

Choose 2 books from the list below to read during the summer. There will be a project to complete in the first weeks of school. Enjoy!



Flora and Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures by DiCamillo

It begins, as the best superhero stories do, with a tragic accident that has unexpected consequences. From #1 *New York Times* best-selling author Kate DiCamillo comes a laugh-out-loud story filled with eccentric, endearing characters and featuring an exciting new format—a novel interspersed with comic-style graphic sequences and full-page illustrations.

The War that Saved My Life by Bradley

The year is 1939 and Hitler is on the move. Ten-year-old Ada manages to slip out of her oppressive environs with her six-year-old brother Jamie to join other London children who are being evacuated to the countryside. The children are promised that the families awaiting their arrival will care for them. Unfortunately, no one seems to want Ada and Jamie, and they are sent to live with Susan Smith, a single woman who neither has experience with children nor any desire to care for them. *THE WAR THAT SAVED MY LIFE* is an unforgettable gripping story, one that is not only earmarked to be an award-winning novel, but also has the potential of becoming an all-time classic.

Savvy by Ingrid Law

For generations, the Beaumont family has harbored a magical secret. They each possess a "savvy" - a special supernatural power that strikes when they turn thirteen. Mibs finds herself on an unforgettable odyssey that will force her to make sense of growing up - and of other people, who might also have a few secrets hidden just beneath the skin.

Any one from the trilogy by Rita Williams Garcia

One Crazy Summer

P.S. Be Eleven

Gone Crazy in Alabama



Heartwarming, uproariously funny, and filled with nonstop adventures of the Gaither sisters.

Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard by Riordan

This is the first book of the series, and it begins with Magnus Chase dying. That's not a spoiler. Magnus Chase dies and goes to Valhalla, where the dead, brave Viking warriors are. He travels through the Viking worlds, learning about legends and myths.



Any of the books from the 23 books in the Redwall series by Brian Jacques -

Redwall (book #1) As the inhabitants of Redwall Abbey bask in the glorious Summer of the Late Rose, all is quiet and peaceful. But things are not as they seem. Cluny the Scourge--the evil one-eyed rat warlord, is ill-bent on destroying the tranquility as he prepares to fight a bloody battle for the ownership of Redwall. This dazzling story in the Redwall series is packed with all the wit, wisdom, humor, and blood-curdling adventure of the other books in the collection, but has the added bonus of taking the reader right back to the heart and soul of Redwall Abbey and the characters who live there.

Girl from Felony Bay by Thompson

Abbey Force and her father used to live at a place called Reward Plantation near Charleston, South Carolina, by Felony Bay. Felony Bay, with DO NOT ENTER and NO TRESPASSING signs all around, with holes dug around and in it with no explanation why. She used to live there, but then her father was found unconscious, surrounded by stolen jewels. Could her father really be a jewel thief? Abbey doesn't think so. Bee is just as curious about Felony Bay as Abbey, about the holes—and the possibility that someone is searching there for buried treasure. Could this have something to do with Abbey's father and the jewels he is said to have stolen?

The One and Only Ivan by Applegate

Ivan is an easygoing gorilla. Living at the Exit 8 Big Top Mall and Video Arcade, he has grown accustomed to humans watching him through the glass walls of his domain. He rarely misses his life in the jungle. In fact, he hardly ever thinks about it at all. Instead, Ivan thinks about TV shows he's seen and about his friends Stella, an elderly elephant, and Bob, a stray dog. But mostly Ivan thinks about art and how to capture the taste of a mango or the sound of leaves with color and a well-placed line. Then he meets Ruby, a baby elephant taken from her family, and she makes Ivan see their home—and his own art—through new eyes. When Ruby arrives, change comes with her, and it's up to Ivan to make it a change for the better.

The Doll House Murders by Betty Ren Wright

Amy is terrified. She hears scratching and scurrying noises coming from the dollhouse, and the dolls she was playing with are not where she left them. Dolls can't move by themselves, she tells herself. But every night when Amy goes into the attic to check on the dollhouse, it is filled with an eerie light and the dolls have moved again! Are the dolls trying to tell her something? Are their movements connected to grisly murders of her own great-grandparents?

