



Dear Families:

Abington School District is pleased to suggest books your children might enjoy reading over the summer months. Also look for other books by these authors! For more suggestions about books and reading aloud, consult your school and public librarians.

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★ ★★ ★★ **SUMMER READING – GRADES 5 & 6** ★ ★★ ★★

**FICTION**

***Amina's Voice***—Hena Khan

Amina, whose family is Pakistani-American and Muslim, tries to both stay true to her culture and blend in at school after an act of vandalism in her community.

***Aru Shah and the End of Time***—Roshani Chokshi

Aru finds herself in a world of trouble when she accidentally sets loose a demon from a cursed ancient lamp! Great for fans of Rick Riordan's Percy Jackson series.

***Crenshaw***—Katherine Applegate

Jackson's old imaginary friend—a huge cat named Crenshaw—reappears just as his family faces some serious money problems that could force them from their home.

***Death by Toilet Paper***—Donna Gephart

Ben enters a contest sponsored by the Royal T. Toilet Paper company, hoping to win a grand prize that will keep his family from being evicted.

***Ghost***—Jason Reynolds

Ghost, a gifted runner, joins an elite middle school track team. But can he keep out of trouble long enough to stay on it? Be sure to look for companion books *Patina* and *Sunny* as well!

***Hello, Universe***—Erin Entrada Kelly

Four kids find their lives intertwined when a mean prank lands shy Virgil at the bottom of an abandoned well. Can Valencia, Kaori, and Gen find him before it's too late? Winner of the 2018 Newbery Medal.

***Mighty Jack***—Ben Hatke

When Jack's sister, Maddie, who has autism, takes an interest in some mysterious seeds at a flea market, he trades the keys to his mom's car for them. A modern retelling of "Jack and the Beanstalk" in graphic novel format. Also look for the sequel, *Mighty Jack and the Goblin King*.

***Orphan Island***—Laurel Snyder

Once each year, a boat arrives at an island of orphans, taking the eldest away and leaving a new youngster behind. Now that Jinny is the oldest, it's her turn to watch over the others, even as she wonders what her own future might hold.

***Save Me a Seat***—Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan

Ravi has just moved to the U.S. from India, and Joe has always had a tough time fitting in. Will they find a way to balance school, friends, and family?

***Serafina and the Black Cloak***—Robert Beatty

One night, Serafina sees a strange man in a dark cloak. Could he have something to do with the mysterious woods behind the estate, or several children who've gone missing?

***Shadows of Sherwood***—Kekla Magoon

A futuristic retelling of the classic "Robin Hood" tale, starring Robyn Hoodlum as the hero fighting to save Nott City from the dangerous mayor, Ignomus Crown. Continue the adventure in *Rebellion of Thieves* and *Reign of Outlaws*.

***Shipwreck Island***—S.A. Bodeen

Sarah's father has just gotten remarried, and instead of a honeymoon, the new family is taking a trip to Fiji together. Will they find a way to survive when it all goes wrong?

***Short***—Holly Goldberg Sloan

Julia's life changes after she is cast as a munchkin in the school production of "The Wizard of Oz."

***Sunny Side Up***—Jennifer L. Holm & Matthew Holm

After her older brother starts acting strangely, Sunny is sent to Florida to spend the summer with her grandfather, but all she wants is for things to go back to the way they were. Also look for the sequel *Swing It, Sunny*.

***The War that Saved My Life***—Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

During World War II, young Ada, who has a club foot, and her brother are evacuated from London and sent to stay with a stranger in the English countryside. A 2016 Newbery Honor book and Schneider Family Book Award winner. Also look for the sequel *The War I Finally Won*.

**NONFICTION & POETRY**

***Brown Girl Dreaming***—Jacqueline Woodson

Author Jacqueline Woodson shares her childhood memories and reveals the first sparks that ignited her writing career in free-verse poems about growing up in both the Northern and Southern United States. Winner of the 2014 National Book Award for Young People's Literature, the 2015 Coretta Scott King Award, and a 2015 Newbery Honor.

***Forgive Me, I Meant to Do It***—Gail Carson Levine

A collection of humorous false apology poems inspired by William Carlos Williams's classic poem, "This Is Just to Say."

***Her Right Foot***—Dave Eggers

Everything you ever wanted to know about the Statue of Liberty!

***Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race***—Margot Lee Shetterly with Winifred Conkling

An illustrated picture book adaptation of the story of four mathematicians who were critical to the success of the U.S. space program.

***Interactive History Adventure***—Various

Explore several story paths through various periods and events in history, including World War I, World War II, the Gold Rush, the Civil Rights movement, and more! For more interactive nonfiction, look for the *Can You Survive...?* and *You Choose* series as well.

***Real Friends***—Shannon Hale

A graphic memoir recounting the ups and downs of the author's childhood friendships. Great for fans of Raina Telgemeier!

***Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales***—Nathan Hale

A series exploring various historical events in graphic novel format.

***Science Comics***—Various

A series exploring various science topics in graphic novel format.

***Tricky Vic: The Impossibly True Story of the Man Who Sold the Eiffel Tower***—Greg Pizzoli

A glimpse at the life of notorious con artist Victor Lustig—best known as the man who sold the Eiffel Tower.

***Wet Cement: A Mix of Concrete Poems***—Bob Raczka

A thoughtful and whimsical collection of concrete poems described by the poet as “word paintings.”

**SERIES**

***Amulet***—Kazu Kibuishi

After moving to their ancestral home, Emily and Navin's mother is kidnapped by a tentacle creature in the basement that leads the children on a deadly chase into the magical world below their home.

***Dream Jumper***—Greg Grunberg

Ben has an unusual gift: he can jump into other people's dreams! With danger lurking in the Dream World, can he use his gift to save his friends?

***The Genius Files***—Dan Gutman

On a cross-country vacation with their parents, twins Coke and Pepsi fend off strange assassins as they learn they are part of a top-secret government organization.

***The Hero's Guide to Saving Your Kingdom***—Christopher Healy

Liam, Frederic, Duncan, and Gustav—all former princes rejected by their princesses and cast out of their castles—encounter trolls, witches, and dragons during their quest to become heroes.

***Hilo***—Judd Winick

A mysterious boy named Hilo falls to the Earth with no memory of who he is or where he came from. Can Gina and DJ help him remember his past—and save the world?

***Platypus Police Squad***—Jarrett J. Krosoczka

Platypus detectives Zengo and O'Malley work together to solve various crimes in Kalamazoo City.

***Star Wars Jedi Academy***—Various Authors

Follow the adventures of a new generation of young Jedis-in-training!

***Wings of Fire***—Tui Sutherland

Clay and five other dragonets have been hidden away against their will to fulfill a terrible prophecy and end the war between

the dragon tribes. What will happen when they escape and try to return to their homes?



**Also look for more books by these authors:**

Tom Angleberger

Katherine Applegate

Avi

Christopher Paul Curtis

Margaret Peterson Haddix

Mary Downing Hahn

Victoria Jamieson

Cynthia Lord

Mike Lupica

Kate Messner

Kadir Nelson

Linda Sue Park

Matt Phelan

Andrea Davis Pinkney

Holly Goldberg Sloan

Laurel Snyder

Jerry Spinelli

Rebecca Stead

Rita Williams-Garcia



**There are many great resources online to give you even more summer reading ideas! Please visit our Symbaloo website to get started:**

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