June 22, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

One of our school’s goals is to make our students better readers. This is reflected in our learning standards, our School Improvement Plan, and by our implementation of our Summer Reading Initiative.

It's been proven that over the summer many students lose ground they're building at school. Therefore, we are suggesting that our students read two (2) books this summer or join Newsela to read news articles each week (details on the following page). Although this is our minimum standard, reading daily for at least 20 minutes is most important.

Increased reading has been linked to higher achievement in all subject areas. Research has shown that parents who model and encourage reading and have reading materials abundantly available in the home assist their secondary students in developing higher reading levels. Whether reading completed for knowledge or for pleasure is not important.

**Students who bring in completed reading logs (either the printed binder from Newsela or 2 reading responses)** will receive 40 PBIS tickets from their teacher when they return to school and submit their summer reading responses. PBIS tickets can be redeemed at the school store and other incentives offered throughout the school year.

In addition, NY State Education Department is collaborating with MyOn to give all students access to digital books (e-books). Instructions on how to access are in the packet.

Please visit our library’s website, is278library.org and click summer reading for reading suggestions and more on summer reading.

Sincerely yours,

Debra Garofalo
Principal
How to join Newsela’s Summer Reading Clubs:

Go to Newsela.com

Reading. Now every teacher’s most powerful learning tool.

2. Enter the correct Class Code
6th Grade SR -- GY2HRG
7th Grade SR -- 4CMKET

3. Click It’s my first time here

Sign in to join 7th Grade SR
Teacher: E. Keller
4. Fill out the information and then click sign up.

To join the summer reading program follow the rest of these directions.

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Student Instructions

Explore outer space, learn about your favorite superheroes, or see how student activists are making a difference—all on Newsela! This summer, join a Summer Reading Club to engage in an interesting topic over break. Starting on June 1st, you will receive 10 articles about the topic for each club you join. Newsela can be accessed at Newsela.com, or by downloading the app from the App Store or from the Google Play store (and you can read offline with those apps).

If you already have an account, you can join a Summer Reading Club by following the Club Link or by entering the Club Code on your settings page (for your settings page, sign into Newsela.com and click your name in the upper right corner).

If you do not have an account, you can create one by going to Newsela.com and clicking "Join." Then, add a Summer Reading Club following the instructions above.

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Want more ways to discover cool stuff to read? Follow Newsela on Instagram to see daily stories that help you find more articles you'd like or just reminders to read the ones you signed up for! You can follow us @Newsela on Instagram.
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Three events that are pivotal (very important) to the story: Elaborate so we understand why it is pivotal.

1. 

2. 

3. 

Two character traits of the protagonist (main character) that put him/her in a predicament (difficult situation). Elaborate so we understand why those character traits put your character in that situation.

1. 

2. 

One thing you want to tell your friend about this book:

1. 


Book Response Alternatives:

Character astrology signs. After reading brief descriptions of the astrology or sun signs, figure out which signs you think three of the main characters from your book were born under. Write an explanation of why you think they fit the sign, drawing on their actions, attitudes, and thoughts from the book.

Scrap book. Think about all the kinds of mementos you would put in a scrap book if you had one. Then create a scrap book for your character, cutting out pictures from magazines or drawing the mementos he or she would have in a scrap book. Think about Willie in The Crazy Horse Electric Game by Chris Crutcher. He would probably have something in his scrapbook to represent his baby sister, his love of baseball, his accident, his experiences in L.A., and so on.

Poetry. Write three poems in response to the novel. The poems can be about the characters, where the book took place or the themes in the book.

Talk to the author. Write a letter to the author of the book explaining to him or her why you think he or she wrote the book and what he or she was trying to show through the book. Be sure to explain what you got out of the book. If the author is still alive or has a webpage, send the letter to the author via the publisher of the book or e-mail it to him.

(Music) Playlist. Design a collection of songs (playlist) that reflect the themes of the book, characteristics of a character you know well, or the setting of the book. Be sure that the collection includes music that expresses as many aspects of the book as you are aware of. Explain your choices.

Book/movie comparison. If your book has already been made into a movie, write a comparison between the book and the movie. Include information about key changes from the book and develop ideas about why these changes were made and how effective they were.

Book cover analysis/design. Take a close look at several book covers and make a list of common elements you see, such as the title, author, images, book blurbs, etc. Design a cover for the book you read. You should be able to explain the elements you chose to include and how they relate to the book.
How to show you participated in Newsela’s Summer Reading:

Log on to newsea.com and click binder.

Change the date range to reflect summer vacation and then print from your print browser. Hand in the printouts to your teacher.
**GRADES 4-5**

- **Bud, Not Buddy**
  - Christopher Paul Curtis
  - J PIC CURTIS
  - BR, DB, EAUD, EBRK

- **Shorts**
  - Holly Goldberg Sloan
  - J PIC SLOAN
  - DB, EAUD, EBRK

- **Hiding Out at the Pancake Palace**
  - Nan Marino
  - J PIC MARINO

- **The Lightning Queen**
  - Laura Resau
  - J PIC RESAU
  - EBRK

- **Anne of Green Gables**
  - L.M. Montgomery
  - J PIC MONTGOMERY
  - BR, DB, EAUD, EBRK

- **Castle Hangnail**
  - Ursula Vernon
  - J PIC VERNON
  - DB, EAUD, EBRK

- **Graveyard Chakes**
  - Laura Terry
  - J GRAPHIC GN FICTERRY

- **Nnewts #1: Escape from the Lizzarks**
  - Doug TenNapel
  - J GRAPHIC GN FICTENNAPEL

- **Weird but True! Gross: 300 Slimy, Sticky, and Smelly Facts**
  - National Geographic Kids
  - J 032.02 W

- **What Is Rock and Roll?**
  - Jim O'Connor, Illus.
  - by Gregory Copeland
  - J 784.0

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**RECOMMENDED SERIES**

- **CatStronauts**
  - Drew Brockington

- **Jasmine Taguchi**
  - Debi Michiko Florence & Elisabet Vukovic

- **Mr. Lemoncello's Library**
  - Chris Grabenstein

- **Science Comics**
  - Various Authors

- **Secret Coders**
  - Gene Luen Yang & Mike Holmes

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**READING & BOOKS**

- **LISTEN TO AN AUDIO-BOOK**
- **READ A NONFICTION BOOK**
- **READ TO A FRIEND**
There's no time like the present to make books your summer jam. Whether exploring fantastical worlds or places closer to home, let books transport you. Check out these books, then visit your library for clubs, workshops, and resources you can use all year round. Learn more: nypl.org/teens
The Haters
Jesse Andrews
YA FIC ANDREWS
AUD, DB, EAUD, EBAK

Rani Patel in Full Effect
Sonia Patel
YA FIC PATEL
EBK

Scythe
Neal Shusterman
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AUD, DB, EBA

The V-Word: True Stories About First-Time Sex
Amber J. Keyser
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RECOMMENDED SERIES

Jack and Louisa
Andrew Keenan-Bolger & Kate Wetherhead
(middle school)

A Silent Voice
Yoshitoki Oima
(middle school)

My Hero Academia
Kohei Horikoshi
(middle & high school)

Jem and the Holograms
Kelly Thompson & Sophie Campbell
(middle & high school)

Anonymous Noise
Ryoko Fukuyama
(high school)

Hip Hop Family Tree
Ed Piskor
(high school)

Bronx Masquerade
Nikki Grimes
YA FIC GRIMES
BR, DB, EAUD

Throwback Diaries: Dear Yvette
NI-NI Simone
YA FIC SIMONE
EBK

The V-Word: True Stories About First-Time Sex
Amber J. Keyser
YA 306.7 E
EBK

Dating and Sex: A 21st Century Guide for the Teen Boy
Andrew P. Smiler
YA 615.9071 S
DB

READING TIPS

• Talk about books with your friends and family. Ask them how they feel about what they read, and share your thoughts on your latest book. Having honest conversations about books can spark conversations about so much more.

• Read everything! Whether you like chapter books or nonfiction, comics or e-books, or even zines and blogs, whatever you read counts, no matter the format.

PLAY AT SUMMER READING GAMES DAY (SEE P. 14)
NYC Reads 365 Grade 6 (2017-18 List)

Created by: ESTHER KELLER

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LibGuides: NYC Reads 365 - FY 2018: Grade 6

A guide to NYC Reads 365, a literacy initiative of the NYC Department of Education, Division of Teaching & Learning, to encourage kids to read for pleasure. The initiative includes collections of high-interest reading lists for students in Grades PK-12

http://nycdoe.libguides.com/c.php?g=650815
&p=4803231

Sneaker century: a history of athletic shoes

Chronicles the history of athletic shoes, discussing their invention in the Amazon Basin of South America to the famous shoes of basketball player Michael Jordan.

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Sitting Bull: Lakota warrior and defender of his people

An illustrated biography of Sitting Bull, told from the perspective of the Lakota chief himself.

https://search.follettsoftware.com/metasearch/h/rest/v2/go/689/details/1979581
Maker Lab: 28 super cool projects: build, invent, create, discover

Presents ideas for doing and creating a range of things using the scientific method from home, from the kitchen to the backyard—including creating a secret map with invisible ink, playing music through speakers made with paper cups, and growing a plant inside a bottle.

Mad about Monkeys

With over 250 species inhabiting our planet, this book explores the many different types of monkeys from the smallest Pygmy Marmoset to the largest Mandrill, and provides all the facts you wanted to know and more. Discover where monkeys come from, how they swing from tree to tree, and why they fight and play with each other.

The Inker's Shadow

Caldecott medalist Allen Say chronicles his experiences of being the first Japanese student at a military academy in South California eight years after World War Two.
Courage & defiance: stories of spies, saboteurs, and survivors in World War II Denmark

The story of the Danish resistance and the rescue of over seven thousand Jews during World War II.

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The boy who harnessed the wind

A novel about the inspiring true story of a Malawi teenager who brought electricity to his struggling village.

https://search.foiletsoftware.com/metasearch/rest/v2/go/869/details/2105898

Took: a ghost story

*A witch called Old Auntie is lurking near Dan's family's new home. He doesn't believe in her at first, but is forced to accept that she is real and take action when his little sister, Erice, is 'took' to become Auntie's slave for the next fifty years*—Provided by publisher.

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The Tapper twins tear up New York

An oral history that reports, through transcribed recordings, text messages, photographs, illustrations, screenshots, and more, on the First (and last!) Annual Culver Prep Middle School Scavenger Hunt For Charity, and the adventures of twelve-year-old twins Reese and Claudia Tapper as their highly competitive teams scour New York for treasure.

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Once was a time

In World War II England, ten-year-old Lottie is transported via a portal to present-day Wisconsin, where she must find her way back to her family and her best friend, Kitty.

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Blackbird fly

Bullied at school, eighth-grader Apple, a Filipino American who loves the music of the Beatles, decides to change her life by learning how to play the guitar.

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Awkward

"After shunning Jaime, the school nerd, on her first day at a new middle school, Penelope Torres tries to blend in with her new friends in the art club, until the art club goes to war with the science club, of which Jaime is a member."--OCLC.

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Return to Planet Tad

Eighth grader Tad deals with the ups, downs, and strangeness of his daily life by blogging about it.

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h/rest/v2/go/889/details/1879295

Planet Tad

Twelve-year-old Tad has a plan to make seventh grade his most awesome year, but he must overcome a devious little sister, an embarrassing summer job, a science fair project gone awry, and other obstacles.

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h/rest/v2/go/889/details/1458282
Jinx

A young boy named Jinx encounters magic and danger as he grows up in the deep, dark forest known as the Unweld and discovers that the world beyond—and within—the Unweld is more complex than he could imagine.

Charlie Joe Jackson’s guide to not reading

Middle schooler Charlie Joe is proud of his success at avoiding reading, but eventually his schemes go too far.

Charlie Joe Jackson’s guide to making money

When his weekly allowance just isn’t cutting it anymore, lovable slacker Charlie Joe devises ways to make more money—and fast.
Charlie Joe Jackson's guide to summer vacation

"Charlie Joe Jackson is back and he's at academic summer camp trying to convert all the other kids to non-academics"—Provided by publisher.

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Charlie Joe Jackson's guide to extra credit

Bright but unenthusiastic middle school student Charlie Joe Jackson signs up for the school play in an attempt to get straight. As on his last quarter report card in order to avoid having to go to Camp Riluhbukkee over the summer.

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Charlie Joe Jackson's guide to planet girl

Everyone in Eastport Middle School seems to have a girlfriend or boyfriend, leaving Charlie Joe Jackson the only single guy around. To remedy this unjust situation, Charlie goes to the library and finds a guidebook to love advice. Suddenly, everyone is coming to him for relationship help, especially after he gets his own girl. However, he may have miscalculated the girl he likes, and may get himself into more trouble than he bargained for with the ladies of his class.

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NYC Reads 365 GR 7-8 (2017-18)

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LibGuides: NYC Reads 365 - FY 2018: Grades 7-8

A guide to NYC Reads 365, a literacy initiative of the NYC Department of Education, Division of Teaching & Learning, to encourage kids to read for pleasure. The initiative includes collections of high-interest reading lists for students in Grades PK-12.

http://nyc doe.libguides.com/c.php?g=830615&p=480323

Survivors club: the true story of a very young prisoner of Auschwitz

"The incredible true story of Michael Bornstein—who at age 4 was one of the youngest children to be liberated from Auschwitz—and of his family." Provided by publisher.

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Steve Jobs: insanely great

A graphic novel-format biography of Apple Computer founder Steve Jobs covering his childhood, his education, his passions and hobbies, and his business obstacles and successes.

https://search.follettsoftware.com/metasearch/rest/v2/go/899/details/209008
The Port Chicago 50: disaster, mutiny, and the fight for civil rights

Flying cars: the true story

Explores the history of flying cars.

First flight around the world: the adventures of the American fliers who won the race

The story of the 1924 race around the world that showed the United States could compete with the European air powers.
Coding projects in Scratch: a step-by-step visual guide to coding your own animations, games, simulations, and more!

Features a collection of projects that can be coded in Scratch, includes step-by-step directions, screenshots, and a glossary.

Bubonic panic: when plague invaded America

"In March 1900, San Francisco's health department investigated a strange and horrible death in Chinatown. A man had died of bubonic plague, one of the world's deadliest diseases. But how could that be possible? "Bubonic Panic" tells the true story of America's first plague epidemic—the public health doctors who desperately fought to end it, the political leaders who tried to keep it hidden, and the brave scientists who uncovered the plague's secrets."—Provided by publisher.

Where you'll find me

After her mother's attempted suicide, thirteen-year-old Anne goes to live with her father and his new family, and learns to navigate the shifting loyalties of middle school friendships.
To all the boys I've loved before

"Lara Jean writes love letters to all the boys she has loved and then hides them in a hatbox until one day those letters are accidentally sent"—Provided by publisher.

https://search.follettsoftware.com/metasearch/rest/v2/go/869/details/1770578

The Rig

"Fifteen-year-old Will Drake has made a career of breaking out from high-security prisons. His talents have landed him at the Rig, a specialist juvenile holding facility in the middle of the Arctic Ocean. No one can escape from the Rig. No one except for Drake"—Provided by publisher.

https://search.follettsoftware.com/metasearch/rest/v2/go/899/details/1981768

Paper Things

Nineteen-year-old Gage decides he can no longer live with his 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.

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Eleven-year-old Ruby Danes has a real best friend for the first time ever, but agonizes over whether or not to tell her a secret she has never shared with anyone— that her mother has been in prison since Ruby was five—and over whether to express her anger to her mother.

Twelve-year-old Marlee develops a strong friendship with Liz, the new girl in school, but when Liz suddenly stops attending school and Marlee hears a rumor that her friend is actually an African American girl passing herself off as white, the two young girls must decide whether their friendship is worth taking on integration and the dangers it could bring to their families.

"Grayson, a transgender twelve-year-old, learns to accept her true identity and share it with the world."—Provided by publisher.
Ghost

"Ghost, a naturally talented runner and troublemaker, is recruited for an elite middle school track team. He must stay on track, literally and figuratively, to reach his full potential."--Provided by publisher.

Everland

After London is destroyed by zeppelins with bombs and a mysterious disease, sixteen-year-old Gwen Darling and her younger siblings, Joanna and Mikey, try to survive on the streets and avoid the German army led by Captain Hook. Captain Hook and his Marauders snatch surviving children for experimentation to find a cure for the disease. When they snatch Joanna, Gwen sets out to rescue her and is joined by Pete, his gang of Lost Boys, and sharpshooter Bella who live in a city hidden underground. Together they risk everything to reunite Gwen’s family.

Compass South

After escaping the Black Hook Gang in 1860 New York City, twelve-year-old twins Alexander and Cleopatra flee to New Orleans, become separated, and try to find each other in San Francisco, while being followed by pirates who think they hold the key to treasure.
Take the key and lock her up

Grace Blakely discovers that the royal family of Adria did not, in fact, die out centuries ago, and that she is the heir of its sole survivor—a fact that could get her and the people she loves killed by the same shadowy assassins that killed most of the Adrien royalty. She will have to cut through all the lies and return to the place that started all the trouble, and either die or take the throne.

See how they run

Grace Blakely believed that finding the truth about her mother's murder would finally give her peace, but now she knows that it is only the beginning of the secrets that will dominate her life—and make her a target on Embassy Row in Adria.

All fall down

"There are many powerful people along Embassy Row who want Grace to block out all her unpretty thoughts. But Grace will not stop until she finds out who killed her mother and makes the killer pay."—OCLC.
Ms. Marvel. 1, No Normal

"Kamala Khan is an ordinary girl from Jersey City - until she's suddenly empowered with extraordinary gifts. But who truly is the new Ms. Marvel? Teenager? Muslim? Inhuman? Find out as she takes the Marvel Universe by storm! When Kamala discovers the dangers of her newfound powers, she unlocks a secret behind them, as well. Is Kamala ready to wield these immense new gifts? Or will the weight of the legacy before her be too much to bear? Kamala has no idea, either. But she's comin' for you, Jersey!" - Back cover.

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Ms. Marvel. 2, Generation Why

Ms. Marvel teams up with Wolverine and Lockjaw of the Inhumans and tries to save kidnapped teens from the clutches of the Inventor.

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Ms. Marvel. 3, Crushed

"Love is in the air in Jersey City as Valentine's Day arrives! Kamala Khan may not be allowed to go to the school dance, but Ms. Marvel is! Well, sort of - by crashing it in an attempt to capture Asgard's most annoying trickster! Yup, it's a special Valentine's Day story featuring Marvel's favorite charlatan, Loki! And when a mysterious stranger arrives in Jersey City, Ms. Marvel must deal with... a crush! Because this new kid is really, really cute. What are these feelings, Kamala Khan?" - Back cover.

https://search.follettsoftware.com/metasearch/v2/go/889/details/1960559
Ms. Marvel. Vol. 6, Civil War II

"... As civil war brews, Ms. Marvel teams up with Spider-Man and Nova in their biggest challenge yet: a tri-state academic competition. But math isn’t the only problem as tremors of war begin to surface."—Amazon.

https://search.follettsoftware.com/metasearch/rest/v2/go/888/details/2069835

Ms. Marvel. Vol. 5, Super famous

"She’s your new favorite. She’s everyone’s new favorite. And now she’s joining the big leagues. Look out world, Kamala Khan is officially an Avenger! But will being one of Earth’s Mightiest Heros be everything she imagined? Or is life as a celebrity harder than she thought? But while saving the world is important, Jersey City still needs its protector too. A development company that co-opted Ms. Marvel’s face for its project might well have more in mind for gentrification than just real estate. Can Kamala take down the evil suits destroying her home without ruining her personal life? Speaking of which, who exactly is that with Bruno?"—Provided by publisher.

https://search.follettsoftware.com/metasearch/rest/v2/go/888/details/2047249

Ms. Marvel. Vol. 4, Last days

"From the moment Kamala put her on her costume, she’s been challenged. But nothing has prepared her for this: the last days of the Marvel Universe. Lucky she’s got the help of Carol ‘Captain Marvel’ Danvers! Between teaming up with her personal hero to rescue her brother and trying to keep her city from falling into an all-out frenzy, Kamala has barely had time to come to terms with the fact that the world is literally collapsing around her. But the truth will catch up to her, and soon. When the world is about to end, do you still keep fighting? Kamala knows the answer. Let’s do this, Jersey City!"—Back cover.

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Winter

*Princess Winter, admired by the Lunar people for her grace and kindness, teams up with the cyborg mechanic, Cinder, and her allies, to defeat Queen Levana and find their happily ever after*—OCLC.

Scarlet

Scarlet Benoit and Wolf, a street fighter who may have information about her missing grandmother, join forces with Cinder as they try to stay one step ahead of the vicious Lunar Queen Levana in this story inspired by Little Red Riding Hood.

Fairest

*Queen Levana is a ruler who uses her "glamour" to gain power. But long before she crossed paths with Cinder, Scarlet, and Cress, Levana lived a very different story—a story that has never been told... until now*—Provided by publisher.
Cress

"Cinder and Captain Thorne are fugitives on the run, now with Scarlet and Wolf in tow. Together, they are plotting to overthrow Queen Levana and prevent her army from invading Earth. Their best hope lies with Cress, a girl trapped on a satellite since childhood who has only ever had her reams as company. All that screen time has made Cress an excellent hacker. Unfortunately, she is being forced to work for Queen Levana, and she has just received orders to track down Cinder and her handsome accomplice."—Provided by publisher.

Cinder

Cinder, a gifted mechanic and a cyborg with a mysterious past, is blamed by her stepmother for her stepsister's illness while a deadly plague decimates the population of New Beijing. But when Cinder's life gets intertwined with Prince Kai's, she finds herself at the center of an intergalactic struggle.

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Mrs. Keller's Picks 17-18

Created by: ESTHER KELLER

Spy school

Twelve-year-old Ben Ripley leaves his public middle school to attend the CIA's highly secretive Espionage Academy, which everyone is told is an elite science school.

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All's faire in middle school

Homeschooled by Renaissance Fair enthusiasts, eleven-year-old Imogene has a hard time fitting in when her wish to enroll in public school is granted.

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Unbound

After Grace gets called from the slave cabins to work in the Big House, she sees how truly heartless and hateful Master and Missus are, and for the first time, she can't hold in her pain and anger about the way she lives. Fleeing for their own safety, Grace's family find themselves deep in the wilderness in a hidden community called the Great Dismal Swamp, unsure if they'll ever reach freedom.

https://search.follettsoftware.com/metasearch/rest/v2/go/589/details/2154564
The courageous princess. Volume 1, Beyond the Hundred Kingdoms

Read these comics about women who don’t wait for the man to save them. These strong women comic book characters show courage and independence. Princess Mabelrose stages her own rescue when she is kidnapped by a dragon.

https://search.follettsoftware.com/metasearch/v2/go/889/details/1959379

Dragons beware!

Read these comics about women who don’t wait for the man to save them. These strong women comic book characters show courage and independence. Claudette sets out to recover her father’s sword with the help of her best friend and brother.

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Mega princess

Read these comics about women who don’t wait for the man to save them. These strong woman comic book characters show courage and independence. Max might have the same powers as all the other princesses, but she would rather be a detective.

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Princeless. 1, Save yourself

Read these comics about women who don't wait for the man to save them. These strong women comic book characters show courage and independence. Princess Adrienne sets out to rescue her sisters when no one else does.

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The lions of Little Rock

Liz, the new girl in school, is brave strong and funny. And she and Marlee hit it off right away. But when Liz suddenly stops attending school and Marlee hears a rumor that her friend is actually an African American girl passing herself off as white, she doesn't care. She just wants her friend back, but is it worth taking on integration and the dangers it could bring to their families?

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Greetings from witness protection!

Can Nikki Protect her new found family?

Nikki has been in and out of foster and group homes for years. Opportunity knocks when a family must enter Witness Protection. To hide their identity, Marshall Services wants to add a child to make the family look different than it once was. But can Nikki acclimate to the family? Will she be able to come protect them if danger comes?

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Speed of Life

September Pick: Missing her mother who died last year, fourteen-year-old Sofia finds an anonymous outlet for her personal questions and deep, dark secrets in the Dear Kate advice column. Until, much to her horror, Sofia's father starts dating Kate.

Out of My Mind

December Pick: If you would see Melody you would probably feel sorry for her. She is in a wheelchair. She cannot grip a pencil or hold a spoon. She must be fed, carried, and cannot talk. But she is brilliant and has no way to communicate how smart she really is. But that all changes when she is eleven years old and finally they find a way for her to communicate. All Melody wants is to be normal, like everyone else, even though that is never going to happen. All Melody wants is to be included.

Everland

After London is destroyed by zeppelins with bombs and a mysterious disease, sixteen-year-old Gwen Darling and her younger siblings, Joanna and Mikey, try to survive on the streets and avoid the German army led by Captain Hook. Captain Hook and his Marauders snatch surviving children for experimentation to find a cure for the disease. When they snatch Joanna, Gwen sets out to rescue her and is joined by Pete, his gang of Lost Boys, and sharpshooter Bella who live in a city hidden underground. Together they risk everything to reunite Gwen's family.
Almost everyone has a mental picture of Harry Houdini, the most renowned magician and escape artist of all time. But what fewer people know is that for thirty years, the master illusionist was preoccupied with things the eye can't see.
Baseball Book Review Contest

Attention baseball fans!

Send us your review of a baseball book for a chance to be our special guest on the field at Yankee Stadium before the ballgame on Thursday, August 16, 2018.

Here's how to enter:

- If you are between the ages of 6 and 18, write a review of any book about baseball or a baseball player, fiction or nonfiction. Entries will be judged by BPL staff on the quality of the writing and demonstrated knowledge of and interest in baseball.

- Email your review to SummerRead@bklynlibrary.org by Monday, July 30, 2018 and include your first and last name, age, and phone number.

One child and one teen will be chosen to represent Brooklyn Public Library at the Summer Reading Yankee game on Thursday, August 16, 2018. Before the game, winners will go on the field to meet a Yankee player and be featured on the video board!

First and second place winners will be contacted by Friday, August 3, 2018. Please get a parent or guardian's permission before entering. If you are under 13, a parent or guardian must be available to attend the game with you. By entering you agree to participate in a pre-game event on the field (for first-place winners). Available to Brooklyn residents only.

For full contest rules and regulations, go to www.bklynlib.org/summer.

Sign up for Summer Reading at your library now!