SUMMER READING

5th and 6th Grade – Summer 2022

Want to learn more about these books? Go to the 5th and 6th grade summer reading LibGuide for videos, links, and descriptions!

Want to read something else? Great! Let us know what you are reading this summer with this form.

For rising fifth graders, the required reading is:

- Save Me a Seat by Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan
- TWO choice books from the independent reading list.

For rising sixth graders, the required reading is:

- Hoodoo by Ronald L. Smith
- TWO choice books from the independent reading list

Non-Fiction

Who Got Game?: Baseball: Amazing But True Stories by Derrick Barnes
This Is Your Time by Ruby Bridges
The Poison Eaters: Fighting Danger and Fraud in Our Food and Drugs by Gail Jarrow
(+) The Mayflower (History Smashers) by Kate Messner, illustrated by Dylan Meconis
Strange Nature: The Insect Portraits of Leon Bliss by Gregory Mone
William Still and His Freedom Stories: The Father of the Underground Railroad by Don Tate
(+) If a Tree Falls: The Global Impact of Deforestation (Orca Currents) by Nikki Tate
Genius Under the Table: Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain by Eugene Yelchin

Ancient World & Mythology

(+) The Iliad by Gillian Cross, illustrated by Neil Packer
Lugalbanda: The Boy Who Got Caught Up in a War by Kathy Henderson, illustrated by Jane Ray
The Magical Monkey King: Mischief in Heaven by Ji-Li Jiang, illustrated by Hui Hui Su-Kennedy
(+) Treasury of Egyptian Mythology by Donna Jo Napoli, illustrated by Christina Balit
(+) Mark of the Thief by Jennifer Nielsen
Dreamtime: Aboriginal Stories by Oodgeroo, illustrated by Bronwyn Bancroft
**Historical Fiction**

*Ahimsa* by Supriya Kelkar  
*War Stories* by Gordon Korman  
*Brother’s Keeper* by Julie Lee  
*Indian No More* by Charlene Willing McManis  
*Becoming Muhammad Ali* by James Patterson and Kwame Alexander, illustrated by Dawud Anyabwile  
*Prairie Lotus* by Linda Sue Park  
*My Year in the Middle* by Lila Quintero Weaver  
*Echo Mountain* by Lauren Wolk  
*Before the Ever After* by Jacqueline Woodson

**Realistic Fiction**

*Once Upon an Eid* edited by S.K. Ali and Aisha Saeed  
*Isaiah Dunn Is My Hero* by Kelly J. Baptist  
*Rez Dogs* by Joseph Bruchac  
*The Boys in the Back Row* by Mike Jung  
*From the Desk of Zoe Washington* by Janae Marks  
(+)*Merci Suárez Changes Gears* by Meg Medina  
(+)*Accidental Trouble Magnet* by Zanib Mian, illustrated by Nasaya Mafaridik  
*How to Win a Slime War* by Mae Respicio  
*Look Both Ways* by Jason Reynolds  
*Land of the Cranes* by Aida Salazar  
*Pay Attention, Carter Jones* by Gary D. Schmidt  
(+)*Front Desk* by Kelly Yang

**Adventure, Survival and Sports**

*A High Five for Glenn Burke* by Phil Bildner  
*Final Season* by Tim Green  
*Jayla Jumps In* by Joy Jones  
(+)*Power Forward* by Hena Khan  
*A Wolf Called Wander* by Roseanne Parry, illustrated by Mónica Armiño  
*Wildfire* by Rodman Philbrick  
*Mananaland* by Pam Munoz Ryan  
*Ana on the Edge* by A.J. Sass  
*Takedown* by Laura Shovan

**Horror, Mystery and Suspense**

(+)*Small Spaces* by Katherine Arden  
*Trace* by Pat Cummings  
(+)*Kazu Jones and the Denver Dognappers* by Shauna M. Holyoak
The Parker Inheritance by Varian Johnson
Too Bright to See by Kyle Lukoff
Don’t Turn Out the Lights: A Tribute to Alvin Schwartz’s Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark edited by Jonathan Maberry
The Owls Have Come to Take Us Away by Ronald L. Smith
Me and Sam-Sam Handle the Apocalypse by Susan Vaught

**Fantasy**

Samira & Hamza: The War to Save the Worlds by Samira Ahmed
(+) Amari and the Night Brothers by B.B. Alston
The Magic in Changing Your Stars by Leah Henderson
(+) Girl Giant and the Monkey King by Van Hoang
When You Trap a Tiger by Tae Keller
Ikenga by Nnedi Okorafor
(+) The Dactyl Hill Squad by Daniel Jose Older
(+) Forest of Wonders by Linda Sue Park, illustrated by James Madsen
(+ Anya and the Dragon by Sofiya Pasternack, illustrated by Celeste Knudsen
(+) Kingston and the Magician’s Lost and Found by Moses Rucker and Theo Gangi

**Science Fiction**

Maya and the Robot by Eve L. Ewing, illustrated by Christina Almeda
(+) The Last Last-Day-of-Summer by Lamar Giles, illustrated by Dapo Adeola
(+ Sal and Gabi Break the Universe by Carlos Hernandez
(+ A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L’Engle
(+ Tiger Honor by Yoon Ha Lee, illustrated by Vivienne To
We’re Not From Here by Geoff Rodkey
Leonard (My Life as a Cat) by Carly Sorosiak
(+ Horizon by Scott Westerfeld

(+) book is in a series; other books in the series may be read also

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