

Community School of Naples Library Suggested Summer Reading 2022 – 2023 Grades 9-12.

****Please note** – This list is comprised of recommended titles for students in grades 9-12. Many of the titles listed fall under the Young Adult fiction (YA) category – a level of fiction written for readers from 12 to 18 years of age. The genre is targeted for adolescents however, many YA readers are adults. The subject matter and genres of YA correlate with the age and experience of the main character. The Adult (AD) titles are adult directed because of possible language and content and have been added to the list as we are a college prep school.

You as a family know best as to what the right fit in terms of genre is, content, interests, maturity level and topic appropriateness for your child. **

Graphic Novels

Grolleau, Fabien. ***Audubon: On the Wings of the World***. (YA) Nobrow, 2017. In the early 1800s, John James Audubon, an ornithologist, traversed America studying birds. Despite challenging weather and wildlife along the way, he persevered to create beautiful illustrations still admired today.

Lockhart, E. ***Whistle: A New Gotham City Hero***. (YA) Sixteen-year-old Willow Zimmerman reconnects with estranged family friend and real estate tycoon E. Nigma, but after he helps her earn enough for medical treatments for her mom, she is attacked by the monstrous Killer Croc and upon waking after the fight she gains powers and insight she will need to make the right choices.

Moore, Alan. ***Watchmen***. (AD) DC Comics, 2008. Two generations of superhero's, including Dr. Manhattan, who deals with the responsibility of his powers, and Nite Owl, who wrestles with letting go of the past, dissect their collective histories while trying to determine who is methodically killing them all off.

Neri, G. ***Grand Theft Horse***. (YA) In graphic novel format looks at horse trainer Gail Ruffu and her decision to take a racehorse from the hands of a group of abusive co-owners and the legal battles that followed.

Reynolds, Jason. ***Long Way Down***. (YA) Atheneum, 2020. Adapted from the author's novel of the same title.; "A Caitlyn Dlouhy book." As Will, fifteen, sets out to avenge his brother Shawn's fatal shooting, seven ghosts who knew Shawn board the elevator and reveal truths Will needs to know.

Uehashi, Nahoko. ***The Beast Player***. (YA) "Elin's family care for the fearsome serpents that form the core of their kingdom's army. When some of the beasts mysteriously die, Erin's mother is sentenced to death. Elin is sent to safety and soon discovers that she can talk to terrifying water serpents and the flying beasts that guard her queen. This skill gives her great powers but endanger her life. Can she save herself and prevent her beloved beasts from being used as tools of war?"—Jacket flap.

Yang, Gene Luen. ***Dragon Hoops***. (YA) First Second, 2020. An introverted reader starts understanding local enthusiasm about sports in his school when he gets to know some of his talented athletic peers and discovers that their stories are just as thrilling as the comics he loves. By the award-winning author of *American Born Chinese*. Illustrations.

Narrative Nonfiction & Memoir

Doty, James R. ***Into the Magic Shop: A Neurosurgeon's Quest to Discover the Mysteries of the Brain and the Secrets of the Heart***. (AD) Penguin, 2016. James Doty, a distinguished neurosurgeon, reflects on his impoverished childhood, his alcoholic father, and his career in medicine to show readers how it is fundamentally possible to change the thinking patterns in one's brain.

Finnegan, William. ***Barbarian Days: A Surfing Life***. (AD) Penguin Press, 2015. Journalist William Finnegan shares stories about his life as a surfer, a sport which has been an obsession of his since childhood and has taken him around the world.

Goodavage, Maria. ***Top Dog: The Story of Marine Hero Lucca***. (AD) New American Library, 2015. The story of K-9 Marine hero Lucca and the handlers who fought alongside her through wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, discussing her four hundred mission career and the bond she developed with her handlers.

Heller, Peter. ***Kook: What Surfing Taught Me About Love, Life, and Catching the Perfect Wave***. (AD) Free Press, 2010. With grit, poetry, and humor, Peter Heller, acclaimed author of *The River* and *The Whale Warriors* recounts his remarkable journey of discovery--of surfing, an entirely new challenge; of the ocean's beauty and power; of the strange surf subculture; of love; and, most of all, of how to seek adventure while crafting a meaningful life.

Junger, Sebastian. ***The Perfect Storm***. Boys Town Press, 2014. (AD) It was the storm of the century, boasting waves over one hundred feet high--a tempest created by so rare a combination of factors that meteorologists deemed it "the perfect storm." In a book that has become a classic, Sebastian Junger explores the history of the fishing industry, the science of storms, and the candid accounts of the people whose lives the storm touched. *The Perfect Storm* is a real-life thriller that makes us feel like we've been caught, helpless, in the grip of a force of nature beyond our understanding or control.

Lee, Stacey. ***The Downstairs Girl***. (YA) G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2019
"1890, Atlanta. By day, seventeen-year-old Jo Kuan works as a lady's maid for the cruel Caroline Payne, the daughter of one of the wealthiest men in Atlanta. But by night, Jo moonlights as the pseudonymous author of a newspaper advice column for 'the genteel Southern lady'"--Provided by publisher.

Lomong, Lopez. ***Running for My Life. One Lost Boy's Journey from the Killing Fields of Sudan to the Olympic Games.*** (AD) Nelson Books, an imprint of Thomas Nelson, 2012

Sudanese-born American Olympian Lopez Lomong shares his experiences of being kidnapped as a young boy to become a child soldier, his escape to a refugee camp, and his emigration to the United States where he was able to train as a runner and compete in the Olympic Games.

Miodownik, Mark. ***Stuff Matters: Exploring the Marvelous Materials that Shape Our Man-Made World.*** (AD) *Mariner*, 2014. Explores objects as ordinary as an envelope and as unexpected as concrete cloth, uncovering the fascinating secrets that hold together our physical world.

Ptis, Cindy L. ***True or False: A CIA Analyst's Guide to Spotting Fake News.*** (YA) Feiwel and Friends, 2020. A former CIA analyst unveils the true history of fake news and gives readers tips on how to avoid falling victim to it in this highly designed informative YA nonfiction title. "Fake news" is a term you've probably heard a lot in the last few years, but it's not a new phenomenon. From the ancient Egyptians to the French Revolution to Jack the Ripper and the founding fathers, fake news has been around as long as human civilization. But that doesn't mean that we should just give up on the idea of finding the truth. In *True or False*, former CIA analyst Cindy Otis will take readers through the history and impact of misinformation over the centuries, sharing stories from the past and insights that readers today can gain from them. Then, she shares lessons learned in over a decade working for the CIA, including actionable tips on how to spot fake news, how to make sense of the information we receive each day, and, perhaps most importantly, how to understand and see past our own information biases, so that we can think critically about important issues and put events happening around us into context. *True or False* includes a wealth of photo illustrations, informative inserts, and sidebars containing interesting facts and trivia sure to engage readers in critical thinking and analysis.

Purnell, Sonia. ***A Woman of No Importance: The Untold Story of the American Spy Who Helped Win WWII.*** (AD) Viking, 2020. "The never-before-told story of one woman's heroism that changed the course of the Second World War In 1942, the Gestapo sent out an urgent transmission: "She is the most dangerous of all Allied spies. We must find and destroy her." This spy was Virginia Hall, a young American woman--rejected from the foreign service because of her gender and her prosthetic leg--who talked her way into the spy organization dubbed Churchill's "ministry of ungentlemanly warfare," and, before the United States had even entered the war, became the first woman to deploy to occupied France.

Ricca, Brad. ***Mrs. Sherlock Holmes: the True Story of New York City's Greatest Female Detective and the 1917 Missing Girl Case That Captivated a Nation.*** (AD) St. Martin's Griffin, 2018

"Mrs. Sherlock Holmes tells the true story of Mrs. Grace Humiston, the detective and lawyer who turned her back on New York society life to become one of the nation's

greatest crime fighters during an era when women weren't even allowed to vote. After graduating from N.Y.U. law school, Grace opened a legal clinic in the city for low-income immigrant clients, and quickly established a reputation as a fierce, but fair lawyer who was always on the side of the disenfranchised"--Amazon.com.

Stanton, Doug. **12 Strong: The Declassified True Story of the Horse Soldiers.** (AD) Scribner, 2017. Recounts events during which, immediately after the attacks of September 11, 2001, a small group of U.S. Special Forces soldiers entered Afghanistan on horseback to capture the city of Mazar-i-Sharif and were ambushed in a battle in which they were outnumbered forty to one.

Fiction

Adeyemi, Tomi. ***Children of Blood and Bone.*** (YA) Henry Holt and Company, 2018. Seventeen-year-old Zelie, her older brother Tzain, and rogue princess Amari fight to restore magic to the land and activate a new generation of magi, but they are ruthlessly pursued by the crown prince, who believes the return of magic will mean the end of the monarchy.

Aveyard, Victoria. ***Red Queen.*** (YA) HarperTeen, 2015. In a world divided by blood--Red blooded (more common) serve the Silver-blooded elite, who are gifted with superhuman abilities--seventeen-year-old Mare, a Red, discovers she has an ability of her own. To cover up this impossibility, the king forces her to play the role of a lost silver princess and betroths her to one of his own sons. But Mare risks everything and uses her new position to help the Scarlet Guard--a growing red rebellion--even as her heart tugs her in an impossible direction. *Series*

Barnes, Jennifer. ***The Inheritance Game.*** (YA) Little Brown and Company, 2020. When a Connecticut teenager inherits vast wealth and an eccentric estate from the richest man in Texas, she must also live with his surviving family and solve a series of puzzles to discover how she earned her inheritance. *Series,*

Benedict, Marie. ***Carnegie's Maid.*** (AD) Sourcebooks, 2018. In this Gilded Age era novel, Clara, an Irish immigrant, takes on a false identity to gain employment as a housekeeper in Andrew Carnegie's grand house. Her relationship with the steel tycoon transforms him into America's first philanthropist.

Blake, Kendare. ***Three Dark Crowns.*** (YA) HarperTeen, 2016. On the island of Fennbirn, a set of triplets born to the queen are separated at a young age and trained to use their individual special powers: a naturalist, an elemental, and a poisoner. As tradition dictates, on their sixteenth birthday, the sisters will engage in a battle to the death; the victor gains the right to be Queen. *Series.*

Boulley, Angeline. ***Firekeeper's Daughter.*** (YA) Holt 2021. "Daunis, who is part Ojibwe, defers attending the University of Michigan to care for her mother and

reluctantly becomes involved in the investigation of a series of drug-related deaths"--OCLC.

Bowman, Erin. ***Vengeance Road***. (YA) Houghton Mifflin, 2015. "When her father is killed by the notorious Rose Riders for a mysterious journal that reveals the secret location of a gold mine, eighteen-year-old Kate Thompson disguises herself as a boy and takes to the gritty plains looking for answers--and justice"--Provided by publisher. (Series)

Buxbaum, Jule. ***Hope and Other Punch Line's***. (YA) **Delacorte** Press, 2019 "The tragic 9/11 event in NYC that changed the world, altered the life of Abbi Hope Goldstein as well as that of Noah Stern. They did not know each other back then, but they know each other now, and while Abbi is trying to move forward with her life, Noah still has unanswered questions that he believes Abbi can help answer"--Provided by publisher.

Christie, Agatha. ***And Then There Were None***. (AD) Harper, 2011. Originally published in 1939. Ten strangers--each with a sordid past--are summoned by an absent millionaire to a private island off the coast of Devon and begin to die one by one upon arrival.

De La Cruz, Melissa. ***The Queens Assassin***. (YA) Penguin Books, 2020. "The Queen's Assassin is forced to take on a mysterious apprentice on his most dangerous mission yet, pulling them both into a vicious web of secrets and lies"--Provided by publisher.

Griffin, Paul. ***Skyjacked***. (YA) Scholastic Books, 2019. Five teenagers from the elite Hartwell Academy are on their way back to New York from an end-of-summer camping trip in Idaho when they realize that something has gone wrong; one of them has become violently ill, and their private plane has apparently been hijacked and is headed in the wrong direction--and even if they can somehow break into the cockpit and manage to overpower the hijacker, they have no idea how to fly the plane, much less land it.

Harmel, Kristin. ***The Book of Lost Names***. Gallery Books, 2020. (AD) "A historical novel about a young woman with a talent for forgery who helps hundreds of Jewish children flee the Nazis, inspired by a true story from World War II"--Provided by publisher.

Harrow, Alix. E. ***The Ten Thousand Doors of January***. (AD) Orbit, 2019. From Follett "In a sprawling mansion filled with peculiar treasures, January Scaller is a curiosity herself. As the ward of the wealthy Mr. Locke, she feels little different from the artifacts that decorate the halls: carefully maintained, largely ignored, and utterly out of place. Then she finds a strange book. A book that carries the scent of other worlds, and tells a tale of secret doors, of love, adventure and danger. Each page turn reveals impossible truths about the world and January discovers a story increasingly entwined with her own"—Amazon

Ishiguro, Kazuo. ***Never Let Me Go***. (AD) Vintage International, c2005 p2006
Thirty-one-year-old Kathy, along with old friends from Hailsham, a private school in England, are forced to face the truth about their childhood when they all come together again.

Klune, TJ. ***The House in the Cerulean Sea***. (AD) Tor, 2020. A magical island. A dangerous task. A burning secret. Linus Baker leads a quiet, solitary life. At forty, he lives in a tiny house with a devious cat and his old records. As a Case Worker at the Department in Charge of Magical Youth, he spends his days overseeing the well-being of children in orphanages. Linus is unexpectedly given a curious and highly classified assignment: travel to Marsyas Island Orphanage, where six dangerous children reside. *Alex Award*

Lai, Thanhha. ***Butterfly Yellow***. (YA) HarpersCollins Publishers, 2019. "In the final days of the Vietnam War, Hang takes her little brother, Linh, to the airport, determined to find a way to safety in America. In a split second, Linh is ripped from her arms, and Hang is left behind in the war-torn country. Six years later, Hang has made the brutal journey from Vietnam and is now in Texas as a refugee. She doesn't know how she will find the little brother who was taken from her until she meets LeeRoy, a city boy with big rodeo dreams, who decides to help her. Hang is overjoyed when she reunites with Linh. But when she realizes he doesn't remember her, their family, or Vietnam, her heart is crushed. Though the distance between them feels farther than ever, Hang has come so far that she will do anything to bridge the gap"--OCLC.

Lemo, Katirna. ***Everything All at Once***. (YA) HarperTeen, an imprint of HarperCollinsPublishers, 2017

"When Lottie's beloved Aunt Helen dies of cancer, it upends her careful, quiet life. Aunt Helen wasn't a typical aunt. She was the world-famous author of the bestselling Alvin Hatter series. She knew a thing or two about the magic of writing, and how words have the power to make you see things differently. In her will, Aunt Helen leaves Lottie a series of letters--each containing mysterious instructions. As Lottie sets about following them, she realizes they're meant to make her take a risk, and, for once in her life, really live. But when the letters reveal an extraordinary secret about her aunt's past--and the inspiration for the Alvin Hatter series--Lottie finds herself faced with an impossible choice, one that will force her to confront her greatest fears once and for all"--Amazon.

Lin, Elizabeth. **Six Crimson Cranes**. Alfred A. Knopf, 2021. (YA) "The exiled Princess Shiori must unravel the curse that turned her six brothers into cranes, and she is assisted by her spurned betrothed, a capricious dragon, and a paper bird brought to life by her own magic"--OCLC. (Series)

Lu, Marie. **Warcross**. (YA) G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2017

For the millions who log in every day, Warcross isn't just a game-it's a way of life. The obsession started ten years ago, and its fan base now spans the globe, some eager to escape from reality and others hoping to make a profit. Struggling to make ends meet, teenage hacker Emika Chen works as a bounty hunter, tracking down Warcross players who bet on the game illegally. But the bounty-hunting world is a competitive one, and survival has not been easy. Needing to make some quick cash, Emika takes a risk and hacks into the opening game of the international Warcross Championships-only to accidentally glitch herself into the action and become an overnight sensation. *series*

Maniscalco, Kerri. **Stalking Jack, the Ripper**. (YA) Little, Brown, 2016. A gothic murder mystery set in gritty Victorian-era London, where an intrepid society girl finds herself embroiled in the investigation of a serial killer known as Jack the Ripper. *Series*

McLemore, Anna-Marie. **The Weight of Feathers**. (YA) St. Martin's Press, 2015. (YA) To the delight of audiences worldwide, members of the Paloma family perform underwater as mermaids while the Corbeau family gives feathered performances in the tallest of trees . . . but their families have been enemies for generations. When disaster strikes, will Lace Paloma and Cluck Corbeau be able to overcome their prejudices and help each other?

McManus, Karen. **One of Us is Lying**. Delacorte, 2017. (YA) ""When the creator of a high school gossip app mysteriously dies in front of four high-profile students all four become suspects. It's up to them to solve the case"--Provided by publisher.

McNeil, Gretchen. **MurderFunding**. (YA) Freeform Books, 2019. Falsely accused of murdering her stepsister, seventeen-year-old Dee fights to survive paid assassins on Alcatraz 2.0, the most popular prison on social media.

Rowell, Rainbow. **Eleanor and Park**. (YA) St. Martin's Griffin, 2013 "Set over the course of one school year in 1986, this is the story of two star-crossed misfits--smart enough to know that first love almost never lasts, but brave and desperate enough to try"--Provided by original publisher.

Sepetys, Ruta. **The Fountains of Silence**. (YA) Thorndike Press, a part of Gale, a Cengage Company, 2019 "At the Castellana Hilton in 1957 Madrid, eighteen-year-old Daniel Matheson connects with Ana Moreno through photography and fate as Daniel discovers the incredibly dark side of the city under Generalissimo Franco's rule"--Provided by publisher.

Sonneblick, Jordan. ***The Year I Lost My Grip***. (YA) Scholastic. 2014.

After an injury ends former star pitcher Peter Friedman's athletic dreams, he concentrates on photography which leads him to a girlfriend, new fame as a high school sports photographer, and a deeper relationship with the beloved grandfather who, when he realizes he is becoming senile, gives Pete all his professional camera gear.

Thomas, Angie. ***The Hate U Give***. Balzer + Bray, 2017. (YA) Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer. Khalil was unarmed. Soon afterward, his death is a national headline. Some are calling him a thug, maybe even a drug dealer and a gangbanger. Protesters are taking to the streets in Khalil's name. Some cops and the local drug lord try to intimidate Starr and her family. What everyone wants to know is: what really went down that night? And the only person alive who can answer that is Starr. But what Starr does--or does not--say could upend her community. It could also endanger her life.

Weir, Andy. ***Project Hail Mary; A Novel***. Ballentine Books, 2021. (AD) "Ryland Grace has been asleep for a very, very long time. He's just been awakened to find himself millions of miles from home, with nothing but two corpses for company. He can't remember his own name, let alone the nature of his assignment or how to complete it. Alone on this tiny ship that's been cobbled together by every government and space agency on the planet and hurled into the depths of space, it's up to him to conquer an extinction-level threat to our species. And thanks to an unexpected ally, he just might have a chance"--OCLC.

Wingate, Lisa. ***Before We Were Yours***. (AD) Thorndike Press, a part of Gale, Cengage Learning, 2017

"Memphis, Tennessee, 1936. The five Foss children find their lives changed forever when their parents leave them alone on the family shantyboat one stormy night. Rill Foss, just twelve years old, must protect her four younger siblings as they are wrenched from their home on the Mississippi and thrown into the care of the infamous Georgia Tann, director of the Tennessee Children's Home Society. South Carolina, Present Day. Avery Stafford has lived a charmed life. Loving daughter to her father, a U.S. Senator, she has a promising career as an assistant D.A. in Baltimore and is engaged to her best friend. But when Avery comes home to help her father weather a health crisis and a political attack, a chance encounter with a stranger leaves her deeply shaken. Avery's decision to learn more about the woman's life will take her on a journey through her family's long-hidden history"--Provided by publisher.

Series

Bacigalupo, Paolo. **Ship Breaker**. (YA) Gritty, high-stakes adventures! *Series*

Grant, Michael. **Gone**. (YA) Supernatural - HarperTeen, c2008

In a small town on the coast of California, everyone over the age of fourteen suddenly disappears, setting up a battle between the remaining town residents and the students from a local private school, as well as those who have "The Power" and can perform supernatural feats and those who do not. *Series*

Muchamore, Robert. **Cherub**. (YA) Simon Pulse, 2016 James becomes a part of the highly secretive organization, Cherub, a group of teens whose mission is to spy on terrorists and international drug dealers, hack into computers, and download crucial information for the government. *Series*

Roswell, Rainbow. **Wayward Son**. (Simon Snow Book 2) "The story is supposed to be over. Simon Snow did everything he was supposed to do. He beat the villain. He won the war. He even fell in love. Now comes the good part, right? Now comes the happily ever after... So why can't Simon Snow get off the couch? What he needs, according to his best friend, is a change of scenery. He just needs to see himself in a new light... That's how Simon and Penny and Baz end up in a vintage convertible, tearing across the American West. They find trouble, of course. (Dragons, vampires, skunk-headed things with shotguns.) And they get lost"--Jacket flap.

Schusterman, Neal. **Scythe**. (YA) Simon & Schuster BFYR Science Fiction - A thrilling series by National Book Award-winning author Neal Shusterman in which Citra and Rowan learn that a perfect world comes only with a heavy price - A world with no hunger, no disease, no war, no misery: humanity has conquered all those things, and has even conquered death. Now Scythes are the only ones who can end life--and they are commanded to do so, in order to keep the size of the population under control. *Series*

Webb, Brandon. **Steer Clear**. Ballentine Books, 2021. (AD) "Discovering that there is a serial killer onboard the U.S.S. Abraham Lincoln, disgraced Navy SEAL sniper Finn finds suspicion falling on him as a newcomer and must expose the real killer while searching for redemption"--Provided by publisher.

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Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) 2022 Best Fiction for Young Adults.

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