Summer Beaver Reader List

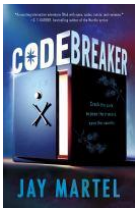
2026-2027

Read and let Ms. Chambers know so you can get #BeaverReader prizes!

Summer Hours are July 23rd and August 13th from 10-12 pm-Community Service Hours Available!



Rise by Freya Finch - When her mother, the captain of the Valkyries, disappears on a mission for Odin, 17-year-old Brynn teams up with her sisters to stop the oncoming war, learning how the ties between fate and choice are as interwoven and unbreakable as the bonds between sisters. (ACT/ADV)



Codebreaker by Jay Martel - Seventeen-year-old Mia Hayes' world shatters when her mother is killed and her father disappears, leaving behind a coded message that sends her and a hacker on a high-stakes race to uncover government secrets and stop a devastating attack. (ACT/ADV)



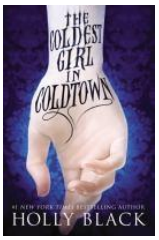
Season of Fear by Emily Cooper - In a village where women feed their fear to a protective saint, eighteen-year-old Isle, a girl with no fear, braves a haunted forest to save her sister, only to discover a deeper darkness within herself. (HOR/FAN)



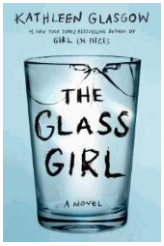
Mistborn: The Final Empire by Brandon Sanderson- The Skaa, having slaved in misery for a thousand years under the corrupt, absolute power of the Lord Ruler, still manage to find hope, which rises once again when a criminal mastermind teams up with an unlikely heroine. (FAN)



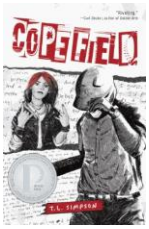
So Witches We Became by Jill Baguchinsky - When a curse traps a group of friends on a barrier island, they must harness the shared power of their traumatic secrets or risk being devoured. (FAN/HOR)



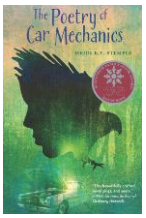
Coldest Girl in Coldtown by Holly Black - When seventeen-year-old Tana wakes up following a party in the aftermath of a violent vampire attack, she travels to Coldtown, a quarantined Massachusetts city full of vampires, with her ex-boyfriend and a vampire boy. (FAN/HOR)



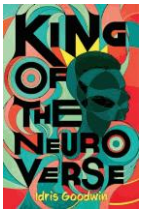
The Glass Girl by Kathleen Glasgow - When fifteen-year-old Bella's latest blackout lands her in the hospital, she enters rehab to confront her addiction to alcohol. (RF)



Cope Field by T.L. Simpson - A teen baseball star who 'has it all'--looks, wealth, and a pro-MLB father-grapples with an impossible choice: reveal his abuse at the hands of his father and risk being separated from his younger brother in the foster care system, or remain silent and risk his brother experiencing that same abuse (RF/SPO)



The Poetry of Car Mechanics by Heidi E. Y. Stemple - 15-year-old Dylan - has always felt like an outsider in his small town. Isolated when he was younger and feeling like a disappointment to his grandfather who has stepped in to raise him, Dylan finds relief in the woods behind his grandfather's auto shop. But one afternoon after spotting an injured hawk, Dylan finds himself pushing out of his comfort zone to track down help for the bird and ends up rescuing a part of himself in the process. (RF/P)



King of the Neuro Verse by Idris Goodwin - Stuck in summer school, seventeen-year-old Pernell navigates life and the challenges of ADHD while battling to become the Cypher King, leader of the lunchroom's impromptu rap circles. (RF/P)



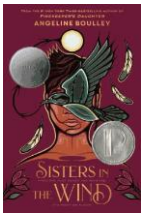
Better Than Revenge by Kasie West – When seventeen-year-old Finley discovers her boyfriend Jensen used her pitch for their school's podcast team, she plots revenge while unexpectedly discovering her talent for football and a deeper connection with Jensen's rival. (ROM)



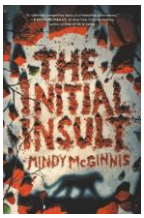
One Word, Six Letters by Adib Khorram - Freshmen Dayton and Farshid couldn't be more different, or so it seems. When Dayton takes a dare, it sets off a chain reaction that forces both boys to face parts of themselves they'd rather ignore. As their lives unexpectedly intersect, Dayton and Farshid must reckon with what kind of men they want to become and whether they have the courage to defy societal expectations. (RF)



The House No One Sees by Adina King - When seventeen-year-old Penelope enters her childhood home, the house floods her with painful memories of her mother's opioid addition that she must confront to mend her fractured past. (RF)



Sisters in the Wind by Angeline Boulley – Ever since Lucy's father died "home" has been more of an idea than a place. She knows being on the run is better than anything waiting for her as a ward of the state. But when the sharp-eyes and kind indigenous Mr. Jameson, a man with an interest in her case comes looking for her, Lucy wonders if hiding from her past will ever truly keep her safe. (MYS)



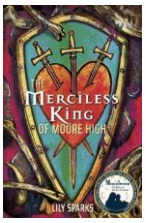
The Initial Insult by Mindy McGinnis – Ostracized by the elite community of Amontillado, Ohio, after the disappearance of her parents, Tress organizes a Halloween costume party at an abandoned house, where she launches a macabre plan to force a popular friend to confess what she knows. (MYS)



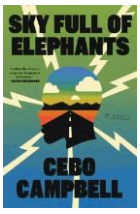
Star Splitter by Matthew Kirby – In 2199, 17-year-old, Jessica Mathers wakes up on a desolate, post-extinction planet 14 light years from Earth and must make sense of the bloody destruction around her, as well as the questionable intentions of a familiar stranger. (SF/DYS)



Dungeon Crawler Carl by Matt Dinniman - Coast Guard vet Carl and his ex-girlfriend's cat, Princess Donut, try to survive the end of the world in a video game-like, trap-filled fantasy dungeon. A dungeon that's actually the set of a reality television show with countless viewers across the galaxy. Exploding goblins, magical potions, deadly, drug-dealing llamas- this ain't your ordinary game show. (SF/DYS)



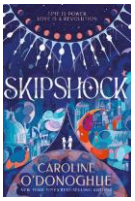
The Merciless King of Moore High by Lily Sparks – Life at Moore is violent and cliquish, but everyone is thriving who survives the kingdom's periodic monster hunts. For Moore's beloved King Max demands only two things: absolute fealty and that everyone at Moore help kills the "dragons." If Kay wants to survive, she must be granted asylum but Kay discovers a deadly secret that might start the revolution that burns both schools to the ground. (DYS)



Sky Full of Elephants by Cebo Campbell – In a world where all the White people suddenly disappear Charlie Brunton meets his 19-year old biracial daughter for the first time and together they embark on a journey across a truly "post-racial" America in search for answers, but neither of them are prepared for this new world and how they see themselves in it. (DYS/SF)



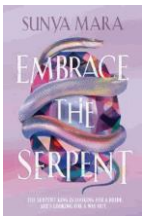
Sunrise on the Reaping by Suzanne Collins – As the day dawns on the fiftieth annual Hunger Games, in honor of the Quarter Quell, twice as many tributes will be taken from their homes. Back in District 12, Haymitch Abernathy is trying not to think too hard about his chances. All he cares about is making it through the day and being with the girl he loves but when Haymitch's name is called, he can feel all his dreams break. (DYS)



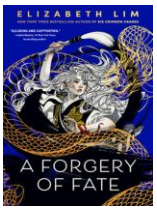
Skipshock by Caroline O'Donoghue – Margo is a troubled schoolgirl on her way to a new a new city. But Margo suddenly appears one day on Moon's train, their fates become inextricably linked, and if Margo wants to survive, she must pass as a traveling salesman, too except it's not that easy as time is fluid. (FAN)



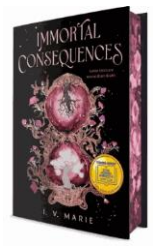
Fake Skating by Lynn Painter. - Excited to return to Minnesota and reconnect with her childhood sweetheart Alec, Dani discovers her nerdy best friend is now a hunky hockey star, and only a fake-dating situation may truly reunite them. (ROM)



Embrace the Serpent by Sunya Mara – The Serpent King is the most eligible bachelor in the land: a monster with dark and terrible magic and the ruler of the last free kingdom. Riches and power await his future bride but also a life forever trapped in the games of court. That fate is eighteen-year-old Saphira's worst nightmare. (FAN)



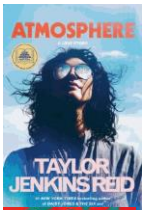
Forgery of Fate by Elizabeth Lim – Truyan Saigas didn't choose to become a con artist, but after her father is lost at sea, it's up to her to support her mother and two younger sisters. A gifted art forger, Tru has the unique ability to paint the future, but even such magic is not enough to put her family back together again or stave off the gangsters demanding payment in blood for her mother's gambling debts. (FAN)



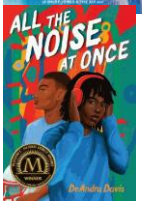
Immortal Consequences by I.V. Marie – Six students compete to change their fate at a darkly enchanted boarding school in purgatory where graduation is the only escape and love can cross the boundaries between life and death. (FAN)



I hope This Doesn't Find You by Ann Liang- Channeling her frustrations into email drafts, ones that she'd never send, seemingly perfect Sadie Wen finds her carefully crafted, conflict- free life turned upside down when all the email are sent out accidently, and the only person growing to appreciate the "real" Sadie is the only boy she's sworn to hate. (ROM)



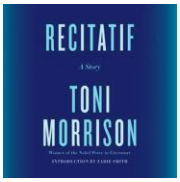
Atmosphere by Taylor Jenkins Reid - Reid's new novel set against the backdrop of the 1980s Space Shuttle program about the extraordinary lengths we go to live and love beyond our limits. (HF)



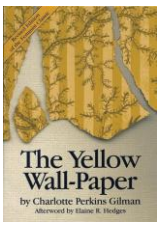
All the Noise at Once by DeAndra Davis – a Black, autistic teen must navigate systemic bias and complicated team dynamics on the football field while fighting to uncover the truth and exonerate his older brother after an unjust arrest. (SPO/RF)



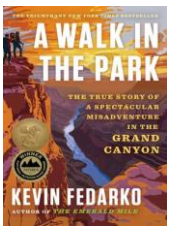
Enshittifaction by Cory Doctorow – Argues that digital platforms inevitably decay by first being good to users, then exploiting users to favor advertisers, and finally clawing back all value for themselves until they become a useless "shambles" of their former selves. He was making a specific diagnosis about the state of the digital world and how it is affecting all our lives. (NF)



Recitatif by Toni Morrison- Follows the lives of two women, one Black and one white, whose racial identities are intentionally blurred, forcing the reader to confront their own prejudices and societal stereotypes as the characters' paths cross from childhood into adulthood. (RF)



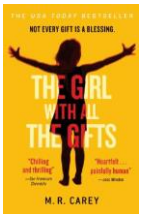
The Yellow Wall-Paper by Charlotte Perkins Gilman – A semi-autobiographical short story that chronicles a woman's descent into madness as she becomes obsessed with the pattern of the wallpaper in her bedroom while undergoing a "rest cure" for postpartum depression. (RF)



A Walk in the Park by Kevin Fedarko - Is a gripping first-person account of an arduous, year-long trek through the entire length of the Grand Canyon, documenting both the physical toll of the journey and the complex environmental threats facing one of America's most iconic natural wonders. (NF)

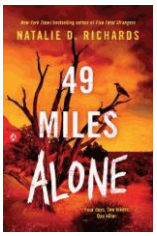


The Once and Future Witches by Alix Harrow - In 1883, there's no such thing as witches. There used to be, in the world, before the burnings began, but if the modern woman wants any measure of power, she must find it at the ballot box. Three estranged sisters join the suffragist movement in Salem, using forgotten magic to fight for women's rights. (HF/ROM/LGBTQ)



The Girl with All the Gifts by M.R. Carey – Not every gift is a blessing. Every morning, Melanie waits in her cell to be collected for class. When they come for her, Sergeant Parks keeps his gun pointing at her while two of his people strap her into the wheelchair. She thinks they don't like her. She jokes

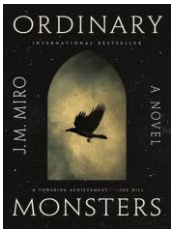
that she won't bite. But they don't laugh. Meleanie is a very special girl. (DYS/FAN)



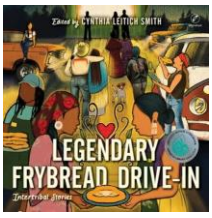
49 Miles Alone by Natalie Richards - A year ago, Katie and her cousin Aster survived a night that left their world and easy friendship fractured. Desperate to heal the past behind them, they tackle four days of hiking in the Utah backcountry relying on their wits to survive the treacherous Sierra Nevada wilderness and a dangerous predator. (DYS/SURV)



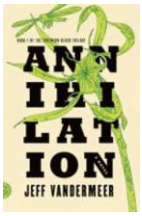
Thorn Season by Kierra Azar- In the Kingdom, high school senior Neveah finds her world upended after her sister disappears, and a mysterious, magical forest begins to manifest within the hallways of her elite boarding school. To find the truth, she must navigate a dangerous social hierarchy and confront the dark, supernatural secrets buried within the school's history. (FAN/ROM)



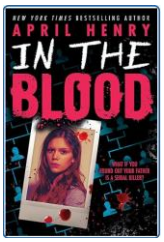
Ordinary Monsters by J.M. Miro - Journey to the Victorian era, as children with mysterious powers are hunted by a figure of darkness in a battle of good vs. Evil. (FAN/HF)



Legendary Frybread Drive-Intertribal Stories by Cyntia Leitch Smith, Kate Hart, Eric Gansworth - is a collaborative anthology that uses a mystical, traveling food truck as a shared liminal space where Indigenous teens from diverse tribal nations across North America find connection and community. Through a blend of prose and poetry, the interconnected stories explore first crushes and grief, and ultimately celebrate the strength of intergenerational bonds and Native pride. (SC)



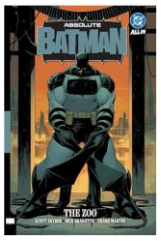
Annihilation by Jeff Van Demeer - Area X has claimed the lives of members of eleven expeditions, but the twelfth expedition hopes to map the terrain and collect specimens and avoid being contaminated by Area X itself. (ACT/ADV)



In the Blood by April Henry - Adopted as a newborn, Tessa takes a DNA test hoping to find out more about her biological parents. What she begins to uncover is unexpected and may unmask a serial killer. (MYS/HOR)



Finding Me by Viola Davies - Award winning actress Viola Davis shares a raw and powerful account of her journey from a childhood marked by extreme poverty and trauma to becoming one of the most celebrated actors of her generation. It is an exploration of reclaiming one's own narrative. (B)



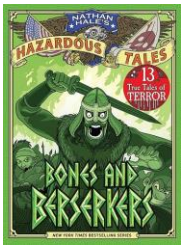
Absolute Batman by Snyder & Dragotta - Batman reimagined. Bruce Wayne is the son of a public-school teacher who experienced the unimaginable horror of random gun violence as a child, changing the trajectory of his life forever. With no billions to fund him, no mansion, and no butler to care for him, Bruce has shaped himself into an entirely different breed of Batman. (GN/ACT)



DC vs. Vampires Vol.1 by Tynion IV, Rosenberg & Schmidt - The Justice League has long protected Earth from foreign and alien invaders over the years, always keeping a vigilant eye to the skies for the next threat. But what if the threat was a mysterious new vampire lord and his horde are hunting on the streets of Gotham. Can Batman save his city before he succumbs to the undead plague? (GN/HOR)



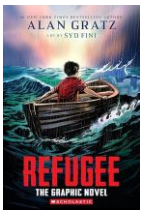
Hunger's Bite by Taylor Robin - After growing up together on the luxurious SS Lark, Neeta Pandey and Emery Botwright are ready to start their lives. Emery wants to follow in his father's footsteps and Neeta yearns to travel the world. But neither will have any future at all if the Lark's new owner, Mr. Honeycutt, has his way. Mr. Honeycutt makes the ship a nightmare for the crew. Twisted by unnatural appetites, the rich are transforming into something less than human, something horribly hungry. (GN/HOR)



Bones and Berserkers by Nathan Hale - In this chilling collection, learn about the devil baby who terrorized New Jersey; a haunted well full of restless Confederate soldiers; a demon cat whose appearance has been an omen for some of the darkest days in American history; and a massacre by a murderous butler whose motives remain unknown to this day. (GN/HF)



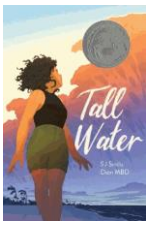
Absolute Wonder Woman by Kelly Thompson and Hayden Sherman - In a different, darker world, Diana of Themyscira was not raised in paradise, but instead was exiled to the underworld as a baby and raised by an enemy. Darkness and exile did not destroy her; instead, they made her an even greater weapon by tragedy, danger, and magic. Long denied her Amazonian heritage; Diana has finally reached the time for her to rejoin the surface world. Armed with new weapons forged in Hell, and a mission that looks a bit more like justice than peace, Diana will not be stopped on her quest to save the world and discover her place in it! (GN/ACT/ADV)



Refugee: The Graphic Novel by Alan Gratz- JOSEF is a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany. ISABEL is a Cuban girl in 1994. MAHMOUD is a Syrian boy in 2015. All three kids must endure harrowing journeys. All face unimaginable dangers. But there is always hope of *tomorrow*. And although Josef, Isabel, and Mahmoud are separated by continents and decades, shocking connections tie their stories together. (GF/HF/WAR)



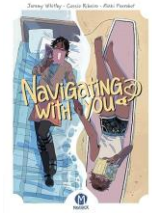
Its Jeff: Jeff Verse by Kelly Thompson - Meet Jeff the Land Shark, the cute, innocent, and downright hilarious breakout star who has flooded hearts like an adorable tidal wave since his introduction to the Marvel Universe. Now Jeff embarks on his own madcap adventures with guest spots from your favorite heroes including Kate Bishop, Gwenpool, America Chavez, and the Avengers! (GN/HUM)



Tall Water by SJ Sindu- A coming-of-age teen graphic novel that follows one girl's journey to Sri Lanka to reconnect with her long-lost mother during the devastating Indian Ocean tsunami of 2004, while learning to find herself along the way. (GN/RF)



The Harrowing by Kristen Kiesling - Rowan Sterling should be worrying about normal teenage things, but instead, she's having terrifying visions of blood and violence. As the premonitions increase in number and intensity, Rowan seeks her father's help, but instead finds herself drugged, kidnapped, and sent to Rosewood where she discovers it isn't a boarding school or an asylum: it's a training center for teens with special abilities known as Harrows. (GN/HOR)



Navigating with You by Jeremy Whitely - Neesha Sparks, a disabled community activist, and Gabby Graciana, an optimistic surfer, are thrust together for a coastal community project and search for a copy of their favorite book. They find acceptance, friendship, understanding, and love. (GN/ROM)



This Place Kills Me by Mariko Tamaki - At Wilberton Academy, few students are more revered than the members of the elite Wilberton Theatrical Society (WTS) and no one represents that exclusive club better than Elizabeth Woodward. Breathtakingly beautiful, beloved by all, and a talented thespian, but when she's found dead the morning after opening night, the whole school is thrown into chaos. (GN/MYS)

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Library Leaders: Build community, assist and organize our Makerspace, work with schools across the district, come in and work before, during, or after school. Meetings will be scheduled, and community service hours are available.

That Dam Book Club: Read and recommend books, write book reviews, liaison with bookstores, create PowerPoints for best books to read, and you must love books! Meet every week at lunch. Community service hours are available.

Comic Book Club: Meet every Wednesday to talk about comics, graphic novels, and movie adaptations of great superheroes.

Pride Book Club: Read queer books that inspire great discussion, meets every other week.

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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
HUM-Humor
SC-Story Collection

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