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Dear Families:

Abington School District is pleased to suggest books your children might enjoy reading over the summer months, curated by our elementary school librarians. You may also enjoy other books by these recommended authors. For more suggestions about books and reading, consult your school and public librarians. Please also visit the [ASD Libraries website](#) for additional resources.

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GRAPHIC NOVELS

Amulet, by Kazu Kibuishi - After moving to their ancestral home, Emily and Navin's mother is kidnapped by a tentacled creature in the basement that leads the children on a deadly chase into the magical world below their home. Read the whole series!

Class Act, by Jerry Craft - Drew understands his grandmother's saying, "You have to work twice as hard to be just as good." But what happens when he works ten times as hard and still isn't afforded the same opportunities that his classmates and friends take for granted? (companion book to New Kid)

Dream Jumper, by 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?

Hilo, by 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?

I Survived, the Graphic Novel, by Lauren Tarshis -

adaptation of the popular historical fiction series in graphic novel form.

Measuring Up, by Lily LaMotte - 12 year-old Cici has just moved from Taiwan to Seattle. She is busy making new friends and trying to win a cooking contest.

Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales, by Nathan Hale - A nonfiction series exploring various historical events in graphic novel format.

Science Comics, by Various Authors - A graphic nonfiction series exploring various science topics.

Shirley and Jamila Save Their Summer, by Gillian Goerz - Jamila and Shirley team up to solve their neighborhood's mysteries in an epic summer.

Star Wars Jedi Academy, by Various Authors - Star Wars fans will love the adventures of a new generation of young Jedis-in-training!

Stargazing, by Jen Wang - Moon and Christine have nothing in common but the Chinese-American suburb in which they both live. Can they find a way to be friends despite their differences? A great graphic novel for fans of Raina Telgemeier and Shannon Hale.

Stepping Stones, by Lucy Knisley - Jen's life is flipped upside-down when she is forced to move to the country with her mom, her mom's boyfriend Walter, and her two new "sisters," Andy and Reese.

Be Prepared, by Vera Brosgol - Vera's mom sends her to Russian summer camp out in the woods, where she struggles to fit in.

When Stars are Scattered, by Victoria Jamieson & Omar Mohamed - The extraordinary story of Omar Mohamed's experience growing up in a refugee camp full of resilience and hope, as told by Mohamed to graphic novelist Victoria Jamieson. Look for *Roller Girl*!

FICTION

Amina's Voice, by 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.

Before the Ever After, by Jacqueline Woodson - A novel in verse. For as long as ZJ can remember, his dad has been everyone's hero. But the multiple head injuries suffered from playing pro football, is making his dad forget things and stay angry all the time.

Blended, by Sharon Draper - Isabelle feels torn as her divorced parents struggle to share custody of her and her brother.

Brave Like That, by Lindsey Stoddard - Can Cyrus be brave enough to tell his firefighter dad that he isn't doing well in school?

Clean Getaway, by Nic Stone - Join Scoob as he sets off on an unplanned summer road trip with his grandmother--and uncovers some family secrets from long ago.

Dactyl Hill Squad, by Daniel Jose Older - It's the summer of 1863, and while the Civil War is raging, Magdalys and her friends at the Colored Orphan Asylum are trying to survive in dangerous, dinosaur-ridden New York City.

Front Desk, by Kelly Yang - Mia Tang helps out at the front desk of the motel where her parents work and dreams of becoming a writer--but she and her family are also using the motel to help immigrants new to the U.S. Will the motel owner uncover their secret?

Hoax for Hire, by Laura Martin - The McNeil family has always been professional hoaxers--tricking bystanders into believing they're seeing legendary

creatures like Bigfoot and the Loch Ness Monster. Unlike the rest of his family, Grayson wants nothing to do with the business, but he may be the only one who can help when things go disastrously wrong.

Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus, by Dusti Bowling - Aven was born without arms and has trouble fitting in at her new school after her parents take a job at a struggling western theme park. Can a new friend help her solve a mystery at the park?

The List of Things That Will Not Change, by Rebecca Stead - When Bea's parents divorced several years ago, a lot of things in her life changed, so she started a journal to keep track of the things that don't. Now that her dad is getting remarried, what else might change? Look for *When You Reach Me* and *Liar & Spy* as well!

Merci Suarez Changes Gears, by Meg Medina - Merci and her brother Roli don't exactly fit in at their new private school as scholarship recipients. Before long, Merci becomes a target of a school bully, while also noticing that her grandfather, Lolo, has become increasingly forgetful.

The Parker Inheritance, by Varian Johnson - Candice Miller is spending the summer in the old house that belonged to her grandmother. When she finds an old letter that once sent her grandmother on a treasure hunt, she finds herself caught up in the mystery.

Prairie Lotus, by Linda Sue Park - In Dakota Territory in the 1880s, half-Chinese Hanna and her white father face racism and resistance to change as they try to make a home for themselves.

Roll With It, by Jamie Sumner - Ellie may be new in town, and the only student in a wheelchair at her new school, but she won't let anything stand in the way of her dreams of being a professional baker.

Sal & Gabi Break the Universe, by Carlos Hernandez - Sal can reach into time and space and manipulate objects (and people!) from other universes. When Gabi discovers his secret, can she help him repair the damage he's caused? Also look for the sequel, *Sal & Gabi Fix the Universe*.

The Season of Styx Malone, by Kekla Magoon - Caleb Franklin and his younger brother, Bobby Gene, spend an extraordinary summer with their new, older neighbor, Styx Malone, a foster boy from the city.

Something to Say, by Lisa Moore Ramee - Jenae is friendless and shy, but when she starts middle school, can she speak up for herself in front of the class?

Show Me a Sign, by Ann Clare LeZotte - In early 19th century Martha's Vineyard, Mary Lambert is kidnapped by a scientist who wants to investigate the Deaf members of the community.

Stand Up, Yumi Chung!, by Jessica Kim - Yumi may be shy, but she also dreams of becoming a stand-up comic. She's supposed to spend her summer in a tutoring program, but will anyone notice if she takes another girl's place at comedy camp?

The Total Eclipse of Nestor Lopez, by Adrianna Cuevas - Nestor's biggest secret is he can talk to animals, and now he has to use his power to catch a witch who is making the animals in the woods disappear.

Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky, by Kwame Mbalia - Tristan accidentally creates a hole to the world of Midpass, where African gods and African-American folk legends are more real than he imagined. A great choice for Percy Jackson fans!

NONFICTION & POETRY

What are the Summer Olympics?, by Gail Herman - Learn about the traditions and sporting events of ancient and modern Olympic Games. Check out the whole series of What Are?, What Was?, Who Is? & Who Was?

Can I Touch Your Hair? by Irene Latham - A collection of poems that look at the experience of race between two fifth graders, one black and one white.

Forgive Me, I Meant to Do It, by Gail Carson Levine - A collection of funny false apology poems inspired by William Carlos Williams's classic "This Is Just to Say."

Interactive History Adventure, by Various Authors - Explore several story paths through various periods and events in history. For more interactive nonfiction, look for the **Can You Survive...?** series as well.

Little Dreamers: Visionary Women Around the World, by Vashti Harrison - Tells the true stories of women creators and thinkers from around the world. Also look for **Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History**.

National Geographic Kids Extreme Records, by Michelle Harris & Julie Beer - Biggest, wackiest, wildest, & weirdest fact book.

Super Simple Cooking for Kids: Learn to Cook with 50 Fun & Easy Recipes for Breakfast, Snacks, Dinner & More! by Jodi Danen, RDN- No pricey ingredients or specialized equipment needed. Fun food facts included with recipes sure to appeal.

Two Truths & a Lie, by Laurie Ann Thomson - Can you tell the difference between fact and fiction? Test your skills with some strange stories from history and science!

Wet Cement: A Mix of Concrete Poems, by Bob Raczka - A thoughtful and whimsical collection of concrete poems described by the poet as "word paintings."

SERIES

(Fairly) True Tales and Stories, by Liesl Shurtliff

Kiranmala and the Kingdom Beyond,
by Sayantani DasGupta

Origami Yoda, by Tom Angleberger

Platypus Police Squad, by Jarrett J. Krosoczka

Robyn Hoodlum, by Kekla Magoon

Wings of Fire, by Tui Sutherland

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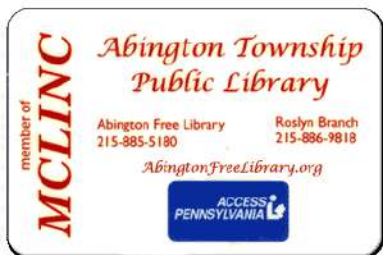
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Summer Enrichment Activities

Consider pairing activities found here with your summer reading selections!

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