

North Allegheny Elementary Libraries

Summer Reading Suggestions

Fantasy Fiction Stories:

Fantasy books are imaginary stories that could never happen in real life. They always feature magic in some form or another, as well as often containing characters such as talking animals, wizards, or mythical creatures.

Auxier, Jonathan ***Sweep: The Story of a Girl and her Monster***

From the author of *The Night Gardener* comes the story of Nan Sparrow. Set in nineteenth-century England, after her father's disappearance Nan, ten, works as a "climbing boy," aiding chimney sweeps, but when her most treasured possessions end up in a fireplace, she unwittingly creates a golem.

Barnhill, Kelly ***The Girl Who Drank the Moon***

This 2017 Newbery Medal Winner is an epic fantasy about a young girl raised by a witch, a swamp monster, and a Perfectly Tiny Dragon, who must unlock the powerful magic buried deep inside her.

Black, Holly ***Doll Bones***

Zach, Alice, and Poppy, friends from a Pennsylvania middle school who have long enjoyed acting out imaginary adventures with dolls and action figures, embark on a real-life quest to Ohio to bury a doll made from the ashes of a dead girl.

Blackwood, Sage ***Miss Ellicott's School for the Magically Minded***

Repeatedly landing in trouble at her finishing school because of her preference for practicing magic instead of manners, Chantel enlists her friends to protect the kingdom when her teacher goes missing along with the city's protective magic

DiCamillo, Kate ***Flora and Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures***

This 2014 Newbery Medal Winner follows a girl named Flora and a squirrel named Ulysses, whose life was saved by Flora after he was involved in an incident with a vacuum cleaner, team up to use Ulysses' superpowers to conquer villains and protect the weak.

Epstein, Adam Jay ***Familiars (Familiars #1)***

Three young wizards-in training are kidnapped by an evil queen; their familiars, Aldwyn – the alley cat, Skylar – a know-it-all blue jay, and Gilbert – a tree frog who can see the future, set out on a dangerous journey to rescue the boys.

Gaiman, Neil ***Graveyard Book***

After the grisly murder of his entire family, a toddler wanders into a graveyard where the ghosts and other supernatural residents agree to raise him as one of their own. (Also available in a two-part graphic novel!)

Snyder, Laurel ***Orphan Island***

A group of orphans wait each year for a boat to arrive on the island, replacing the eldest with the youngest, never to be seen again, as each remaining child learns what it means to say goodbye to childhood forever.

West, Jacqueline ***The Collectors***

Overlooked in class, a hearing-impaired boy who collects lost or discarded trinkets discovers a dangerous underground world full of stolen wishes and the people who collect them.

Do you love graphic novels???

Checkout these popular fantasy titles in graphic novel format!

Larson, Hope ***A Wrinkle in Time: The Graphic Novel***

A visual adaptation published to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of Madeleine L'Engle's classic novel. Meg Murry, her brother Charles, and their friend Calvin, embark on a journey through space and time, assisted by three otherworldly women, when they set out to find Meg's father, a physicist who disappeared while experimenting with time travel.

Middaugh, Dallas ***The City of Ember: The Graphic Novel***

Jeanne DuPrau's novel is adapted by Middaugh as a graphic novel. In the year 241, twelve-year-old Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a Messenger to run to new places in her decaying but beloved city, perhaps even to glimpse Unknown Regions.

Riordin, Rick ***The Lightning Thief (Percy Jackson and the Olympians #1)***

The first book in the *Percy Jackson* series is reimagined as a graphic novel and it's awesome! ***The Battle of the Labyrinth*** and ***The Titan's Curse*** (the second and third installments in the series) are also available as graphic novels!