

Great Books for Middle School Summer Reading

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Library Hours: M-F 9 a.m.–9 p.m. • Sat. 9 a.m.–5 p.m. • Sun. 1–5 p.m. • **Closed:** May 29, July 4, and Aug. 18

Hey, Middle Schoolers!

Elmhurst Public Library is THE place to be this summer. Lots of great programs and activities are planned with you in mind, and the shelves are filled with the stuff you're looking for – movies, music, video games, board games, and the best in fun summer reading.

Visit the Library website (elmhurstpubliclibrary.org) to get access to streaming movies, digital books and audiobooks, and a music service called Freegal that lets you download five songs a week – and keep them forever!

Camp Curiosity – the Summer Reading Program at Elmhurst Public Library – is open to all kids who live in Elmhurst or go to an Elmhurst school. Middle school students who read at least 20 hours over the summer receive:

- FREE ADMISSION to Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art
- FREE Round of MINI GOLF at The Hub
- FREE LEMONADE from Brewpoint
- FREE OREO or GRAHAM CRACKER at Kilwins
- FREE KID'S MEAL at Francesca's Amici
- FREE JR BURGER from Meatheads
- Study Buddy Scent-sibles Pen & Highlighter
- FREE TICKET to a Chicago Fire Soccer Game
- FREE TICKET to a Schaumburg Boomers Baseball Game
- FREE ADMISSION to LEGOLAND Discovery Center
- FREE 30-minute JUMP SESSION from Sky Zone
- FREE MOVIE TICKET to York Theatre
- RAFFLE TICKETS
- FREE PAPERBACK BOOK

To register for Summer Reading:

Bring one of the following to the Library anytime between June 3-Aug. 12.

A valid Elmhurst Public Library card

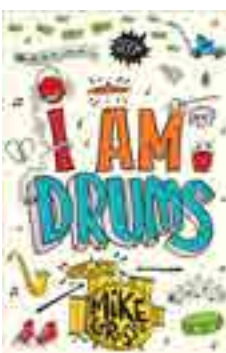
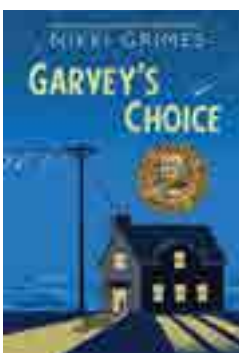
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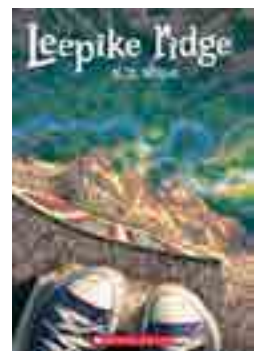
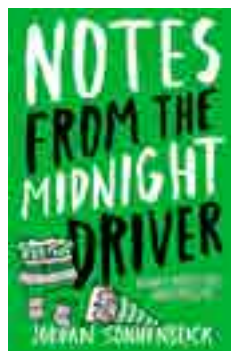
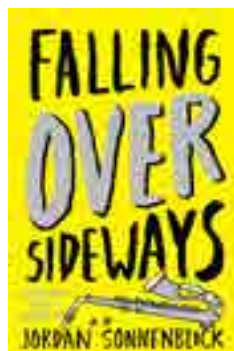
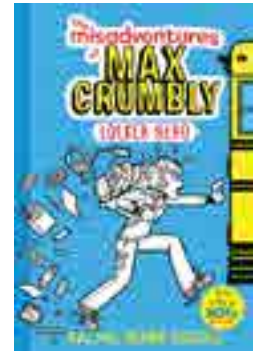
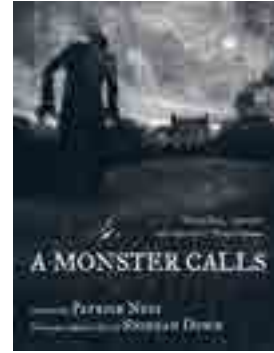
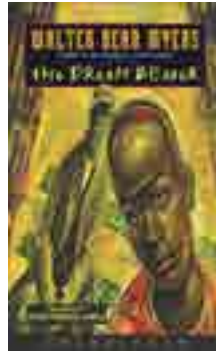
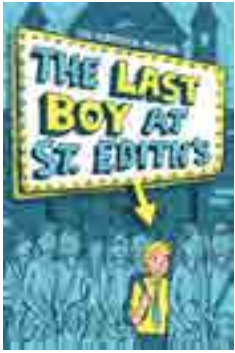
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Contemporary Fiction



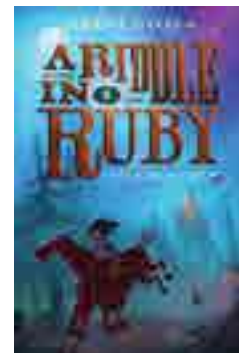
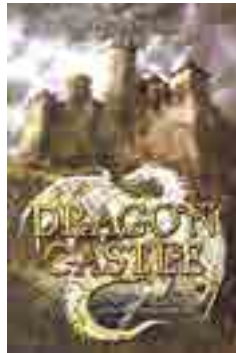
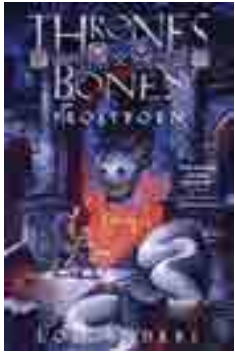
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- *Ms. Bixby's Last Day* by John Anderson
- *Maybe a Fox* by Kathi Appelt
- *The It Girl* by Katy Birchall
- *The Raft* by S. A. Bodeen
- *Josh Baxter Levels Up* by Gavin Brown
- *Lottery Boy* by Michael Byrne
- *VIP: I'm with the Band* by Jen Calonita
- *My Life with the Liars* by Caela Carter
- *The Classy Crooks Club* by Alison Cherry
- *Everyday Hero* by Kathleen Cherry
- *The Face on the Milk Carton* by Caroline B. Cooney
- *Heartbeat* by Sharon Creech
- *Moo* by Sharon Creech
- *Red Kayak* by Priscilla Cummings
- *The Only Road* by Alexandra Diaz
- *Free Verse* by Sarah Dooley
- *Left Out* by Tim Green
- *When Friendship Followed Me Home* by Paul Griffin
- *Garvey's Choice* by Nikki Grimes
- *I Am Drums* by Mike Grosso
- *How It Feels to Fly* by Kathryn Holmes
- *Girl vs. Boy Band: The Right Track* by Harmony Jones
- *The Land of Forgotten Girls* by Erin Entrada Kelly
- *Me and Marvin Gardens* by A.S. King
- *OCDaniel* by Wesley King
- *Camo Girl* by Kekla Magoon

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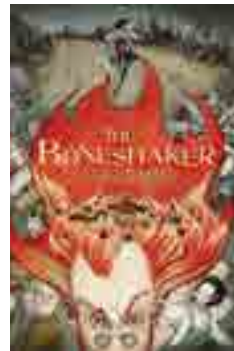
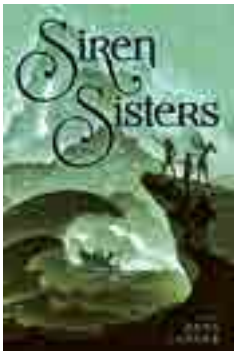
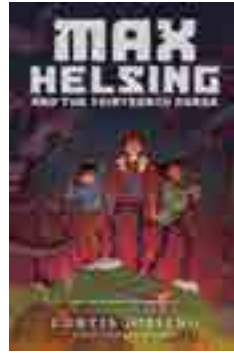
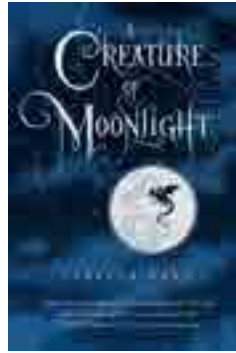
- *The Last Boy at St. Edith's* by Lee Gjersten Malone
- *Zafir* by Prue Mason
- *Through My Eyes* series includes:
Emilio, Amina, Shahana, Naveed, and Malini
- *Train I Ride* by Paul Mosier
- *The Dream Bearer* by Walter Dean Myers
- *A Monster Calls* by Patrick Ness
- *Wish* by Barbara O'Connor
- *Fishbone's Song* by Gary Paulsen
- *The Doublecross* by Jackson Pearce
(sequel: *The Inside Job*)
- *The Best Man* by Richard Peck
- *Maxi's Secrets (Or What You Can Learn from a Dog)*
by Lynn Plourde
- *The Biggest Poutine in the World* by Andrée Poulin
- *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds
- *As Brave As You* by Jason Reynolds
- *Locker Hero* by Rachel Russell
- *Short* by Holly Goldberg Sloan
- *Falling Over Sideways* by Jordan Sonnenblick
- *Notes from the Midnight Driver* by Jordan Sonnenblick
- *The Ethan I Was Before* by Ali Standish
- *The Greatest Zombie Movie Ever* by Jeff Strand
- *Stef Soto, Taco Queen* by Jennifer Torres
- *Project (Un)Popular* by Kristen Tracy
- *Leepike Ridge* by Nathan D. Wilson
- *The Sweetest Sound* by Sherri Winston

Fantasy



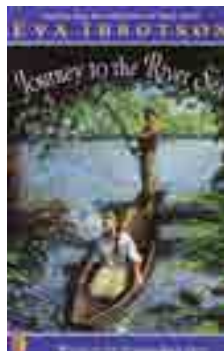
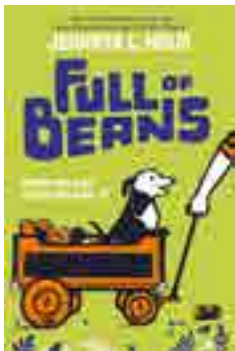
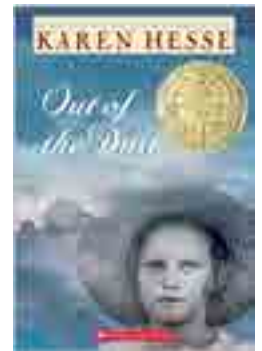
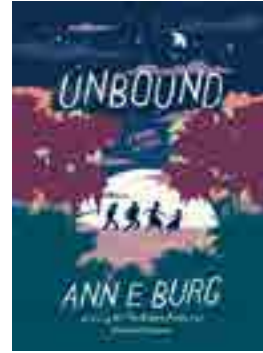
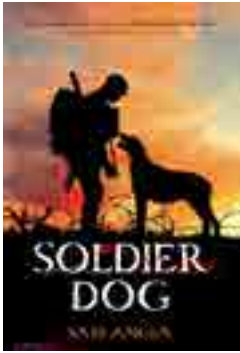
- *Frostborn* by Lou Anders (*Thrones & Bones*; book 1)
- *The Relic of Perilous Falls* by Raymond Arroyo (*Will Wilder*; book 1)
- *The Finisher* by David Baldacci (*Vega Jane*; book 1)
- *The Girl Who Drank the Moon* by Kelly Regan Barnhill
- *The Wooden Prince* by John Claude Bemis (*Out of Abaton*; book 1)
- *Shipwreck Island* by S.A. Bodeen (*Shipwreck Island*; book 1)
- *A Crack in the Sea* by H.M. Bouwman
- *Dragon Castle* by Joseph Bruchac
- *Wabi: A Hero's Tale* by Joseph Bruchac
- *Simon Thorn and the Wolf's Den* by Aimée Carter
- *The Siren* by Kiera Cass
- *The Savage Fortress* by Sarwat Chadda (sequel: *The City of Death*)
- *Fire and Glass* by Marty Chan
- *The Goblin's Puzzle* by Andrew S. Chilton
- *Gregor the Overlander* by Suzanne Collins (*The Underground Chronicles*; book 1)
- *The Fires of Calderon* by Lindsay Cummings (*Balance Keepers*; book 1)
- *A Riddle in Ruby* by Kent Davis (sequel: *The Changer's Key*)
- *The Vengekeep Prophecies* by Brian Farrey (*The Vengekeep Prophecies*; book 1)

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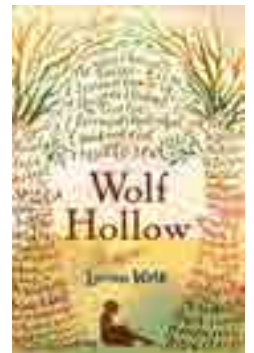
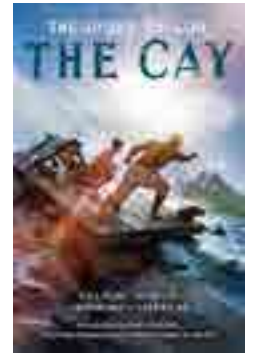
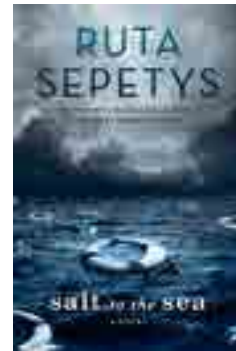
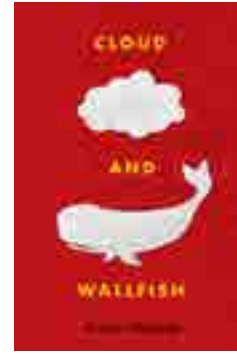
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- *A Creature of Moonlight* by Rebecca Hahn
- *Redwall* by Brian Jacques (*Redwall*; book 1)
- *Max Helsing and the Thirteenth Curse* by Curtis Jobling (*Monster Hunter*; book 1)
- *Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat* by Lynne Jonell (*Emmy and the Rat*; book 1)
- *The Islands of Chaldea* by Diana Wynne Jones
- *Hunter* by Mercedes Lackey (Sequel: *Elite*)
- *Siren Sisters* by Dana Langer
- *Furthermore* by Tahereh Mafi
- *The Door by the Staircase* by Katherine Marsh
- *The Black North* by Nigel McDowell
- *The Boneshaker* by Kate Milford
- *The Keeper of the Mist* by Rachel Neumeier
- *Story Thieves* by James Riley (*Story Thieves*; book 1)
- *The Box and the Dragonfly* by Ted Sanders (*The Keepers*; book 1)
- *Alcatraz Versus the Evil Librarians* by Brandon Sanderson (*Alcatraz Smedry Adventures*; book 1)
- *The Evil Wizard Smallbone* by Delia Sherman
- *The Secret Keepers* by Trenton Lee Stewart
- *The Adventurer's Guide to Successful Escapes* by Wade White

Historical Fiction



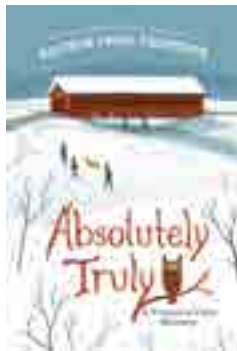
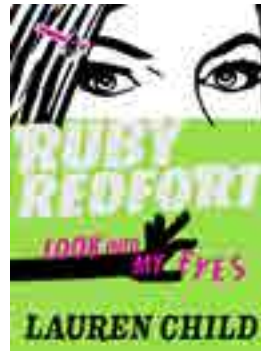
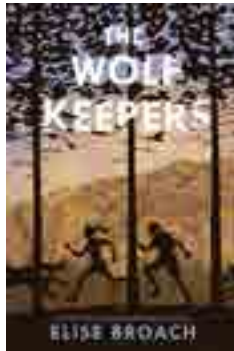
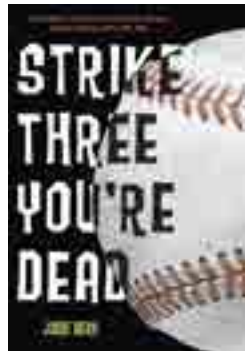
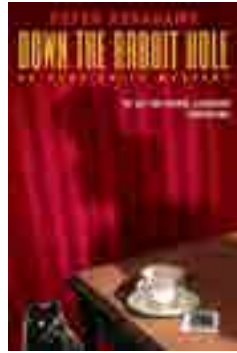
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- Soldier Dog by Sam Angus
- A Horse Called Hero by Sam Angus
- The Passion of Dolssa by Julie Berry
- Talking Leaves by Joseph Bruchac
- Unbound: A Novel in Verse by Ann E. Burg
- Raymie Nightingale by Kate DiCamillo
- It Ain't So Awful, Falafel by Firoozeh Dumas
- Snakes & Stones by Lisa Fowler
- The Inquisitor's Tale by Adam Gidwitz
- Projekt 1065 by Alan Gratz
- Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse
- Full of Beans by Jennifer L. Holm
- League of Archers by Eva Howard
- Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson
- Midnight Without a Moon by Linda Williams Jackson
- Kira-kira by Cynthia Kadohata
- Cracker! The Best Dog in Vietnam by Cynthia Kadohata

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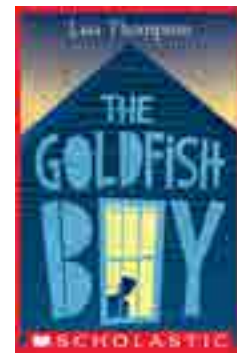
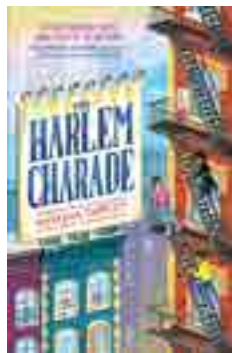
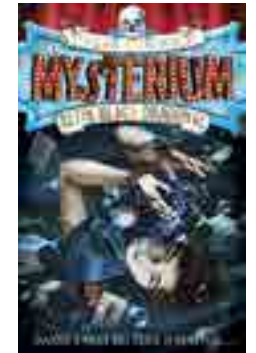
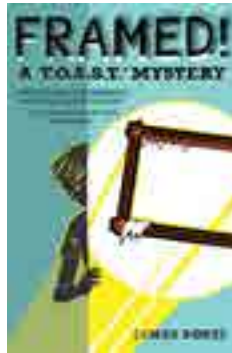
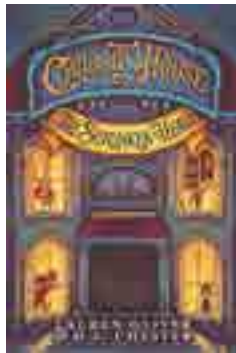
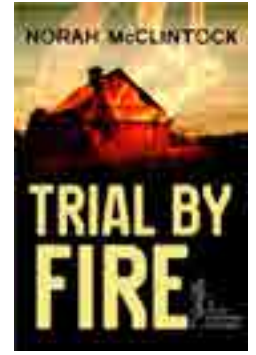
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- *Hattie Big Sky* by Kirby Larson (sequel: *Hattie Ever After*)
- *The Extra* by Kathryn Lasky
- *Cloud and Wallfish* by Anne Nesbet
- *Snow White* by Matt Phelan (graphic novel)
- *The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg* by Rodman Philbrick
- *Heart of a Samurai* by Margi Preus
- *Making Friends with Billy Wong* by Augusta Scattergood
- *A Drowned Maiden's Hair* by Laura Amy Schlitz
- *Salt to the Sea* by Ruta Sepetys
- *Elephant Run* by Roland Smith
- *The Cay* by Theodore Taylor
- *Moon over Manifest* by Clare Vanderpool
- *Navigating Early* by Clare Vanderpool
- *Mister Max: The Book of Lost Things* by Cynthia Voigt
- *Countdown* by Deborah Wiles
- *Wolf Hollow* by Lauren Wolk

Mystery



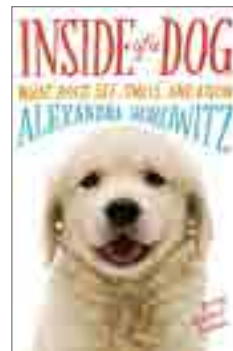
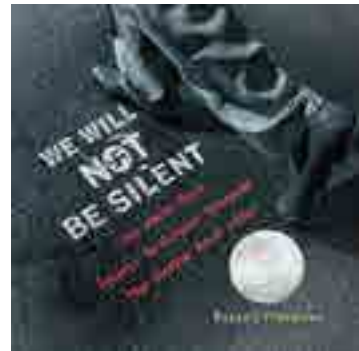
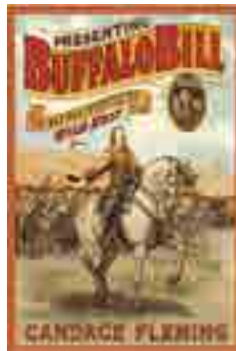
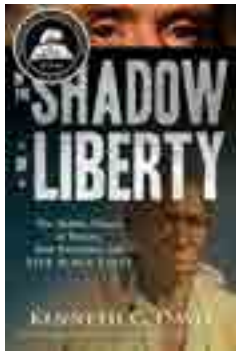
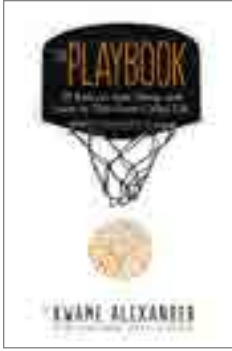
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- *Down the Rabbit Hole: An Echo Falls Mystery* by Peter Abrahams
- *Max Cassidy: Escape from Shadow Island* by Paul Adam
- *School of the Dead* by Avi
- *Pieces and Players* by Blue Balliett
- *Strike Three, You're Dead* by Josh Berk
- *The Name of This Book Is Secret* by Pseudonymous Bosch
- *Masterpiece* by Elise Broach
- *The Wolf Keepers* by Elise Broach
- *Vanished* by Sheela Chari
- *Look into My Eyes* by Lauren Child (*The Ruby Redfort* series, book 1)
- *The Inn Between* by Marina Cohen
- *The London Eye Mystery* by Siobhan Dowd
- *Into the Lion's Den* by Linda Fairstein
- *Absolutely Truly* by Heather Frederick
- *Yours Truly* by Heather Frederick
- *Knightley & Son* by Rohan Gavin
- *Fake ID* by L.R. Giles
- *Closed for the Season* by Mary Downing Hahn

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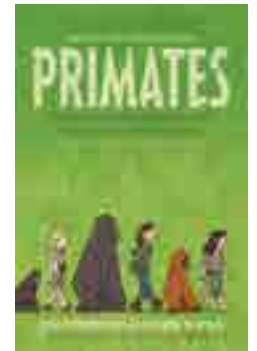
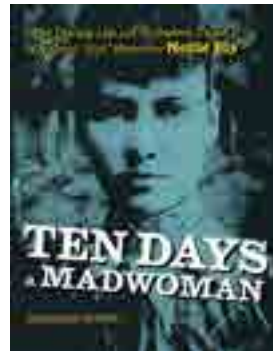
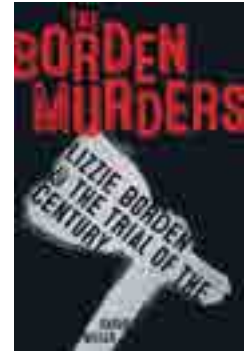
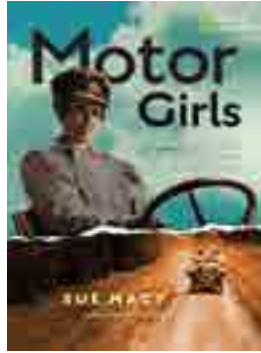
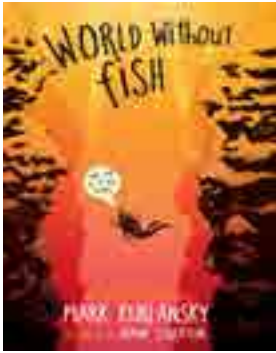
- *With a Name Like Love* by Tess Hilmo
- *Abduction* by Peg Kehret
- *The Wig in the Window* by Kristen Kittscher (sequel: *The Tiara on the Terrace*)
- *The Bad Kid* by Sarah Lariviere
- *Trial by Fire* by Norah McClintock
- *From Above* by Norah McClintock
- *The Shrunk Head* by Lauren Oliver
- *The Screaming Statue* by Lauren Oliver
- *Lock and Key: The Initiation* by Ridley Pearson
- *Framed!* by James Ponti
- *The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin
- *The Black Dragon* by Julian Sedgwick (*Mysterium*, book 1)
- *Who Could That Be at This Hour?* by Lemony Snicket
- *The Scratch on the Ming Vase* by Caroline Stelling
- *The Secret of the Golden Flower* by Caroline Stelling
- *The Maypop Kidnapping* by Cynthia Surrisi
- *Vampires on the Run* by Cynthia Surrisi
- *The Harlem Charade* by Natasha Tarpley
- *The Goldfish Boy* by Lisa Thompson
- *One Came Home* by Amy Timberlake

Nonfiction



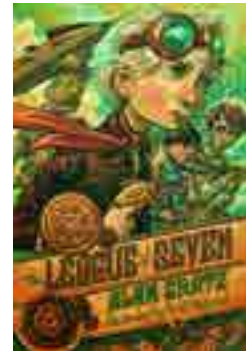
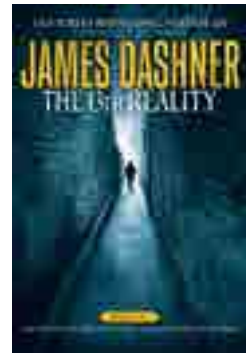
- *The Playbook: 52 Rules to Aim, Shoot, and Score in This Game Called Life* by Kwame Alexander
- *Hidden Gold: A True Story of the Holocaust* by Ella Burakowski
- *Tracking Trash: Flotsam, Jetsam, and the Science of Ocean Motion* by Loree Griffin Burns
- *Life in Motion: An Unlikely Ballerina* by Misty Copeland (Young Readers Edition)
- *In the Shadow of Liberty: The Hidden History of Slavery, Four Presidents, and Five Black Lives* by Kenneth C. Davis
- *The Heart of Everything that Is: The Untold Story of Red Cloud* by Bob Drury (Young Readers Edition)
- *Presenting Buffalo Bill: The Man Who Invented the Wild West* by Candace Fleming
- *We Will Not Be Silent: The White Rose Student Resistance Movement That Defied Adolf Hitler* by Russell Freedman
- *Who Was First? Discovering the Americas* by Russell Freedman
- *War in My Town* by E. Graziani
- *Game On!: Video Game History from Pong and Pac-Man to Mario, Minecraft and More* by Dustin Hansen
- *Vincent and Theo: The Van Gogh Brothers* by Deborah Heiligman
- *I Got This: To Gold and Beyond* by Laurie Hernandez
- *Inside of a Dog: What Dogs See, Smell and Know* by Alexandra Horowitz
- *The Extraordinary Suzy Wright: A Colonial Woman on the Frontier* by Teri Kanefield
- *World Without Fish* by Mark Kurlansky

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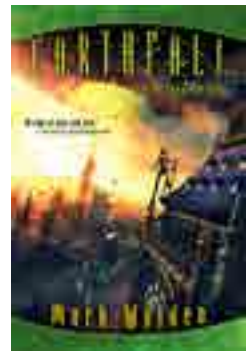
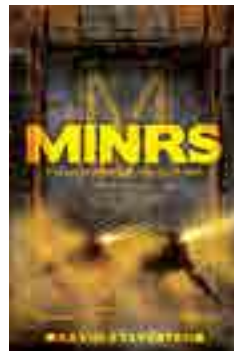
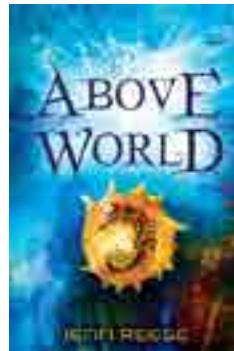
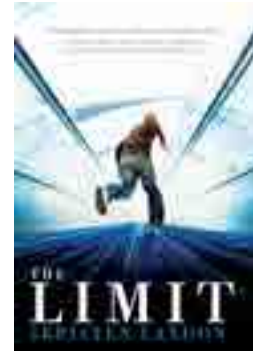
- *Jack London and the Klondike Gold Rush* by Peter Lourie
- *Motor Girls: How Women Took the Wheel and Drove Boldly into the Twentieth Century* by Sue Macy
- *The Plot to Kill Hitler: Dietrich Bonhoeffer; Pastor, Spy, Unlikely Hero* by Patricia McCormick
- *The Borden Murders: Lizzie Borden and the Trial of the Century* by Sarah Miller
- *Chasing Cheetahs: The Race to Save the Fastest Cats in Africa* by Sy Montgomery
- *Ten Days a Madwoman: The Daring Life and Turbulent Times of the Original "Girl" Reporter, Nellie Bly* by Deborah Noyes
- *The Elephant Scientist* by Caitlin O'Connell
- *This Land Is Our Land: A History of American Immigration* by Linda Osborne
- *Primates: The Fearless Science of Jane Goodall, Diane Fossey, and Birute Galdikas* by Jim Ottaviani
- *Woodsong* by Gary Paulsen
- *Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team* by Steve Sheinkin
- *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly (Young Readers' Edition)
- *Sachiko: A Nagasaki Bomb Survivor's Story* by Caren Stelson
- *How Dare the Sun Rise: Memoirs of a War Child* by Sandra Uwiringiyimana
- *Cleared for Takeoff: The Ultimate Book of Flight* by Rowland White
- *I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World* by Malala Yousafzai (Young Readers Edition)

Science Fiction



- *Flawed* by Cecelia Ahern
- *Fuzzy* by Tom Angleberger
- *The Compound* by S.A. Bodeen (sequel: *Fallout*)
- *Jed and the Junkyard War* by Steven Bohls
- *Z. Rex* by Stephen Cole (*The Hunting*, book 1)
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