North Allegheny Elementary Libraries

Summer Reading Suggestions

Adventure Books

Adventure Books take the reader to exciting places, or on an unknown journey. Often Adventure Books are about survival in extreme situations – during natural disasters, or in the great outdoors.

Adamson, Thomas K. Apollo 11 Moon Landing: An Interactive Space Exploration Adventure

In this plot-your-own story type of book, you will learn about the Apollo 11 Moon Landing and your decisions will decide on whether you would make a successful landing. (Available as an eBook in Destiny Discover)

Braun, Eric Could You Escape Alcatraz: An Interactive Survival Adventure

You have been cast as a prisoner in the infamous, Alcatraz Prison, which is supposed to be inescapable. Will you make the right choices and free yourself, or will you be stuck there forever? (Try others in this series - You Choose: Can You Escape)

Brown, Peter, The Wild Robot

When robot Roz opens her eyes for the first time, she discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island. She has no idea how she got there or what her purpose is--but she knows she needs to survive. After battling a fierce storm and escaping a vicious bear attack, she realizes that her only hope for survival is to adapt to her surroundings and learn from the island's unwelcoming animal inhabitants. As Roz slowly befriends the animals, the island starts to feel like home--until, one day, the robot's mysterious past comes back to haunt her. (There's also a sequel!)

Colfer, Chris The Wishing Spell (The Land of the Stories #1)

Precocious twins Alex and Conner Bailey are coping with the death of their father, but life turns magical when their globe-trotting grandma gives them a book, The Land of Stories. The peculiar book illuminates and "swallows up" any object placed on its pages. With an unquenchable curiosity and the yearning for a new chapter of life, Alex and Conner sink into this enchanting book's pages and discover a land unlike any other! (Try others in this series)

Dicamillo, Kate Raymie Nightingale

Raymie Clarke has come to realize that everything, absolutely everything, depends on her. And she has a plan. If Raymie can win the Little Miss Central Florida Tire competition, then her father, who left town two days ago with a dental hygienist, will see Raymie's picture in the paper and (maybe) come home. To win, not only does Raymie have to do good deeds and learn how to twirl a baton; she also has to contend with the wispy, frequently fainting Louisiana Elefante, who

has a show-business background, and the fiery, stubborn Beverly Tapinski, who's determined to sabotage the contest. But as the competition approaches, loneliness, loss, and unanswerable questions draw the three girls into an unlikely friendship — and challenge each of them to come to the rescue in unexpected ways. (Available as an eBook in Destiny Discover)

Grabenstein, Chris Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library

Kyle loves playing games and when he finds out that the world's most famous game-maker, Luigi Lemoncello, has designed the new library in town, he can't wait to go! The library's grand-opening is an invitation-only lock-in, which shows off all of the library's amazing new features. But when Kyle and the other children try to leave the next morning, they cannot get out. They have to solve puzzles and search for clues to find the escape route. (Try others in this series and also available as an eBook in Destiny Discover)

Gutman, Dan Mission Unstoppable (The Genius Files series)

Twins, Coke and Pepsi, are on a cross-country vacation with their parents. They find that they are in danger from strange people trying to hurt them and come to the realization that they are part of a top-secret government organization called The Genius Files. (Try others in this series)

Hiassen, Carl Squirm

Billy Dickens has recently discovered that his mysterious father is living in Montana. Billy decides to take his summer vacation to try to find him. Along the way he will fly across the country, hike a mountain, float down a river, dodge a grizzly bear, shoot down a spy drone, save a cat and a panther and then try to save his own father. (Try others by this author)

Horowitz, Anthony Stormbreaker (Alex Rider Series)

They said that his uncle died in a car crash. But if it was "just an accident," why did Alex find bullet holes in the windshield? Alex never suspected that his uncle was really a spy for Britain's top secret intelligence agency...and that he would be recruited by them to find his uncle's killer. (Try others in this series)

Johnson, Terry Lynn Survivor Diaries: Avalanche

Ashley and Ryan are 12-year-old twins who are skiing in the Grand Teton mountains when they are faced with a powerful avalanche. What will happen? (available as an eBook in Destiny Discover)

Korman, Gordon Jackpot (Swindle Series)

In the latest installation to this series, Griffin Bing and his friends are trying to help Mr. Fielder, who has lost a \$30 million lottery ticket. Of course, the local bully, Darren Vader, is trying to find it for himself. Mr. Bing's latest invention might be the key to finding the ticket, but can they do it in time? (Try others in this series)

Messner, Kate Capture the Flag

Seventh-graders Anne, Jose and Henry are stranded with their families in a Washington D.C. airport. When the news announces that the original Star Spangled Banner has been stolen, they realize that it is in the airport with them. They find clues and pursue suspects, while realizing that they are all descendants of the Silver Jaguar Society.

Morpurgo, Michael Kensuke's Kingdom

When Michael is swept off his family's yacht, he washes up on a desert island, where he struggles to survive--until he finds he is not alone. (Try others by this author)

Paulsen, Gary Hatchet (Brian's Saga Series #1)

On his way to visit his recently divorced father in the Canadian mountains, thirteen-year-old Brian Robeson is the only survivor when the single-engine plane crashes. His body battered, his clothes in the shreds, Brian must now stay alive in the boundless Canadian wilderness.

Pennypacker, Sara Pax

Pax and Peter have been inseparable ever since Peter rescued him as a kit. But one day, the unimaginable happens: Peter's dad enlists in the military and makes him return the fox to the wild. At his grandfather's house, three hundred miles away from home, Peter knows he isn't where he should be—with Pax. He strikes out on his own despite the encroaching war, spurred by love, loyalty, and grief, to be reunited with his fox.

Plays, Stacy Guardians of the Taiga (Wild Rescuers Series #1)

A thrilling illustrated novel about a girl raised by a pack of wolves and her quest to protect their shared forest home. The first in a new Minecraft-inspired fantasy adventure series!

Riordan, Rick, The Maze of Bones (39 Clues Series)

Amy and Dan, members of the powerful Cahill family, try to uncover the thirty-nine clues which will reveal the secrets of their lineage and find out what really happened to their parents. (Try others in this series and a follow-up series Cahills vs. Vespers)

Selznick, Brian The Invention of Hugo Cabret

Hugo Cabret, a clock keeper at a Paris train station, has one obsession: to retrieve a treasured notebook given to him by his deceased father. In it lies the key to unlocking a secret message housed in a broken automaton, a humanlike mechanical device. Could this automaton reveal a final message from a loving father to his son? This enchanting, one of a kind book utilizes the elements of picture book and film.

Smith, Roland, Storm Runners

In this series, 12-year-old Chase Masters travels the country with his father, a "storm runner". He is tested in ways he never could have imagined when he and a new friend are caught in a hurricane near St. Petersburg, Florida. (Try others by this author)

Stewart, Trenton Lee, Mysterious Benedict Society

After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules. (Try others in this series)

Many great adventure books come in series - try these Adventure Series:

I Survived series by Lauren Tarshis (Available as an eBook in Destiny Discover)

Ranger in Time series by Kate Messner (Available as an eBook in Destiny Discover)

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