

North Allegheny Elementary Libraries

Summer Reading Suggestions

Realistic Fiction

Kids enjoy reading Realistic Fiction because it's relatable: set in present day and the main characters have a problem or dilemma to solve. They solve it using realistic methods.

Anderson, John David Ms. Bixby's Last Day

Ms. Bixby was one of those teachers that you never want to leave her class. So when she gets sick and can't come back for the rest of the year her students Topher, Brand and Steve decide to come to her and give her the best last day they can. Their plan is risky, but Ms. Bixby is worth every chance they take! (This title is available as an eBook in Destiny Discover)

Buyea, Rob Because of Mr. Terupt

Seven fifth-graders at Snow Hill School in Connecticut relate how their lives are changed for the better by "rookie teacher" Mr. Terupt. This is the first in a three book series.

Davies, Jacqueline The Lemonade War

Evan and his younger sister, Jesse, react very differently to the news that they will be in the same class for fourth grade and as the end of summer approaches, they battle it out through lemonade stands, each trying to be the first to earn 100 dollars. This book includes mathematical calculations and tips for running a successful lemonade stand. (Read others in this series - This title is available as an Audiobook in Destiny Discover)

DiCamillo, Kate Beverly, Right Here

Beverly is used to looking out for herself. Time has proven that her mother sure isn't going to. So when her beloved dog dies, Beverly decides to leave her home and friends for good. Determined to make it on her own, Beverly secures a job, finds a place to live and unexpectedly makes friends who help her to see herself in a new light. (This title is available as an Audiobook in Destiny Discover)

DiCamillo, Kate Louisiana's Way Home

Imagine being awakened in the middle of the night and told you had to leave home immediately. That's exactly what Louisiana's grandma did to her. And this time the plan was to never return. Will Louisiana find her way home or is a new life in Georgia part of her destiny? (This title is available as an Audiobook in Destiny Discover)

DiCamillo, Kate Raymie Nightingale

This is the story of how Raymie, Louisiana and Beverly develop an unlikely friendship when they meet in a local beauty pageant, the Little Miss Central Florida Tire competition. Raymie is hoping to win so that

her father will see her picture in the paper and decide to come back home. But Louisiana has experience in show-business and Beverly wants to sabotage the contest so does Raymie stand a chance at putting her life back together? (This title is available as an eBook in Destiny Discover)

Graff, Lisa Absolutely Almost

Ten-year-old Albie has never been the smartest, tallest, best at gym, greatest artist, or most musical in his class, as his parents keep reminding him, but new nanny Calista helps him uncover his strengths and take pride in himself. If you enjoy this title - try others by Lisa Graff!

Green, Tim Baseball Genius

When he can't join the travel team because of the fee, Jalen DeLuca hatches a scheme to make money. His plan backfires when he's caught red-handed by Yankee second base-man James Yager. In an attempt to stay out of trouble, Jalen makes a deal with Yager to get him out of his batter's slump using Jalen's ability to predict a pitcher's next pitch. Jalen's out of trouble, Yager's batting average is up but then the GM has his own ideas on how to exploit Jalen's baseball genius. (This title is available as an Audiobook in Destiny Discover)

Hunt, Lynda Mullaly Fish In a Tree

"Everybody is smart in different ways. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its life believing it is stupid." And this is how Ally has lived, feeling stupid for her inability to read due to dyslexia. So what does she do? She creates trouble to cause distractions. While she has fooled many, she isn't fooling her teacher who sees her as an intelligent and creative student, not a troublemaker. When Ally learns to accept her dyslexia, a new world opens up. (This title is available as an eBook in Destiny Discover)

Korman, Gordon Slacker

Cameron Boxer is obsessed with video-gaming. In an attempt to distract the adults in his life and free up time for his obsession, Cameron starts the fake P.A.G - Positive Action Group. When the school club catches on, Cameron finds himself in the role of President and involved in community service. Wait, this isn't what he had planned! Try the large selection of other books by this author. (This title is available as an eBook in Destiny Discover)

Lord, Cynthia Rules

Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, twelve-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence but her world is further complicated by a friendship with a young paraplegic.

Mass, Wendy The Candymakers

Four gifted twelve-year-olds, including Logan, the candymaker's son, are set to be contestants in the Confectionary Association's national competition to determine the nation's tastiest sweet, but nobody anticipates that a friendship will form between them. (Try others by this author)

Mellom, Robin Confessions From the Principal's Kid

Fifth grade can be hard. When your mom is the principal, everything is a lot harder! Can Allie West find balance between her life as an outsider with her classmates and her life as an insider with the janitor and teachers' kids? (This title is available as an eBook in Destiny Discover)

Palacio, R.J. Auggie & Me

Part of the Wonder phenomenon, this book includes three novellas: "The Julian Chapter" is the telling story of why bully Julian despises Auggie, "Pluto" is about the sincere friendship of Auggie and Christopher and "Shingaling" reflects on how the Beecher Prep girls view Auggie when they first meet him. (This title is available as an eBook in Destiny Discover)

Palacio, R.J. Wonder

Ten-year-old Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities and was not expected to survive, goes from being home-schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan, which means he hears taunts from the other kids as he struggles to be seen as just another student. (This title is available as an eBook in Destiny Discover)

Sachar, Louis Holes

As further evidence of his family's bad fortune which they attribute to a curse on a distant relative, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a horrific correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself. Try others by this author. (This title is available as an eBook and Audiobook in Destiny Discover)

Tashjian, Janet My Life as a Book

Dubbed a "reluctant reader" by his teacher, twelve-year-old Derek spends summer vacation learning important lessons even though he does not complete his summer reading list. This is the first book in the Derek Fallon series - there are six more!

Turnage, Sheila Three Times Lucky

Sixth grader Miss Moses LoBeau lives in the small town of Tupelo Landing, NC., where she washed ashore during a hurricane 11 years ago. She has been making waves ever since! When a lawman comes to town asking about a murder, Mo and her best friend set out to uncover the truth in hopes of saving the only family she has ever known.

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