

North Allegheny Elementary Libraries

Summer Reading Suggestions

Science Fiction

Science Fiction books are imaginary books that contain a grain of real science. They often take place in the future, or somewhere other than on earth. The problems in these books usually occur because of scientific experiments or mistakes.

Boyce, Frank ***Cosmic***

Liam is a big lad, so big that strangers mistake the 12-year-old for an adult. Too often, they expect to act like an adult, so Liam decides to enter the Greatest Dad Ever Contest. In short order, he finds himself on a rocket ship that is off course and 200,000 miles above the earth.

Brown, Jeffrey ***Star Wars Jedi Academy***

This graphic novel adventure story is about a young boy, Roan, who dreams of becoming a pilot, but gets into Jedi school instead. He's the oldest new student, everyone else started long before him. Roan has ups and downs, as one does at a new school, but finds his place at the school and new friends.

Brallier, Max ***The Last Kids on Earth (The Last Kids on Earth Series #1)***

Jack and his best friend Quint live in an upgraded, well defended treehouse as they battle with a monster-zombie apocalypse.

Buckley, Michael ***NERDS: National Espionage, Rescue and Defense Society***

While running a spy network from their elementary school, five unpopular misfits combine their talents and use cutting-edge gadgetry to fight evil around the world. (Try others in this series)

Dahl, Roald ***Charlie and the Glass Elevator***

A sequel to *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, the book begins right after Wonka and Charlie burst through the roof of the chocolate factory in the elevator. They pick up Grandma and Grandpa and, through an accident, heads into orbit to rendezvous with the Space Hotel.

Dashner, James ***Infinity Ring: A Mutiny in Time***

When the fate of mankind falls into the hands of three friends, they must figure out how to use the Infinity Ring to travel back in time to Spain, 1492 and reset the course of history for Christopher Columbus and the world. (Try others in this series)

DiTerlizzi, Tony ***The Search for WondLa***

After her underground home that she shared with Muthr, a robot, is destroyed, twelve-year-old Eva Nine is left to venture to the aboveground and into an unsafe, unfamiliar existence. Desperate to find someone like her, Eva clings to the scrap of cardboard that offers clues to the existence of humans and the single, mysterious word, "WondLa". (Try others in this series)

DuPrau, Jeanne ***City of Ember***

Some 200 years ago, the City of Ember was built to save the human race. The city, which once seemed indestructible, is beginning to crumble and resources are becoming short. Lina and Doon set off to discover a way to save the only world they have ever known. (Try others in this series)

Forester, Victoria ***The Girl Who Could Fly***

Piper McCloud's ability to fly sets her apart from the other kids, so her mother sends her to an exclusive school for children with exceptional abilities, but even there she does not fit in with the other students, and serious danger awaits.

Fox, Helen ***Eager***

Grumps, the old family robot, is beginning to malfunction. Gavin Bell and his family can't afford a new, sleek robot, so they accept Eager, an experimental, goofy-looking model. Eager takes some time to understand the world around him, even as he and Gavin (and Gavin's sister) discover a rebellion of the new, sleek robots against their owners.

Gutman, Dan ***Roberto & Me (Baseball Card Adventure series)***

Stosh travels back to 1969 to try to prevent the untimely death of Roberto Clemente, a legendary baseball player and humanitarian, but upon his return to the present, he meets his own great-grandson who takes him into the future, and what he finds there is more shocking than anything he has encountered in his travels to the past. (Try others in this series and by this author)

Hatke, Ben ***Zita the Spacegirl***

Normal Earthling Zita is transported to a mysterious alien planet. Zita must rescue her friend who's been kidnapped by an alien cult while dealing with con men, bloodthirsty robots, humanoid chickens, a friendly giant mouse, and the impending destruction of the planet she's standing on.

Haddix, Margaret Peterson ***Found***

When thirteen-year-olds Jonah and Chip, who are both adopted, learn they were discovered on a plane that appeared out of nowhere, full of babies with no adults on board, they realize that they have uncovered a mystery involving time travel and two opposing forces, each trying to repair the fabric of time.

Hopper, Ada ***March of the Mini Beasts***

Cesar, Gabe, and Laura, three inquisitive, STEM-savvy second graders, are happy to meet their scientist neighbor, Dr. Bunsen--and thrilled to help him test his latest invention, a growth-ray-emitting gadget, on their toys. His next invention transports them to prehistoric times.

O’Ryan, Ray ***Galaxy Zack: Hello, Nebulon!***

Moving is never easy but when you leave your home PLANET, things can be downright scary! When Zack moves from Earth to Nebulon, he worries about normal things like leaving his best friend and making new ones. After all, will Nebulites be aliens covered in slime? How will he fit in? Zack is surprised when it turns out that the planet Nebulon isn’t so bad but he’s in for an even bigger surprise that has him over the moon! (Try other in this series)

Montgomery, Ross ***Perijee & Me***

Caitlin is the only young person living on Middle Island. On the first day of vacation, she finds a tiny alien on the beach. Caitlin becomes close to her secret friend, whom she names Perijee, teaching him everything about her world and treating him like a brother. There's only one problem: Perijee won't stop growing. And growing . . . Caitlin will have to convince the adults around her--and Perijee himself--that the creature they see as a terrifying monster is anything but.

Samphire, Patrick ***Secrets of the Dragon Tomb***

Twelve-year-old Edward Sullivan has always dreamed of becoming a spy like the ones he reads of in his favorite sci-fi magazine, Thrilling Martian Tales. Instead, he spends his days keeping his eccentric family from complete disaster . . . that is, until the villainous archaeologist Sir Titus Dane kidnaps Edward's parents as part of a scheme to loot an undiscovered dragon tomb.

Scieszka, Jon ***Frank Einstein and the Antimatter Motor***

Wacky inventions, artificial intelligence, and evil chimps abound in the world of Frank Einstein, a boy inventor determined to win the Midville Science Prize. Brimming with goofy laughs, this title also includes discussion of real scientific concepts.

Searles, Rachel ***The Lost Planet***

Chase Garrety wakes up on a strange planet with just one cryptic memory: "Guide the star." In his quest for answers, Chase teams up with an orphan boy, the boy's android caretaker, and a shady alien pilot and finds himself in the middle of an interplanetary war. (Try others in this series)

Stead, Rebecca ***When you Reach Me***

Mysterious notes from different points in time leave Miranda piecing together the clues. This is a wonderful book to read before or after *A Wrinkle in Time*.

Vaughan, M.M. ***Six***

With their father missing and sinister goons out to kidnap them, 12-year-old Parker and 10-year-old Emma are on the run. The siblings have one advantage—a special device that allows Parker to communicate with Emma, who’s deaf, through thoughts alone. But will that be enough to evade capture, find their dad, and uncover the truth?