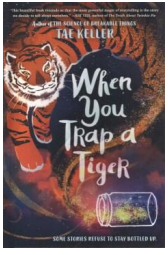


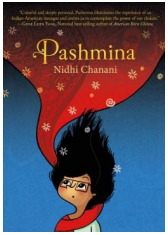
Going into 5th Grade

Summer Reading Suggestions 2020



When You Trap A Tiger by Tae Keller

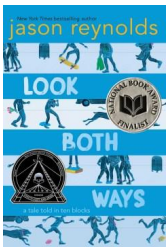
When Lily and her family move in with her sick grandmother, a magical tiger straight out of her halmoni's Korean folktales arrives, prompting Lily to unravel a secret family history. Long, long ago, Halmoni stole something from the tigers. Now they want it back. And when one of the tigers approaches Lily with a deal--return what her grandmother stole in exchange for Halmoni's health--Lily is tempted to agree. But deals with tigers are never what they seem! With the help of her sister and her new friend Ricky, Lily must find her voice...and the courage to face a tiger.



Pashmina by Nidhi Chanani

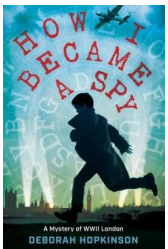
For Pri, her mother's homeland can only exist in her imagination. That is, until she finds a mysterious pashmina tucked away in a forgotten suitcase. When she wraps herself in it, she is transported to a place more vivid and colorful than any guidebook or Bollywood film. But is this the real India? And what is that shadow lurking in the background? To learn the truth Pri must travel farther than she's ever dared and find the family she never knew.

**Graphic Novel*



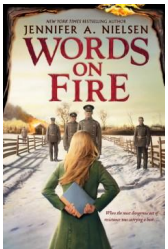
Look Both Ways by Jason Reynolds

Jason Reynolds conjures ten tales (one per block) about what happens after the dismissal bell rings, and brilliantly weaves them into one wickedly funny, piercingly poignant look at the detours we face on the walk home, and in life.



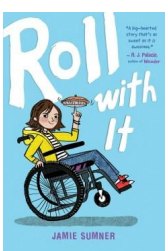
How I Became A Spy - A Mystery of WWII London by Deborah Hopkinson

A World War II caper features three 13-year-olds learning ciphers amid the bombs. Bertie, a white boy in 1944 London, is excited to be a new civil defense volunteer. With the help of his rescue dog, Little Roo, he carries messages for London's wardens. In the middle of an air raid, Bertie finds—and loses—a young woman, who vanishes, leaving only a ciphered notebook. Bertie enlists two friends his own age to decipher the notebook: his Jewish best friend and a white American girl who's also seeking the missing young woman. The messages introduce them to a frightening story of traitors and double crosses; it's a good thing their code-breaking skills are up to the task!




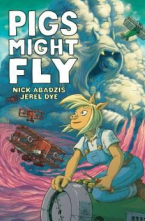
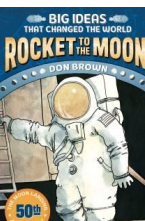




Words on Fire by Jennifer A. Nielsen

In 1893 twelve-year-old Audra lives on a farm in Lithuania, and tries to avoid the Cossack soldiers who enforce the Russian decrees that ban Lithuanian books, religion, culture, and even the language; but when the soldiers invade the farm Audra is the only one who escapes and, unsure of what has happened to her parents, she embarks on a dangerous journey, carrying the smuggled Lithuanian books that fuel the growing resistance movement, unsure of who to trust, but risking her life and freedom for her country.

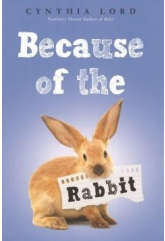
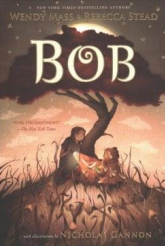
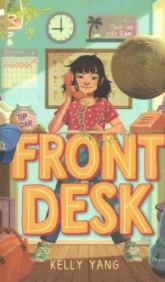
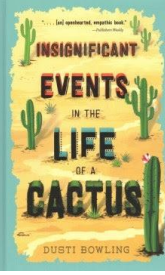



Roll With It by Jamie Sumner

Twelve-year-old Ellie, who has cerebral palsy, finds her life transformed when she moves with her mother to small-town Oklahoma to help care for her grandfather, who has Alzheimer's Disease.






	<p><u>Tristan Strong Punches a Whole in the Sky</u> by Kwame Mbalia</p> <p><i>Seventh-grader Tristan Strong tumbles into the MidPass and, with allies John Henry and Brer Rabbit, must entice the god Anansi to come out of hiding and seal the hole Tristan accidentally ripped in the sky.</i></p>
	<p><u>Pigs Might Fly</u> by Nick Abadzis</p> <p><i>All the sensible hogfolk in Pigdom Plains know that if pigs were meant to fly, they'd have been born with wings--but there's no convincing Lily Leanchops. The daughter of renowned inventor Hercules Fatchops, Lily has watched her father's flying machines fail time and time again. Working in secret, Lily is trying to build what her father couldn't: an aircraft that actually works. And of course, she's following his example and employing scientific principals alone--not magic.</i> *Graphic Novel</p>
	<p><u>Rocket to the Moon!</u> by Don Brown</p> <p><i>A nonfiction graphic novel that explores the people and technology that made the moon landing possible.</i></p>
	<p><u>The Bridge Home</u> by Padma Venkatraman</p> <p><i>Life is harsh in Chennai's teeming streets, so when runaway sisters Viji and Rukku arrive, their prospects look grim. Very quickly, eleven-year-old Viji discovers how vulnerable they are in this uncaring, dangerous world. Fortunately, the girls find shelter--and friendship--on an abandoned bridge. With two homeless boys, Muthi and Arul, the group forms a family of sorts. And while making a living scavenging the city's trash heaps is the pits, the kids find plenty to laugh about and take pride in too. After all, they are now the bosses of themselves and no longer dependent on untrustworthy adults. But when illness strikes, Viji must decide whether to risk seeking help from strangers or to keep holding on to their fragile, hard-fought freedom.</i></p>
	<p><u>The Next President: the unexpected beginnings and unwritten future of America's Presidents</u> by Kate Messner</p> <p><i>Who will be the NEXT president? Could it be you? When George Washington became the first president of the United States, there were nine future presidents already alive in America, doing things like practicing law or studying medicine.</i> *Nonfiction</p>
	<p><u>The Crossover</u> by Kwame Alexander</p> <p><i>With a bolt of lightning on my kicks . . . The court is SIZZLING. My sweat is DRIZZLING. Stop all that quivering. 'Cuz tonight I'm delivering," raps twelve-year-old Josh Bell. Thanks to their dad, he and his twin brother, Jordan, are kings on the court. But Josh has more than basketball in his blood--he's got mad beats, too, which help him find his rhythm when it's all on the line.</i> *Graphic Novel</p>
	<p><u>Jake the Fake Goes For Laughs</u> by Craig Robinson</p> <p><i>Jake cracks up the crowd as a budding comedian at the Music and Art Academy talent show, but his new ego is no laughing matter. And when he starts blowing off his friends to pursue his "art," Jake's big head becomes a huge bummer. Plus, being the funny man is way tougher than it looks. Luckily, Jake has his mentor Maury Kovalski, a retired comedy showstopper, to teach him the ropes about humor--and humility--before Jake loses all his biggest fans and best friends! Featuring more than 200 illustrations, Jake the Fake stuns again with even greater gags and giggles than before!</i></p>

Maud Hart Division I

	<p><u>Because of the Rabbit</u> by Cynthia Lord</p> <p><i>On the last night of summer, Emma and her Maine game warden father rescue a small domestic rabbit stuck in a fence; the very next day Emma starts fifth grade after years of being home schooled, excited and apprehensive about making new friends, but she is paired with Jack, a hyperactive boy, who does not seem to fit in with anyone--except that they share a love of animals, which draws them together, because of the rabbit.</i></p>
	<p><u>Bob</u> by Wendy Mass and Rebecca Stead</p> <p><i>Visiting her grandmother in Australia, Livy, ten, is reminded of the promise she made five years before to Bob, a strange, green creature who cannot recall who or what he is.</i></p>
	<p><u>Front Desk</u> by Kelly Yang</p> <p><i>Mia Tang has a lot of secrets. First: She lives in a motel, not a big house. Every day, while her immigrant parents clean the rooms, ten-year-old Mia manages the front desk of the Calivista Motel and tends to its guests. Second: Her parents hide immigrants. And if the mean motel owner, Mr. Yao, finds out they've been letting them stay in the empty rooms for free, the Tangs will be doomed. Third: She wants to be a writer. But how can she when her mom thinks she should stick to math because English is not her first language? It will take all of Mia's courage, kindness, and hard work to get through this year. Will she be able to hold on to her job, help the immigrants and guests, escape Mr. Yao, and go for her dreams?</i></p>
	<p><u>Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus</u> by Dusti Bowling</p> <p><i>Aven Green loves to tell people that she lost her arms in an alligator wrestling match, or a wildfire in Tanzania, but the truth is she was born without them. And when her parents take a job running Stagecoach Pass, a rundown western theme park in Arizona, Aven moves with them across the country knowing that she'll have to answer the question over and over again. Her new life takes an unexpected turn when she bonds with Connor, a classmate who also feels isolated because of his own disability, and they discover a room at Stagecoach Pass that holds bigger secrets than Aven ever could have imagined.</i></p>
	<p><u>Macy McMILLAN and the Rainbow Goddess</u> by Shari Green</p> <p><i>Dealing with her mother remarrying to a man with twin daughters and her family moving, deaf sixth-grader Macy is told that she must help her elderly neighbor Iris Gillan, who is also getting ready to move to a nursing home.</i></p>

	<p><u>Mustaches for Maddie</u> by Chad Morris</p> <p><i>Twelve-year-old Maddie has a quirky sense of humor and loves making her classmates laugh by slapping on fake mustaches every chance she gets. Being funny gets her noticed by class queen Cassie, and things are looking up when Maddie is cast as Juliet in the school play. Maybe Juliet could wear a mustache? When Maddie starts tripping when she walks and her hand starts curling up at her side, her mom takes her to the doctor, who confirms Maddie has a brain tumor. In an instant, her world is turned upside down. Maddie doesn't want anyone else to know. Especially Cassie, whose jealousy has turned to bullying. What about Maddie's chance to play Juliet opposite the cutest boy in the sixth grade? What if the doctors can't get the ugly tumor monster out of her brain? As Maddie's surgery approaches, she wonders if her illness is giving her super powers because her imagination is bigger than ever, her courage is stronger than ever, and her compassion is about to be felt by more people than she ever imagined.</i></p>
	<p><u>New Kid</u> by Jerry Craft</p> <p><i>Seventh grader Jordan Banks loves nothing more than drawing cartoons about his life. But instead of sending him to the art school of his dreams, his parents enroll him in a prestigious private school known for its academics, where Jordan is one of the few kids of color in his entire grade. As he makes the daily trip from his Washington Heights apartment to the upscale Riverdale Academy Day School, Jordan soon finds himself torn between two worlds--and not really fitting into either one. Can Jordan learn to navigate his new school culture while keeping his friends and staying true to himself?</i></p>
	<p><u>Restart</u> by Gordon Korman</p> <p><i>Chase does not remember falling off the roof, in fact he does not remember anything about himself, and when he gets back to middle school he begins to learn who he was through the reactions of the other kids--trouble is, he really is not sure he likes the Chase that is being revealed, but can he take the opportunity amnesia has provided and restart his life?</i></p>
	<p><u>Sled Dog School</u> by Terry Lynn Johnson</p> <p><i>Eleven-year-old Matt is struggling in school and he has to set up his own business to save his failing math grade. But what is he even good at? The only thing he truly loves is his team of dogs, and so Matt's Sled Dog School is born. Teaching dog sledding should be easy, right? But people, just like dogs, can be unpredictable. And sometimes the bravest thing a person can do is admit they need help. Like Terry Lynn Johnson's popular Ice Dogs, Sled Dog School is about overcoming adversity, finding your strengths, and your friends, and following your passions.</i></p>
	<p><u>Wishtree</u> by Katherine Applegate</p> <p><i>Trees can't tell jokes, but they can certainly tell stories. . . . Red is an oak tree who is many rings old. Red is the neighborhood "wishtree"--people write their wishes on pieces of cloth and tie them to Red's branches. Along with a crow named Bongo and other animals who seek refuge in Red's hollows, this wishtree watches over the neighborhood. You might say Red has seen it all. Until a new family moves in. Not everyone is welcoming, and Red's experience as a wishtree is more important than ever.</i></p>

Summer Reading Resources

	<p>Some Hennepin County Libraries are allowing patrons to order and pick up books. All you need is a Hennepin County Library card. For more information visit https://www.hclib.org/ or ask a Hennepin County Librarian to help.</p>
	<p>READ LOCAL! Ebooks Minnesota is a free online ebook collection for all Minnesotans. The collection covers a wide variety of subjects for readers of all ages, and features content from our state's independent publishers, including some of our best literature and nonfiction. http://ebooksmn.org/</p>
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	<p>Scholastic BookFlix is an online reading resource that pairs classic video storybooks with related nonfiction eBooks to reinforce reading skills and introduce children to a world of knowledge and exploration. BookFLIX is a subscription that Oxbow Creek has purchased for students to access for reading after school or in the summer. Simply go to the web site https://digital.scholastic.com/resources/slp/#/login?productCode=bkflix&ref=MTU4OTkwNzE0NnxodHRwOi8vdGVhY2hlcj5zY2hvbGFzdGljLmNvbS9wcm9kdW/N0cy9ib29rZmxpeC8%3D and log in.</p> <p>Log in: oxbowcreek Password: bookflix</p>
	<p>Students at Oxbow Creek can access and read over 250 different eBooks that are a part of our school library collection!</p> <p>Students go to the Anoka-Hennepin web site and choose the "Lock and Key". They log in with their username and password and then choose the Destiny icon (pictured on the left). They can then access the catalog and read ebooks on their electronic devices.</p>

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