



## HOT BOOKS!

Mun Mun by Andrews – Physical size corresponds with the amount of money in one’s bank account!

Big Nate – Silent but Deadly (or any book in the series) by Peirce – probably the most popular series in the library, about a good-natured kid who always gets in trouble at school/home. Comic/graphic novel.

Outcast (prequel from the Summoner Series) by Matharu – now a 4-book series. Magical kids at a boarding academy with “demons” they can control and use as servants. Very popular fantasy.

The Burning Maze (Book three of The Trials of Apollo) by Riordan – Final book of series, Apollo has no powers, but is still required to save the day and stop a fiendish plot with his friends.

Ready Player One by Cline (top circulator!) – Current movie too. Virtual world treasure hunt has consequences in real life as assassins try to kill Wade, who is leading in the treasure hunt.

Armada by Cline – Somewhat like “The Last Starfighter,” but with a twist. Great video game read!

Steelheart by Sanderson – Only evil supervillains exist, no superheroes. David and the Reckoners fight back.

## SUMMER SWOON READS

Listen to Your Heart – West – Kate barely talks and is shy, but gets convinced to join the school’s podcast team. She succeeds, but has a romantic dilemma when she is convinced her caller likes her friend, despite her crush on him.

The Way You Make Me Feel by Goo – Clara is sentenced to work her father’s food van with her frenemy Rose. Also, there is a cute guy hanging around the truck often.

Airports, Exes, and Other Things I’m Over by Petroff – Sari’s Florida trip is ruined when she finds her boyfriend cheated on her. Now she is trapped with him by a storm, along with her new boyfriend.

The Other Side of Lost- Kirby – (August) Mari is an Instagram star who has turned her back on fake pictures. So, she decides to hike the John Muir trail in memoriam of her deceased cousin and get away from it all.

The Fandom by Day – Violet and friends are at a ComicCon, cos-playing their favorite book series, “Gallows Dance.” However, something happens and they are sent into the story to carry it out to a successful conclusion.

## **ALL ACTION – NO CHARACTER DEV.**

Arlo Finch in the Valley of Fire by August – Arlo moves back to his mother’s hometown and joins a Rangers program to make friends. He finds the Rangers are magical and strange and he is a target of eldritch forces.

How You Ruined My Life by Strand – Rod’s life is going well, until his pretentious cousin Blake moves in for 6 months. Soon, a prank war is underway, as Blake seems to undermine Rod in every way, girlfriend, band, school, etc...

Black Panther – The Young Prince by Smith – Sent away from Wakanda for boarding school in Chicago, T’Challa and his good friend attend school anonymously, until they are in the middle of a ring of black magic.

Time Bomb by Charbonneau – 7 perspectives from students trapped in a school as bombs go off. One of them must be the bomber, as outside communication and help is cut off by threats of more bombs.

Minecraft – The Island by Brooks – Much like the video game, our character wakes in Minecraft and finds himself chased by zombies, hungry and without shelter. Through discovery, he finds out how to deal and even prosper. Faithful to game.

Sanctuary by Lix – (July 24) – Kenzie is a trained guard on the space jail her parents work at. When a riot breaks loose, she is captured as a hostage, her rescue complicated by an alien presence they must band together to beat.

Surface Tension by Mullin – Jake wakes in the hospital, not remembering he is the only witness of a terrorist attack that brought down a jet. The daughter of the terrorist leader is sent to eliminate Jake, while law enforcement thinks Jake did it.

## **DYSTOPIA/FUTURISTIC**

Rewind by O’Doherty – Alex can rewind time to help the cops figure out crimes, or pause time to investigate. She is a spinner, but won’t live past 20, and is distrusted by many. She finds a plot by the people who care for her.

Ink, Iron and Glass by Clare – Elsa comes from a scripted world that was written into existence. As long as her worldbook is okay, so is her life, until it is stolen and threatened and she must get it back.

Polaris by Northrop – After all the adults abandon ship when a mutiny and disastrous shore trip kill many, the kids are in charge of the ship. However, something nasty is down in the hold and they must investigate.

Minrs by Sylvester – (and Minrs 2 and 3)- Chris’ family lives on the planet Perses, mining. People attack to take control and there will be no help for 3 months from Earth. The kids must hold out and fight back until help can come.

Ride On by Cole – Seph and Avery are thrown together in a dystopian Western type future. Seph is a loner/traveler and Avery has lost her brother and her safety, but is willing to do anything to get her brother back, but they are being hunted.

Daughter of the Siren King + sequel Daughter of the Siren Queen by Levenseller – Alosa is the daughter of the ruthless Siren King. She can handle herself and her crew, but she is foiled by a prisoner she takes, Riden, whom she begins to have feelings for. In the sequel, she is on the run from her father, but her mother is a piece of work too; a siren!

To Kill a Kingdom by Christo – Princess Lira is a siren, usually involved in killing seafarers. However, she fails at a task and is punished by being turned human, until she brings the heart of the prince she now loves back to her mother.

Children of Blood and Bone by Adeyemi – African magic and a chase story as a young girl with powers runs from the evil king.

## REAL-LIFE

Bringing me Back by Vrabel – Noah’s mom is in prison, Noah is teased by a former friend at school and he is trying to free a “bucket bear” seen around town to honor his deceased father. A great story and very positive.

Resistance by Nielsen – Chaya works sneaking food and supplies to Jews in Nazi Germany. Then, she is sent to the Warsaw ghetto to see things on a larger scale. It is likely that she and all Jews will die, but at least they will fight!

Stowaway by Withers – Owen wants to get away from his boring island, so he stows away on a yacht at his dock. He intends for a short trip, but stumbles onto a people-smuggling ring and he is captured and treated as they are.

Orphaned by Schrefer – from a young gorilla’s perspective—the whole time! Poachers and family issues.

No Fixed Address by Nielsen – Felix lives with his mom, in their van. Mom (Astrid) can’t hold a job and is flighty. Felix is quite embarrassed of his lack of address and the lies begin piling up with his friends and others. He gets a chance to be on a teen trivia show and makes the most of it.

24 Hours in Nowhere by Bowling – Gus, bullied at school, feels like he has to pay a girl back for defending him by finding treasure in an abandoned mine. Mountain lions, cave-ins and treasure result.

Harbor Me by Woodson – classroom of 6 “special” students learns to be a safe place for each other

## SPORTS

Backfield Boys by Feinstein – Teammates and friends, one black, one white go to a prestigious boarding academy where they should get great publicity and chances. However, the coach appears racist and unfair and the boys struggle to stay positive and together.

The Prodigy by Feinstein (August) – Frank is a rising star in golf, but his father is a bit too into it and an agent is sniffing around. All Frank wants is to golf with his caddy and go to college, but his success is getting in the way.

Running Full Tilt by Currinder – Leo’s older brother Caleb is unbalanced and physically hurtful to Leo and others. When they move because of it, Leo must start again, making friends on the track team, due to his running ability. His new friends help him deal with his increasingly unbalanced brother.

After the Shot Drops by Ribay – (HS appropriate) Bunny, a budding basketball star, takes a scholarship at a fancy school across town, leaving his friends behind. They have a hard time with it, especially Wallace, who appears to be making bad choices. One gets to the point of violence and Bunny must deal with it.

Hooper by Herbach – Adam, an adoptee from Poland, is an excellent basketball player, so much so that an AAU team takes him on and takes him all over the place. Eventually though, he must make a choice that pits basketball against his adopted family. A great basketball book with a moral message.

# GRAPHIC NOVELS

Compass South and (sequel) Knife's Edge by Larson – Twins Alex and Cleo are missing their father and begin working for a gang. Captured by the cops, they rat out the gang, for tickets to a new city earning them the enmity of the gang leader who follows them as they are split up by circumstances.

All Summer Long by Larson – Bina is looking forward to hanging out with her friend Austin over the summer, but he is now gone as a counselor and she is alone for the summer with no plans, plus he is acting weirdly. She strikes up an odd friendship and has to entertain herself and grow over the summer.

Illegal by Colfer – August – Ebo is looking to emigrate to Europe, following in the footsteps of his sister, months earlier. Danger abounds in Tripoli and with the smugglers he deals with, but he won't give up.

Positively Izzy by Libenson – Bri and Izzy are two entirely different girls in Middle School. Bri is the brain, but she is more than grades. Izzy is shy and getting heat from her mother to “do more.” Both struggle with their labels and limits.

Scales and Scoundrels by Girmer – Luvander, an adventurer, sets out for the “Dragon's Maw” a fabled treasure-filled cave. She hooks up with fellow adventurers reluctantly, including a clueless prince with his bodyguard. They find more than they bargained for.

# NON-FICTION

Isaac the Alchemist by Losure – Isaac Newton was a weird dude, but also a strange thinker. He held on to his gravity ideas for 6 years before finally submitting them to science academies! This is his story. Really enjoyed this.

Fandom by DiPiazza – Explains how many kids get even more out of being a fan of their favorite series/books/shows by cosplaying or blogging or fanfiction or ...

Obsessed by Britz – Memoir of her descent into scary OCD and voices “making” her do things. Also covers her slow and realistic recovery.

Chasing King's Killer by Swanson – Exhaustive research into the killing of MLK, Jr. and the several months hunt for his killer, James Earl Ray. Fascinating and reads like a true-crime book!