The Golden Compass*, brilliantly retells his favorites, some familiar (like "Snow White" and "Little Red Riding Hood"), others less well-known (bet you haven't heard of "Godfather Death"). 🌀



Ryan, Pam Muñoz. **Echo**. Otto, Friedrich, Mike, and Ivy live in different times and different countries. All face challenges—from discrimination in Nazi Germany to poverty and bias toward migrant workers in California. One harmonica ties their stories together. A beautiful tale of four children with extraordinary musical talent...and a tinge of magic. 🌀 🏠



© Sales, Leila. **Once Was a Time**. In World War II-era England, best friends Lottie and Kitty are kidnapped by Nazis who plan to use the girls as bargaining chips with Lottie's scientist father, who is researching time travel. Lottie leaps toward a shimmering light to escape gunfire, and is shocked to suddenly find herself in Wisconsin in 2013. Will Lottie ever see home—or Kitty—again? 🏠 🌀



© Schlitz, Laura Amy. **A Drowned Maiden's Hair**. Maud, an orphan who is "plain, clever and bad," is finally adopted from the orphan asylum. Great, until she learns from the three sisters who adopted her that her very existence must be kept secret. Suspenseful and heartfelt. 🔍 🏠



Selznick, Brian. **The Marvels**. 1766: Billy Marvel survives a shipwreck and goes on to work in theatre. 1990: Joseph Jervis runs away from boarding school to stay with his eccentric uncle in a strange house with items frozen in time and place. With one story told in pictures and the next in words, this is a breathtaking book about love, loss, creativity, adventure, family (blood and chosen), and the power of story. 🏠 🌀



Sepahban, Lois. **Paper Wishes**. Manami lives a happy life with her family by the seaside in Washington State. But when World War II comes, they are forced to move to a prison camp in the desert—just because they are Japanese-American. 🏠 🗨️



Shurtliff, Liesl. **Red: The True Story of Red Riding Hood**. Red is not afraid of much—definitely not of the Big Bad Wolf. But she is afraid of magic, and that's the one thing she needs to save her Granny. With the help of Goldie, a somewhat annoying blonde girl who's obsessed with porridge, she sets out to face her fears. 🌀 😊



© Sloan, Holly Goldberg. **Counting by 7s.** Willow Chance is a brilliant, charmingly odd 12-year-old who loves the number 7. When tragedy strikes her family, she starts to connect with new people, as her life and the lives of all around her are irrevocably changed. 🗨️



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



© Van Draanen, Wendelin. **The Running Dream.** Jessica is such a great runner that she dreams of the Olympics—and it's not an unrealistic dream. Then, her track team bus crashes, killing a runner and crushing Jessica's leg so badly it has to be amputated. "My life is over," she thinks when she realizes what's happened. She learns eventually that is far from true, but it is a hard lesson. 🗨️ 🏃



© Vawter, Vince. **Paperboy.** "I'm typing about the stabbing for a good reason. I can't talk." Great beginning for an exciting book about a boy who has the meanest fastball in town—but suffers from a terrible stutter. He takes over his friend's paper route for a month (knowing he'd have to communicate with the customers somehow), and shocking events unfold. Set during a hot summer in 1959 Memphis, Tennessee. 🏠 🗨️ 📍



© Woods, Brenda. **The Blossoming Universe of Violet Diamond.** Violet's mom is white and her father was black—but she never knew him. A doctor like her mom, he died in a car accident before Violet was born. Now 11, Violet is tired of the assumptions people make about her in the mostly-white Seattle suburb where she lives. When she gets a chance to go to Los Angeles to connect with her long-lost paternal grandmother, an artist, she finds new ways of looking at many things. 🗨️ 🌸 🏠



And...try one of these **Classics**, all available from the Saint Ann's Digital Library.

The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde by Robert Louis Stevenson 📖

Jane Eyre by Charlotte Brontë ♥

The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett 🏠 **The War of the Worlds** by H.G. Wells 📖

The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes by Arthur Conan Doyle 🗨️

Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson 📖 **Little Women** by Louisa May Alcott 📖

Series

Read an entire series this summer! Or, read two!



© Birdsall, Jeanne. **Penderwicks Series.** Four sisters—responsible Rosalind, math-genius Skye, writer Jane, and shy Batty who loves her dog—spend a revealing, adventurous summer in a country house on the Arundel estate. The owner is evil. His son is fascinating. These books are a perfect summer escape! **The Series:** *The Penderwicks*, *The Penderwicks on Gardham Street*, *The Penderwicks at Point Mouette*, and *The Penderwicks in Spring*.

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Bryant, Annie. **The Beacon Street Girls**. Realistic fiction about a group of middle school girls—their friendships, challenges, and adventures. Humorous and heartfelt. If you like this series, you're set for a while. It's 22 books long! **The Series:** *Worst Enemies/Best Friends, Bad News/Good News, Letters from the Heart*, and on and on.



© Colfer, Chris. **The Land of Stories**. A magical book given to them by their grandmother sends siblings on journeys into the fairy tale realm. Clever and populated with three-dimensional characters, even if they are imaginary! **The Series:** *The Wishing Spell, The Enchantress Returns, A Grimm Warning*, and *Beyond the Kingdoms*.



© Dashner, James. **Maze Runner**. Thomas awakens in an elevator and remembers nothing except his own name. When the door opens, he finds himself with a bunch of other teenage boys in a huge maze guarded by monsters. A new boy arrives every month. None of them knows how they got there; nobody can figure a way out. Then a nearly comatose girl arrives bearing a clue. **Note:** Truly scary. **The Series:** *The Maze Runner, The Scorch Trials*, and *The Death Cure*.



Mass, Wendy. **The Willow Falls Series**. Time travel and magic tied together with a family curse and friends who always celebrate their birthdays together. A fun series, with characters you can relate to. **The Series:** *11 Birthdays, Finally, 13 Gifts, The Last Present*, and *Graceful*.



© Meyer, Marissa. **The Lunar Chronicles**. Each book is a new take on a classic fairy tale, set in a future world where humans, cyborgs and androids live side-by-side. In the first, Cinder is a mechanic—and a cyborg—who is thrown together with Prince Kai when they become involved in an intergalactic battle. **Note**—On the more mature side of middle school lit. **The Series:** *Cinder, Scarlet, Cress and Winter*.



Muchamore, Robert. **Cherub**. Cherub is a top-secret branch of the British Security Service that employs orphans as agents. For official purposes, these children do not exist. 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 M.C.*, and *Shadow Wave*.



Patterson, James. **I Funny Series**. Middle-schooler Jamie has a goal: to become the world's greatest standup comic ever. However, as he points out, he'll be a "sit-down comedian," since he uses a wheelchair. Through zingy first person narration, Jamie poignantly but hilariously tells tales of life at school and at home. **The Series:** *I Funny, I Even Funnier, I Totally Funniest* and *I Funny TV*.



© Ripken, Cal, Jr. **Cal Ripken Jr.'s All-Stars**. Batting slumps! Crazy parents in the stands! Criticism from the school newspaper! Baseball drama on and off the field, featuring boy and girl players. **The Series:** *Hothead, Super-Sized Slugger, Wild Pitch, Squeeze Play, Out at Home, The Closer*.



© Stephens, John. **The Books of Beginning**. Taken from their parents as small children and sent to live in a series of orphanages, siblings Michael, Kate, and Emma have no idea of the danger they're in or the magical worlds that await them—until they find an ancient green leather book, The Emerald Atlas. Impossible to put down. The Trilogy: *The Emerald Atlas, The Fire Chronicle*, and *The Black Reckoning*.



© Williams-Garcia, Rita. **Gaither Sisters Trilogy**. African American sisters growing up in the turbulent 1970s. Set in Brooklyn (where they live with their dad), Oakland (home of their poet, Black Panther mother) and Alabama (where their great-grandma lives), the books make up a saga that is hilarious and thought provoking. **The Trilogy:** *One Crazy Summer*, *P.S. Be Eleven*, and *Gone Crazy in Alabama*.

Read a Series Digitally ©



You probably know about the series listed below, but have you **read** all of them? You can now! The books in these great series are available for download from the Saint Ann's Digital Library:

The Harry Potter Series by J.K. Rowling * **His Dark Materials Trilogy** by Philip Pullman *
Percy Jackson Series by Rick Riordan * **A Series of Unfortunate Events** by Lemony Snicket *
The Books of Ember Series by Jeanne DuPrau * **Alex Rider Series** by Anthony Horowitz (first three volumes) * **Artemis Fowl Series** by Eoin Colfer (first seven volumes) *
Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel by Michael Scott

Graphic Books



© Bell, Cece. **El Deafo**. A graphic memoir. The author—drawing herself and other humans as rabbits—tells how she lost her hearing and learned to navigate school and the rest of life with a clunky “Phonic Ear.” In tough times she imagined herself as a superhero: El Deafo, Listener for All! *El Deafo* won a Newbery Honor last year, the first time that the accolade was given to a graphic book.

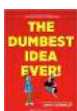


© Brown, Don. **Drowned City: Hurricane Katrina and New Orleans**

In 2005, Hurricane Katrina destroyed the city of New Orleans. Ordinary citizens became heroes, and those supposed to protect were unable or unwilling to do so. This true story in graphic form explores what happens when disaster strikes and incompetence and racism converge. Powerful and devastating—for more mature middle schoolers.



Chmakova, Svetlana. **Awkward**. Peppi wants to be nice, but she also wants to fit in at her middle school. Is it possible to do both, all while juggling the arch-rivalry between art club and science club?



Gownley, Jimmy. **The Dumbest Idea Ever**.

Another wonderful graphic memoir, this one by the author/illustrator of the **Amelia Rules** series. Gownley is at the top of his game at age 13, but a terrible case of chickenpox followed by pneumonia saps his basketball skills and puts him hopelessly behind in school. Holed up in his room, he decides that only comics can save him.



© Hale, Nathan. **Alamo All-Stars.** This latest entry in Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales series tells the amazing story of the Texas Revolution, and the time back in the 1800s when Texas was dangerous territory fought over by U.S. settlers, Native Americans, and the Mexican government. Funny, yet factual! (And don't miss the other entries in this series, including *One Dead Spy*; *Big Bad Ironclad*; *The Donner Dinner Party*; *Treaties, Trenches, Mud, and Blood*; and *The Underground Abductor*.)



© Hale, Shannon and Dean Hale. **Calamity Jack.** Companion to the very popular **Rapunzel's Revenge** (the story of Rapunzel, recast in the Wild West), **Calamity Jack** brings together Rapunzel and Jack of "Jack in the Beanstalk." Great illustrations, high-energy fun.



Holm, Jennifer. **Sunny Side Up.** Sunny is sent to Florida for the summer—sounds fun, right? It's not exactly as she imagined. Sunny is staying with her grandfather at a retirement community—no kids, no Disney. Luckily, the groundskeeper has a son, and he and Sunny have some madcap adventures. But interspersed with lighthearted summer story are flashbacks that explain why Sunny has been sent to Florida. Will she find the courage to talk about it?



© Jamieson, Victoria. **Roller Girl.** Astrid joins a roller derby team and is shocked when her best friend isn't interested. Great roller rink atmosphere, and a wonderful story about how complex friendship can be. The author/illustrator is on a roller derby team herself!



Kibuishi, Kazu. **Amulet (Volumes 1-5).** 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?



Kim, Susan. **City of Spies.** It's 1942, and Evelyn's dad sends her to New York to live with her Bohemian artist aunt. A lover of comics and mysteries, Evelyn teams up with a neighbor boy to look for Nazi spies—and they actually find some. Illustrations feel like Tintin.



Lewis, John and Andrew Aydin. **March: Books One and Two.** Lewis, a civil rights pioneer, recounts his life's journey—from child of Alabama sharecroppers to congressional representative.



McCoola, Marika. **Baba Yaga's Assistant.** Masha's grandmother used to tell her stories about Baba Yaga, the evil witch of Russian folklore who eats bad children. Now her grandmother and her mother are gone. When her father brings home a potential step-mother and her bratty daughter, Masha answers an ad—to be Baba Yaga's assistant. Using wisdom imparted by her grandmother, she faces the witch's tests, and her own future. Funny, heartfelt and spooky.



O'Connor, George. **Olympians Series.** O'Connor has visited the Saint Ann's library to talk to current fourth and fifth graders about his work. Those who haven't read the whole series—Greek gods presented superhero style—may want to this summer! Thoroughly researched, awesomely illustrated. **The Series:** *Zeus, Athena, Hera, Hades, Poseidon, Aphrodite, Ares, and Apollo.*



Stevenson, Noelle. **Lumberjanes Series**. Five best friends spend summers at a camp for girls where they must vanquish monsters while they dodge their counselors. Girl-powery fun. (Volumes 1-8)



© Tolstikova, Dasha. **A Year Without Mom**. In this graphic memoir, we learn about the year when Dasha turned 13, and was left in Moscow with her grandparents so her mother could go to grad school in the United States. While Dasha tries to work out problems with friends at school, the Soviet Union is falling apart.



Wilson, G. Willow and Adrian Alphona. **Ms. Marvel: No Normal**. Meet Kamala Khan, aka Ms. Marvel. A normal Muslim teenage girl in New Jersey, or the comic world's newest, fiercest superhero? You decide. Classic comic book style illustrated by Adrian Alphona (The Runaways). If you like this one, check out the next several Ms. Marvel volumes, all released within the past year and a half!

Nonfiction

From Serious to Fun



Denenberg, Barry. **Ali: American Champion**. Ali's amazing life story interwoven with related events in American history, told as though it's happening in real time.



© Fleming, Candace. **The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion & the Fall of Imperial Russia**. Fleming brilliantly delineates the tragic fall of the Russian royal family, contrasting their opulent lives with those of the people who rebelled, and whose voices are heard through primary sources referenced in the book.



Freedman, Russell. **We Will Not Be Silent: The White Rose Student Resistance Movement That Defied Adolf Hitler**. A group of courageous college students in Nazi Germany took action against Hitler and the Nazi regime. Some paid with their lives.



Herman, Sarah. **Extreme Bricks: Spectacular, Record-Breaking, and Astounding Lego Projects From Around the World**. The subtitle says it all. Hundreds of photos, plus stories about Lego competitions and genius Lego builders.



Hoose, Phillip. **The Boys who Challenged Hitler**. When Germany occupied Denmark in 1940, the Danish government did not immediately fight back. Ashamed by his country's acquiescence, fifteen-year-old Knud Pedersen gathered his friends and they set out on their bicycles to embarrass the Nazis. What started as a series of small pranks inspired a national resistance movement.



Hopkinson, Deborah. **Titanic: Voices from the Disaster**. The story of the 1912 tragedy, told with cliffhangers, personal profiles, and amazing photos (including rare shots of the ill-fated voyage). You'll hang on every word—even though you already know how it ends.



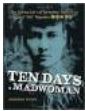
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