

Newton Public Schools Middle School Library Department

Summer Reading Recommendations List 2024

* Young Adult (may include mature themes and language)

^ MTCBA nominee (Massachusetts Teen Choice Book Award) **NIV** Novel-in-Verse

Fantasy

Vivid, Ashley Bustamante
Abeni's Song, P. Djèlí Clark
Unraveller, Frances Hardinge
Something Close to Magic, Emma Mills
Once There Was, Kiyash Monsef
The Kingdom Over the Sea, Zohra Nabi
Throwback^*, Maurene Goo
Threads That Bind^*, Kika Hatzopoulou
*Strike the Zither**, Joan He
*The Lost Dreamer**, Lizz Huerta
The Wicked Bargain^*, Gabe Cole Novoa

Historical Fiction

Across So Many Seas, Ruth Behar
The Night War, Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
The Partition Project, Saadia Faruqi
Heroes, Alan Gratz
The Lost Year, Katherine Marsh
Remember Us, Jacqueline Woodson
*All You Have to Do**, Autumn Allen
*The Blood Years**, Elana K. Arnold
As Long As The Lemon Trees Grow^*, Zoulfa Katouh
This is Our Place^*, Vitor Martins
*An Impossible Thing to Say**, Arya Shahi

Horror & Supernatural

The Very Unfortunate Wish of Melony Yoshimura,
Waka T. Brown
Tale of the Gravemother, Rin Chupeco
Bite Risk, S.J. Wills
*The Grimoire of Grave Fates**, Hanna Alkaf and
Margaret Owen
*My Dear Henry: A Jekyll & Hyde Remix**, Kalynn Bayron
*Holly Horror**, Michelle Jabès Corpora
Bittersweet in the Hollow^*, Kate Pearsall
Your Lonely Nights are Over^*, Adam Sass
*Sixteen Souls**, Rosie Talbot

Mystery & Adventure

Wrecker, Carl Hiaasen
The Winterton Deception: Final Word, Janet Sumner
Johnson
Treasure Island: Runaway Gold, Jewell Parker Rhodes
The Night Raven, Johan Rundberg
Warrior Girl Unearthed^*, Angeline Boulley
*Take**, Jennifer Bradbury
Promise Boys^*, Nick Brooks
Bianca Torre is Afraid of Everything^*, Justine Pucella
Winans

Realistic Fiction

Simon Sort of Says, Erin Bow
Indigo and Ida, Heather Murphy Capps
Ode To a Nobody NIV, Caroline Brooks DuBois
The Song of Us, Kate Fussner
Aniana del Mar Jumps In NIV, Jasminne Mendez
Holler of the Fireflies, David Barclay Moore
The Fire, the Water, and Maudie McGinn, Sally J. Pla
Mascot NIV, Charles Waters and Traci Sorell
The Search for Us^*, Susan Azim Boyer
Where You See Yourself^*, Claire Forrest
Give Me a Sign^*, Anna Sortino
Well, That Was Unexpected^*, Jesse Q. Sutanto
Breathe and Count Back From Ten^*, Natalia Sylvester
Just Do This One Thing For Me^*, Laura Zimmermann

Sports Fiction

*Free Throws, Friendship, and Other Things We Fouled
Up*, Jenn Bishop
Baseball Genius, Tim Green and Derek Jeter
Warrior on the Mound, Sandra W. Headen
Slugfest, Gordon Korman
Barely Floating, Lilliam Rivera
Rez Ball^*, Byron Graves
*Throw Like a Girl**, Sarah Henning
Blue Lock, Vol. 1^* (manga), Muneyuki Kaneshiro &
Yusuke Nomura
*You Don't Have A Shot**, Racquel Marie
*Chasing Pacquiao**, Rod Palido
*We Are the Wildcats**, Siobhan Vivian

Nonfiction & Biography

The Mona Lisa Vanishes, Nicholas Day
The Enigma Girls, Candace Fleming
Breaking the Mold: Changing the Face of Climate Science, Dana Alison Levy
The Woman In the Moon: How Margaret Hamilton Helped Fly the First Astronauts to the Moon, Richard Maurer
Full of Life: Exploring Earth's Biodiversity, Isabel Thomas & Sara Gillingham
*American Redux: Visual Stories From Our Dynamic History**, Ariel Aberg-Riger
*Money Out Loud: All the Financial Stuff No One Taught Us^**, Berna Anat
*Impossible Escape: A True Story of Survival and Heroism In Nazi Europe**, Steve Sheinkin
*Accountable: The True Story of a Racist Social Media Account and the Teenagers Whose Lives It Changed^**, Dashka Slater
*A Long Time Coming: A Lyrical Biography of Race In America From Ona Judge To Barack Obama**, Ray Anthony Shepard

Graphic Novels

Dungeons & Dragons: Dungeon Club: Roll Call, Molly Knox Ostertag & Xanthe Bouma
A First Time for Everything, Dan Santat
Buzzing, Samuel Sattin & Rye Hickman
The Ojja Wojja: A Horror-mystery Or Whatever, Magdalene Visaggio & Jenn St-Onge
*Magical Boy: A Graphic Novel**, The Kao
*The Princess and the Grilled Cheese Sandwich**, Deya Muniz
*Hidden Systems: Water, Electricity, the Internet and the Secrets Behind the Systems We Use Every Day**, Dan Nott
*iAy, Mija!: My Bilingual Summer in Mexico^**, Christine Suggs

Science Fiction

The Girl Who Fell To Earth, Patricia Forde
Alebrijes, Donna Barba Higuera
The Ruby Code, Jessica Khoury
I Am the Walrus, Neal Shusterman and Eric Elfman
*The Electric Kingdom**, David Arnold
*The Stranded**, Sarah Daniels
*Star Splitter**, Matthew J. Kirby
*The Winter Soldier: Cold Front**, Mackenzi Lee
*The Switch**, Roland Smith

Binge-Worthy Series and Old Favorites

The Storm Runner (series), J.C. Cervantes
Benchwarmers (series), John Feinstein
Mr. Lemoncello's Library (series), Chris Grabenstein
Slider, Pete Hautman
Alex Rider (series), Anthony Horowitz
Show Me A Sign (series), Ann Clare LeZotte
From the Desk of Zoe Washington (series), Janae Marks
Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children (series), Ransom Riggs
*Unstoppable**, Charlie Jane Anders
The Summer I Turned Pretty(series)*, Jenny Han
Heartstopper(series)*, Alice Oseman
*The Book of Dust**, Philip Pullman
Scythe(series)*, Neal Shusterman

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<https://www.newton.k12.ma.us/Page/3927>

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