

North Allegheny Elementary Libraries

Summer Reading Suggestions

Realistic Fiction

Kids enjoy reading Realistic Fiction because it's relatable: set in present day and the main characters have a problem or dilemma to solve. They solve it using realistic methods.

Buyea, Rob ***Because of Mr. Terupt***

Seven fifth-graders at Snow Hill School in Connecticut relate how their lives are changed for the better by "rookie teacher" Mr. Terupt. This is the first in a three book series.

Davies, Jacqueline ***The Lemonade War***

Evan and his younger sister, Jesse, react very differently to the news that they will be in the same class for fourth grade and as the end of summer approaches, they battle it out through lemonade stands, each trying to be the first to earn 100 dollars. This book includes mathematical calculations and tips for running a successful lemonade stand. (Read others in this series)

Gibbs, Stuart, ***Lion Down (FunJungle)*** Teddy Fitzroy is an expert at FunJungle mysteries. He has certainly solved enough. Things seem to be finally quiet when a beloved dog is found dead and a lion is falsely accused of killing the dog. This is the newest book in the "FunJungle" series by Stuart Gibbs.

Graff, Lisa ***Absolutely Almost***

Ten-year-old Albie has never been the smartest, tallest, best at gym, greatest artist, or most musical in his class, as his parents keep reminding him, but new nanny Calista helps him uncover his strengths and take pride in himself. If you enjoy this title - try others by Lisa Graff!

Hiassen, Carl ***Hoot***

Roy, who is new to his small Florida community, becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site. (Try others by this author)

Korman, Gordon ***The Undefeatables***

When the worst class of students is paired with a frustrated teacher close to retirement the odds of success are pretty slim. The school superintendent knows what a great teacher Mr. Kermit really is and how he is this class of students last hope. (Try the large selection of other books by this author)

Lord, Cynthia ***Rules***

Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, twelve-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence but her world is further complicated by a friendship with an young paraplegic.

Mass, Wendy ***The Candymakers***

Four gifted twelve-year-olds, including Logan, the candymaker's son, are set to be contestants in the Confectionary Association's national competition to determine the nation's tastiest sweet, but nobody anticipates that a friendship will form between them. (Try others by this author)

Palacio, R.J. ***Wonder***

Ten-year-old Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities and was not expected to survive, goes from being home-schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan, which means he hears taunts from the other kids as he struggles to be seen as just another student.

Russell, Rachel Renee ***Tales from a not-so-secret crush catastrophe***

As Nikki plans how she's going to spend her summer, things get more complicated after she starts hanging out with a visiting student. This is book #12 in the ***Dork Diaries*** series - try other titles in the series!

Sachar, Louis ***Holes***

As further evidence of his family's bad fortune which they attribute to a curse on a distant relative, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a horrific correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself. (Try others by this author)

Tashjian, Janet ***My Life as a Book***

Dubbed a "reluctant reader" by his teacher, twelve-year-old Derek spends summer vacation learning important lessons even though he does not complete his summer reading list. This is the first book in the ***Derek Fallon*** series - there are six more!

Turnage, Sheila ***Three Times Lucky***

Sixth grader Miss Moses LoBeau lives in the small town of Tupelo Landing, NC., where she washed ashore during a hurricane 11 years ago. She has been making waves ever since! When a lawman comes to town asking about a murder, Mo and her best friend set out to uncover the truth in hopes of saving the only family she has ever known.