

North Allegheny Elementary Libraries

Summer Reading Suggestions

Adventure Books

Adventure Books take the reader to exciting places, or on an unknown journey. Often Adventure Books are about survival in extreme situations – during natural disasters, or in the great outdoors.

Auxier, Jonathan, ***The Night Gardener***

Two abandoned Irish siblings travel to work as servants at a creepy, crumbling English manor house. But the house and its family are not quite what they seem.

Brown, Peter, ***The Wild Robot***

When robot Roz opens her eyes for the first time, she discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island. She has no idea how she got there or what her purpose is--but she knows she needs to survive. After battling a fierce storm and escaping a vicious bear attack, she realizes that her only hope for survival is to adapt to her surroundings and learn from the island's unwelcoming animal inhabitants. As Roz slowly befriends the animals, the island starts to feel like home--until, one day, the robot's mysterious past comes back to haunt her. *(There's also a sequel!)*

Colfer, Chris ***The Wishing Spell*** (The Land of the Stories #1)

Precocious twins Alex and Conner Bailey are coping with the death of their father, but life turns magical when their globe-trotting grandma gives them a book, *The Land of Stories*. The peculiar book illuminates and “swallows up” any object placed on its pages. With an unquenchable curiosity and the yearning for a new chapter of life, Alex and Conner sink into this enchanting book’s pages and discover a land unlike any other!

Dicamillo, Kate ***Raymie Nightingale***

Raymie Clarke has come to realize that everything, absolutely everything, depends on her. And she has a plan. If Raymie can win the Little Miss Central Florida Tire competition, then her father, who left town two days ago with a dental hygienist, will see Raymie's picture in the paper and (maybe) come home. To win, not only does Raymie have to do good deeds and learn how to twirl a baton; she also has to contend with the wispy, frequently fainting Louisiana Elefante, who has a show-business background, and the fiery, stubborn Beverly Tapinski, who's determined to sabotage the contest. But as the competition approaches, loneliness, loss, and unanswerable questions draw the three girls into an unlikely friendship — and challenge each of them to come to the rescue in unexpected ways.

Grisham, John ***Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer***

Thirteen-year-old Theodore Boone, who knows every judge, police officer, and court clerk in the small town of Strattenburg, finds himself involved in a murder trial because of knowledge he might have about a cold-blooded killer. *(Try others in this series)*

Gutman, Dan ***Mission Unstoppable (The Genius Files series)***

Twins, Coke and Pepsi, are on a cross-country vacation with their parents. They find that they are in danger from strange people trying to hurt them and come to the realization that they are part of a top-secret government organization called The Genius Files. *(Try others in this series)*

Hiassen, Carl ***Chomp***

The difficult star of the reality television show, "Expedition Survival," disappears on location in the Florida Everglades, where they were filming animals from the wildlife refuge run by Wahoo Crane's family, and Wahoo and classmate Tuna Gordon set out to find him, but they must avoid Tuna's gun-happy father.

Horowitz, Anthony ***Stormbreaker (Alex Rider Series)***

They said that his uncle died in a car crash. But if it was "just an accident," why did Alex find bullet holes in the windshield? Alex never suspected that his uncle was really a spy for Britain's top secret intelligence agency...and that he would be recruited by them to find his uncle's killer. *(Try others in this series)*

Korman, Gordon ***Jackpot (Swindle Series)***

In the latest installation to this series, Griffin Bing and his friends are trying to help Mr. Fielder, who has lost a \$30 million lottery ticket. Of course, the local bully, Darren Vader, is trying to find it for himself. Mr. Bing's latest invention might be the key to finding the ticket, but can they do it in time? *(Try others in this series)*

Messner, Kate ***Capture the Flag***

Seventh-graders Anne, Jose and Henry are stranded with their families in a Washington D.C. airport. When the news announces that the original Star Spangled Banner has been stolen, they realize that it is in the airport with them. They find clues and pursue suspects, while realizing that they are all descendants of the Silver Jaguar Society.

Morpurgo, Michael ***Kensuke's Kingdom***

When Michael is swept off his family's yacht, he washes up on a desert island, where he struggles to survive--until he finds he is not alone. *(Try others by this author)*

Mull, Brandon ***Sky Raiders***

Cole Randolph was just trying to have a fun time with his friends on Halloween. But when a spooky haunted house turns out to be a portal to something much creepier, Cole finds himself on an adventure on a whole different level.

O'Brien, Robert ***Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH***

The classic story of a widowed mouse, Mrs. Frisby is desperate to keep her children safe from Mr. Fitzgibbons' plow. Their yearly trek from the garden to their summer haven is complicated when her youngest son, Timothy, falls ill with pneumonia. With the help of a sophisticated group of rats called NIMH, Mrs. Frisby will experience the most perilous journey of her life... all for the love of her family.

Paulsen, Gary ***Hatchet (Brian's Saga Series #1)***

On his way to visit his recently divorced father in the Canadian mountains, thirteen-year-old Brian Robeson is the only survivor when the single-engine plane crashes. His body battered, his clothes in the shreds, Brian must now stay alive in the boundless Canadian wilderness.

Pennypacker, Sara ***Pax***

Pax and Peter have been inseparable ever since Peter rescued him as a kit. But one day, the unimaginable happens: Peter's dad enlists in the military and makes him return the fox to the wild. At his grandfather's house, three hundred miles away from home, Peter knows he isn't where he should be—with Pax. He strikes out on his own despite the encroaching war, spurred by love, loyalty, and grief, to be reunited with his fox.

Plays, Stacy ***Guardians of the Taiga (Wild Rescuers Series #1)***

A thrilling illustrated novel about a girl raised by a pack of wolves and her quest to protect their shared forest home. The first in a new Minecraft-inspired fantasy adventure series!

Rex, Adam, ***Cold Cereal (Cold Cereal Saga)***

Scott Doe is attending his third new school in as many years because his mother's job keeps changing. She is now working for a cereal company in New Jersey named Goodco Cereal Company. Strange things keep happening to Scott and other children before they realize that fantasy creatures are running Goodco in hopes of taking over the world.

Riordan, Rick, ***The Maze of Bones (39 Clues Series)***

Amy and Dan, members of the powerful Cahill family, try to uncover the thirty-nine **clues** which will reveal the secrets of their lineage and find out what really happened to their parents. *(Try others in this series and a follow-up series Cahills vs. Vespers)*

Selznick, Brian ***The Invention of Hugo Cabret***

Hugo Cabret, a clock keeper at a Paris train station, has one obsession: to retrieve a treasured notebook given to him by his deceased father. In it lies the key to unlocking a secret message housed in a broken automaton, a humanlike mechanical device. Could this automaton reveal a final message from a loving father to his son? This enchanting, one of a kind book utilizes the elements of picture book and film.

Smith, Roland, ***Storm Runners***

In this series, 12-year-old Chase Masters travels the country with his father, a "storm runner". He is tested in ways he never could have imagined when he and a new friend are caught in a hurricane near St. Petersburg, Florida. *(Try others by this author)*

Stewart, Trenton Lee, ***Mysterious Benedict Society***

After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules. *(Try others in this series)*