



Summer Reading Recommendations

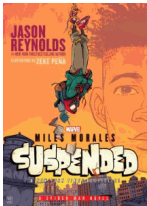


This is a suggested list. You can read ANY* book this summer and have it count towards your summer reading assignment. You are only required to read one book, but you can always choose more than one!

Books are available to borrow from the BMS library on a first come, first serve basis. Quantities are limited. All summer reading titles will be due September 5, 2025. All titles are also available on Sora (soraapp.com).

*ANY book means it must be at your reading level.

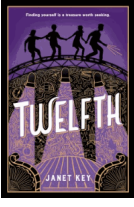
Grade 8

Title & Author:	Description from Follett:
 <i>Suspended</i> by Jason Reynolds	"During Miles' in-school suspension, he finds himself in a fierce battle with a classmate turned insidious termite who is determined to destroy books and the Black and Brown history they contain, and only Miles can stop him"--OCLC.
 <i>I Kick and I Fly</i> by Ruchira Gupta	Instead of being sold into Bihar, India's sex trade, fourteen-year-old Heera stays at a local hostel for at-risk girls where she learns, through the practice of martial arts, that her body is a vessel through which she can protect herself and those around her.



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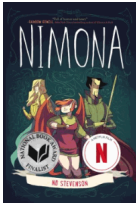
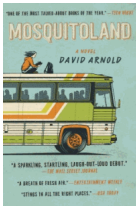


	<i>The Chalice of the Gods</i> by Rick Riordan	Percy Jackson's hope for a normal senior year is shattered as the gods present him with three quests, beginning with the retrieval of Zeus's goblet, in order to get the necessary three letters of recommendation for college.
	<i>Artifice</i> by Sharon Cameron	Isa de Smit grew up in her parents' art gallery in Amsterdam, but in the middle of the war she survives by selling fake paintings to the Nazis while trying to help her friend, Truus, smuggle Jewish babies to safety--but in 1943 it is hard to know who to trust.
	<i>Game Changer</i> by Tommy Greenwald	While thirteen-year-old Teddy fights for his life after a football injury at training camp, his friends and family gather to support him and discuss events leading to his coma.
	<i>Twelfth</i> by Janet Key	Twelve-year-old Maren hesitantly enters summer theater camp and finds clues of a mystery about the camp's founding, linking back to the Lavender Scare in Hollywood.



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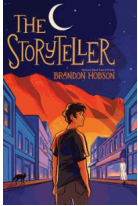
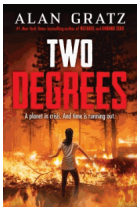
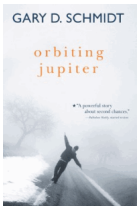


 	<i>Monster</i> by Walter Dean Myers	While on trial as an accomplice to a murder, sixteen-year-old Steve Harmon records his experiences in prison and in the courtroom in the form of a film script as he tries to come to terms with the course his life has taken.
	<i>American Road Trip</i> by Patrick Flores-Scott	Brothers Teodoro and Manny Avila take a road trip to address Manny's PTSD following his tour in Iraq, and to help T. change his life and win the heart of Wendy Martinez. Includes information and resources about PTSD.
	<i>Nimona</i> by Noelle Stevenson	Nimona is an impulsive young shapeshifter with a knack for villainy. Lord Ballister Blackheart is a villain with a vendetta. As sidekick and supervillain, Nimona and Lord Blackheart are about to wreak some serious havoc. Their mission: prove to the kingdom that Sir Ambrosius Goldenloin and his buddies at the Institution of Law Enforcement and Heroics aren't the heroes everyone thinks they are.
	<i>Mosquitoland</i> by David Arnold	When she learns that her mother is sick in Ohio, Mim confronts her demons on a thousand-mile odyssey from Mississippi that redefines her notions of love, loyalty, and what it means to be sane.



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	<i>The Storyteller</i> by Brandon Hobson	Ziggy's mother disappeared ten years ago, one of the many Native women who have mysteriously gone missing, and Ziggy believes a secret cave may hold the key--so with his sister, Moon, and friends Alice and Corso, he sets out to find the cave and solve the mystery of his family's origins.
	<i>They Called Us Enemy</i> by George Takei	Actor, author, and activist George Takei recounts his childhood being imprisoned within American concentration camps for Japanese Americans during World War II and the impact the experience had on his later life.
	<i>Aniana del Mar Jumps In</i> by Jasminne Mendez	Aniana belongs in the water like a dolphin belongs to the sea, but she and Papi keep her swim practices and meets hidden from Mami, who has never recovered from losing someone she loves to the water years ago. That is, until the day Ani's stiffness and swollen joints mean she can no longer get out of bed, and Ani is forced to reveal just how important swimming is to her.
	<i>Two Degrees</i> by Alan Gratz	When three children endure separate climate change disasters--a wildfire in the California woods, a close encounter with a hungry polar bear in Canada, and a massive hurricane in Florida--they emerge from their experiences committed to changing the world.
	<i>Orbiting Jupiter</i> by Gary D. Schmitt	Jack, 12, tells the gripping story of Joseph, 14, who joins his family as a foster child. Damaged in prison, Joseph wants nothing more than to find his baby daughter, Jupiter, whom he has never seen. When Joseph has begun to believe he'll have a future, he is confronted by demons from his past that force a tragic sacrifice.