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Dear Students,

Attached to this letter is the summer reading list for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. You will have to read **two** books over the summer to be ready for school in September. If you would like to read books that are not on this list - feel free! We want you to have books that you will enjoy. If you prefer to listen to your books, spoken books are a great option! You can purchase an audiobook or borrow one from the public library using the Libby app.

For each book, you will take notes on the main character, setting, plot and any literary devices you find (metaphor, allusion, irony, foreshadowing, imagery, etc). These notes will be used to write an essay in the fall.

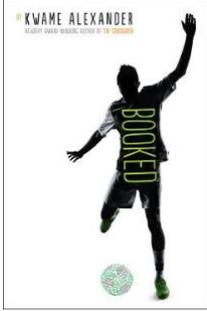
If you choose a non-fiction book please take notes on the main characters, what they have achieved, any obstacles they have overcome and how their work impacted the lives of others. OR take notes about the theme of the book and how it touched you personally. Note any passages or sections that were especially interesting to you.

Choose books that interest you so your reading will be enjoyable. Plan a reading schedule for the summer so you can be sure to finish two books before school begins in September. You will need to acquire these books on your own. If you cannot get a physical copy of the books you choose (either through the library or for purchase), you can look for them in an electronic format from the Briarcliff Public Library or the New York Public Library. You can find instructions on how to access those here:

<https://bit.ly/PublicLibraryHowTo>

Keep this list handy; throughout the year you may use it to find books for outside reading.

Have a wonderful summer and happy reading!



**Booked** by Kwame Alexander

*Like lightning/ you strike /fast and free/ legs zoom/ down field/  
eyes fixed/ on the checkered ball/ on the goal/ ten yards to go/  
can't nobody stop you/ can't nobody cop you...*

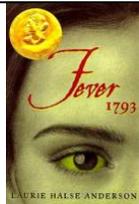
In this follow-up to the Newbery-winning novel THE CROSSOVER, soccer, family, love, and friendship, take center stage as twelve-year-old Nick learns the power of words as he wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully, and tries to impress the girl of his dreams. Helping him along are his best friend and sometimes teammate Coby, and The Mac, a rapping librarian who gives Nick inspiring books to read.



**Stowaway** by John David Anderson

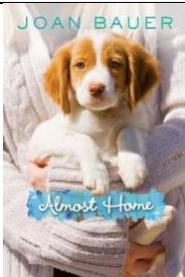
A new rare mineral is discovered in the Earth's crust, but no one realizes how precious it is until aliens show up. These aliens offer a promise of protection & new technology in exchange for this resource. It's so precious that other alien forces are willing to start a war over it. A war that comes to Earth.

Leo's mother is killed in an attack and his father decides it's best for them to leave Earth. When their ship is attacked, Leo's father is kidnapped, and Leo and his brother are stranded in space. Leo stows away on a ship of space pirates and begs the captain to help him find his father. The road is dangerous, and pirates, of course, only look out for themselves. Leo must decide who to trust as he tries to stay alive and save his family.



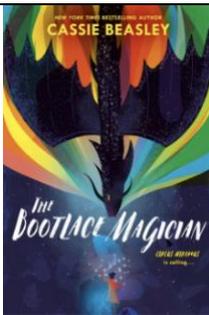
**Fever 1793** by Laurie Halse Anderson

In 1793 Philadelphia, sixteen-year-old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of a yellow fever epidemic.



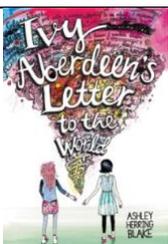
**Almost Home** by Joan Bauer

When twelve-year-old Sugar's grandfather dies Sugar and her mother lose their home in Missouri. They head to Chicago for a fresh start, only to discover that fresh starts aren't so easy to come by but Sugar does her best. With the help of a rescue dog, Shush; a foster family; a supportive teacher; a love of poetry; and her own grace and good humor, Sugar comes to understand that while she can't control the hand life deals her, she can control how she responds.



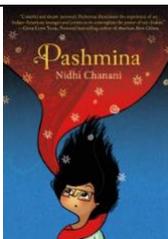
**The Bootlace Magician** by Cassie Beasley, sequel to *Circus Mirandus*

Micah Tuttle--magician in training--lives and works at Circus Mirandus alongside his guardian, the ancient and powerful Lightbender. The circus is a place filled with dazzling fire shows, stubborn unicorns, and magicians from every corner of the world. And Micah is doing everything he can to prove he belongs there. When a dangerous enemy from the past threatens his new home, Micah will have to untangle the mystery of his own potent magic, and he'll have to do it fast. With trouble this deadly on its way, every magician will need to be ready to fight. Even the youngest.



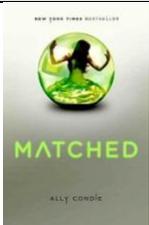
**Ivy Aberdeen's Letter to the World** by Ashley Herring Blake

When a tornado destroys 12-year-old Ivy Aberdeen's house her family is displaced. Ivy feels invisible in the aftermath of the storm--and worse, her notebook filled with secret drawings of girls holding hands has gone missing. Mysteriously, Ivy's drawings begin to reappear in her locker with notes from someone telling her to open up about her identity. Ivy thinks--and hopes--that this someone might be her classmate, another girl for whom Ivy has begun to develop a crush. Will Ivy find the strength and courage to follow her true feelings?



**Pashmina** by Nidhi Chanani

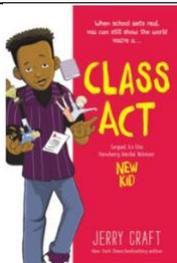
Priyanka Das has many unanswered questions: Why did her mother abandon her home in India years ago? What was it like there? And who is her father, and why did her mom leave him behind? But Pri's mom avoids these questions--the topic of India is permanently closed. For Pri, India can only exist in her imagination. Until she finds a mysterious pashmina tucked away in an old suitcase. With it, she is transported to a place vivid and colorful than a Bollywood film. But what is that shadow lurking in the background? To learn the truth Pri must travel far and find the family she never knew.



**Matched** by Ally Condie

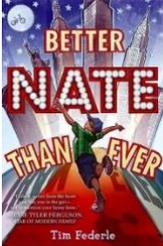
Cassia has always had complete trust in the Society to make decisions for her, but when she is being paired with her ideal mate, a second face flashes on the screen, and Cassia begins to doubt the Society's infallibility.

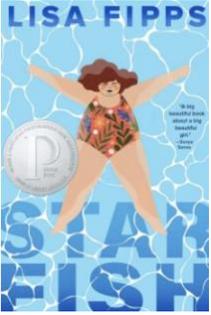
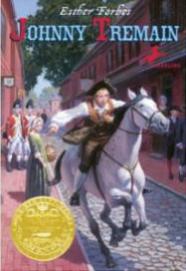
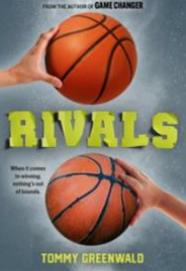
**Sequels: Crossed, Reached**

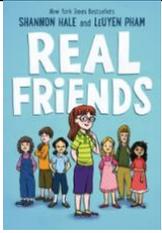
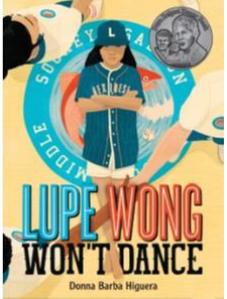
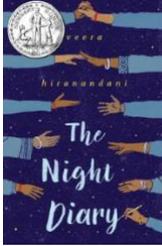
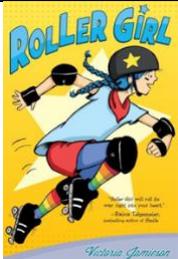


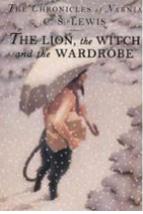
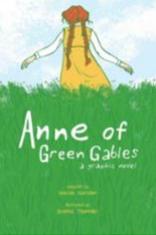
**Class Act** by Jerry Craft, sequel to *New Kid*

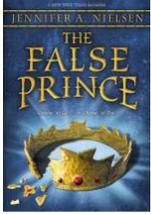
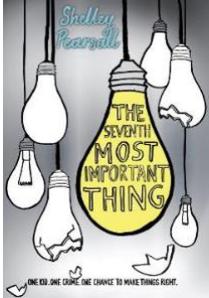
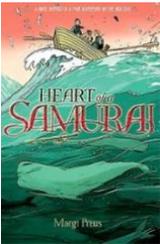
Eighth grader Drew Ellis recognizes that he isn't afforded the same opportunities, no matter how hard he works, that his privileged classmates at the Riverdale Academy Day School take for granted, and to make matters worse, Drew begins to feel as if his good friend Liam might be one of those privileged kids and is

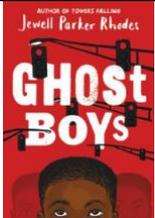
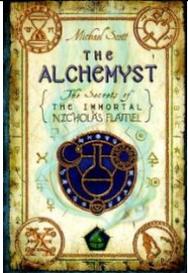
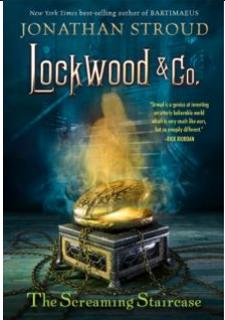
	<p>finding it hard not to withdraw, even as their mutual friend Jordan tries to keep their group of friends together.</p>
	<p><b>Maybe He Just Likes You</b> by Barbara Dee</p> <p>When boys in her class start touching seventh-grader Mila and making her feel uncomfortable, she does not want to tell her friends or mother until she reaches her breaking point.</p>
	<p><b>Bindi Babes</b> by Narinder Dhani</p> <p>Amber, Jazz and Geena Dhillon are three fabulous sisters with a reputation for being the coolest, best-dressed girls at their school. But their classmates don't know that the sisters work extra hard to look perfect and together to all of their friends . . . while privately trying not to think how much they miss their mom, who died a year ago. What these struggling sisters certainly don't need is an interfering auntie from India inviting herself into their household to cramp their style. Unfortunately, that's exactly happens.</p> <p>Sequels: <b>Bollywood Babes, Bhangra Babes</b></p>
	<p><b>The Secret Language of Girls</b> by Frances O'Roark Dowell</p> <p>Marylin and Kate have been friends since nursery school, but when Marylin becomes a middle school cheerleader and Kate begins to develop other interests, their relationship is put to the test.</p> <p><b>Sequel: The Kind of Friends We Used to Be and The Sound of Your Voice, Only Really Far Away.</b></p>
	<p><b>Last Day on Mars</b> by Kevin Emerson</p> <p>While waiting to leave Mars before it burns up just like the Earth before it, Liam and his friend Phoebe discover some facts about time and space and realize that the human race is just one of the races trying to survive in space.</p>
	<p><b>Better Nate than Ever</b> by Tim Federle</p> <p>Nate Foster has big dreams. His whole life, he's wanted to star in a Broadway show. But how is Nate supposed to make his dreams come true when he's stuck in Jankburg, Pennsylvania, where no one (except his best pal Libby) appreciates a good show tune? Nate plans a daring overnight escape to New York. There's an open casting call for <i>E.T.: The Musical</i>, and Nate knows this could be the difference between small-town blues and big-time stardom.</p> <p><b>Sequel: Five Six Seven Nate!, Nate Expectations</b></p>

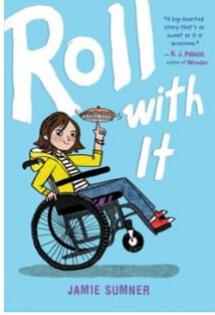
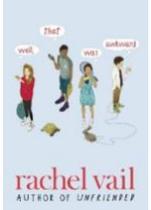
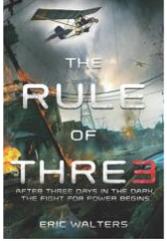
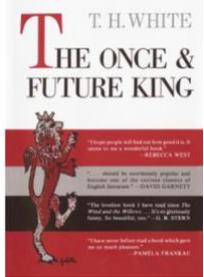
	<p><b>Star Fish</b> by Lisa Fipps</p> <p>Ellie is tired of being fat-shamed and does something about it in this novel-in-verse. Ever since Ellie wore a whale swimsuit at her fifth birthday party, she's been bullied about her weight. To cope, she tries to live by the Fat Girl Rules--like "no making waves," "avoid eating in public," and "don't move so fast that your body jiggles." And she's found her safe space--her swimming pool--where she feels weightless in a fat-obsessed world. It's also where she can get away from her pushy mom. Fortunately, Ellie has allies in her dad, her therapist, and her new neighbor, Catalina, who loves Ellie for who she is. With this support buoying her, Ellie might finally be able to unapologetically be her own fabulous self.</p>
	<p><b>Johnny Tremain</b> by Esther Forbes</p> <p>Johnny Tremain, a young apprentice silversmith, is caught up in the danger and excitement of 1775 Boston, just before the Revolutionary War. But even more gripping than living through the drama of Revolutionary Boston is the important discovery Johnny makes in his own life.</p>
	<p><b>The Red Necklace: A Story of the French Revolution</b> by Sally Gardiner</p> <p>In the late eighteenth-century, Sido, the twelve-year-old daughter of a self-indulgent marquis, and Yann, a fourteen-year-old Gypsy orphan raised to perform in a magic show, face a common enemy at the start of the French Revolution.</p> <p>Sequel: <b>The Silver Blade</b></p>
	<p><b>Rivals</b> by Tom Greenwald</p> <p>In basketball-crazed Walthorne, rival middle school stars Austin Chambers and Carter Haswell are both feeling the pressure when school sports reporter Alfie Jenks reveals scandals that jeopardize the whole season. Told through flashbacks, newspaper reports, social media posts, and interviews.</p>
	<p><b>The Goose Girl</b> by Shannon Hale</p> <p>Princess Anidori, on her way to marry a prince she has never met, is betrayed by her guards and her lady-in-waiting and must become a goose girl to survive until she can reveal her true identity and reclaim the crown that is rightfully hers.</p> <p><b>Sequels: Enna Burning , River Secrets and Forest Born</b></p>

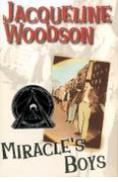
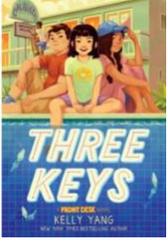
	<p><b>Real Friends</b> by Shannon Hale</p> <p>This graphic memoir follows little Shannon's life from kindergarten through fifth grade. It captures the emotional roller coaster ride of friendship, from navigating the tricky waters of cliques and bullies to her never-ending struggle to stay in "The Group." Shannon's honest and heartfelt story reminds us of how hard it was to learn what real friends are--and why finding them is worth the journey.</p>
	<p><b>Seraphina</b> by Rachel Hartman</p> <p>In a world where dragons and humans coexist in an uneasy truce and dragons can assume human form, Seraphina, whose mother died giving birth to her, grapples with her own identity among magical secrets and royal scandals while she struggles to accept and develop her extraordinary musical talents.</p> <p><b>Sequel: Tess of the Road</b></p>
	<p><b>Lupe Wong Won't Dance</b> by Donna Barba Higuera</p> <p>Lupe Wong is going to be the first female pitcher in the Major Leagues. She's also championed causes her whole young life. Some important, like expanding the options for race on school tests beyond just a few bubbles. And some smaller, like complaining to the BBC about the length between Doctor Who seasons. Lupe needs an A in all her classes in order to meet her favorite pitcher, Fu Li Hernandez, who's Chinese &amp; Mexican just like her. But when square dancing is the next unit in gym class, she's not happy. Lupe has a new cause on her hands.</p>
	<p><b>The Night Diary</b> by Veera Hiranandani</p> <p>Shy twelve-year-old Nisha, forced to flee her home with her Hindu family during the 1947 partition of India, tries to find her voice and make sense of the world falling apart around her by writing to her deceased Muslim mother in the pages of her diary.</p>
	<p><b>Paper Things</b> by Jennifer Jacobson</p> <p>Nineteen-year-old Gage decides he can no longer live with a bossy guardian, and runs off with his little sister Ari. The two struggle to find a place to live and to get Ari into the middle school for gifted students they promised their mother she'd get into.</p>
	<p><b>Roller Girl</b> by Victoria Jamieson</p> <p>12-year-old Astrid has done everything with her best friend Nicole. But Astrid falls in love with roller derby and signs up for derby camp and Nicole decides to go to dance camp instead. And so begins the most difficult summer of Astrid's life as she struggles to keep up with the older girls at camp and hang on to</p>

	<p>the friend she feels slipping away. As the end of the summer gets closer and her first roller derby bout is almost here, Astrid realizes that maybe she <i>is</i> strong enough to handle the bout, a lost friendship and middle school.</p>
	<p><b>The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe</b> by C.S. Lewis</p> <p>Four English school children find their way through the back of a wardrobe into the magic land of Narnia and assist Aslan, the golden lion, to triumph over the White Witch who has cursed the land with eternal winter.</p>
	<p><b>Fast Break</b> by Mike Lupica</p> <p>Since his mother's death, Jayson has focused on basketball and surviving but he is found out and placed with an affluent foster family of a different race, and must learn to accept many changes, including facing his former teammates in a championship game.</p>
	<p><b>Anne of Green Gables</b> by L.M. Montgomery</p> <p>Anne, an eleven-year-old orphan, is sent by mistake to live with a lonely middle-aged brother and sister on a Prince Edward Island. The siblings, who asked for a boy to help them with their farm work, are determined to send her back to the orphanage, but Anne quickly changes their minds.</p> <p><b>Sequels: Anne of Avonlea and Anne of the Island</b></p>
	<p><b>Anne of Green Gables</b> <i>Graphic Novel</i> by Mariah Marsden</p> <p>A graphic novel adaptation of the classic novel about Anne, an eleven-year-old orphan, who is sent by mistake to live with a lonely, middle-aged brother and sister on a Prince Edward Island farm. The siblings, who asked for a boy to help them with their farm work, are determined to send her back to the orphanage, but Anne quickly changes their minds.</p>
	<p><b>Dairy Queen</b> by Catherine Murdock</p> <p>After spending the summer running her family farm and training the quarterback for her school's rival football team, sixteen-year-old D.J. decides to go out for the sport herself not anticipating the reactions of her family, classmates or her small Wisconsin Town.</p> <p><b>Sequels: The Off Season, Front and Center</b></p>

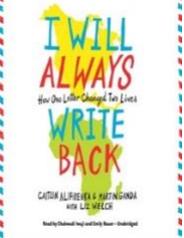
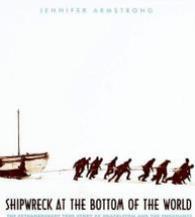
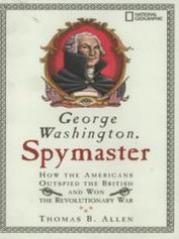
	<p><b>The False Prince</b> by Jennifer Nielsen</p> <p>In the country of Carthya, a devious nobleman engages four orphans in a brutal competition to be selected to impersonate the king's long-missing son in an effort to avoid a civil war.</p> <p><b>Sequels: The Runaway King, The Shadow Throne, A Captive Kingdom</b></p>
	<p><b>The Seventh Most Important Thing</b> by Shelley Pearsall</p> <p><i>One kid. One crime. One chance to make things right.</i></p> <p>It was a bitterly cold day when Arthur T. Owens grabbed a brick and hurled it at the trash picker. Arthur had his reasons, and the brick hit the Junk Man in the arm, not the head. But none of that matters to the judge--he is ready to send Arthur to juvie for the foreseeable future. Amazingly, it's the Junk Man himself who offers an alternative: 120 hours of community service . . . working for him.</p>
	<p><b>Heart of a Samurai: Based on the true story of Nakahama Manjiro</b> by Margi Preus</p> <p>In 1841 Nakahama Manjiro and 4 friends were caught in a terrible storm at sea. Washed onto a tiny island in the Pacific they were rescued by an American whaling ship. When given the choice to return to Japan or go to America with the ship's captain, Manjiro chooses adventure and becomes the one of the first Japanese people to ever come to America.</p> <p><b>Newbery Honor Book, 2011. Companion novel: Bamboo Sword</b></p>
	<p><b>Tokyo Heist</b> by Diana Renn</p> <p>After a high-profile art heist of three van Gogh drawings in her home town of Seattle, sixteen-year-old Violet Rossi finds herself in Japan with her artist father, searching for the related van Gogh painting.</p>
	<p><b>Miles Morales</b> by Jason Reynolds</p> <p>Miles Morales is just your average teenager. Dinner on Sunday with his parents, chilling out playing old-school video games with his best friend, crushing on brainy, beautiful poet Alicia. He's even got a scholarship at the prestigious Brooklyn Visions Academy. Oh yeah, and he's Spider Man. But lately, Miles's spidey-sense has been on the fritz. When a misunderstanding leads to his suspension from school, Miles begins to question his abilities. After his scholarship is threatened, Miles uncovers a chilling plot, one that puts his friends, neighborhood, and himself at risk. It's time for Miles to suit up.</p>

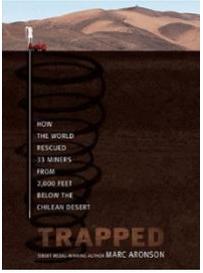
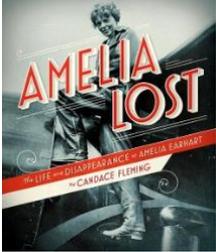
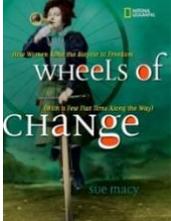
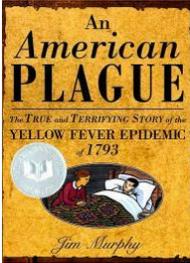
	<p><b>Ghost Boys</b> by Jewell Parker Rhodes</p> <p>After seventh-grader Jerome is shot by a white police officer, he observes the aftermath of his death and meets the ghosts of other fallen black boys including historical figure Emmett Till</p>
	<p><b>Amal Unbound</b> by Aisha Saeed</p> <p>In Pakistan, Amal holds onto her dream of being a teacher even after becoming an indentured servant to pay off her family's debt to the wealthy and corrupt Khan family.</p>
	<p><b>The Alchemist</b> by Michael Scott</p> <p>Fifteen-year-old twins, Sophie and Josh, find themselves caught up in the deadly struggle between rival alchemists, Nicholas Flamel and John Dee, over the possession of an ancient book that holds the secret formulas for alchemy and everlasting life.</p> <p><b>Sequels: The Magician, The Sorceress, The Necromancer, The Warlock, The Enchantress</b></p>
	<p><b>Thornhill</b> by Pam Smy</p> <p>1982: Mary is a lonely orphan at the Thornhill Institute for Children at the very moment that it's shutting its doors. When her few friends are all adopted or re-homed and she's left to face a volatile bully alone, her revenge will have a lasting effect on the bully, on Mary, and on Thornhill itself.</p> <p>2017: Ella has just moved to a new town where she knows no one. From her room on the top floor of her new home, she has a perfect view of the dilapidated, abandoned Thornhill Institute across the way, where she glimpses a girl in the window. Determined to befriend the girl and solidify the link between them, Ella resolves to unravel Thornhill's shadowy past.</p>
	<p><b>Lockwood and Co.: The Screaming Staircase</b> by Jonathan Stroud</p> <p>A "Problem" has occurred in London: ghosts, haunts, spirits, and specters are appearing and they aren't friendly. Only young people can see these supernatural foes. Plucky and talented Lucy Carlyle teams up with Anthony Lockwood in a small agency that runs without adult supervision. Lucy, Anthony, and their sarcastic colleague, George, are hired to investigate Combe Carey Hall, one of the most haunted houses in England. Will</p>

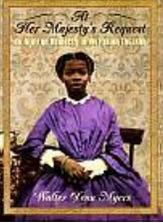
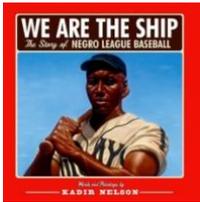
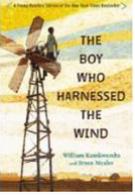
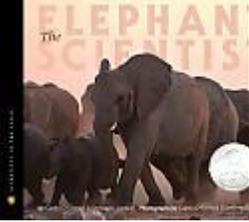
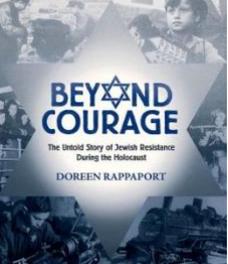
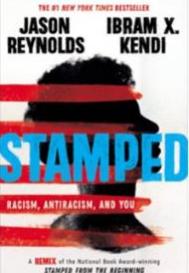
	<p>Lockwood &amp; Co. survive the Hall's legendary Screaming Staircase and Red Room to see another day?</p> <p>Sequels: <b>The Whispering Skull, The Hollow Boy, The Creeping Shadow, The Empty Grave</b></p>
	<p><b>Roll With It</b> by Jamie Sumner</p> <p>Ellie's a girl who tells it like it is. That surprises some people, who think a kid in a wheelchair will be all sunshine and cuddles. Ellie has big dreams wants to be a professional baker. But when Ellie and her mom move so they can take care of her grandpa, Ellie has to start all over again in a new town at a new school. Except she's not <i>just</i> the new kid--she's the new kid in the wheelchair. It feels like one challenge too many, until Ellie starts to make her first-ever friends. Now she just has to convince her mom that this town might just be the best thing that ever happened to them.</p>
	<p><b>Well That Was Awkward</b> by Rachel Vail</p> <p>There are unexpected consequences when thirteen-year-old Gracie sends texts pretending to be her bashful best friend, Sienna, and their friend Emmett starts texting back pretending to be shy A.J.</p>
	<p><b>Rule of Thre3</b> by Eric Walters</p> <p>One afternoon, computers around the globe shut down in a viral catastrophe. At Adam Daley's high school, the problem first seems to be a typical electrical outage, until students discover that cell phones are down, utilities are failing, and a few computer-free cars are the only ones that function. As resources dwindle, and chaos descends--Adam will see his neighborhood band together for protection. And he will understand that having a police captain for a mother and a retired spy living next door aren't just facts of his life but the keys to his survival.</p>
	<p><b>THE ONCE AND FUTURE KING</b> by T.H. White</p> <p>The sword in the stone -- The Queen of air and darkness -- The ill-made knight -- The candle in the wind. In these books are the story of the youth and reign of King Arthur, the establishment of the Round Table, and the search for the Holy Grail. T. H. White's masterful retelling of the saga of King Arthur is a fantasy classic as legendary as Excalibur and Camelot, and a poignant story of adventure, romance, and magic that has enchanted readers for generations.</p>

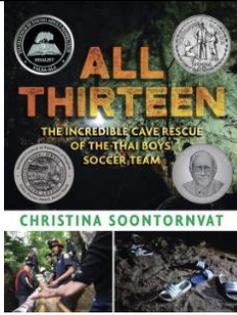
	<p><b>Miracle's Boys</b> by Jacqueline Woodson</p> <p>Twelve-year-old Lafayette's close relationship with his older brother Charlie changes after Charlie is released from a detention home and blames Lafayette for the death of their mother.</p>
	<p><b>Three Keys</b> by Kelly Yang, sequel to <i>Front Desk</i></p> <p>Mia Tang thinks she's going to have the best year ever. She and her parents are the proud owners of the Calivista Motel, Mia gets to run the front desk with her best friend, Lupe, and she's finally getting somewhere with her writing! But as it turns out, sixth grade is no picnic.</p> <p><b>Sequel – Room to Dream</b></p>
	<p><b>Elsewhere</b> by Gabrielle Zevin</p> <p>After fifteen-year-old Liz Hall is hit by a taxi and killed, she finds herself in a place that is both like and unlike Earth, where she must adjust to her new status and figure out how to "live."</p>

## NON-FICTION/BIOGRAPHY

	<p><b>I Will Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Lives</b> by Caitlyn Alifrenka &amp; Martin Ganda</p> <p>Martin was lucky to even receive a pen-pal letter. There were only ten letters, and 40 kids in his class. But he was the top student, so he got the first one. That letter was the beginning of a correspondence that spanned six years and changed two lives. In this dual memoir, Caitlin and Martin recount how they became best friends --and better people--through their long-distance exchange.</p>
	<p><b>Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World: The Extraordinary Story of Shackleton and the Endurance</b> by Jennifer Armstrong</p> <p>In 1914 the Shackleton Antarctic expedition was trapped in a frozen sea for nine months when their ship, Endurance, was finally crushed. Shackleton and his men were forced to make a very long and perilous journey to reach inhabited land.</p>
	<p><b>George Washington: Spymaster</b> by Thomas B. Allen</p> <p>Presents the untold story of the invisible war behind the American Revolution. A riveting tale of intrigue, spies, counterspies and secret agents, this a unique and entertaining account of one of the most important chapters in our nation's history. Follow the action as 1775 dawns, and Washington finds himself in serious trouble. At war with Britain, the world's most powerful empire, his</p>

	<p>ragtag army possesses only a few muskets, some cannons, and no money. The Americans' only hope is to wage an invisible war, a war of spies, intelligence networks, and deception.</p>
	<p><b>Trapped: How the World Rescued 33 Miners from 2,000 Feet Below the Chilean Desert</b> by Marc Aronson</p> <p>In early August 2010, the unthinkable happened when a mine collapsed in Copiapo, Chile, trapping 33 miners 2,000 feet below the surface. For 69 days they lived on meager resources with increasingly poor air quality. When they were rescued, the world watched with rapt attention and rejoiced in the amazing spirit and determination of the miners. What could have been a tragedy became an amazing story of survival.</p>
	<p><b>Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart</b> by Candace Fleming</p> <p>This biography tells the story of Earhart's rise to fame as well as tells the story of her mysterious disappearance. Fleming separates the fact from fiction (most of which Earhart made up herself!) and attempts to figure out what exactly happened to Earhart.</p>
	<p><b>Wheels of Change: How Women Rode the Bicycle to Freedom (with a few flat tires along the way)</b> by Sue Macy</p> <p>Take a lively look at women's history from aboard a bicycle, which granted females the freedom of mobility and helped empower women's liberation. Through vintage photographs, advertisements, cartoons, and songs, <i>Wheels of Change</i> transports young readers to bygone eras to see how women used the bicycle to improve their lives. The book deftly covers early (and comical) objections, influence on fashion, and impact on social change inspired by the bicycle, which, according to Susan B. Anthony, "has done more to emancipate women than anything else in the world."</p>
	<p><b>An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793</b> by Jim Murphy</p> <p>Drawing on firsthand accounts, medical and non-medical, Murphy re-creates the fear and panic in the infected city. With archival prints, photos, contemporary newspaper facsimiles that include lists of the dead and full, chatty source notes, he tells of those who fled and those who stayed.</p> <p><b>Newbery Honor Book, 2004</b></p>

	<p><b>At Her Majesty's Request: An African Princess in Victorian England</b> by Walter Dean Myers</p> <p>Biography of the African princess saved from execution and taken to England where Queen Victoria oversaw her upbringing and where she lived for a time before marrying an African missionary.</p>
	<p><b>We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball</b> by Kadir Nelson</p> <p>Award-winning illustrator Nelson's history of the Negro Leagues reads like an old-timer regaling his grandchildren with tales of baseball greats Satchel Paige, Josh Gibson, and others who worked at breaking the race barrier before Jackie Robinson made his historic debut in the Major Leagues.</p>
	<p><b>The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind</b> by William Kamkwamba</p> <p>African teenager William Kamkwamba explored science books in his village library when he was forced to drop out of school and was able to change his family's life by creating a windmill to pump water for his family's farm.</p>
	<p><b>The Elephant Scientist</b> by Caitlin O'Connell</p> <p>While studying elephants in Namibia's Etosha National Park, O'Connell noticed that the mother elephants would stand still and lean forward. This observation led to the discovery that elephants, like insects, have vibration-sensitive cells in their limbs and trunks and can "hear" sounds transmitted through the ground.</p>
	<p><b>Beyond Courage: The Untold Story of Jewish Resistance during the Holocaust</b> by Doreen Rappaport</p> <p>Under the noses of the military, Georges Loinger smuggles thousands of children out of occupied France into Switzerland. In Belgium, three resisters ambush a train, allowing scores of Jews to flee from the cattle cars. In Poland, four brothers lead more than 1,200 ghetto refugees into the forest to build a guerilla force and self-sufficient village. And twelve-year-old Motele Shlayan entertains German officers with his violin moments before setting off a bomb. These twenty-one accounts illuminate the defiance of tens of thousands of Jews during WWII.</p>
	<p><b>Stamped: Racism, Antiracism and You</b> by Jason Reynolds</p> <p><i>This is NOT a history book. This is a book about the here and now. A book to help us better understand why we are where we are. A book about race.</i></p>



**All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team** by Christina Soontornvat

On June 23, 2018, twelve young players of the Wild Boars soccer team and their coach enter a cave in northern Thailand seeking an afternoon's adventure. But when they turn to leave, rising floodwaters block their path and the boys are trapped with no food or drinking water. Before long, news of the missing team spreads, launching a 17-day rescue operation involving rescuers from around the world. Luckily, the Wild Boars are a very extraordinary "ordinary" group. Christina Soontornvat, who was visiting family in Northern Thailand when the boys went missing, masterfully shows the complex engineering operation above ground and the mental struggles of the thirteen young people below proved critical in the life-or-death mission.



**The President Has Been Shot! The Assassination of John F. Kennedy** by James L. Swanson

The Kennedy assassination was one of the most shocking, sad, and terrifying events in American history. Swanson will deploy his signature "you are there" style -- a riveting, ticking-clock pace, with an unprecedented eye for dramatic details and impeccable historical accuracy -- to tell the story of the JFK assassination as it has never been told before.