

North Allegheny Elementary Libraries

Summer Reading Suggestions

Historical Fiction

Historical Fiction stories are imaginary stories, but they are set in a real place and period in history. They often contain minor characters who are actual people from history (George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, etc). Historical Fiction helps bring the past to life and helps the reader find ways to experience events from long ago.

Behar, Ruth Lucky Broken Girl

In the 1960s a young Cuban-Jewish girl and her family moves from Cuba to New York City. Ruthie is finally getting used to life in the United States - learning to play hopscotch, getting her first pair of go-go boots - when she is involved in a terrible car accident. It leaves her stuck in a body cast and confined to her bed for months. She has to watch the world from her bedroom window, where she learns much about the world around her and the kindness of friends and neighbors and the importance of art in the world.

Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker The War I Finally Won

An exceptionally moving story of triumph against all odds set during World War II. Ada's clubfoot has finally been fixed and she is on her way to believing that she is not the cripple that her mother always said she was. But with her mother gone, she is struggling to figure out who she is and what she can do about the war that is raging all around her and her brother and guardian, Susan. Be sure to read the first book in this series, *The Way That Saved My Life*.

Brown, Don Rocket to the Moon! Big Ideas That Changed the World

Taking readers through the history of rocket building, this title explores the people and technology that made the moon landing possible. First in a series.

Curtis, Christopher Bud, not Buddy

Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father--the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids. (Available as an eBook in Destiny Discover)

Draper, Sharon Stella by Starlight

Stella lives in a small town called Bumblebee, North Carolina in 1932. She stumbles across a Ku Klux Klan cross burning, and the entire town begins to panic. She needs to find a way to be strong enough to face the prejudice and bring about change in the segregated town.

Gratz, Alan Refugee

This book focuses on three different children in different parts of the world in three different time periods that are all refugees. This book is timely, action packed and features stories of courage, survival and a longing to find home.

Holm, Jennifer Full of Beans

It is 1934 - the middle of the Great Depression and Beans and his gang live in Key West. There are no jobs on the island and no money anywhere. Beans has plans though, big plans and even he might be surprised at the consequences.

Hiranandani, Veera The Night Diary

Nisha's sweet, sheltered world disappears overnight when her country splits in two -now Hindus must live in India, Muslims in Pakistan. But Nisha's both. Nisha writes in her diary through her gripping journey as she flees her home.

Lowry, Lois Number the Stars

In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis. (Available as an eBook in Destiny Discover)

McMania, Charlene & Sorell, Traci Indian No More

Ten year old Regina Petit is Umpqua and lives on the Grand Ronde reservation. When the federal government signs a bill saying Regina's tribe no longer exists, Regina struggles to understand what it means to be "Indian no more."

Messner, Kate Rescue on the Oregon Trail

Ranger, a golden retriever, could have been a great search-and-rescue dog except for the squirrels, but one day he unearths a mysterious box and finds himself transported back to the year 1850, where his faithful service is really needed by a family traveling west along the Oregon Trail. (Available as an eBook in Destiny Discover)

Rose, Caroline May B.

When a failed wheat crop nearly bankrupts the Betterly family, twelve-year-old May's father pulls her from school and hires her out to a couple new to the Kansas frontier.

Ryan, Pam Muñoz Echo

Lost in the Black Forest, Otto meets three mysterious sisters and finds himself entwined in a prophecy, a promise, and a harmonica--and decades later three children, Friedrich in Germany, Mike in Pennsylvania, and Ivy in California find themselves caught up in the same thread of destiny in the darkest days of the twentieth century, struggling to keep their families intact, and tied together by the music of the same harmonica.

Schmidt, Gary Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy

In 1911, Turner Buckminster hates his new home of Phippsburg, Maine, but things improve when he meets Lizzie Bright Griffin, a girl from a poor, nearby island community founded by former slaves that the town fathers--and Turner's--want to change into a tourist spot. (Available as an eBook in Destiny Discover)

Skrypuch, Marsha Forchuk Making Bombs for Hitler

It is 1943 and ten-year-old Lida and her sister Larissa are taken away from their home in the Ukraine. Lida is sent to a slave labor camp in Germany. She is put to work making bombs for the German soldiers to use against her homeland, but figures out a way to get back at the Nazis.

Tarshis, Lauren I Survived the Children's Blizzard, 1888

The storm of 1888 was one of the deadliest blizzards in American history. John Hale is an eleven-year-old city kid who never wanted to move to the prairie. He finds himself trapped in the blinding snow and fierce winds. Will he be able to find his way home? (Try others in this series - Many are available as an eBook in Destiny Discover)

Tarshis, Lauren I Survived the Attack of the Grizzlies, 1967

Eleven-year-old Melody Vega and her family visit Glacier National Park every summer, but this year Mel comes face-to-face with a terrifying grizzly bear. (Available as an eBook in Destiny Discover)

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