

Nonfiction Recommendations

Book Suggestions for the August Student Reading Challenge

Picture Books:

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Call Number:	Title:
j595.44 L	<i>Jumper: A Day in the Life of a Backyard Jumping Spider</i> by Jessica Lanan
j577.79 B	<i>Life After Whale: The Amazing Ecosystem of a Whale Fall</i> by Lynn Brunelle
j597.89 S	<i>Being Frog</i> by April Pulley Sayre
j599.543 F	<i>Narwhal: Unicorn of the Arctic</i> by Candace Fleming
j638.1 B	<i>Honeybee Rescue: A Backyard Drama</i> by Loree Griffin Burns
j796.357 Clemente	<i>Call Me Roberto! Roberto Clemente Goes to Bat for Latinos</i> by Nathalie Alonso
j796.357 S	<i>Contenders: Two Native Baseball Players, One World Series</i> by Traci Sorell
j796.522 Tabei	<i>Up, Up, Ever Up! Junko Tabei: A Life in the Mountains</i> by Anita Yasuda
j940.483 M	<i>Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear</i> by Lindsay Mattick
j973.52 R	<i>Rescuing the Declaration of Independence: How We Almost Lost the Words That Built America</i> by Anna Crowley Redding
jBiography Clark E	<i>Shark Lady: The True Story of How Eugenie Clark Became the Ocean's Most Fearless Scientist</i> by Jess Keating
jBiography Gilmore G	<i>Sweet Justice: Georgia Gilmore and the Montgomery Bus Boycott</i> by Mara Rockliff
jBiography Glennie E	<i>Listen: How Evelyn Glennie, a Deaf Girl, Changed Percussion</i> by Shannon Stocker
jBiography Hadad Z	<i>The World Is Not a Rectangle: A Portrait of Architect Zaha Hadid</i> by Jeanette Winter
jBiography Jackson Augustus	<i>Ice Cream Man: How Augustus Jackson Made A Sweet Treat Better</i> by Glenda Armand
jBiography Lafayette J	<i>A Spy Called James: The True Story of James Lafayette, Revolutionary War Double Agent</i> by Anne F Rockwell
jBiography Lee H	<i>The Fearless Flights of Hazel Ying Lee</i> by Julie Leung
jBiography Wu C	<i>Queen of Physics: How Wu Chien Shiung Helped Unlock the Secrets of the Atom</i> by Teresa Robeson

Nonfiction Books for Middle Grade Readers:

Call Number:	Title:
j324.623 M	<i>History Smashers: Women's Right to Vote</i> by Kate Messner
j363.179 M	<i>The Radium Girls: The Scary but True Story of the Poison that Made People Glow in the Dark</i> by Kate Moore
j363.34 T	<i>I Survived True Stories: 5 Epic Disasters</i> by Lauren Tarshis
j364.162 D	<i>The Mona Lisa Vanishes: A Legendary Painter, a Shocking Heist, and the Birth of a Global Celebrity</i> by Nick Day
j/YA 626.454 R	<i>How We Got to the Moon: The People, Technology, and Daring Feats of Science Behind Humanity's Greatest Adventure</i> by John Rocco
j741.642 Pinkney	<i>Just Jerry: How Drawing Shaped My Life</i> by Jerry Pinkney

Call Number:	Title:
j796.092 Thorpe	<i>Undeclared: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team</i> by Steve Sheinkin
j796.357 N	<i>We are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball</i> by Kadir Nelson
j796.525 S	<i>All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team</i> by Christina Soontornvat
j910.45	<i>Iceberg Right Ahead! The Tragedy of the Titanic</i> by Stephanie Sammartino McPherson
j910.452 S	<i>Shipwrecked: Diving for Hidden Time Capsules on the Ocean Floor</i> by Martin W Sandler
j940.531 Leyson	<i>The Boy on the Wooden Box: How the Impossible Became Possible... on Schindler's List</i> by Leon Leyson
j940.531 Sinding	<i>Harboring Hope: The True Story of How Henry Sinding Helped Denmark's Jews Escape the Nazis</i> by Susan Hood
j/YA 940.542 H	<i>Torpedoed: The True Story of the World War II Sinking of "The Children's Ship"</i> by Deborah Heiligman
[GRAPHIC] j940.542 S	<i>Bomb: The Graphic Novel: The Race to Build – and Steal – The World's Most Dangerous Weapon</i> by Steve Sheinkin
j940.547 H	<i>Race Against Death: The Greatest POW Rescue of World War II</i> by Deborah Hopkinson
j940.548 F / [TEEN INTEREST] YA 940.54 F	<i>The Enigma Girls: How Ten Teenagers Broke Ciphers, Kept Secrets and Helped Win World War II</i> by Candace Fleming
j973.7 S / YA 973.709 S	<i>Lincoln's Grave Robbers</i> by Steve Sheinkin
j974.63 W	<i>Big Top Burning: The Story of An Arsonist, A Missing Girl, and the Greatest Show on Earth</i> by Laura A Woollett
j / YA Biography Colvin C	<i>Claudette Colvin: Twice Towards Justice</i> by Phillip M Hoose
jBiography Judge O	<i>Never Caught: The Story of Ona Judge</i> by Erica Armstrong Dunbar

Nonfiction Books for Teen Readers:

Call Number:	Title:
[GRAPHIC] YA 796.42 S	<i>Victory. Stand!: Raising My Fist for Justice</i> by Tommie Smith
[GRAPHIC] YA Biography Ha	<i>Almost American Girl</i> by Robin Ha
[GRAPHIC] YA Biography Krosoczka	<i>Hey, Kiddo</i> by Jarrett Krosoczka
[GRAPHIC] YA Biography Lewis	<i>March</i> by John Lewis
[GRAPHIC] YA Biography Nadel	<i>The Girl Who Sang: A Holocaust Memoir of Hope and Survival</i> by Estelle Nadel
[GRAPHIC] YA Biography / [GRAPHIC] Biography Takei	<i>They Called Us Enemy</i> by George Takei
[TEEN INTEREST] YA 209 F	<i>Death in the Jungle: Murder, Betrayal, and the Lost Dream of Jonestown</i> by Candace Fleming
[TEEN INTEREST] YA 305.8 Y	<i>Rising From the Ashes: Los Angeles, 1992: Edward Jae Song Lee, Latasha Harlins, Rodney King, and A City on Fire</i> by Paula Yoo
[TEEN INTEREST] YA 323.1196 M	<i>Revolution in Our Time: The Black Panther Party's Promise to The People</i> by Kekla Magoon

Call Number:	Title:
[TEEN INTEREST] YA 364.134 C	<i>Shackled: A Tale of Wronged Kids, Rogue Judges, and A Town That Looked Away</i> by Candy J Cooper
[TEEN INTEREST] YA 364.155 S	<i>The 57 Bus: A True Story of Two Teenagers and the Crime That Changed Their Lives</i> by Dashka Slater
[TEEN INTEREST] YA 371.829 S	<i>Accountable: The True Story of a Racist Social Media Account and the Teenagers Whose Lives It Changed</i> by Dashka Slater
[TEEN INTEREST] YA 792.809 V	<i>The Swans of Harlem: Five Black Ballerinas, A Legacy of Sisterhood, and Their Reclamation of a Groundbreaking History</i> by Karen Valby
[TEEN INTEREST] YA 796.334 R	<i>A Greater Goal: The Epic Battle for Equal Pay in Women's Soccer – and Beyond</i> by Elizabeth Rusch
[TEEN INTEREST] YA 940.531 S	<i>Impossible Escape: A True Story of Survival and Heroism in Nazi Germany</i> by Steve Sheinkin
[TEEN INTEREST] YA 940.534 G	<i>Flowers in the Gutter: The True Story of the Edelweiss Pirates, Teenagers Who Resisted the Nazis</i> by Kristina R Gaddy
940.548 F / [TEEN INTEREST] YA 940.54 F	<i>The Enigma Girls: How Ten Teenagers Broke Ciphers, Kept Secrets and Helped Win World War II</i> by Candace Fleming
947.083 F	<i>The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion & The Fall of Imperial Russia</i> by Candace Fleming
YA 973.738 S	<i>Chasing Lincoln's Killer</i> by James L Swanson
[TEEN INTEREST] YA 976.686 C	<i>Black Birds in the Sky: The Story and Legacy of the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre</i> by Brandy Colbert
YA Biography Anderson	<i>Shout: A Poetry Memoir</i> by Laurie Halse Anderson
[TEEN INTEREST] YA Biography Johnson	<i>All Boys Aren't Blue</i> by George M Johnson
[TEEN INTEREST] YA Biography / Biography Noah	<i>Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood</i> by Trevor Noah
YA Biography Wagenen	<i>Popular a Memoir: Vintage Wisdom for a Modern Geek</i> by Maya Van Wagenen