

Summer 2021

Welcome to GDS's suggested summer reading lists! Our lists are always written with an eye to be windows and mirrors to diverse experiences. You can find more suggestions by checking out [Welcoming Schools \(https://www.welcomingschools.org/\)](https://www.welcomingschools.org/), #WeNeedDiverseBooks, and other booklists from GDS: [previous summers \(https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1UFjR9zEPAzAoeY3u3qRUKj6PMZ2K4mdC?usp=sharing\)](#) and [DEI resources \(https://www.gds.org/academics/diversity-equity-and-inclusion/resources-for-parents\)](https://www.gds.org/academics/diversity-equity-and-inclusion/resources-for-parents). You can also find books at your local public library, both online and in person. The DC Public Library does their own [summer challenge \(https://www.dclibrary.org/summerchallenge\)](https://www.dclibrary.org/summerchallenge), and we've provided links to many of our reading list titles to the e-books that you can borrow from DCPL's Overdrive shelf.

At GDS, we believe that books can help you change the world by broadening your awareness of characters, situations, and information beyond your current experiences.* Encountering challenging ideas and content in books is part of learning and growing. Depending upon who you are, amongst these books you might encounter uncomfortable, emotionally difficult, or even painful content, ideas, or language. Remember, though, that you should never have to grapple with difficult content alone; reading may be a solitary activity, but books can—and should—be shared!

So dive on in, and happy reading!

* For more about the GDS Library Summer Reading philosophy, see [The Hopper Effect \(http://hoppereffect.gds.org/summer_reading_2017/\)](http://hoppereffect.gds.org/summer_reading_2017/).

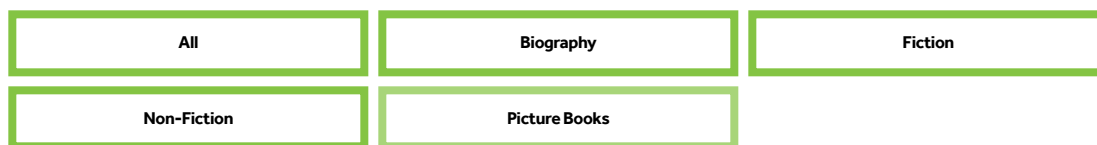
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Summer Reading Challenge

Submit a photo of yourself reading a book via [email \(mailto:library@gds.org\)](mailto:library@gds.org) or [Dropbox \(https://www.dropbox.com/request/KCCFsH4k7g8pNP4lofez\)](https://www.dropbox.com/request/KCCFsH4k7g8pNP4lofez). We love to see photos of pre-K to 12th graders reading during the summer! We will use all the photos for a joyful collage of reading at the beginning of the school year.

▼ PK–2nd Grade



Aaron Slater, Illustrator

by Andrea Beaty, illustrated by David Roberts

An uplifting story about the power of art, finding your voice, and telling your story even when you're out of step with your peers. The reader gets a hint of what it might be like to be dyslexic along with the protagonist, Aaron, a Black boy.

PICTURE BOOKS

A Day for Rememberin' : Inspired by the True Events of the First Memorial Day

by Leah Henderson, illustrated by Floyd Cooper

In Charleston, South Carolina, in 1865, Black ten-year-old Eli and other formerly enslaved people gather to honor the memory of fallen Union soldiers, an event considered to be one of the first celebrations of what is now called Memorial Day. Includes author's note.

PICTURE BOOKS

Ambitious Girl

by Meea Harris, illustrated by Marissa Valdez

A Black girl sees a woman labeled as having “too much ambition,” but when she considers its definition she finds herself inspired and realizes ambition is required to make changes to the world and have her voice be heard.

PICTURE BOOKS

Amira’s Picture Day

by Reem Faruqi, illustrated by Fahmida Azim

Amira is excited because tomorrow is Eid al-Fitr, with special clothes, treats, gifts, and a morning party at her mosque. But then, she realizes that she is going to miss class picture day at school, something she was also looking forward to. Can Amira be in two places at once? [Get @ DCPL Overdrive](#)

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PICTURE BOOKS

Areli Is a Dreamer

by Areli Morales

In the first picture book written by a DACA Dreamer, Mexican-American Areli Morales tells her own powerful and vibrant immigration story.

BIOGRAPHY } **PICTURE BOOKS**

Bear Island

by Matthew Cordell

Louise, a white girl, and her family are sad over the loss of their beloved dog, Charlie. "Life will not be the same," Louise says, as she visits a little island that Charlie loved. On a visit to the island after Charlie's death, she meets a bear. At first, she's afraid, but soon she realizes that the bear is sad, too, and that getting over loss takes time.

PICTURE BOOKS

Bindu's Bindis

by Supriya Kelkar

Bindu, an Indian American girl, has different bindis for every mood: lightning bolts, ovals, flowers, and diamonds. And Bindu especially loves to wear matching bindis with her Nani. But when Bindu signs up for the talent show, she finds she doesn't want to wear her bindi in front of everyone. Will she ever be brave enough for lightning bolts again?

PICTURE BOOKS

Bodies Are Cool

by Tyler Feder

From the way a body jiggles to the scars a body bears, this picture book is a pure celebration of all the different human bodies that exist in the world. Highlighting various skin tones, body shapes, and hair types is just the beginning in this truly inclusive book. With its cheerful illustrations and exuberant refrain, this book will instill body positivity and confidence in the youngest of readers.

NON-FICTION) **PICTURE BOOKS**

Born Ready : the True Story of a Boy Named Penelope

by Jodie Patterson, illustrated by Charnelle Pinkney Barlow

Just before his fifth birthday, Penelope lets his mother know he is a boy. With her support and his ninja powers, he faces the rest of his family and his classmates. Penelope and his family are Black.

BIOGRAPHY) **PICTURE BOOKS**

Carpenter's Helper

by Sybil Rosen, illustrated by

Camille Garoche

An Afro-Latinx father and daughter, Papa and Renata, bond while building a birdhouse in their home.

PICTURE BOOKS

Electric Slide and Kai, The

by Kelly J. Baptist, illustrated by Darnell Johnson

Kai's family is excited for his aunt's upcoming wedding, but since every family celebration means dancing, Kai, an African American boy, is worried he will make a fool of himself on the dance floor again. A picture book celebration of family, love, and overcoming fears.

PICTURE BOOKS

Eyes That Kiss in the Corners

by Joanna Ho, illustrated by Dung Ho

A young Asian girl notices that her eyes look different from her peers'. Her eyes are like her mother's, her grandmother's, and her little sister's. They have eyes that kiss in the corners and glow like warm tea, crinkle into crescent moons, and are filled with stories of the past and hope for the future. [Get @ DCPL Overdrive.](#)

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PICTURE BOOKS

Fatima's Great Outdoors

by Ambreen Tariq, illustrated by Stevie Lewis

A Muslim immigrant family from India goes on their first outdoor camping trip in a Midwestern state park. Fatima Khazi is excited to help set up a tent, build a fire, and fend off daddy long legs before settling down to sleep surrounded by the near-magical sounds of the forest. [Get @ DCPL Overdrive](#)

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PICTURE BOOKS

Fred Gets Dressed

by Peter Brown

After having fun running around the house naked and wild, young white boy Fred decides to get dressed in his parents' closet... with surprising results.

PICTURE BOOKS

Home Is In Between

by Mitali Perkins, illustrated by Lavanya Naidu

Immigrating to America, a young girl navigates between her family's Bengali traditions and her new country's culture.

PICTURE BOOKS

Laxmi's Mooch

by Shelly Anand

After Laxmi's friend Zoe points out the hairs on her lip, Laxmi is very self-conscious, until her Indian parents help her to accept and celebrate her appearance. [Get @](#)

[DCPL Overdrive \(https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5665566\)](https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5665566).

PICTURE BOOKS

Milo Imagines The World

by Matt De La Peña, illustrated by Christian Robinson

While African American Milo and his sister travel to a detention center to visit their incarcerated mother, he observes strangers on the subway and draws what he imagines their lives to be. [Get @ DCPL Overdrive \(https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5450926\)](#).

PICTURE BOOKS

Our Shed: A Father-Daughter Building Story

by Robert Broder, illustrated by Carrie O'Neill

A father teaches his daughter about woodworking. She contributes imagination and fun as they build a shed together.

PICTURE BOOKS

Out of the Blue

by Elizabeth Shreeve, illustrated by Frann Preston-Gannon

Graceful, succinct prose and engaging illustrations trace the evolution of life on Earth out of the blue and back again.

NON-FICTION } PICTURE BOOKS

Secret, Secret Agent Guy

by Kira Bigwood, illustrated by Celia Krampien

When a multiracial 007-year-old embarks on a bedtime mission called Operation Lollipop, he's prepared for every eventuality... except one.

PICTURE BOOKS

Sharice's Big Voice: a Native Kid Becomes a Congresswoman

by Sharice Davids, illustrated by Joshua Mangeshig Pawis-Steckley

This picture book autobiography tells the triumphant story of Sharice Davids, one of the first Native American women elected to Congress, and the first LGBTQ congressperson to represent Kansas.

BIOGRAPHY } PICTURE BOOKS

Small Room, Big Dreams: The Journey Of Julián And Joaquin Castro

by Monica Brown

A biographical narrative of the childhoods of Mexican American politicians Julián and Joaquin Castro and their journeys into public service.

BIOGRAPHY } PICTURE BOOKS

To Carnival! A Celebration In Saint Lucia

by Baptiste Paul, illustrated By Jana Glatt

The sights, sounds and tastes of vibrant Saint Lucia come to life in this cumulative #OwnVoices tale of a girl's journey to Carnival. When a series of unexpected delays disrupts her journey to the big parade, Melba must adjust both her expectations and her route to the festivities. Who will she meet and what will she learn along the way?

PICTURE BOOKS

Watch Me: A Story of Immigration and Inspiration

by Doyin Richards, illustrated by Joe Cepeda

Joe came to America from the West African country of Sierra Leone when he was young. He worked hard in school, made friends, and embraced his new home. Like so many immigrants before and after him, Joe succeeded when many thought he would fail. Here his son tells a fictionalized version of his father's story.

BIOGRAPHY } PICTURE BOOKS

We All Play = kimêtawânaw

by Julie Flett

This book celebrates the diversity and the interconnectedness of nature through an Indigenous perspective. A glossary of Cree words for wild animals is included.

PICTURE BOOKS

We Are Still Here! Native American Truths Everyone Should Know

by Traci Sorell, illustrated by Frané Lessac

Twelve Native American kids present historical and contemporary laws, policies, struggles, and victories in Indigenous life, each with a powerful refrain: we are still here.

NON-FICTION } PICTURE BOOKS

We Laugh Alike / Juntos Nos Reímos: A Story That's Part Spanish, Part English, and a Whole Lot of Fun

by Carmen T. Bernier-Grand, illustrated by Alyssa Bermudez

Two diverse groups of friends meet in the park, but one group only speaks English, and the other only speaks Spanish. Watch how they play together and discover all sorts of similarities!

PICTURE BOOKS

Your Mama

by NoNieqa Ramos, illustrated by Jacqueline Alcántara

This super-fun book is a spin on “yo mama” jokes. The twist with this book is that everything included here is pleasant, comforting, and warm, with more than just a hint of humor, and a Latinx emphasis.

PICTURE BOOKS

Zonia's Rain Forest = Antamishite Zonia

by Juana Martinez-Neall

Enjoying days spent with animal friends near her home in the Amazon, young Zonia wonders what to do on a day when the rainforest calls out to her for help. This lushly illustrated story is complemented by back matter about the Peruvian Ashaninka community.

PICTURE BOOKS

► 3rd–5th Grades



All You Knead is Love

by Tanya Guerrero

Banished from her abusive home for a summer with her estranged grandmother in Barcelona, Filipino-Spanish-American twelve-year-old Alba feels hope and love while exploring a newly discovered passion for bread baking.

FICTION

Amari and the Night Brothers

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FICTION

Amina's Song

by Hena Khan

In this sequel to *Amina's Voice*, Muslim, Pakistani American Amina feels pulled between two cultures after a month with her family in Pakistan. She shares her experiences with Wisconsin classmates through a class assignment and a songwriting project with a new student. [Get @ DCPL Overdrive \(https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5588378\)](https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5588378).

FICTION

Ancestor Approved: Intertribal Stories for Kids

edited by Cynthia Leitich Smith

Presents sixteen short stories and two poems that look at the hope, joy, resilience, the strength of community, and Native American pride.

FICTION

Billy Miller Makes a Wish

by Kevin Henkes

On his eighth birthday, Billy Miller, who is white, wishes for something exciting to happen. None of his wishes are answered the way he expects, but he does have lots of surprises! Companion to *The Year of Billy Miller*. [Get @ DCPL Overdrive \(https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5588953\)](https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5588953).

FICTION

Boy, Everywhere

by A.M. Dassu

Syrian boy Sami loves his life in Damascus, but when war breaks out his parents decide they must flee their home for the safety of the UK.

FICTION

Cece Rios and the Desert of Souls

by Kaela Rivera

Privately questioning her remote community's superstitions about dangerous powerful spirits in their MesoAmerican Devil's Alley home, Cecelia Rios experiments with the forbidden art of brujeria to rescue her kidnapped sister. Weaves Spanish and Nahuatl throughout the text.

FICTION

Chance : Escape from the Holocaust : Memories of a Refugee Childhood

by Uri Shulevitz

Details the eight-year odyssey in which Shulevitz and his Jewish family escaped the terrors of the Nazis by fleeing Warsaw for the Soviet Union.

BIOGRAPHY

Comeback, The

by E. L. Shen

Twelve-year-old Chinese American Maxine Chen dreams of being a figure skating champion, but a remarkably talented new girl at the arena and a racist classmate at school test her resolve.

FICTION

Electric Slide and Kai, The

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PICTURE BOOKS

Halfway to Harmony

by Barbara O'Connor

In summertime small-town Harmony, Georgia, white ten-year-old Walter Tipple is grieving his beloved older brother, Tank, when a girl named Posey moves in next door and Banjo, a hot-air balloonist, sets the pair on an adventure.

FICTION

Healer of The Water Monster

by Brian Young

A novel inspired by Navajo culture follows the experiences of a boy whose summer at his grandmother's reservation home is shaped by his uncle's addictions and an encounter with a sacred being.

FICTION

J.D. And the Great Barber Battle

by J. Dillard, illustrated by Akeem S. Roberts

The night before the start of third grade, African American boy J.D.'s mom gives him his first and worst home haircut. When the steady stream of insults becomes too much for J.D., he takes matters into his own hands and discovers that, unlike his mom, he's a genius with the clippers, which puts him in competition with the official barber of their small Mississippi town.

FICTION

Latinitas : Celebrating 40 Big Dreamers

by Juliet Menéndez

A celebration of Latinas and Latin American women who followed their dreams, with portraits and short biographies.

BIOGRAPHY) NON-FICTION

Lion of Mars, The

by Jennifer Holms

Bell has spent his whole life -- all eleven years of it -- on Mars. But he's still just a regular kid. When a virus breaks out and the grown-ups all fall ill, Bell and the other children are the only ones who can help. It's up to Bell to uncover the truth and save his family--and possibly unite an entire planet. Characters live in a "post-racial" future.

FICTION

One Jar of Magic

by Corey Ann Haydu

Joining her family in her community's annual New Year's Day magic-capturing ceremony, a white twelve-year-old girl who has always been lucky captures just one tiny jar of magic, revealing the true nature and beliefs of her loved ones.

FICTION

One Land, Many Nations, vol. 1: Cherokee

by Traci Sorell and Lee Francis IV

Within the borders of the continental United States are many sovereign Native American nations whose citizens have dual citizenship. In Volume 1 of this series, Native Americans Traci Sorell (Cherokee) and Lee Francis IV (Laguna Pueblo) take readers on a contemporary tour of their nations.

NON-FICTION

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NON-FICTION) **PICTURE BOOKS**

People's Painter: How Ben Shahn Fought for Justice with Art

by Cynthia Levinson, illustrated by Evan Turk

As an observant young white, Jewish child growing up in Lithuania, Ben Shahn yearned to draw everything he sees. After seeing his father banished by the Czar for demanding workers' rights, he developed a keen sense of justice, too. After immigrating to America, Ben continued to use his art to promote social justice.

BIOGRAPHY

Raconteur's Commonplace Book, The

by Kate Milford, illustrated by Nicole Wong

The rain hasn't stopped for a week, and the twelve diverse guests of the Blue Vein Tavern are trapped by flooded roads and the rising Skidwreck River. To pass the time, they begin to tell stories, each a different type of folklore, that eventually reveal more about their own secrets than they intended.

FICTION

Red, White, and Whole

by Rajani LaRocca

In 1983, Reha feels torn between two worlds: school, where she's the only Indian American student, and home, with her family's traditions and holidays. Reha's parents don't understand why she's conflicted. They only notice when Reha doesn't meet their strict expectations. When Reha finds out that her Amma is sick, she is determined to make her Amma well again. [Get @ DCPL Overdrive \(https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5443279\)](https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5443279).

FICTION

Root Magic

by Eden Royce

In summer of 1963, Jezebel Turner's beloved grandmother has just passed away. The local police deputy won't stop harassing her family. With school integration arriving in South Carolina, Jezebel and her twin brother, Jay, who are both Black, are about to begin the school year with a bunch of new kids. But the biggest change comes when Jez and Jay turn eleven, and their uncle, Doc, tells them he's going to train them in rootwork. [Get @ DCPL Overdrive \(https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5403985\)](https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5403985).

FICTION

Saving American Beach: the Biography of African American Environmentalist MaVynee Betsch

by Heidi Tyline King, illustrated by Ekua Holmes

A biography of MaVynee Betsch, an African American opera singer turned environmentalist who worked to preserve American Beach, Florida, as an historical landmark.

BIOGRAPHY

Sea in Winter

by Christine Day

After an injury sidelines her dreams of becoming a ballet star, Maisie is not excited for her Indigenous blended family's midwinter road trip along the coast, near the Makah community where her mother grew up.

FICTION

Simon B. Rhymin'

by Dwayne Reed, illustrated by Robert Paul

Chicagoan Black fifth-grader Simon, an aspiring rapper who lacks self-confidence, uses his rhymes to help bring his community together.

FICTION

Stamped (For Kids) : Racism, Antiracism, and You

by Ibram X. Kendi and Jason Reynolds, adapted by Sonja Cherry-Paul and illustrated by Rachelle Baker

Readers discover where racist ideas came from, identify how they impact America today, and meet those who have fought racism with antiracism. Along the way, they'll learn how to identify and stamp out racist thoughts in their own lives.

NON-FICTION

Summer Of Brave

by Amy Noelle Parks

White twelve-year-old Lilla wants to make everyone happy, so when her best friend Vivi dares her to start telling the truth as part of their Summer of Brave, Lilla hesitates. If she says out loud what she really wants, her whole life might crash down around her.

FICTION

Sunshine

by Marion Dane Bauer

Ben, a young white boy, is excited to spend a week in a northern Minnesota forest with the mother who left when he was three. With a faithful imaginary dog, he learns to camp, canoe, and endure the elements while wondering if his mother will ever return home.

FICTION

Take Back the Block

by Chrystal D. Giles

African American sixth-grader Wes Henderson sets out to save the Oaks, the neighborhood where he's lived his whole life, from being sold to a real estate

developer. [Get @ DCPL Overdrive \(https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5558840\)](https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5558840).

FICTION

Too Bright to See

by Kyle Lukoff

In the summer before middle school, white eleven-year-old Bug must contend with best friend Moira suddenly caring about clothes, makeup, and boys; a ghost haunting; and the truth about Bug's gender identity.

FICTION

Truly Tyler

by Terri Libenson

Graphic Novel. Ever since Tyler started getting into art and hanging out with Emmie, his friends and teammates have been giving him a hard time. Emmie is psyched that she gets to work on a comics project with her crush, Tyler. But she gets the feeling that his friends don't think she's cool enough. Maybe it's time for a total reinvention.

FICTION

Ways to Grow Love: A Ryan Hart Story

by Renée Watson

In this sequel to *Ways to Make Sunshine*, African American girl Ryan Hart continues to grow through changes and challenges in the summer before fifth grade, such as waiting for a new baby sister to be born, a summer camp trip, and more. [Get @ DCPL Overdrive \(https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5970147\)](https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5970147).

FICTION

Wow in the World: The How and Wow of the Human Body, From Your Tongue to Your Toes and All the Guts in Between

by Mindy Thomas

A humorous fact-filled, and highly illustrated journey through the human body. Covers everything from our toes to our tongues to our brains and our lungs. [Get @](#)

[DCPL Overdrive \(https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5545933\)](https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5545933).

NON-FICTION

Year I Flew Away, The

by Marie Arnold

After moving from her home in Haiti to her uncle's home in Brooklyn, ten-year-old Gabrielle, feeling bullied and out of place, makes a misguided deal with a witch.

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FICTION

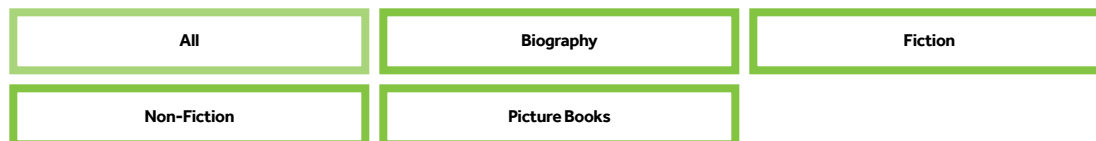
Your Mama

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PICTURE BOOKS

► 6th–8th Grades



5,203 Things to Do Instead of Looking at Your Phone

by Barbara Ann Kipfer

Life is calling. Put down your phone, close the lid on your laptop, and get back in touch with the wonders of the world around you.

NON-FICTION

Ace of Spades

by Faridah Àbíké-Íyímídé

The only two Black students at an elite private school are victims of a cruel prank in this book about systemic oppression in predominantly white institutions.

FICTION

Across the Tracks: Remembering Greenwood, Black Wall Street, and the Tulsa Race Massacre

by Alverne Ball, illustrated by Stacey Robinson

A thorough examination of the rise, fall, and rebirth of Black Wall Street.

NON-FICTION

Amari and the Night Brothers

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FICTION

A Pho Love Story

by Loan Le

Vietnamese American high school seniors Bao and Linh, whose feuding families own competing Vietnamese restaurants, conceal their budding romance, as well as

Linh's desire to become an artist. [Get @ DCPL Overdrive \(https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5573975\)](https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5573975).

FICTION

Averee

by Stephanie Phillips, illustrated by Marika Cresta

In this graphic novel about a techno-heist, Averee, who is Asian American, is an average girl living in a world where social status sets your rank in life... and it's all controlled by an app.

FICTION

Barren Grounds

by David A. Robertson

In this first book of the *Misewa Saga*, Morgan and Eli, two Indigenous children forced away from their families and communities, find a secret portal to another reality: the frozen, barren world of Ask, where they meet Ochek (Fisher), the only hunter supporting his starving community, who teaches them Indigenous survival skills.

The second book of the series releases at the start of the new school year. [Get @ DCPL Overdrive \(https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5153492\)](https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5153492).

FICTION

Be Dazzled

by Ryan LaSala

Gay, white seventeen-year-old Raffy is determined to win a cosplay competition that could lead to art school admission and respect for his talent, but being paired with his main competitor, ex-boyfriend Luca, complicates things. [Get @ DCPL Overdrive \(https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5770165\)](https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5770165).

FICTION

Black Panther Party : a Graphic Novel History, The

by Walker, David; illustrated by Marcus Kwame Anderson

A graphic novel history of the revolutionary political and social organization known as the Black Panther Party. [Get @ DCPL Overdrive \(https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5404226\)](https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5404226).

NON-FICTION

Boy, Everywhere

by A.M. Dassu

Syrian boy Sami loves his life in Damascus, but when war breaks out his parents decide they must flee their home for the safety of the UK.

FICTION

Breathing Underwater

by Sarah Allen

During a road trip, white thirteen-year-old Olivia, a budding photographer, tries to recreate a treasure hunt she once shared with her sixteen-year-old sister, Ruth, while watching for signs that Ruth's depression is back.

FICTION

Can't Stop Won't Stop : A Hip-Hop History (Young Adult edition)

by Jeff Chang and Dave "Davey D" Cook

Recently updated and reorganized for teen readers, Chang's 2005 masterpiece about Hip-hop history is based on extensive interviews.

NON-FICTION

Chance : Escape from the Holocaust : Memories of a Refugee Childhood

by Uri Shulevitz

Details the eight-year odyssey in which Shulevitz and his Jewish family escaped the terrors of the Nazis by fleeing Warsaw for the Soviet Union.

BIOGRAPHY

Chance to Fly, The

by Ali Stroker

After moving across the country, white thirteen-year-old Natalie auditions for her new school's play and overcomes her fears and insecurities about performing in a wheelchair.

FICTION

Elatsoe

by Darcie Little Badger

In an alternate reality world where magic imbues daily life, seventeen-year-old Elatsoe can raise the ghosts of dead animals, a skill passed down through generations of her Lipan Apache family. Her beloved cousin has just been murdered, in a town that wants no prying eyes...but Elatsoe is going to do a lot more than pry! [Get @](#)

[DCPL Overdrive \(https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5575192\)](https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5575192).

FICTION

Enigma Game, The

by Elizabeth Wein

1940 Scotland, where a white teenage girl desperately wants to contribute meaningfully to the war, but ends up caring for an elderly German woman instead... until her paths cross with two pilots and the puzzle that is the German Enigma Code: a secret that could turn the tide of the war. [Get @ DCPL Overdrive](#)

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FICTION

Everything You Wanted to Know About Indians but Were Afraid to Ask (Young Readers Edition)

by Anton Treuer

An Ojibwe scholar and cultural preservationist answers the most commonly asked questions about Native Americans, both historical and modern. Photos included; includes a section on social activism that explores the Dakota Access Pipeline, racism, identity, and politics.

NON-FICTION

From a Whisper to a Rallying Cry : the Killing of Vincent Chin and the Trial that Galvanized the Asian American Movement

by Paula Yoo

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NON-FICTION

Gilded Ones, The

by Namina Forna

In the first book of a much-anticipated series, sixteen-year-old Deka lives in fear and anticipation of the blood ceremony that will determine whether she will become a member of her village. Already different from everyone else because of her unnatural intuition, Deka prays for red blood so she can finally feel like she belongs. But on the day of the ceremony, her blood runs gold, the color of impurity. Deka has a big choice to make. [Get @ DCPL Overdrive \(https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5055732\)](https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5055732).

FICTION

Girl from the Sea, The

by Molly Knox Ostertag

In this graphic novel, fifteen-year-old Korean American Morgan can't wait to escape the perfect little island where she lives and hides her secret -- wanting to kiss another girl -- from everyone. Then one night a mysterious pale girl saves her from drowning, and everything starts to change.

FICTION

Gone to the Woods : Surviving a Lost Childhood

by Gary Paulsen

Born into the middle of World War II, white American author Gary Paulsen's turbulent childhood provided plenty of subject matter for his bestselling novels, and the librarians in his life gave him the inspiration and support to explore the world through books. As a soldier, his storytelling technique developed. Here's his story.

BIOGRAPHY

Hani and Ishu's Guide to Fake Dating

by Adiba Jaigirdar

The "let's pretend we're dating" rom-com gets a bisexual makeover: Hani and Ishu are the only two Bengali students in their Irish high school. When Hani comes out to her friends as bisexual, they invalidate her identity, saying she can't be bi if she's only dated guys. Enter Ishu, and all the endearing ensuing complications of fake-dating.

FICTION

Hurricane: My Story of Resilience

by Salvador Gómez-Colón

A young man shares how he combated Puerto Rico's public health emergency after Hurricane Maria.

BIOGRAPHY

Infinity Reaper

by Adam Silvera

In the second book of Silvera's *Infinity Cycle*, a diverse cast of heroes and villains, focusing in on queer Latino Emil, come to life in an alternate modern-day New York where some people are born with powers, while others steal them from the blood of endangered magical creatures.

FICTION

It Came From the Sky

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Gideon and Ishmael Hofstadt, white boys ages sixteen and seventeen, accidentally start a hoax that aliens have landed, turning their town of Lansburg, Pennsylvania, into a circus. Told through narrative, police interviews, text messages, blog posts, and more.

FICTION

Kate in Waiting

by Becky Albertalli

Kate, a white hetero Jewish girl, and Anderson, her Black and gay best friend, share a love of theater and crushes on the same guys. When one of their long-distance crushes shows up at their school, real feelings might end their friendship. [Get @ DCPL Overdrive \(https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5626898\)](https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5626898).

FICTION

Legacy : Women Poets of the Harlem Renaissance

by Nikki Grimes, illustrated by Vanessa Brantley-Newton

A feminist-forward new collection of poetry celebrating the little-known women poets of the Harlem Renaissance. Paired with full-color, original art from today's most talented female African American illustrators. [Get @ DCPL Overdrive \(https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5644555\)](https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5644555).

NON-FICTION

One Land, Many Nations, vol. 1: Cherokee

by Traci Sorell and Lee Francis IV

Within the borders of the continental United States are many sovereign Native American nations whose citizens have dual citizenship. In Volume 1 of this series, Native Americans Traci Sorell (Cherokee) and Lee Francis IV (Laguna Pueblo) take readers on a contemporary tour of their nations.

NON-FICTION

One of the Good Ones

by Maika Moulite and Maritza Moulite

When Black teen social activist and history buff Kezi Smith is killed under mysterious circumstances after attending a social justice rally, her devastated sister Happi and their family are left reeling in the aftermath. As Kezi becomes another immortalized victim in the fight against police brutality, Happi begins to question the idealized way her sister is remembered. "One of the good ones." [Get @ DCPL Overdrive \(https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5537268\)](https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5537268).

FICTION

Plasticus Maritimus

by Ana Pego and Isabel Minhós Martins, illustrated by Bernardo P. Carvalho

Inspired by biologist Ana Pego's life's work and filled with engaging science and colorful photographs, this foundational look at plastic pollution in the ocean explains why it is such an urgent contemporary issue. [Get @ DCPL Overdrive \(https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5731348\)](https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5731348).

NON-FICTION

Red, White, and Whole

by Rajani LaRocca

In 1983, Reha feels torn between two worlds: school, where she's the only Indian American student, and home, with her family's traditions and holidays. Reha's parents don't understand why she's conflicted. They only notice when Reha doesn't meet their strict expectations. When Reha finds out that her Amma is sick, she is determined to make her Amma well again. [Get @ DCPL Overdrive \(https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5443279\)](https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5443279).

FICTION

Shape of Thunder, The

by Jasmine Warga

Estranged from the white best friend whose brother killed her sister in a school shooting, grieving Lebanese American Cora receives a message on her twelfth birthday from her friend, asking for her help creating a time portal to prevent the tragedy.

FICTION

Starfish

by Lisa Fipps

Bullied and shamed her whole life for being fat, white twelve-year-old Ellie finally gains the confidence to stand up for herself, with the help of some wonderful new allies. [Get @ DCPL Overdrive \(https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5546880\)](https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5546880).

FICTION

Summer Of Brave

by Amy Noelle Parks

White twelve-year-old Lilla wants to make everyone happy, so when her best friend Vivi dares her to start telling the truth as part of their Summer of Brave, Lilla hesitates. If she says out loud what she really wants, her whole life might crash down around her.

FICTION

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The letters of her recently deceased German-born Jewish grandmother tell an intriguing love story, which sends white, Jewish-American Abby to Nantucket for the summer to find the family who saved her grandmother's life during the Holocaust.

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NON-FICTION

Truly Tyler

by Terri Libenson

Graphic Novel. Ever since Tyler started getting into art and hanging out with Emmie, his friends and teammates have been giving him a hard time. Emmie is psyched that she gets to work on a comics project with her crush, Tyler. But she gets the feeling that his friends don't think she's cool enough. Maybe it's time for a total reinvention.

FICTION

Violet and Daisy: the Story of Vaudeville's Famous Conjoined Twins

by Sarah Miller

The story of Violet and Daisy Hilton, conjoined twins who were the sensation of the US sideshow circuits in the 1920s and 1930s. In a story loaded with questions about identity and exploitation, Sarah Miller delivers a completely compelling, empathetic portrait of two sisters whose bonds were so sacred that nothing -- not even death -- would compel Violet and Daisy to break them.

BIOGRAPHY) NON-FICTION

We Free the Stars

by Hafsa Faizal

In the fantasy world inspired by ancient Arabia in this second book of the *Sands of Arawiya* series, seventeen-year-old Zafira and the sultan's son Nasir continue their quest to uncover a lost magic artifact. They discover that the prize they seek may be even more dangerous than any of their enemies. [Get @ DCPL Overdrive](https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5057289)

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FICTION

Zara Hossain is Here

by Sabina Khan

Ever since her family moved to Texas from Pakistan when she was a baby, seventeen-year-old Zara Hossain has only ever called Corpus Christi home. While dealing with the Islamophobia that she faces at school, Zara has to lay low, trying not to stir up any trouble and jeopardize their family's dependent visa status while they await their green card approval, which has been in process for almost nine years.

FICTION

► High School



5,203 Things to Do Instead of Looking at Your Phone

by Barbara Ann Kipfer

Life is calling. Put down your phone, close the lid on your laptop, and get back in touch with the wonders of the world around you.

NON-FICTION

Ace of Spades

by Faridah Àbíké-Íyímídé

The only two Black students at an elite private school are victims of a cruel prank in this book about systemic oppression in predominantly white institutions.

FICTION

Almost American Girl

by Robin Ha

Graphic Novel. This memoir follows Korean American cartoonist Ha's transition from life in Seoul to life in Alabama at age 15, where learning English and dealing with racist peers were only a few of life's challenges. Recommended by TBC, GDS's High School Book Club. [Get @ DCPL Overdrive.](#)

<https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/4703989>

BIOGRAPHY

American Betiya

by Anuradha D. Rajurkar

Indian American teenager Rani has always been someone who makes good decisions, but when she meets white bad-boy Oliver, she finds herself doing things she never would have imagined.

FICTION

An Emotion of Great Delight

by Tahereh Mafi

An Iranian American Muslim family navigates their world in the aftermath of 9/11.

FICTION

Anthropocene Reviewed, The

by John Green

A collection of personal essays by white writer John Green, based on his award-winning podcast series, examining our place in our planet's history.

NON-FICTION

Any Way the Wind Blows

by Rainbow Rowell

The final book in the *Simon Snow* trilogy: senior year at their boarding school for Mages, with all the endings and decisions that must be made about the future. Will

Simon and Baz stay together? Will Simon reject the world of magic? Main characters are white and gay. Releasing in July.

FICTION

A Sitting at St. James

by Rita Williams-Garcia

A Louisiana plantation in 1860 relies upon family and loyalty, but also on power, privilege, and violence. Williams-Garcia asks readers to reckon with the integral nature of slavery to our American identity.

FICTION

Beatnik Buenos Aires

by Diego Arandojo and Facundo Percio

Meet 1960's Buenos Aires' vibrant arts scene, with all the associated darkness and mystery. Graphic novel.

NON-FICTION

Being Heumann: An Unrepentant Memoir of a Disability Rights Activist

by Judy Heumann with Kristen Joiner.

Read the book on which the Netflix documentary *Crip Camp* is based: white disability rights activist (and local Washingtonian) Judy Heumann tells her story. [Get @](#)

[DCPL Overdrive \(https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/4907068\)](https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/4907068).

BIOGRAPHY

Between Perfect and Real

by Ray Stoeve

Dean, who is white, knows he's a trans guy, but everyone - including his girlfriend - know him as a lesbian. Maybe he should just wait until college to come out?

FICTION

Black Panther Party : a Graphic Novel History, The

by Walker, David; illustrated by Marcus Kwame Anderson

A graphic novel history of the revolutionary political and social organization known as the Black Panther Party. [Get @ DCPL Overdrive](#)

[. \(https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5404226\).](https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5404226)

NON-FICTION

Brief History of Artificial Intelligence : What it Is, Where We Are, and Where We Are Going

by Michael J. Wooldridge

This white Oxford scholar explains artificial intelligence beyond self-driving cars, automatic translation, and phone-answering bots.

NON-FICTION

Call Me American

by Abdi Nor Iftin

Nor Iftin tells his story of growing up in wartime Somalia and his love for the U.S., which eventually led to his emigration. This was released this summer in a "young adult" version, but we think our high school students will like the original memoir. [Get @ DCPL Overdrive \(https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/3716784\)](#).

BIOGRAPHY

Can't Stop Won't Stop : A Hip-Hop History (Young Adult edition)

by Jeff Chang and Dave "Davey D" Cook

Recently updated and reorganized for teen readers, Chang's 2005 masterpiece about Hip-hop history is based on extensive interviews.

NON-FICTION

Clap When You Land

by Elizabeth Acevedo

In this novel-in-verse, two Dominican teenage girls, one in DR and one in New York, lose their fathers in a plane crash. In alternating poems, each learns of hidden family secrets, and of each other. Recommended by TBC, GDS's High School Book Club. [Get @ DCPL Overdrive.](#)

<https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/library/teens/media/4876224>

FICTION

Crying in H-Mart

by Michelle Zauner

A memoir about growing up Korean American, in which Zauner considers her identity and her relationship with her mother, who died of cancer. [Get @ DCPL](#)

[Overdrive \(https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5639811\)](https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5639811).

BIOGRAPHY

Elatsoe

by Darcie Little Badger

In an alternate reality world where magic imbues daily life, seventeen-year-old Elatsoe can raise the ghosts of dead animals, a skill passed down through generations of her Lipan Apache family. Her beloved cousin has just been murdered, in a town that wants no prying eyes...but Elatsoe is going to do a lot more than pry! [Get @](#)

[DCPL Overdrive \(https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5575192\)](https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5575192).

FICTION

Every Body Shines: Sixteen Stories About Living Fabulously Fat

edited by Cassandra Newbould

Authors unite around body-celebrating fiction in this collection of short stories in which the diverse characters only have one thing in common: being what conventional society calls “fat.”

FICTION

Felix Ever After

by Kacen Callender

Black, trans, seventeen-year-old artist Felix Love, outed at his competitive summer arts program, plots to get revenge. He also hopes to find the love his last name promises. Recommended by TBC, GDS's High School Book Club. [Get @ DCPL Overdrive. \(https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/library/teens/media/4884301#\)](https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/library/teens/media/4884301#)

FICTION

Four Faces of the Moon

by Amanda Strong

In this graphic novel adaptation of the 2016 animated short film, Spotted Fawn travels through time and space, uncovering the histories of her Michif, Cree, Nakoda and Anishinaabe ancestors.

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NON-FICTION

Game Changer

by Neal Shusterman

White, heterosexual star defensive lineman Ash sustains multiple concussions on the football field, which sends him into alternate universes. [Get @ DCPL](#)

[Overdrive \(https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5207416\)](https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5207416).

FICTION

God Equation, The

by Micho Kaku

Renowned theoretical physicist Kaku explains the hullabaloo between our leading scientists and thinkers around uniting quantum theory and relativity. [Get @ DCPL](#)

[Overdrive \(https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5606607\)](https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5606607).

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FICTION

Last Night at the Telegraph Club

by Malinda Lo

1954 San Francisco, where the Red Scare meets the Lavender Scare, is not the safest place for Chinese American seventeen-year-old Lily to fall in love with another girl. [Get @ DCPL Overdrive \(https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5417082\)](#).

FICTION

Of Women and Salt

by Gabriela Garcia

Two interwoven stories about Latina Miamian Jeannette. In one, she's an adult struggling with addiction who takes in the daughter of a neighbor detained by ICE. In the other, Jeannette is a child herself, living with her recently immigrated and traumatized Cuban mother. [Get @ DCPL Overdrive](#)

[. \(https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5460531\).](https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5460531)

FICTION

Ones We're Meant to Find

by Joan He

Two sisters: One barely surviving alone on an island without any memories, the other in one of the levitating eco-cities protecting humanity from the ravaged planet.

Both characters are of Japanese heritage.

FICTION

Perfect Nine : the Epic of Gikuyu and Mumbi

by Ngugi wa Thiong'o

The epic tale of the founding of the Gikuyu and Mumbi people of Kenya by the nine demi-goddesses whom God placed on Mount Kenya, retold in verse. [Get @](#)

[DCPL Overdrive \(https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5245259\).](https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5245259)

NON-FICTION

Project Hail Mary

Weir (*The Martian*) presents his newest edge-of-your-seat space adventure. A white teacher-turned-astronaut finds himself alone aboard a spacecraft as humanity's only chance to avoid extinction. [Get @ DCPL Overdrive \(https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5665700\).](#)

FICTION

Realm Breaker

by Victoria Aveyard

A diverse team of humans and immortals race to save the land of Allyard in the action-packed first book of this new fantasy series by the author of the popular *Red*

Queen series. [. Get @ DCPL Overdrive \(https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5651147\).](https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5651147)

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FICTION

The Dead Are Arising: The Life of Malcolm X

by Les Payne

Based on 30 years of tracking down interviews with people who knew him, this comprehensive biography gives insight into the life of the revolutionary Black leader

Malcolm X. [Get @ DCPL Overdrive \(https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5342813\)](https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5342813).

BIOGRAPHY

The Ivies

by Alexa Donne

Five girls at an elite boarding school will stop at nothing to get into the Ivy Leagues. What's a little murder compared to getting into the right college? Most characters are white.

FICTION

They Better Call Me Sugar: My Journey from the Hood to the Hardwood

by Sugar Rodgers

African-American WNBA star Rodgers tells her own story of perseverance and success in what is being lauded as a "raw, compelling memoir."

BIOGRAPHY

Think Again: The Power of Knowing What You Don't Know

by Adam Grant

Open-mindedness, possibility, and hope. Organizational psychologist Adam Grant takes the reader on a journey of understanding how to be ready for whatever's coming. [Get @ DCPL Overdrive \(https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5704292\)](https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5704292).

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NON-FICTION

Yesterday is History

by Kosoko Jackson

A gay Black teenager makes it through a liver transplant, only to find himself time-travelling between 1969 and today. One of the boys he meets in one of those times is his soulmate, but which one? And where does he really belong? [Get @ DCPL Overdrive \(https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5661009\)](https://dclibrary.overdrive.com/media/5661009).

FICTION

