

MS Library Recreational  
Summer Reading List

Alexander, Alma. Spellspam.

Thea and her friends must find a way to stop the computers at Wandless Academy from spreading E-mail spam that has been infused with magic, but tracking down the witch responsible soon proves to be harder than Thea thought it would.

Bauer, Joan. Peeled.

In an upstate New York farming community, high school reporter Hildy Biddle investigates a series of strange occurrences at a house rumored to be haunted.

Bell, Ted. Nick of Time.

Twelve-year-old Nick McIver tries to help his father and sister send vital information to England about an imminent Nazi invasion, until he finds himself transported through time to help his ancestor stop a mutinous captain who is aiding the French fleet and endangering British sailors.

Cooney, Caroline B. Diamonds in the Shadow.

The Finches, a Connecticut family, sponsor an African refugee family of four, all of whom have been scarred by the horrors of civil war, and who inadvertently put their benefactors in harm's way.

Dowd, Siobhan. The London Eye Mystery.

When Ted and Kat's cousin Salim disappears from the London Eye ferris wheel, the two siblings must work together--Ted with his brain that is "wired differently" and impatient Kat--to try to solve the mystery of what happened to Salim.

DuPrau, Jeanne. The Diamond of Darkhold.

After obtaining an ancient book with only a few pages remaining, Lina and Doon return to Ember seeking the machine described in the book that might be able to aid their new community, Sparks, through the winter.

Flanagan, John. The Ruins of Gorlan.

When fifteen-year-old Will is rejected by battleschool, he becomes the reluctant apprentice to the mysterious Ranger Halt, and winds up protecting the kingdom from danger.

Grant, Michael. Gone.

In a small town on the coast of California, everyone over the age of fourteen suddenly disappears, setting up a battle between the remaining town residents and the students from a local private school, as well as those who have "The Power" and are able to perform supernatural feats and those who do not.

Hiaasen, Carl. Scat.

Nick and Marta are both suspicious when their biology teacher, the feared Mrs. Bunny Starch, disappears, and try to uncover the truth despite the police and headmaster's insistence that nothing is wrong.

Ives, David. Scrib: A Novel.

In 1863, a sixteen-year-old boy nicknamed Scrib travels around the West making his living writing and delivering letters, an occupation that leads to him nearly getting killed, being jailed as a criminal, joining up with the notorious Crazy James Kincaid, and delivering a letter from President Abraham Lincoln to a Paiute Indian.

Jones, V. M. Out of Reach.

Pip McLeod is pressured by his aggressively competitive father to play soccer, but finds fulfillment and success by secretly pursuing indoor rock climbing, a sport he actually enjoys.

Lichtman, Wendy. Do the Math: Secrets, Lies, and Algebra.

Tess has always loved math, and she uses mathematical concepts to help her understand things in her life, so she is dismayed to find out how much math--and life--can change in eighth grade.

McMullan, Margaret. When I Crossed No-Bob.

Ten years after the Civil War's end, twelve-year-old Addy, abandoned by her parents, is taken from the horrid town of No-Bob by schoolteacher Frank Russell and his bride, but when her father returns to claim her she must find another way to leave her O'Donnell past behind.

Murdock, Catherine Gilbert. Princess Ben.

Princess Benevolence discovers an enchanted room while locked in the castle's highest tower by the conniving Queen Sophia and begins learning the magical arts, which may help her save her kingdom from a mortal threat.

Murphy, Pat. The Wild Girls.

Twelve-year-old Joan, worried that she will not have any friends when her family moves from Connecticut to California, bonds right away with Sarah, a girl who prefers to be called Fox, and the two spend a joyous summer playing outside, making up stories, and attending a writing class.

Paterson, Katherine. Bread and Roses, Too.

Twelve-year-old Rosa and thirteen-year-old Jake form an unlikely friendship as they try to survive and understand the 1912 Bread and Roses strike of mill workers in Lawrence, Massachusetts.

Spradlin, Michael P. The Youngest Templar : Keeper of the Grail.

In 1191, fifteen-year-old Tristan, a youth of unknown origin raised in an English abbey, becomes a Templar Knight's squire during the Third Crusade and soon finds himself on a mission to bring the Holy Grail to safety.

Uehashi, Nahoko. Moribito : Guardian of the Spirit.

The wandering warrior Balsa is hired to protect Prince Chagum from both a mysterious monster and the prince's father, the Mikado.