

Belmont Public Schools & Belmont Public Library

SUMMER READING SUGGESTIONS 2026

**GRADES
4-5**

The Summer Reading Lists are a joint project of the Belmont Public Schools and the Belmont Public Library. They are designed to encourage students in Belmont to make reading a habit, raising both their interest in and level of reading. These books and works from authors are available to view in print and as e-books and e-audio books that can be borrowed free of charge from the Belmont Public Library's collections in Libby and in Hoopla.

These titles reflect only a fraction of the 30,000+ titles in our children's collection. Please contact our library staff in person or online for individualized recommendations for your child and family.

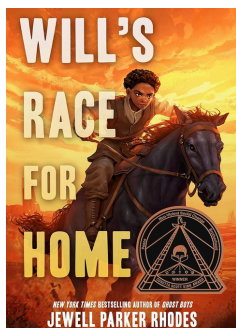
Be sure to sign up for the Library's Summer Reading Program starting in late June. The theme this year is **Plant a Seed, Read!**



NEW & NOTEWORTHY



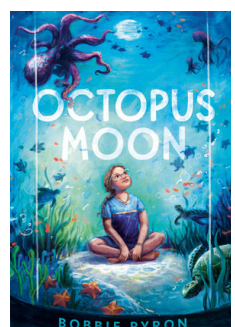
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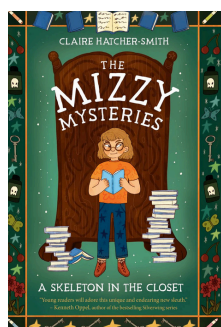
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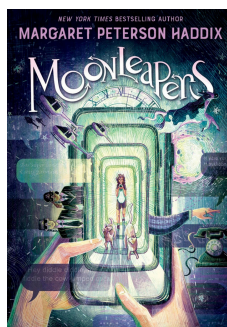
Busted



Octopus Moon



The Skeleton in the Closet



Moonleapers

AUTHOR SPOTLIGHT!

Kwame Alexander
Katherine Applegate
Roshani Chokshi
Kate DiCamillo
Stuart Gibbs
Alex Gino
Shannon Hale
Erin Entrada Kelly
Gordon Korman
Grace Lin
Linda Sue Park
Jason Reynolds
Rick Riordan
Christina Soontornvat
Jacqueline Woodson
Kelly Yang

REALISTIC & FUNNY FICTION

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Atinuke: *Beti and the Round House*
Buyea, Rob: *Carter Avery's Tricky Fourth Grade Year, Mr. Terupt*^
Clements, Andrew: *Frindle & others*
Craft, Jerry: *New Kid, Class Act, & Field Trip*
Day, Christine: *A Sea in Winter, We Still Belong*
Dimopoulos, Elaine: *The Remarkable Rescue at Milkweed Meadow*^
Faruqi, Saadia: *The Partition Project, Saving Sunshine*
Garcia, Kami: *Mixed-Up*
Harper, Charise Mericle: *Wrong Friend*
Harrell, Rob: *Popcorn*
Henkes, Kevin: *Still Sal*
Khan, Hena: *Amina's Voice, Amina's Song, Drawing Deena*
Kim, Jessica: *On Thin Ice & others*
Lai, Remy: *Chickenpox, Fly on the Wall, Pie in the Sky*

Layton, T.Z.: *The Academy*^
Libenson, Terri: *Emmie & Friends*^
Lukoff, Kyle: *Too Bright to See, Different Kinds of Fruit*
Marks, Janae: *Zoe Washington*^ & others
Miller, Chanel: *Magnolia Wu Unfolds It All**
Miller, Kayla: *Click*^
Nielsen, Jennifer A.: *Free State of Jax*
Ogle, Rex: *Four Eyes*^
Sachar, Louis: *Wayside School*^ & others
Safadi, Shifa Saltagi: *Kareem Between*
Shepard, Sara: *Penny Draws*^
Sloan, Holly Goldberg: *Finding Lost & others*
Stewart, Erin: *The Mysterious Magic of Lighthouse Lane*
Todd, Jonathan: *Timid: A Graphic Novel*

FANTASY, SCIENCE FICTION, MYSTERY & ADVENTURE

Alston, B.B.: *Amari and the Night Brothers*^
Applegate, Katherine: *Dogtown*^, *The One and Only Ivan*^
Braillier, Max: *Last Kids on Earth*^
Brown, Peter: *The Wild Robot*^
Clayton, Dhonielle: *The Marvellers*^*
Colfer, Chris: *The Land of Stories*^, *Tale of Magic*^
Cuevas, Adrianna: *What Fell From the Sky*
DasGupta, Sayantani: *Secrets of the Sky*^ & others
Escabasse, Sophie: *Ghost Taxi, Witches of Brooklyn*^
Ferry, Beth: *Growing Home*
Gidwitz, Adam: *Max in the House of Spies*^
Grabenstein, Chris: *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library*^ & others
Hammond, Ryan: *Villains Academy*^
Ibbotson, Eva: *Secret of Platform 13 & others*
James, Anna: *Alice With a Why & others*
Johnson, Varian: *The Parker Inheritance*
Kibuishi, Kazu: *Amulet*^
L'Engle, Madeline: *A Wrinkle in Time*^
Lewis, C.S.: *The Chronicles of Narnia*^

Lincoln, Beth: *The Swifts*^
Mbalia, Kwame: *Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky*^
McMann, Lisa: *The Unwanteds*^, *Forgotten Five*^
Mull, Brandon: *Fablehaven*^
Murray, Struan: *Dragonborn*
Nelson, Connie: *Mystery at the Biltmore*^
Nijkamp, Marieke: *Splinter & Ash, Ink Girls*
O'Neill, K.: *The Moth Keeper, Tea Dragon Society*^ & others
Perkins, Mitali: *The Golden Necklace*
Ponti, James: *City Spies*^, *Sherlock Society*^
Rundell, Katherine: *Impossible Creatures*^
Savage, J. Scott: *Quantum Interstellar Sports League*^
Symes-Smith, Esme: *Sir Callie*^
Tash, Sarvenaz: *The Queen of Ocean Parkway*^
Thomas, Angie: *Nic Blake and the Remarkables*^
Wallace, Kali: *The Secrets of Underhill**
Yee, Lisa: *Misfits*^
Yogis, Jaimal: *City of Dragons*^
Zhao, Katie: *Winnie Zeng*^

HISTORICAL FICTION

Avi: *Lost in the Empire City & Others*
Blankman, Anne: *The Enemy's Daughter*
Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker: *The Night War, The War That Saved my Life*^
Choldenko, Gennifer: *Al Capone at Alcatraz*^
Curtis, Christopher P.: *Bud Not Buddy, others*
Eagle, Judith: *The Accidental Stowaway*
Erdrich, Louise: *Birchbark House*^

Gratz, Alan: *Refugee & others*
Hiranandani, Veera: *The Night Diary, Amil and the After*
Hoffman, Alice: *When We Flew Away*
Holm, Jennifer: *Turtle in Paradise & others*
Luqman-Dawson, Amina: *Freewater*
Nielsen, Jennifer: *Iceberg, Uprising, etc.*
Tarshis, Lauren: *I Survived*^
Zahler, Diane: *The Queen's Granddaughter*

NON-FICTION

Alexander, Lori: *Seeds of Discovery*
Messner, Kate: *History Smashers*^
Redding, Anna Crowley: *The Danger Files: Real-Life Disasters*

Various Authors: *Show Me History Comics*^
Various Authors: *Science Comics*^
Various Authors: *Who Was?*^, *What Was?*^, *Where Is?*^