

Suggested Summer Reading

Help your rising 5th grader stay engaged with learning! Studies show that students experience a loss of reading skills over the summer months. Below is a suggested reading list developed by reader's advisory experts at the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library to keep your child reading for the fun of it all summer long. Your child can also read their way to fun and prizes by joining your public library's summer reading program. Find out more by visiting your library or going online: www.cmlibrary.org/summerread

Sidekicked

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Anderson GRL S

Thirteen-year-old superhero sidekick-in-training Drew "The Sensationalist" Bean must overcome his not-so-superpowers and become the hero everyone needs when a supervillain, The Dealer, returns to Justicia.

El Deafo

JB

Bell GRL O

The author recounts in graphic novel format her experiences with hearing loss at a young age, including using a bulky hearing aid, learning how to lip read, and determining her "superpower."

Twister: A Terrifying Tale of Superstorms

J551.553

Bos GRL S

Visiting his cousins in Oklahoma, Jeremy joins them on a storm chasing adventure encountering giant hailstones, ground lightning and funnel clouds, but suddenly a tornado touches down and they must now escape it.

The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus

JB Roget

Bryant GRL Q

Examines the life of Peter Mark Roget and his invention of the thesaurus.

House of Secrets

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Columbus GRL R

Cordelia, Brendan, and Eleanor Walker, aged fifteen to eight, must rely on a mysterious book to face the Wind Witch and her father, the Storm King, who have kidnapped Dr. and Mrs. Walker and brought them to a strange world of magic. Companion book to *Elijah of Buxton*.

The Madman of Piney Woods

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Curtis GRL T

Even though it is now 1901, the people of Buxton, Canada (originally a settlement of runaway slaves) and Chatham, Canada are still haunted by two events of half a century before--the American Civil War, and the Irish potato famine, and the lasting damage those events caused to the survivors. Companion book to *Elijah of Buxton*.

Deadly!: The Truth about the Most Dangerous...

J591.65

Davies GRL W

Introduces some of the most dangerous animals in the world, including cheetahs, sharks, owls, bears, and jellyfish.

Under the Egg

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Fitzgerald GRL T

Her grandfather's dying words lead thirteen-year-old Theodora Tenpenny to a valuable, hidden painting she fears may be stolen, but it is her search for answers in her Greenwich Village neighborhood that brings a real treasure.

- Ophelia and the Marvelous Boy** J Foxlee GRL S
Ophelia, a timid eleven-year-old girl grieving her mother, suspends her disbelief in things non-scientific when a boy locked in the museum where her father is working asks her to help him complete an age-old mission.
- Belly Up** J Gibbs GRL T
Twelve-year-old Teddy investigates when a popular Texas zoo's star attraction--Henry the hippopotamus--is murdered.
- Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library** J Grabenstein GRL R
"Twelve-year-old Kyle gets to stay overnight in the new town library, designed by his hero (the famous game maker Luigi Lemoncello), with other students but finds that come morning he must work with friends to solve puzzles in order to escape"-- Provided by publisher.
- Absolutely Almost** J Graff GRL S
Ten-year-old Albie has never been the smartest, tallest, best at gym, greatest artist, or most musical in his class, as his parents keep reminding him, but new nanny Calista helps him uncover his strengths and take pride in himself.
- Treaties, Trenches, Mud and Blood** J940.3 Hale GRL P
Presents a history of World War I in graphic novel format, describing the circumstances leading up to the war, major campaigns and battles, and military strategy and tactics. Part of *Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales* series.
- Middle School Is Worse Than Meatloaf** J Holm GRL S
Told entirely through notes, grocery receipts, and a vast array of other items, this story follows Ginny as she accidentally dyes her hair pink, throws live frogs in class, and loses the lead role in ballet to her ex-best friend.
- Comics Squad: Recess!** J741.5 (Comics) Holm, et.al. GRL N
"A collection of comics about every kid's favorite school subject: recess"-- Provided by publisher.
- Fish in a Tree** J Hunt GRL P
"Ally's greatest fear is that everyone will find out she is as dumb as they think she is because she still doesn't know how to read"-- Provided by publisher.
- Greek Mythology** J398.2093 Jennings GRL X
Provides facts on the classic myths of the Greeks and Romans, from how Prometheus outsmarted the gods to how Achilles's heel led to his death. Part of *Ken Jennings' Junior Genius Guides* series.
- Ungifted** J Korman GRL S
Due to an administrative mix-up, troublemaker Donovan Curtis is sent to the Academy of Scholastic Distinction, a special program for gifted and talented students, after pulling a major prank at middle school.
- A Snicker of Magic** J Lloyd GRL S
The Pickles are new to Midnight Gulch, Tennessee, a town which legend says was once magic--but Felicity is convinced the magic is still there, and with the help of her new friend Jonah the Beedle she hopes to bring the magic back.

- Kid President's Guide to Being Awesome** **J158.3** *Montague* *GRL T*
Kid President offers advice on how to make life and the world more awesome, including more high fives, solving conflicts using ice cream, and remembering that things don't have to be the way they are.
- A Long Walk to Water** **J** *Park* *GRL S*
Two eleven-year old children, a girl in 2008 and a boy in 1985, struggle in different ways to survive in Sudan.
- Little Melba and Her Big Trombone** **JB Liston** *Russell-Brown* *GRL S*
"A biography of African American musician Melba Doretta Liston, a virtuoso musician who played the trombone and composed and arranged music for many of the great jazz musicians of the twentieth century. Includes afterword, discography, and sources"-- Provided by publisher.
- Tesla's Attic** **J** *Shusterman* *GRL V*
"With a plot combining science and the supernatural, four kids are caught up in a dangerous plan concocted by the eccentric inventor, Nikola Tesla"-- Provided by publisher.
- The Center of Everything** **J** *Urban* *GRL S*
Twelve-year-old Ruby finds her life spinning out of control in the wake of questionable choices and dreads an upcoming reading of her award-winning essay.
- Frogged** **J** *Vande Velde* *GRL T*
When almost-thirteen-year-old Princess Imogene is turned into a frog, she puts into practice lessons from the book, *The Art of Being a Princess*, as she tries to become her less-than-perfect self again.
- Mister Max: The Book of Lost Things** **J** *Voigt* *GRL U*
"When Max's parents leave the country without him, he must rely on his wits to get by, and before long he is running his own--rather unusual--business"-- Provided by publisher.