The St. Paul's 2019 Summer Reading List for students entering Grade 5 contains new and popular book suggestions. The books were chosen to reflect student interest, upcoming curriculum and to highlight interesting new titles by popular authors. I encourage families to support daily reading throughout the summer whenever possible. All of the titles in this list can be found through new and used booksellers and some are in e-book format. Many of these books can be checked-out from your local public library. Public libraries are fantastic resources for summer reading and most public libraries sponsor generous summer reading programs. I hope you enjoy summer and that you come back with 2-3 book recommendations for the library and your classmates! Happy Reading! -- Ms. Cosgrove

**Nonfiction - Biographies and History**

Atkins, Laura. *Fred Korematsu Speaks Up*. Berkeley: Heyday, 2017. In a graphic novel format, relates the life and experiences of this heroic Japanese American and Oakland resident who defied the order of internment during WW2 and took his case as far as the Supreme Court.


Dias, Marley. *Marley Dias Gets It Done: And So Can You!* New York: Scholastic, 2018. Focusing on the importance of literacy and diversity, 13-year old Marley shares her personal journey to compassionate social action and delivers hands-on strategies for becoming a lifelong reader.

Golanty, Eric. *Ahead of Their Time: A Great College Football Team Stands Up for Fairness, Equality, and Teammates*. St. Paul’s Alumni parent Eric Golanty recounts the remarkable story of the 1951 University of San Francisco football team and their decision to forgo an invitation to the Orange Bowl that did not include the team’s African-American members.

Jokulsson, Illugi. *Women’s World Cup 2019*. The 8th edition of the women’s World Cup begins this summer in Lyon France and it will be the biggest challenge to the U.S. Women’s dominance in the sport yet. Read about all of the international stars to keep up with the latest matches.


Michelson, Richard. *As Good as Anybody: Martin Luther King Jr. and Abraham Joshua Heschel’s amazing march toward freedom*. Dragonfly Bks. New York: Dragonfly Books, 2008. Describes the experiences that influenced Martin Luther King, Jr., and Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel’s civil rights activism and discusses the friendship between the two men.


Sheinkin, Steve. *The Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights*. New York: Roaring Brook Press, 2014. Sheinkin is one of the best authors of Young Adult historical nonfiction. Describes the fifty black sailors who refused to work in unsafe and unfair conditions after an explosion in Port Chicago killed 320 servicemen, and how the incident influenced civil rights.

Stead, Emily. *FIFA Women’s World Cup France 2019*. Carlton Kids, 2019. The official handbook of the 2019 Women’s World Cup in Lyon France will delight soccer enthusiasts this summer by providing intell on teams, stars and the tournament rules.

Tougias, Mike. *The Finest Hours: The True Story of a Heroic Sea Rescue*. New York: Christy Ottaviano Books/Henry Holt, 2014. Tells the story of an unbelievable Coast Guard rescue at night in1952. During one of the worst winter storms that New England has ever seen, two oil tankers just
off the shore of Cape Cod were torn in half by the force of the storm. This is a middle-grade adaptation of an adult nonfiction book.


**Fantasy / Mystery / Science Fiction**


Babbitt, Natalie. *Tuck Everlasting.* New York: Farrar, Straus, and Giroux, 1975. The Tuck family is confronted with an agonizing situation when they discover that a ten-year-old girl and a malicious stranger now share their secret about a spring whose water prevents one from ever

Baltazar, Armand. *Diego and the Rangers of the Vastlantic.* New York: Katherine Tegen Books, 2017. Everyone is going to want to check-out the artwork in this action adventure: In a world where past, present, and future have collided, Diego and his friends must rescue Diego's father from an evil group of renegades.

Black, Holly. *Magisterium Series Books 1-4 (Book 1: The Iron Trial).* Fans of Harry Potter and Rick Riordan will want to read about Callum who is drawn into the ranks of the Magisterium where he learns to control his power over the elements and stave off the dark.

Brallier, Max. *The Last Kids on Earth and the Cosmic Beyond (Book 4).* New York: Viking, 2018. During the first winter after the Monster Apocalypse, Jack and his buddies prepare for a monstrous Christmas celebration, but a supervillainess steals Jack's prized monster-slaying weapon, his Louisville Slicer, and he vows to get it back. If you haven’t tried the series yet, enjoy this series from the beginning with Book 1: After a monster apocalypse hits town, average thirteen-year-old Jack Sullivan builds a team of friends to help slay the eerily intelligent monster known as Blarg.


Chokshi, Roshani. *Aru Shah and the End of Time (Pandava Series Book 1).* Los Angeles: Disney Hyperion, 2018. Twelve-year-old Aru stretches the truth to fit in at her private school, but when she is dared to prove an ancient lamp is cursed, she inadvertently frees an ancient demon. Book 2 was just released this spring: *Aru Shah and the Song of Death.*

Colfer, Eoin. *Artemis Fowl (Series).* New York: Hyperion, 2001. When a twelve-year-old evil genius tries to restore his family fortune by capturing a fairy and demanding a ransom in gold, the fairies fight back with magic, technology, and a particularly nasty troll.

Collins, Suzanne. *Gregor the Overlander (The Underland Chronicles Series).* New York: Scholastic, 2003. When eleven-year-old Gregor and his two-year-old sister are pulled into a strange underground world, they trigger an epic battle involving humans, bats, rats, cockroaches, and spiders while on a quest foretold by ancient prophecy. This is a series by the author of *The Hunger Games.*
Delaney, Joseph. *Revenge of the Witch (The Last Apprentice Series, Book 1)*. New York: Greenwillow, 2005. Young Tom, the seventh son of a seventh son, starts work as an apprentice for the village spook, whose job is to protect ordinary folk from "ghouls, boggarts, and all manner of wicked beasties.”


Gibbs, Stuart. *Lion Down (Funjungle Series)*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2019. If you have not tried any of the Stuart Gibbs series -- Why Not?!? In this latest *Fun Jungle* escapade, thirteen-year-old Teddy Fitzroy and his girlfriend, Summer, investigate when a mountain lion is accused of killing a prized dog outside of FunJungle Wild Animal Park in the Texas Hill Country.

Gibbs, Stuart (Moon Base Alpha Series). New York: Simon & Schuster, 2018. Starting with *Space Case*, Gibbs offers another detective series laced with humor as 13-year old Dash must solve another mystery. In the latest is *Waste of Space*, it is 2041 on Moon Base Alpha and thirteen-year-old Dash must solve the mystery of how Lars was poisoned before the base loses oxygen, forcing the colonists to return to Earth.

Giles, L.R. *The Last Last-Day-Of-Summer*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2019. When adventurous cousins Otto and Sheed Alston accidentally extend the last day of summer by freezing time, they find the secrets between the unmoving seconds are not as much fun as they expected”--Provided by publisher.

Gratz, Alan. *The League of Seven*. New York: Starscape, 2015. When an alternate 1875 steam-driven America rediscovers electricity, the lifeblood of the Mangleborn monsters, and the secret society to protect humanity from the Mangleborn is compromised, twelve-year-old Archie must assemble a team of seven young heroes to save the world.

Gutman, Dan. *Bummer in the Summer (My Weird School Series Special)*. New York: Scholastic, 2019. School's almost out for the summer, and A.J. is dreaming about all the fun things he's going to do on vacation. But A.J.'s dream quickly turns into a nightmare when three familiar spirits appear to show him summers past, present, and yet to come. Will they be able to convince him to leave his bad ways behind? Or will this summer end up being a total bummer?

Haddix, Margaret. *Found (Missing Series Book 1)*. New York: Aladdin, 2008. When thirteen-year-olds Jonah and Chip, who are both adopted, learn they were discovered on a plane that appeared out of nowhere, full of babies with no adults on board, they realize that they have uncovered a mystery involving time travel and two opposing forces, each trying to repair the fabric of time.

Hiaasen, Carl. *Scat*. New York: Knopf, 2009. Nick and Marta are both suspicious when their biology teacher, the feared Mrs. Bunny Starch, disappears, and try to uncover the truth despite the police and headmaster's insistence that nothing is wrong.

Johnson, Varian. *The Great Greene Heist*. New York: Arthur A. Levine, 2014. Jackson Greene has a reputation as a prankster at Maplewood Middle School, but after the last disaster he is trying to go straight--but when it looks like Keith Sinclair may steal the election for school president from Jackson's former best friend Gabriela, he assembles a team to make sure Keith does not succeed.
Johnson, Varian. *The Parker Inheritance*. New York: Arthur A. Levine, 2018. Twelve-year-old Candice Miller is spending the summer in Lambert, South Carolina, in the old house that belonged to her grandmother, who died after being dismissed as city manager for having the city tennis courts dug up looking for buried treasure—but when she finds the letter that sent her grandmother on the treasure hunt, she finds herself caught up in the mystery and, with the help of her new friend and fellow book-worm, Brandon, she sets out to find the inheritance, exonerate her grandmother, and expose an injustice once committed against an African American family in Lambert.

Kincy, Karen. *Deadly Delicious*. Createspace, 2014. Twelve-year old Josephine lives in Paris, Missouri with her grandparents. As she begins to feel the magic abilities passed through the women in her family, she is confronted by the attentions of a powerful Voodoo spirit. Can she harness her powers in time using her family's grimoire (magical cookbook)?

Korman, Gordon. *Masterminds (Series, Book 1)*. New York: Balzer + Bray, 2015. "A group of kids discovers they were cloned from the DNA of some of the greatest criminal masterminds in history for a sociological experiment"—Provided by publisher. If you've read this one, keep reading: Book 2, *Masterminds: Criminal Destiny* was published in April 2016.


Law, Ingrid. *Savvy*. New York: Dial Books for Young Readers, 2008. Recounts the adventures of Mibs Beaumont, whose thirteenth birthday has revealed her "savvy"—a magical power unique to each member of her family—just as her father is injured in a terrible accident. Next up read from the same author: *Scrumble* and *Switch*.

McMann, Lisa. *The Unwanteds (Series Book 1 of 6)*. New York: Aladdin, 2011. In a society that purges thirteen-year-olds who are creative, identical twins Aaron and Alex are separated, one to attend University while the other, supposedly Eliminated, finds himself in a wondrous place where youths hone their abilities and learn magic.

Messner, Kate. *Keepers of the Lost Cities (Series)*. New York: Aladdin, 2013—. Right now, this is the most popular series in the library and is a highly sought after action/adventure/fantasy. While folks are waiting for Book 8 (to be released in November), catch up with the story of twelve-year-old Sophie who discovers the abilities that have always caused her to stand out are because she is actually an elf and, learns she must harbors certain secrets that others would kill to learn.

Milford, Kate. *Ghosts of Greenglass House*. New York: Clarion, 2018. Book 2 of this popular series finds twelve-year-old Milo is stuck spending the winter holidays in a house full of strange guests who are not what they seem—again! He will have to work with friends old and new to uncover clues in search of a mysterious map and a famous smuggler's lost haul.

Miller, Kirsten. *Kiki Strike: The Darkness Dwellers*. New York: Bloomsbury, 2013. While Kiki Strike is in Paris trying to stop her evil cousin, the princess Sidonia, from all sorts of terrible deeds, it is up to Ananka and the other Irregulars to help Kiki find the cure for baldness, foil the evil plans of Oona's twin, and keep Ananka herself from falling in love with the wrong young man.

O'hearn, Kate. *Titans*. New York: Aladdin, 2019. A new series to be released this summer by the author of *Pegasus and Valkyrie* focuses on the titans of Greek Mythology: When Titans Astraea and Zephyr find a human boy on their world, they must figure out how he got there and why. What they uncover is a plot to take over Titus and ultimately the universe.


Phelan, Matt. *Knights vs Dinosaurs*. New York: Greenwillow Books, 2019. With the realm at peace and few dragons about, the Knights of the Round Table are bored, so Merlin sends them to face the most terrible lizards of all--dinosaurs"--Provided by publisher.

Rowling, J.K. *Harry Potter Series; Harry Potter and the Cursed Child (Parts 1 and 2 special rehearsal edition)*. Isn’t summer the best time to catch-up on your Harry Potter reading? If you have already read the books, don’t be opposed to reading them again. Many students speed read through the books the first time to follow the plot twists. This epic fantasy deserves to be read slowly a second time to enjoy the unfolding of the story.

Sage, Angie. *Magyk (Septimus Heap Series)*. New York: Katherine Tegen Books, 2005. Ten- year-olds Septimus Heap, the seventh son of the seventh son, and Jenna, the little girl Septimus's father found abandoned in the snow the night Septimus was born and taken away, are threatened by the evil wizard DomDaniel, who intends to finish off the entire royal line. A few entering 5th grade students have appreciated the first of this series for its humor and seamless plot. Why not go all the way to *Fyre* the seventh book of the *Septimus Heap* series and the grand finale!


Stone, Jeff. *Tiger (Five Ancestors Series, Book 1)*. Five young warrior-monk brothers survive an insurrection and must use ancient arts to avenge their Grandmaster.

Sutherland, Tui. *The Poison Jungle (Wings of Fire Series Book 13)*. New York: Scholastic, July 30th. In one of the biggest releases of the summer: Sundew and the Leafwings must unearth the oldest secret in the jungle--even if what they find has the power to destroy them all.

Velasquez, Crystal. *Hunters of Chaos*. New York: Aladdin, 2015. Four girls from a southwestern boarding school discover that they have amazing feline powers. They have the ability to turn into large cats and an ancient duty to protect civilization from evil demons that want to rule.


**Horror / Supernatural**


Hegamin, Tonya. *Pemba’s Song: A Ghost Story.* New York: Scholastic Press, 2008. As fifteen-year-old Pemba adjusts to leaving her Brooklyn, New York, home for small-town Connecticut, a history researcher helps her understand the paranormal experiences drawing her into the life of a girl who was once enslaved in her house.

Lubar, David. *Check-out the Library Weenies: And Other Warped and Creepy Tales.* New York: Starscape, 2018. Contains thirty stories, including ones about kids becoming cartoons, bullies suffering from bat hair, and weenies in a library. Includes notes on how the author got his ideas for these stories.

Oppel, Kenneth. *The Nest.* New York: Simon & Schuster. 2015. When wasps come to Steve in a dream offering to fix his sick baby brother, he thinks all he has to do is say yes. But yes may not mean what Steve thinks it means.

Patterson, James. *Witch & Wizard (Series Book 1).* New York: Little, Brown, 2009. A sister and brother, along with thousands of young people, have been kidnapped and either thrown in prison or turned up missing after accusations of witchcraft were made against them, and the ruling regime will do anything in order to suppress life and liberty, music and books.

Smith, Ronald L. *Hoodoo.* Boston: Clarion Books, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2015. In 1930s Alabama, twelve-year-old Hoodoo Hatcher is the only member of his family who seems unable to practice folk magic, but when a mysterious man called the Stranger puts the entire town at risk from his black magic, Hoodoo must learn to conjure to defeat him.

Wilson, Nathan D. *Boys of Blur.* New York: Random House, 2014. When his stepfather moves them to Taper, Florida, in the Everglades, twelve-year-old Charlie discovers a secret world hidden within the sugar cane fields, as well as new family connections and friendships.

**Realistic Fiction**

Barry, Dave. *The Worst Class Trip Ever.* Los Angeles: Disney/Hyperion, 2015. "When the eighth grade civics class of Miami’s Culver Middle School goes on a trip to Washington, D.C., Wyatt Palmer finds himself in deep trouble before the plane even lands because his best friend, Matt, has decided the men sitting behind them are terrorists and it is up to the boys to stop them"--Provided by publisher.

Birdsall, Jeanne. *The Penderwicks at Last.* This is the final book of the wonderful Penderwicks series, which finds the four sisters celebrating a summer wedding. If you haven’t tried this wonderful series yet, start with Book 1).
Booth, Coe. *Kinda Like Brothers.* New York: Scholastic, 2014. Popular Young Adult author Booth writes this middle grade fiction about Jarrett who is forced to share his room and his friends with the his twelve-year old foster brother.


Buyea, Rob. *Because of Mr. Terupt.* New York: Delacorte Press, 2010. Seven fifth-graders at Snow Hill School in Connecticut relate how their lives are changed for the better by "rookie teacher" Mr. Terupt. A very suspenseful ending! This is a three book series.


Chari, Sheela. *Finding Mighty.* New York: Amulet Books, 2017. Along the train lines north of New York City, twelve-year-old neighbors Myla and Peter search for the link between Myla's necklace and the disappearance of Peter's brother, Randall. Thrown into a world of parkour, graffiti, and diamond-smuggling, Myla and Peter encounter a band of thugs who are after the same thing as Randall. Can Myla and Peter find Randall before it's too late, and their shared family secrets threaten to destroy them all?"--Provided by publisher

Freedman, Paula. *My Basmati Bat Mitzvah.* New York: Amulet Bks., 2013. Tara Feinstein, proud of both her East Indian and Jewish heritage, questions what it means to have a bat mitzvah and deals with her own doubts about her faith.

Glaser, Karina Yan. *The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street.* Boston: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2017. Told that they will have to move out of their Harlem brownstone just after Christmas, the five Vanderbeeker children, ages four to twelve, decide to change their reclusive landlord's mind.

Kelly, Erin Entrada. *Hello, Universe.* The 2017 winner of the Newbery Award for best children's book covers the lives of four misfits intertwine to find and rescue their friend Virgil. This is a well-written story covering themes of self-acceptance and bravery.


Khan, Hena. *Amina’s Voice.* New York: Salaam Reads, 2017. A Pakistani-American Muslim girl struggles to stay true to her family's vibrant culture while simultaneously blending in at school after tragedy strikes her community"--Provided by publisher.

Korman, Gordon. *Slacker.* New York: Scholastic, 2016. When eighth-grader Cameron Boxer creates the Positive Action Group at school he intends it as a diversion to fool his parents, teachers, and sister into letting him continue to concentrate on his video-gaming--but before he knows it other kids are taking it seriously, and soon he finds himself president of the P.A.G., and involved in community
service, so the boy who never cared about anything is now the center of everything, whether he likes it or not.

Lupica, Mike. *Battling Order*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2019. Twelve-year-old Matt Baker is the best all-rounder on his baseball team, but can he help Big Ben Roberson improve his hitting and stand up to his father?

Magoon, Kekla. *Camo Girl*. New York: Aladdin, 2011. Ella has always been friends with a boy known as Z, despite his reputation as the weird kid, but when a new boy, Bailey, moves to town and befriends Ella because they are the only two African American students in the class, she must choose between the popularity Bailey will bring to her life and her lifelong friendship with Z.

McAnulty, Stacy. *The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl*. New York: Random House, 2018. A lightning strike made Lucy, twelve, a math genius but, after years of homeschooling, her grandmother enrolls her in middle school and she learns that life is more than numbers.


Myers, Walter Dean. *Darnell Rock Reporting*. New York: Dell, 1994. Thirteen-year-old Darnell's twin sister and the other members of the Corner Crew have doubts about his work on the school newspaper, but the article he writes about a homeless man changes his attitude about school.

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Oh, Ellen. *Flying Lessons and Other Stories*. New York: Crown, 2017. From basketball dreams and family fiascos to first crushes and new neighborhoods, this anthology, written by award-winning children's authors, celebrates the uniqueness and universality in all of us.


Perez, Celia. *The First Rule of Punk*. New York: Viking. 2017. Twelve-year-old María Luisa O'Neill-Morales (who really prefers to be called Malú) reluctantly moves with her Mexican-American mother to Chicago and starts seventh grade with a bang--violating the dress code with her punk rock aesthetic and spurning the middle school's most popular girl in favor of starting a band with a group of like-minded weirdos.

Ramee, Lisa Moore. *A Good Kind of Trouble*. New York: Balzer + Bray, 2019. Twelve-year-old Shayla likes to follow the rules. (Oh, and she’d also like to make it through seventh grade with her best friendships intact and learn to run track). Shay's sister, Hana, is involved in Black Lives Matter, but Shay doesn't think that's for her. After experiencing a powerful protest, though, Shay decides
some rules are worth breaking. She starts wearing an armband to school in support of the Black Lives movement. Soon everyone is taking sides. And she is given an ultimatum. Shay is scared to do the wrong thing (and even more scared to do the right thing), but if she doesn't face her fear, she'll be forever tripping over the next hurdle. --Provided by publish

Reynolds, Jason. *Ghost, Patina, Sunny, Lu (Track Series Books 1-4).* New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2016-2018. Each book in this series about a middle school track team focuses on a specific member. In Book One, Ghost, a naturally talented runner is recruited for an elite middle school track team. He must stay on track, literally and figuratively, to reach his full potential. The final book *Lu* will be published October 2018.

Rhuday-Perkovich, Olugbemisola. *8th Grade Superzero.* New York: Scholastic, 2010. Reggie, who is known as "Pukey" McKnight at his Brooklyn middle school, attempts to refine his image and social status, and when he gets involved at a local homeless shelter, two clients help him believe he is making a difference, which could help him in the world and at school.


Russell, Rachel Renee. *The Misadventures of Max Crumbly 3: Masters of Mischief (Series Book 3).* New York: Aladdin, June 2019. Max and Erin continue the fight to protect South Ridge Middle School from Ralph and his henchmen, but Max's greatest challenge may be keeping his crush on Erin a secret. This is the latest by the author of *Dork Diaries.*

Stone, Tamara Ireland. *Click'd.* Los Angeles: Disney Hyperion, 2017. After spending the summer at coding camp, Allie Navarro is excited to share the app she built with her friends, until it starts to cause problems between them.


Yee, Lisa. *Stanford Wong Flunks Big-Time.* New York: Arthur A. Levine Books, 2007. If Stanford Wong flunks out of summer school English, he will have to repeat 6th grade. What he really wants is to make the A basketball team and catch the eye of Emily, but now he is doomed to tutoring all summer with Millicent Min.

**Historical Fiction**


Bruchac, Joseph. *Code Talker: A Novel about the Navajo Marines of World War Two.* New York: Speak, 2005. After being taught in a boarding school run by whites that Navajo is a useless language, Ned Begay and other Navajo men are recruited by the Marines to become Code Talkers, sending messages during World War II in their native tongue.

Choldenko, Gennifer. *Al Capone Does My Shirts.* New York: Puffin Books, 2004. A twelve-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards’ families were housed there, and has to
contend with his new home in addition to life with his autistic sister. If you enjoy this book and its local setting, continue with the sequels, *Al Capone Shines My Shoes, Al Capone does my Homework* and the latest published May 2018: *Al Capone Throws Me a Curve.*

Hood, Susan. *Lifeboat 12.* New York: Simon & Schuster, 2018. Based on a true story, in 1940, a group of British children, their escorts, and some sailors struggle to survive in a lifeboat when the ship taking them to safety in Canada is torpedoed. Includes historical notes.


London, Jack. *Call of the Wild.* New York: Viking, 1994. Buck, a dog that has been forced into the harsh life of a sled dog, befriends a man seeking his fortune in the Klondike gold fields, and must ultimately decide whether to stay with his master or obey his instinct to join the wolves.

McKissack, Pat. *A Friendship for Today.* New York: Scholastic Press, 2007. Twelve-year-old Rosemary Patterson learns that she will be attending an all-white school in the fall; but when her best friend is diagnosed with polio, she must face the day of school alone.


Preus, Margi. *The Bamboo Sword.* New York: Amulet Books, 2015. In Japan in 1853, at the time of U.S. Commodore Matthew Perry's visit to Japan, Yoshi, a young Japanese boy who dreams of becoming a samurai one day, learns about America from Majiro and has adventures with Jack, a young cabin boy aboard one of the U.S. ships. Includes historical notes and glossary. By the author of *Shadow on the Mountain.*

Rhodes, Jewell Parker. *Ninth Ward.* New York: Little, Brown, 2010. In New Orleans' Ninth Ward, twelve-year-old Lanesha, who can see spirits, and her adopted grandmother have no choice but to stay and weather the storm as Hurricane Katrina bears down upon them.

Selznick, Brian. *The Marvels.* New York: Scholastic, 2015. In 1766, a boy, Billy Marvel, is shipwrecked, rescued, and goes on to found a brilliant family of actors that flourishes in London until 1900—and nearly a century later, Joseph Jervis, runs away from home, seeking refuge with his uncle in London, and is captivated by the Marvel house, with its portraits and ghostly presences.


Tarshis, Lauren. *I Survived: The Battle of D-Day.* New York: Scholastic, 2019. When Paul, a French boy living in a Nazi controlled village, finds an American paratrooper in a tree near his home, he has a chance to play a role in the Allies plan to crush the Nazis"--OCLC.
Williams-Garcia, Rita. *Gone Crazy in Alabama*. New York, NEW YORK: Amistad, 2015. In the final book of the trilogy (*One Crazy Summer* and *P.S. Be Eleven*) Delphine, Vonetta, and Fern are off to Alabama to visit their grandmother and help their family come together.


**Poetry and Novels in Verse**


**Nonfiction - Information Books**


Biskup, Agnieszka. *Understanding Global Warming with Max Axium*. North Mankato, MN: Capstone Pree, 2018. Team up with Max Axiom to learn all about global warming and its effects on the Earth. From melting glaciers to wacky weather patterns, heating up our planet wreaks havoc on its resources and inhabitants. New edition includes access to free 4D App for an augmented reality experience that goes beyond the printed page to learn more about Global Warming.

Burns, Loree Griffith. *Citizen Scientists: Be A Part of Scientific Discovery From Your Own Backyard*. New York: Henry Holt, 2012. Prepare for next year’s *Pollinator Posse* with this information, tips, and photographs explaining how to observe and gather data about backyard insects and animals, including butterflies.

Caduto, Michael J. *Catch the Wind, Harness the Sun*. North Adams, MA: Storey Pub. 2011. These twenty-two projects and experiments will engage kids in activities with electricity, solar and wind energy. It’s a fun book and also instructive about renewable energy and the environmental impact of energy sources.


Green, Dan. *Chemistry: Getting a Big Reaction*. New York: Kingfisher, 2010. This popular science series known around St. Paul’s as the “Basher Books” is enjoyed as much for it’s information as its layout and illustrations. In this title, a range of characters from the world of chemistry help readers learn about the properties of matter and how they interact, combine, and change.


Koll, Hilary. *Design a Skyscraper (You Do the Math Series)*. Irvine, CA: QEB Pub. 2015. Examines the importance of math in the design of a skyscraper, and uses that format to foster an understanding of tables, graphs, multiplication, and decimals.


Margles, Samantha. *Mythbusters Science Fair Book: Confirm or Bust!* New York: Scholastic, 2012. This 2nd book in the Science Fair series contains instructions for science fair projects based on experiments conducted on the "MythBusters" television series in attempts to discover the truth behind popular myths and urban legends.


Comics and Graphic Novels


Brosgol, Vera. *Anya’s Ghost.* New York: First Second, 2011. An early graphic novel from the creator of *Be Prepared:* Anya, embarrassed by her family and lacking confidence in her body and her social skills, finally finds a friend after falling down a well, but quickly learns there are drawbacks to having a ghost for a friend.

Chanani, Nidhi. *Pashmina.* New York: First Second, 2017. Priyanka Das has so many unanswered questions, but the topic of India is permanently closed. For Pri, her mother’s homeland can only exist in her imagination. That is, until she finds a mysterious pashmina tucked away in a forgotten suitcase. When she wraps herself in it, she is transported to a place more vivid and colorful than any guidebook. But is this the real India? To learn the truth Pri must travel farther than she’s ever dared and find the family she never knew.

Coates, Ta-Nehisi. *Black Panther: A Nation Under Our Feet (Series Book 1-6).* New York: Marvel, 2016-2019. In the first volume, T'Challa confronts a dramatic upheaval in Wakanda that will make leading the African nation tougher than ever before. In Book 6, Midnight Angels face off against the War Dogs under Tetu and Zenzi’s control. Book 6 will be released August 1st.

Craft, Jerry. *New Kid.* New York: Harper, 2019. Seventh grader Jordan Banks loves nothing more than drawing cartoons about his life. But instead of sending him to the art school of his dreams, his parents enroll him in a prestigious private school known for its academics, where Jordan is one of the few kids of color in his entire grade. Jordan soon finds himself torn between two worlds--and not really fitting into either one. Can Jordan learn to navigate his new school culture while keeping his friends and staying true to himself?


Doctorow, Cory. *In Real Life.* New York: First Second, 2014. Anda loves Coarsegold Online, the massively-multiplayer role playing game that she spends most of her free time on. But things become a lot more complicated when Anda befriends a gold farmer—a poor Chinese kid whose avatar in the game illegally collects valuable objects and then sells them to players from developed countries with money to burn. This behavior is strictly against the rules in Coarsegold, but Anda soon comes to realize that questions of right and wrong are a lot less straightforward when a real person's real livelihood is at stake.

Hale, Nathan. *One Trick Pony*. New York: Amulet Books, 2017. In a future where alien beings consume technology as a few humans try to preserve it, Strata, her brother, and a friend are separated from their caravan and, with a wonderful robotic horse, must fight their way back.

Kim, Susan Chongmi. *Brain Camp*. New York: First Second, 2010. Problem children Jenna and Lucas find they invited to Camp Fielding, where other misfits whose parents hope to surround them will be changed into prodigies. When strange things begin happening around them, Jenna and Lucas team up to investigate, but what they discover is beyond anything they could have imagined.

Larson, Hope. *All Summer Long*. New York: Farrar Straus Giroux, 2018. Bina has a long summer ahead of her. Her best friend, Austin, is off to soccer camp for a month so she has to keep busy on her own. Bina finds an un-likely companion in Austin's older sister, Charlie but what happens when Austin comes home from camp?

Libenson, Teri. *Just Jaime*. New York: Balzer + Bray, 2019. Jaime knows something is off with her friend group. They've started to exclude her and make fun of the way she dresses and the things she likes. At least she can count on her BFF, Maya, to have her back . . . right? Maya feels more and more annoyed with Jaime, who seems babyish compared to the other girls in their popular group. It's like she has nothing in common with Jai anymore. Are their days as BFFs numbered . . . ?”--Provided by publisher.

Miyazaki, Hayao. *Nausicaa of the Valley of the Wind*. Viz Media, 2012 [1984]. In this epic manga fantasy, Princess Nausicaa risks all to save her home and her people from Earth’s ecological disaster caused by an apocalyptic war.


Montclaire, Brandon. *Moongirl and the Devil Dinosaur (Books 1 - 7)*. New York: Marvel, 2016-2019. Preteen super genius, Lunella Lafayette wants to change the world-but learns the hard way that it takes more than just big brains. Life is turned upside down when a savage, red-scaled tyrant is teleported from the prehistoric past. When the Terrigen mist, triggers the monstrous inhuman genes inside her, she and DD can suddenly swap bodies.

Okorafor, Nnendi. *Shuri (The Search for Black Panther #1)*. New York: Marvel, 2019. In this new graphic novel, T’Challa has disappeared, and everyone is looking at the next in line for the throne. Wakanda expects Shuri to take on the mantle of Black Panther and lead their nation--but she's happiest in a lab, surrounded by her own inventions. So it's time for Shuri to go rescue her brother yet again.

Ostertag, Molly Knox. *The Witch Boy*. New York: Graphix, 2017. In thirteen-year-old Aster's family, all the girls are raised to be witches, while boys grow up to be shapeshifters. Anyone who dares cross those lines is exiled. Unfortunately for Aster, he still hasn't shifted ... and he's still fascinated by witchery, no matter how forbidden it might be. When a mysterious danger threatens the other boys, Aster knows he can help -- as a witch. Book 2, *The Hidden Witch* finds Aster protecting his non-magical friends from being cursed.


Stevenson, Noelle. *Lumberjanes Vol. 1-12.* BOOM! Box, 2015 -2019. In the first story, a strange event is witnessed by best friends at a summer camp and the first of the mysteries that *The Lumberjanes* set out to solve. This is a great choice for fans of Raina Telgemeier and girl power.


Whitley, Jeremy. *Princeless Volume 6, Make Yourself. Part Two (Series).* Pittsburgh, Pa.: Action Lab Comics, 2017. This sequel to Book 5 *Make Yourself*, follows Adrienne’s quest to save the twins.


Yang, Gene. *The Shadow Hero.* New York: First Second, 2014. In this origin story for the classic comic book hero the Green Turtle, Hank, the nineteen-year-old son of Chinese immigrants, resists his mother's attempts to make him a superhero at first, but when tragedy strikes he assumes the role of a caped crusader. Aided by one of the four spirits of Chinese mythology, Hank becomes the Green Turtle and sets out to rid Chinatown of the gangsters who have intimidated everyone for years and murdered his father.