



Summer Beaver Reader List

2025-2026

Each time you read one of these featured reads, let Ms. Chambers know so you can get the #BeaverReader respect you deserve! Prizes too!

Summer Hours are July 28th and August 8th from 10-12 pm-Community Service Hours Available!



Heavenbreaker by Sara Wolf - A genre-bending, viscerally written thrill ride with a feral heroine who will stop at nothing. The first installment of Wolf's SF series a young woman's quest to avenge the murder of her mother and destroy all of those involved in her death. (SF)



This Mortal Coil by Emily Suvada - In a world where people are implanted with technology to recode their DNA, gene-hacking genius Cat must decrypt her late father's message concealing a vaccine to a horrifying plague. (SF)



Running Past Dark by Han Nolan - High school senior Scottie O'Doul searches for the truth behind the deadly car crash that claimed the lives of her twin sister and the high school football coach. (RF)



Once There Was by Kiyash Monsef - When fifteen-year-old Iranian American Marjan discovers her murdered father was secretly a veterinarian to magical creatures, she realizes she must take up his mantle, despite the many dangers. (FAN)



Ruin Road by Lamar Giles - Clara High school football player Cade Webster buys a ring in a pawn shop, but when his wish that people stop acting scared of him seems to be coming true, he remembers the ring came with a warning--"When the strangeness begins, come back"--and suddenly people seem to have lost their fear of everything. (HOR)



That's Not My Name by Megan Lally - Told in two voices, a seventeen-year-old battered and bruised girl struggles to remember who she or the man claiming to be her father is while seventeen-year-old Drew stops at nothing to find his missing girlfriend. (HOR)



Hurdles in the Dark: My Story of Survival, Resilience, and Triumph by Elvira K. Gonzalez - A YA memoir about survival and strength by Elvira Gonzalez, a Mexican-American track star who found freedom from poverty and violence by training to become one of the top athletes in the U.S. (NF)



Nothing Like the Movies by Lynn Painter - Grieving from his father's death, Wes breaks up with Liz, but is now determined to win her back with grand romantic gestures despite her resistance and the presence of a new guy friend, leading him to question if their relationship is truly over. (ROM)



Better Than the Movies by Lynn Painter-Michael, to whom Liz Buxbaum gave her heart long ago, has returned but to get his attention and, perhaps, a prom date she must scheme with her nemesis Wes, her next-door neighbor. (ROM)



Starter Villain by John Scalzi - Charlie's long-lost uncle Jake dies and leaves his supervillain business (complete with island volcano lair) to Charlie. But becoming a supervillain isn't all giant laser death rays and lava pits. (SF)



The Last Boyfriends Rules for Revenge by Matthew Hubbard - A queer YA coming-of-age featuring three queer teenage boys in small town Alabama who set out to get revenge on their ex-boyfriends and end up fighting their school's anti-LGBTQ+ initiatives.

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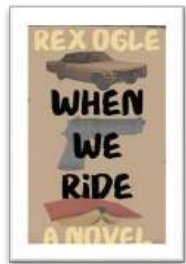


Beholder by Ryan La Sala - From Ryan La Sala, author of the tantalizingly twisted *The Honeys* and riotously imaginative *Reverie*, comes a chilling new contemporary fable about art, aesthetic obsession, and the gaze that peers back at us from behind our

reflections. No one survived the party at the penthouse. Except Athan. (HOR)

Silent Sister by Megan Davidhizar -

Two sisters, Grace & Maddy, went missing on their class trip. But when Grace is found with blood on her clothes and no memory of what happened, everybody thinks she's lying. Desperate to save her sister, Grace must piece together what happened with her sister's notebook and classmates who may not be telling the police the truth about what happened. (MYS)



When We Ride by Rex Ogle - Diego Benevides works hard. His single mother encourages him to stay focused on school, on getting into college, on getting out of their crumbling neighborhood. That's why she gave him her car. Diego's best friend, Lawson, needs a ride—

because Lawson is dealing. When Lawson starts carrying powder and pills and worse, their friendship is tested, and their lives are threatened. (RF)



Shackled by Candy J. Cooper – Here is the explosive story of the Kids for Cash scandal in Pennsylvania, a judicial justice miscarriage that sent more than 2,500 children and teens to a for-profit detention center while two judges lined their pockets with cash. (NF)



Girls Like Her by Melanie Sumrow - A wealthy businessman is dead, and fifteen-year-old Ruby Monroe is in a Dallas jail awaiting trial for his murder. Ruby has no one she can count on--no one, except her state-appointed caseworker, a woman named Cadence Ware. But no one knows

the story--the real story--of what happened the day Ruby met the man who would end up dead. Ruby and Cadence will both have desperate choices to make--choices that could mean the difference between Ruby spending her life in prison or her name being cleared. (MYS)



Bladestay by Jackie Johnson – When a violent, decades-long feud between two powerful men comes to a head in the small settlement of Bladestay, CO, Theo Creed must use her wits to stay alive. Disguising herself as a young boy, seventeen-year-old Theo bluffs her way

into the inner circle of August Gaines, the magnetic leader of the ruthless gang that has descended on her town. To save her town, Theo must parse façade from reality and choose between the barefaced malevolence she's infiltrated and an evil she didn't know lurked at home. (ACT/ADV)



10 Things I Hate About Prom by Elle Gonzales Rose – There are more than ten things to hate about prom, but the worst thing is when your lovable best friend wants to go with someone else. (ROM)



The Last Dragon on Mars by Scott Reintgen – Thirteen-year-old Lunar Jones was born on Mars, with every day a struggle, until he stumbles into a restricted military zone where he learns dragons are real and a new dragon has chosen him as a rider--a role he needs to

embrace quickly because this dragon could save the Martian colony. (FAN)



Joined at the Joints by Marissa Eller – Chronically ill seventeen-year-old Ivy, finds solace in baking and watching the Food Network to cope with her illness and social anxiety, but when she meets a cute classmate with the same juvenile

rheumatoid arthritis diagnosis, she must decide whether

to maintain a façade or be brave and let go in their budding romance. (ROM)



Every Time You Hear That Song

by Jenna Voris - aspiring journalist Darren Purchase has been a lifelong fan of country music legend Decklee Cassel, who's as famous for her classic hits as she is for her partnership with songwriter Mickenlee Hooper. The same Mickenlee who mysteriously

backed out of the limelight at the height of their careers, never to be heard from again. Now Decklee's televised funeral marks the unveiling of her long-awaited time capsule. But when it's revealed to be empty, Darren knows there's a story there—and she's going to be the one to break it. (ROM)



Mickey 7 by Edward Ashton -Mickey Barnes is an Expendable: a disposable employee on a human expedition sent to colonize an ice world. Whenever there's a mission that's too dangerous—even suicidal—the crew turns to Mickey.

After one iteration dies, a new body is regenerated with most of his memories intact. After six deaths, Mickey7 understands the terms of his deal...and why it was the only colonial position unfilled when he took it. On a routine scouting mission, Mickey7 goes missing and is presumed dead. (SF/DYS)



Her Radiant Curse by Elizabeth Lim – Channi was not born a monster. But when her own father offers her in sacrifice to the Demon Witch, she is forever changed. Cursed with a serpent's face, Channi is the exact opposite of her beautiful sister,

Vanna—the only person in the village who looks at Channi and doesn't see a monster. The only person she loves and trusts. (FAN)



Lakelore by Anna-Marie McLemore - Everyone who lives near the lake knows the stories about the world underneath it, an ethereal landscape rumored to be half-air, half-water. But Bastián Silvano and Lore Garcia are the only ones who've been there. Bastián grew up both above

the lake and in the otherworldly space beneath it. Lore's only seen the world under the lake once, but that one encounter changed their life and their fate. (FAN)



Even if it Breaks Your Heart by Erin Hahn – As he attempts to fulfil a list left behind by his deceased best friend, nineteen-year-old Case meets eighteen-year-old Winnie, a hardworking ranch hand with aspirations of her own, and together they embark on an unexpected journey as they chase down their rodeo dreams. (ROM)



Bonesmith by Nicki Pau Preto - Gideon the Ninth meets the Game of Thrones White Walkers in this dark young adult fantasy about a disgraced ghost-fighting warrior who must journey into a haunted wasteland to rescue a kidnapped prince. (FAN)



The Breakup Lists by Adib Khorram - A high school stage manager has to face his complicated feelings about love when he catches himself falling for the same guy as his sister. (ROM)



Where He Can't Find You by Darcy Coates – Abby Ward lives in a town haunted by disappearances. People vanish, and when they're found, their bodies have been dismembered and sewn back together in unnatural ways. But is it the work of a human killer . . . or something far darker?

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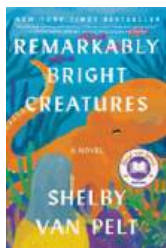


They Bloom in the Night by Trang Thanh Tran - Since the hurricane, the town of Mercy, Louisiana has been overtaken by a strange red algae bloom. Mercy has never been a safe place, but it's getting worse. People are disappearing, and the only clues as to why are whispers of underwater shadows and warnings to never answer the knocks at night. (HOR)



All Better Now by Neal Shusterman - An unprecedented condition is on the rise. It behaves like a virus and those who contract it experience long-term effects no one has ever seen-utter contentment. Almost everyone revels in this mass

unburdening. But people in power know this new state of being is bad for business. (DYS)



Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt - After Tova Sullivan's husband died, she began working the night shift at the Sowell Bay Aquarium. She's been keeping busy since her son mysteriously vanished on a boat in Puget Sound over 30 years ago. Tova becomes acquainted with Marcellus, a giant Pacific octopus living at the aquarium. Marcellus and Tova develop an unlikely friendship and Marcellus deduces what happened the night Tova's son disappeared. And now Marcellus must use every trick his old invertebrate body can muster to unearth the truth for her before it's too late. (RF)



Just Until by Joseph Moldover - 17-year-old Hannah Lynn has just one goal: to get out of Evans Beach, Maine. It's where she lost her mother to cancer. Where her estranged sister, Pauline, fell apart before moving out. Hannah has never fit in, but that doesn't matter now

that she is finally on the cusp of escaping to her dream college. Then her life is turned upside down when Pauline's two sons are taken by the state, leaving Hannah and Larry the only people standing between the boys and the child welfare system. (RF)



Aisle Nine by Ian Cho - Jasper spends his days working as a checkout clerk at the *Here For You* discount mart, where a hell portal in aisle nine means danger every shift. But at least here he can be near the girl he's crushing on who seems to hate

Jasper for reasons he can't remember or understand. But when Jasper and Kyle learn they both share a frightening vision of the impending apocalypse, they're forced to team up and uncover the uncomfortable truth about the hell portals and the demons that haunt the world. (HOR)



Death in the Jungle by Candace Fleming - How did Jim Jones, the leader of Peoples Temple, convince more than 900 of his followers to commit "revolutionary suicide" by drinking cyanide-laced punch? From a master of narrative nonfiction comes a chilling

chronicle of one of the most notorious cults in American history. (NF)



Shadowed by Carl Deuker - Nate and Lucas find common ground in their fierce games of one-on-one basketball. But Nate has an ax to grind with star players Colin and Bo, who have disrespected him for years. Nate believes that outplaying those two is the most important thing . . . until

he learns that life is about more than getting ready for the next game. (SPO)



On the Wings of la Noche by Vanessa L. Torres - Death waits for Estrella (Noche) Villanueva. In her human form, she is a lonely science girl grieving the tragic accidental drowning of her girlfriend, Dante Fuentes. At night, she is a Lechuza who visits her dead girlfriend

at the lake, desperate for more time with her. The longer Dante's soul roams the earth, the more likely it is that she will fade into the unknown, lost forever, but Noche cannot let go...That's when a new kid comes to town, Jax, another science nerd like Noche. They connect in a way she can't ignore. (FAN)



Plain Jane and the Mermaid by Vera Broskol- Jane is incredibly plain; everyone says so. Determined to get some semblance of independence, Jane prepares to propose to the princely Peter, who might just say yes to get away from his

father. It's a good plan! Or it would've been, if he wasn't kidnapped by a mermaid. With her last shot at happiness lost in the deep blue sea, Jane must venture to the world underwater to rescue her maybe-fiancé. But the depths of the ocean hold beautiful mysteries and dangerous creatures. What good can a plain Jane do? (GN/DYS)



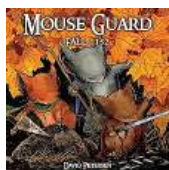
The Cull by Kelly Thompson -Five friends set off in the middle of the night to shoot a short film on a forbidden rock near their small coastal town the summer before they all go their separate ways. But they're not really there to shoot a film. One of them has lied. And that lie

will change EVERYTHING. (GN/DYS)



In Utero by Chris Gooch -Twelve years after a disastrous explosion, young Hailey is dropped off by her mum at a holiday camp in a dilapidated shopping mall. Alienated from the other kids, she connects with an eerie older teen named Jen... but soon dark horrors awaken, and the two new friends are

caught up in a cataclysmic battle between two terrifying creatures who have been lying dormant all this time. (GN/WAR/SF)



Mouse Guard: Fall 1152 by David Petersen- In the world of Mouse Guard, mice struggle to live safely and prosper amongst harsh conditions and a host of predators. Thus, the Mouse Guard was formed; they are guides for common mice looking to journey without confrontation from one hidden village to another. Saxon, Kenzie and Lieam, are dispatched to find a missing merchant mouse that never arrived at his destination. Their search for the missing mouse reveals much more than they expect, as they stumble across a traitor in the Guard's own ranks. (GN/DYS)



Courage to Dream: Tales of Hope in the Holocaust by Neal Schusterman- Plunge into the Holocaust — one of the greatest atrocities in human history — and delve into the core of what it means to face the extinction of everything and everyone you hold dear. A gripping, multifaceted tapestry woven from Jewish folklore and cultural history, five interlocking narratives explore one common story – the tradition of resistance and uplift. (GN/HF)



The Deep Dark by Molly Knox Ostertag.-Magdalena Herrera is about to graduate high school, but she already feels like an adult with serious responsibilities: caring for her ailing grandmother; working, clandestine meetups with a girl she likes. And then there's her secret (a secret that could hurt and even kill if it ever got out), which pulls her into the basement each night, drains her of energy, and leaves her bleeding. So, Mags keeps her head down until her childhood friend Nessa comes back to town, bringing vivid memories of the past, an intoxicating glimpse of the future, and a secret of her own. (GN/FAN)



Wonder Woman Outlaw by Tom King -When an Amazon is accused of mass murder, Wonder Woman must find her before an elite U.S. strike force does. Failure will mean all out war between America and the Amazons, but that's exactly what the mysterious mastermind called the Sovereign wants! (GN/ACT/ADV)



Hungry Ghost by Victoria Ying-Valerie Chu is quiet, studious, and above all, *thin*. No one, not even her best friend, Jordan, knows that she has been bingeing and purging for years. But when tragedy strikes, Val finds herself reassessing her priorities, her choices, and her body. The path to happiness may lead her away from her hometown and her mother's toxic projections—but first she will have to find the strength to seek help. (GN/NF/Memoir)



Song of a Blackbird by Maria Van Lieshout -In 1943 Amsterdam, Emma Bergsma's world changes when she witnesses Jewish families being forcibly deported to concentration camps. That pivotal moment lights a fire within her, and she decides to join the Dutch Resistance. In 2011 Amsterdam, teenage Annick's world has changed as well. A search for a bone marrow donor for her beloved oma leads to a shocking revelation: her grandmother was secretly adopted as a child. The only clues to finding their lost family are a series of art prints hanging on the wall—each signed by a mysterious "Emma B." (GN/HF)



Ultimate Spider-Man by Jonathan Hickman Vol. 1: Married With Children - After the events of *Ultimate Invasion*, the world needs a hero. Step forward, Peter Parker! But this is an older, wiser web-slinger - one who balances his costumed duties with his responsibilities as a

husband and a father. That's right, Peter and Mary Jane are married with kids! The stakes have never been higher - and as Spider-Man faces his first super villain, J. Jonah Jameson's quest to uncover who's really pulling the strings of this new Ultimate Universe leads to a shocking revelation! (GN/FAN)



Superman: Birthright by Mark Waid-What makes a farm boy from Kansas decide to become a costumed superhero who divides his time between investigating the truth and fighting for justice? This retelling of the Man of Steel's origin explores Clark Kent's humble beginnings and his Kryptonian heritage. (GN/ACT/ADV)

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If you have any questions, please stop by JULY 28th and/or AUGUST 8th from 10-12 pm or contact Ms. Chambers at: tschambers@seattleschools.org

Book Key:

MYS-Mystery

RF-Realistic Fiction

FAN-Fantasy

HF-Historical Fiction

GN-Graphic Novel

P-Poetry

F-Fiction

NF-Nonfiction

SF-Science Fiction

HOR-Horror

CLAS-Classic

ROM-Romance

M-Memoir/B-Biography

SPO-Sports

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