

## North Allegheny Elementary Libraries

### Summer Reading Suggestions

#### Graphic Novels

Graphic novels are book-length comic strips. For many kids, especially reluctant readers, they are FUN to read and less intimidating than chapter books. Reading graphic novels improves literacy development by requiring readers to put pictures and text into context in order to understand the story.

#### Bell, Cece *El Deafo*

In this funny and poignant graphic novel memoir, author/illustrator, CeCe Bell chronicles her hearing loss from a young age. (Available as an eBook in Destiny Discover)

#### Craft, Jerry *New Kid*

The first graphic novel to ever win the coveted Newbery Award for children's literature, *New Kid* follows 7th grader Jordan Banks as he transitions between his home life in Washington Heights to his life at a prestigious private school. Jordan would have preferred to go to an art school, and to make matters worse, he's one of the only students of color in his grade. Look for the sequel, *Class Act*, coming out this October!

#### de la Cruz, Melissa *Isle of the Lost: The Graphic Novel*

De la Cruz's series based off of the popular Disney Channel movie *Descendants* has been re-released in a beautiful graphic novel format! Fans of the movies and the series will definitely want to check this out!

#### Ferrari, Alessandro *Star Wars: Original Trilogy: Graphic Novel*

Experience the original Star Wars story in a whole new way with this graphic novel! And major Star Wars fans should be sure to check out the *Star Wars: The Prequel Trilogy: Graphic Novel*

#### Hatke, Ben *Zita the Spacegirl* series

Sci-fi fans will love this trilogy that follows Zita, a girl who ends up in space after jumping through a portal to save a friend. Check out all three of Zita's adventures!

#### Holm, Jennifer L. *Babymouse* and *Squish* series - and *Sunny Side Up*

*Babymouse* is a series of twenty books chronicling Babymouse's daily life from sports with friends to vacations with family. *Squish* is made up of eight books about an amoeba who battles science and social woes. *Sunny Side Up* (Available as an eBook in Destiny Discover) is another series by Holm. This story follows Sunny Lewin as she's shipped off to Florida to spend the summer with her grandfather. Be sure to check out the follow-up story - *Swing It Sunny!* (Available as an eBook in Destiny Discover)

Jamieson, Victoria Roller Girl

This heartwarming tale of friendship, growing-up, personal challenges and, yes, roller derby will roll its way onto the bookshelves of Raina Telgemeier fans.

Kibuishi, Kazu Amulet series

Seven books comprise this fantasy/science-fiction comic series that begins with siblings, Navin and Em, battling to save their mom from mysterious creatures from an underground world.

Ostertag, Molly The Witch Boy series

In thirteen-year-old Aster's magical family, traditionally girls study witchcraft and boys study shapeshifting, but Aster has not shifted and he is fascinated by witchcraft. The story follows Aster as he works to discover who he is, fights for what he believes in, and makes friends along the way. Continue Aster's journey in *The Hidden Witch* and *The Midwinter Witch*.

Pilkey, Dav Dog Man series

This series is getting massively popular! Dog Man has the head of a dog, the body of a human, and a nose for justice! Check out all eight adventures! The newest in the series - *Fetch-22*.

Simpson, Dana Phoebe and her Unicorn series

Do you believe in unicorns? Phoebe does. She has no choice. One day she skipped a rock across a pond and hit a unicorn in the face. Improbably, this resulted in a lasting friendship between Phoebe and the unicorn, one Marigold Heavenly Nostrils! The eighth book in the series, *Unicorn Theater*, was just released! (Available as an eBook in *Destiny Discover*)

Smith, Jeff Bone series

This eleven book series takes place in a pre-technological world over the span of a year, during which three cousins face nerve-racking adventure after being lost in an uncharted desert.

Telgemeier, Raina Guts

Readers of the middle-school-aged realistic fiction duo *Smile* and *Sisters* have been waiting for *Guts*, the latest book from graphic novel superstar Raina Telgemeier. This story is based off of Telgemeier's own childhood struggles with her health. Can't get enough?? Don't forget about Telgemeier's adaptations of Ann M. Martin's *Babysitter's Club* stories into comic form as well as her graphic novel *Ghosts*. (Many are available as an eBook in *Destiny Discover*)

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