



Dear Families:

Abington School District is pleased to suggest books your children might enjoy reading over the summer months, curated by our junior high school librarians. You may also enjoy other books by these authors! For more suggestions about books and reading aloud, consult your school and public librarians.

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GRAPHIC NOVELS

Abadzis, Nick. **Laika**. A graphic novel account of the life of Laika, the first dog in space.

Anderson, Laurie Halse. **Speak : The Graphic Novel**. A traumatic event near the end of the summer has a devastating effect on Melinda's freshman year in high school.

Arni, Samhita. **Sita's Ramayana**. A graphic novel adaptation of the ancient Indian legend in which Rama, an incarnation of the god Vishnu, forces his wife Sita to undergo an ordeal by fire to prove she is pure after she is abducted by Ravanna.

Bell, Cece. **El Deafo**. A graphic novel memoir of author/illustrator Cece Bell who grew up hearing impaired.

Carroll, Emily. **Through the Woods**. A collection of five spine-tingling short stories.

Cliff, Tony. **Delilah Dirk and The King's Shilling**. When globe trotting troublemaker Delilah Dirk and her friend Selim are accused of espionage against the British crown, they must clear their names, even if it means returning to respectability.

Costa, Ben. **Rickety Stitch and The Gelatinous Goo**. Meet Rickety Stitch ... a walking, talking, singing skeleton. He's the one skeleton in the dungeon who seems to have retained his soul, and he has no idea why. His only clue to his former identity is a song he hears snippets of in his dreams. His sidekick is the gelatinous Goo, who Rickety alone can understand. Together they set out in search of Rickety's past.

Davis, Terry. **The Invisible Man**. Presents H.G. Wells' classic story "The Invisible Man". A brilliant young scientist impetuously experiments on himself, and then becomes invisible and mad, imprisoned in a nightmare of his own making.

Helfer, Andrew. **Malcolm X : A Graphic Biography**. Describes the life of Malcolm X from his early experiences with racism through his political and religious conversions.

Kelly, Joe. **I Kill Giants**. Barbara has a sharp tongue, no friends, and says she is a giant killer. It is her way of dealing with her problems, particularly her mother's cancer, but her insistence that the giants are coming threatens the relationships she has wanted for so long.

Kim, Derek Kirk. **Good as Lily**. On her eighteenth birthday Grace Kwon is visited by herself from three periods in her life and worries that her other selves will hurt her chances of saving the school play.

Hope. **All Summer Long**. Bina has a boring summer ahead of her. Her best friend, Austin, is off to camp, and he's been acting weird anyway. Then Bina connects with Austin's older sister, Charlie, who actually seems to think Bina is cool. But then Austin comes home from camp, acting weirder than when he left.

Larson, Hope. **A Wrinkle in Time : The Graphic Novel**. Meg, her brother Charles, and their friend Calvin embark on a journey through space and time, assisted by three otherworldly women, to find Meg's father, a physicist who disappeared while experimenting with time travel.

Lewis, John. **March**. The life of Georgia congressman John Lewis, focusing on his youth in rural Alabama, his meeting with Martin Luther King Jr., and the birth of the Nashville Student Movement.

Terciero, Rey. **Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy : A Graphic Novel**.

A graphic novel adaptation of "Little women" by Louisa May Alcott which chronicles the joys and sorrows of the four March sisters as they grow into young women in mid-nineteenth-century New England.

Yang, Gene Luen. **Boxers**.

In 1898, during the Boxer Rebellion, a boy named Little Bao recruits an army of Boxers to rid China of foreign missionaries and soldiers who bully and rob Chinese peasants.

FICTION

Ahmed, Samira. **Internment**. A terrifying, futuristic United States where Muslim-Americans are forced into internment camps, and seventeen-year-old Layla Amin must lead a revolution against complicit silence.

Albertalli, Becky. **What If It's Us**. When Arthur, a summer intern from Georgia, and Ben, a native New Yorker, meet it seems like fate, but after three attempts at dating fail they wonder if the universe is pushing them together or apart.

Alexander, Kwame. **Swing**. Noah and his friend Walt want to become cool, make the baseball team, and win over Sam, the girl Noah loves. When Noah finds old love letters, Walt hatches a plan to woo Sam, and everything changes between them.

Ali, S. K. **Love from A to Z**. Eighteen-year-old Muslims Adam and Zayneb meet in Doha, Qatar, during spring break and fall in love as both struggle to find a way to live their own truths.

Auxier, Jonathan. **Sweep : The Story of a Girl and her Monster**. In nineteenth-century England, Nan works cleaning chimneys, but when her most treasured possessions end up in a fireplace, she unwittingly creates a golem.

Chao, Gloria. **American Panda**. Mei Lu tries to live up to her Taiwanese parents' expectations, but no amount of tradition or guilt can change the fact that she won't become a doctor, she prefers dancing to biology, and she is dating a Japanese boy.

Dayton, Arwen. **Stronger, Faster, and More Beautiful**. Six interconnected stories that ask how far we will go to remake ourselves into the perfect human

specimens, and how hard that will push the definition of human.

Gratz, Alan. **Refugee**. A Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany, a Cuban girl trying to escape the riots plaguing her country in 1994, and a Syrian boy in 2015 whose homeland is torn apart by violence, are mysteriously connected.

Hautman, Pete. **Slider**. Hoping to win a cash prize in a pizza eating contest after racking up a tab on his mother's credit card, David must juggle his competitive eating training with the responsibility of looking after his autistic younger brother.

Jackson, Tiffany D. **Let Me Hear a Rhyme**. Quadir and Jarrell don't want their friend Steph's music to be forgotten after he's murdered, so they promote it. When the music gets noticed, they must confront the truth about what happened to Steph.

Kaplan, A. E. **We Regret to Inform You**. When high-achiever Mischa is rejected from every college she applies to, she teams up with a group of hacker girls to find who altered her transcript and set things right.

Kemmerer, Brigid. **A Curse So Dark and Lonely**. Eighteen for the three-hundred-twenty-seventh time, Prince Rhen despairs of breaking the curse that turns him into a beast at the end of each day until feisty Harper enters his life.

London, Alex. **Black Wings Beating**. Twins Kylee and Brysen must fight for survival in a remote valley called Six Villages as war approaches, she by rejecting her ancient gifts for falconry and Brysen by striving to find greatness.

MacHale, D. J. **SYLO**. They call themselves SYLO, claim to be a secret branch of the U.S. Navy, and tell Tucker and other residents that their town has been hit by a lethal virus and must be quarantined. Now they are cut off from the outside world.

Nielsen-Fernlund, Susin. **No Fixed Address**. Felix's appearance on a television game show reveals that he and his mother are homeless, but also restores his faith in people.

Norriss, Andrew. **Mike**. Meet Floyd. He's a tennis star. Possibly good enough to win Wimbledon one day. Meet Mike. He's . . . different. Apart from anything else, Floyd seems to be the only one who can see him. But Mike must have appeared for a reason and finding out why is perhaps the most important thing Floyd will ever do.

NONFICTION, SHORT STORIES, AND POETRY

Oshiro, Mark. **Anger is a Gift**. Moss, whose father was murdered by a police officer, and his high school classmates face intimidation by school administration and police. When students push back, tragedy strikes, and Moss must decide to give in to hate or realize that anger can actually be a gift.

Pollen, Samuel. **The Year I Didn't Eat**. Max writes about his anorexia in a journal that he hides in a geocache box. When someone finds it starts writing to him anonymously, he takes comfort in their confidences. But soon, a crisis erupts.

Reynolds, Jason. **Patina**. A newbie to the track team, Patina "Patty" Jones must learn to rely on her family and teammates as she tries to outrun her personal demons

Reynolds, Justin A. **Opposite of Always**. When Jack and Kate meet at a party, bonding over their mutual love of Froot Loops and movies, Jack falls hard. But then Kate dies. And their story should end there. Yet Kate's death sends Jack back to the beginning, the moment they first meet, and Kate's there again. Jack isn't sure if he's losing his mind. Still, if he has a chance to prevent Kate's death, he'll take it. Even if that means believing in time travel.

Stewart, Martin J. **The Sacrifice Box**. Five friends seal objects from their childhoods in an ancient box and make a vow: Never come to the box alone, never open it after dark, never take back your sacrifice. Four years later, terrifying events unfold - someone broke the vow.

Sugiura, Misa. **This Time Will Be Different**. CJ has never lived up to her mom's type A ambition, and she's perfectly happy helping her aunt at their family's flower shop. Then her mom decides to sell the shop--to the family who swindled CJ's grandparents when thousands of Japanese Americans were sent to internment camps during WWII. Soon a rift threatens to splinter CJ's family, friends, and their entire community.

Thomas, Angie. **On The Come Up**. Bri hopes to become a great rapper, and after her first song goes viral for all the wrong reasons, must decide whether to sell out or face eviction with her widowed mother.

Weissman, Elissa Brent. **The Length of String**. Imani, the only black girl in Hebrew school, is preparing for her bat mitzvah and hoping to find her birthparents when she discovers the truth of her adoption in her great-grandma Anna's Holocaust-era diary.

Wilson, Kip. **White Rose**. Tells the story of Sophie Scholl, a young German college student who challenges the Nazi regime during World War II as part of the White Rose, a non-violent resistance group.

Blumenthal, Karen. **Bonnie and Clyde : The Making of a Legend**. Bonnie and Clyde may be the most notorious outlaw couple America has ever known. This is the true story of how they got that way.

Hutchinson, Shaun David. **Brave Face : A Memoir**. Shaun was nineteen and confused, unsure of where he fit in. Powerful and hurtful messages from society told Shaun that being gay meant happiness wasn't for him. He proved them wrong.

Latham, Irene. **Can I Touch Your Hair? : Poems of Race, Mistakes, and Friendship**. Poems that look at the experience of race through fifth graders Irene, who is white, and Charles, who is African American.

Doeden, Matt. **Coming Up Clutch : The Greatest Upsets, Comebacks, and Finishes in Sports History**. The most memorable buzzer-beating baskets, comebacks, and unexpected meltdowns are all here.

McCarthy, Cecilia Pinto. **E-sports Game Design**. Explores professional electronic sports game design and what is involved in creating some of the best games available. Topics include the technology, characters, graphics, and sound.

Reynolds, Jason. **For Every One**. Presents a poem in which the author inspires kids to dream, even though dreams may take time and involve countless struggles.

Krosoczka, Jarrett. **Hey, Kiddo**. Jarrett J. Krosoczka discusses growing up in a family grappling with addiction.

Meet Cute : Some People Are Destined to Meet. Stories about the moment when couples first meet: an African-American girl who simultaneously finds a prom dress and a date to a transgender girl who confronts the student blocking her right to use the school restroom.

Chambers, Veronica. **Resist : 35 profiles of ordinary people who rose up against tyranny and injustice**. A collection of profiles of prominent activists for young readers, including Frederick Douglass, Mohandas Gandhi, Harvey Milk, Joan of Arc, Nelson Mandela, Rachel Carson, Oskar Schindler, and the Million Women of the Women's March.

Jarrow, Gail. **Spooked! : How a Radio Broadcast and The War of the Worlds Sparked the 1938 Invasion of America**. Looks at the War of the worlds radio broadcast from 1938 and looks at the artists behind the broadcast, the broadcast itself, the aftermath, and the repercussions of "fake news" today.

Owl (Owl Fisher). **Trans Teen Survival Guide**. A guide to navigating life as a trans teen that discusses family and friends, cross-hormonal therapy, self-care, expression, identity, dysphoria, and depression, and features real-life trans stories.

DeCarlo, Carolyn. **Twitter Culture: On the Trustworthiness of Tweets**. A look at the origins of Twitter and its development as a news source, as well as its darker turn as a source of misinformation.

Unbroken : 13 Stories Starring Disabled Teens. An anthology of stories in various genres featuring disabled characters and written by disabled creators.

Kuklin, Susan. **We Are Here to Stay : Voices of Undocumented Young Adults**. Meet nine courageous young adults who have lived in the United States with a secret for much of their lives: they are not U.S. citizens. They came from Colombia, Mexico, Ghana, Independent Samoa, and Korea. They came seeking education, fleeing violence, and escaping poverty. All have heartbreaking and hopeful stories about leaving their homelands and starting a new life in America. And all are weary of living in the shadows.

De Quidt, Jeremy. **The Wrong Train**. Contains eight scary stories by British author Jeremy de Quidt.

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Alfred Kropp - Richard Yancy
Arc of the Scythe - Neal Shusterman
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