

North Allegheny Elementary Libraries

Summer Reading Suggestions

Graphic Novels

Graphic novels are book-length comic strips. For many kids, especially reluctant readers, they are FUN to read and less intimidating than chapter books. Reading graphic novels improves literacy development by requiring readers to put pictures and text into context in order to understand the story.

Bell, Cece ***El Deafo***

In this funny and poignant graphic novel memoir, author/illustrator, CeCe Bell chronicles her hearing loss from a young age.

de la Cruz, Melissa ***Isle of the Lost: The Graphic Novel***

De la Cruz's series based off of the popular Disney Channel movie *Descendants* has been re-released in a beautiful graphic novel format! Fans of the movies and the series will definitely want to check this out!

Ferrari, Alessandro ***Star Wars: Original Trilogy: Graphic Novel***

Experience the original *Star Wars* story in a whole new way with this graphic novel! And major *Star Wars* fans should be sure to check out the ***Star Wars: The Prequel Trilogy: Graphic Novel***

Fridolfs, Derek ***DC Comics' Secret Hero Society***

Bruce Wayne is the new kid at Ducard Academy and he quickly learns that the school is populated with students and faculty that are kind of odd. He and his new friends, Clark and Diana, become determined to solve the mystery of what is going on at this strange school. There are currently *three* books in this series!

Harper, Charise Mericle ***The Amazing Crafty Cat***

The first book in a (currently) *three* book series. Today is Birdie's birthday, and everything will be perfect! Birdie's panda-riffic cupcakes are beautiful, and there's one for everyone. She will be the star of the class. But then . . . disaster! A trip and fall on the way to school means no more cupcakes! Who can save the day? Who can make the class smile again? This a job for Birdie's alter ego ... the Amazing Crafty Cat!

Hale, Nathan ***Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales***

Try one or all of the six books in this well-researched nonfiction series. Each book tells a harrowing historical tale in comic format. Topics range from the Underground Railroad to the Donner Party.

Hatke, Ben **Zita the Spacegirl** series

Sci-fi fans will love this trilogy that follows Zita, a girl who ends up in space after jumping through a portal to save a friend. Check out all *three* of Zita's adventures!

Holm, Jennifer L. **Babymouse** and **Squish** series - and **Sunny Side Up**

Babymouse is a series of *twenty* books chronicling Babymouse's daily life from sports with friends to vacations with family. **Squish** is made up of *eight* books about an amoeba who battles science and social woes. **Sunny Side Up** is another series by Holm. This story follows Sunny Lewin as she's shipped off to Florida to spend the summer with her grandfather. Be sure to check out the follow-up story - **Swing It Sunny!**

Jamieson, Victoria **Roller Girl**

This heartwarming tale of friendship, growing-up, personal challenges and, yes, roller derby will roll its way onto the bookshelves of Raina Telgemeier fans.

Kibuishi, Kazu **Amulet** series

Seven books comprise this fantasy/science-fiction comic series that begins with siblings, Navin and Em, battling to save their mom from mysterious creatures from an underground world.

Pilkey, Dav **Dog Man** series

This series is getting massively popular! Dog Man has the head of a dog, the body of a human, and a nose for justice! Check out all *six* adventures! The newest in the series - **Brawl of the Wild!**

Simpson, Dana **Phoebe and her Unicorn** series

Do you believe in unicorns? Phoebe does. She has no choice. One day she skipped a rock across a pond and hit a unicorn in the face. Improbably, this resulted in a lasting friendship between Phoebe and the unicorn, one Marigold Heavenly Nostrils! The *eighth* book in the series, **Unicorn Theater**, was just released!

Smith, Jeff **Bone** series

This *eleven* book series takes place in a pre-technological world over the span of a year, during which three cousins face nerve-wracking adventure after being lost in an uncharted desert.

Telgemeier, Raina **Ghosts**

Graphic novel superstar, Raina Telgemeier's **Ghosts** follows Catrina and her family after they move to Northern California, where everyone in their new town is obsessed with Ghosts. Don't forget about Telgemeier's adaptations of Ann M. Martin's **Babysitter's Club** stories into comic form. Readers of these will also enjoy middle-school-aged realistic fiction duo **Smile** and **Sisters**.