

North Allegheny Elementary Libraries

Summer Reading Suggestions

Sports Fiction

Sports fans and athletes love to read books that center around sports – try some of these:

Alexander, Kwame *The Crossover* (Crossover Series- Rebound and Booked Destiny ebooks)

This 2014 Newbery Medal winner is the story of Josh and Jordan, twin basketball stars on their junior high team. Their father was a famous college basketball star who encouraged them on and off the court. The boys start to change priorities as their father's health begins to fail. What is more important, basketball or life? (Available as an eBook in Destiny Discover)

Christopher, Matt *The Kid Who Only Hit Homers*

A boy becomes a phenomenal baseball player one summer when a mysterious stranger resembling Babe Ruth befriends him. (Try others by this author)

Green, D.L. *Zeke Meeks vs the Stinky Soccer Team*

Third-grader Zeke's soccer experience is proving to be a disaster--all of his friends are on a different team, while his team is dominated by a bully who hogs the ball and knocks down anyone who gets in his way. (Available as an eBook in Destiny Discover)

Green, Tim *Force Out*

Joey and Zach have always been best friends. They're also two of the best baseball players in their league, and shoo-ins for the all-star team at the end of the season. When the unthinkable happens - the boys learn there's only one open spot on the select team - suddenly Joey and Zach go from being best friends to biggest rivals. Joey has to decide his next move: how far should he go to win? (Try others by this author)

Gutman, Dan *Ted and Me* (Baseball Card Adventure Series)

When Stosh travels back in time to 1941 he meets Ted Williams one of the greatest hitters in baseball history. Will Williams help him prevent the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor that brought the United States into World War II? (Try others in this series)

Gutman, Dan *Million Dollar Shot*

Eleven-year-old Eddie gets a chance to win a million dollars by sinking a foul shot at the National Basketball Association finals. (Try others in this series)

Jamieson, Victoria *Roller Girl*

A graphic novel adventure about a girl who discovers roller derby right as she and her best friend are growing apart. (2016 Newbery Honor winner)

Jeter, Derek *The Contract*

As a young boy, Derek Jeter dreams of being the shortstop for the New York Yankees. He even imagines himself in the World Series. So when Derek is chosen for the Little League Tigers, he hopes to play shortstop. But on the day of the assignments, Derek Starts at second base. Still, he tries his best while he wishes and dreams of that shortstop spot. And to help him stay focused on school, his parents make him a contract: keep up the grades or no baseball. Derek makes sure he always plays his best game—on and off the baseball field! (Try others in this series)

Jones, Chris *Jim Nasium is a Strike Out King*

In his continuing search to find a sport that he can play without embarrassing himself, 10-year-old Jim Nasium is trying baseball--unfortunately he is proving to be a strikeout waiting to happen, and nobody will not let him forget it. (Available as an eBook in *Destiny Discover*)

Kelly, David A. *Ballpark Mysteries #1: The Fenway Foul-up*

Thanks to Kate's mom, a sports reporter, cousins Mike Walsh and Kate Hopkins have tickets to the Red Sox game and All Access passes to Fenway Park. But as they're watching batting practice before the game, the lucky bat of Red Sox star slugger Big D is stolen . . . right in front of dozens of people. Without the bat, Big D can't seem to hit a thing. Can Kate and Mike figure out who pinched the bat before Big D and the Sox chalk up a loss? (Try others in this series)

Lupica, Mike *The Underdogs*

Small but fast twelve year old Will Tyler, an avid football player in the rundown town of Forbes, Pennsylvania, takes matters into his own hands to try and finance the city's football team, and gives the whole community hope in the process. (Try others in this series and by this author)

Maddox, Jake *Catching Confidence (Jake Maddox JV Girls)*

Twelve-year-old Ana Flores has never really taken to sports, but when she observes the women's softball team practice at the college where her mother is going to teach, she is intrigued and decides to try out for a local team; unfortunately it is harder than it looks--but with some help from one of the college girls, Caitlin, and Mali, a pitcher who is mad she only made second team, Ana gets to work on her catching, and Mali works on her attitude, and the girls discover they can really help each other. (Available as an eBook in *Destiny Discover*)

Morgan, Alex *Saving the Team (The Kicks Series)*

After moving to California, seventh-grader Devin is afraid she will not make the soccer team but finds, instead, that the team is so bad that she is compelled to take the lead and turn it into something the players and coach can all be proud of. (Try others in this series)

Palmer, Avi-Marie MVP Summer (Gabby Garcia's Ultimate Playbook Series)

When she's invited to join an elite baseball league,, it seems like Gabby is bound to achieve her MVP status. But life loves throwing Gabby curveballs. This time, her BFF Diego returns from Costa Rica and their once solid friendship is suddenly biting the dust. Thank goodness Gabby has her playbook! (Try others in this series)

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