

North Allegheny Elementary Libraries

Summer Reading Suggestions

Nonfiction Books

Many children enjoy reading non-fiction books, especially books with a high interest level. There are lots of great non-fiction titles available for children of all reading levels.

Burgess, Zach Meet the Pittsburgh Steelers

An introduction to the Pittsburgh Steelers professional football team. Includes information about the team's history, stadium, star players, and uniforms. Features include: a true/false quiz, photos, vintage trading cards reproductions, maps, and records. Table of contents, glossary, additional resources and index. (This title is available as an eBook in Destiny Discover)

Corey, Shana A Time to Act

This book gives us a kid-friendly fresh look at President Kennedy and his involvement with the Civil Rights Movement.

Eggers, Dave and Shawn Harris, Her Right Foot

The authors investigate a small, little known trait of the Statue of Liberty. While the reader learns lots of facts about the most famous statue in America, they also realize that her right foot has a powerful message.

French, Jess What a Waste: Trash, Recycling, and Protecting Our Planet

What can we do to keep our home, planet Earth, healthy?

Bolden, Tonya Capital Days: Michael Shiner's Journal and the Growth of Our Nation's Capital

Michael Shiner, a former slave, kept a journal of events while growing up in Washington DC.

The author, Tonya Bolden, artifacts and documents from the time period and each chapter ends with a timeline.

Chambers, Catherine American Indian Stories and Legends

This book mixes dramatic retellings and non-fiction information to give a full picture of American Indian stories, exploring the gods, goddesses, heroes, villains, tricksters, and quests that make American Indian stories and legends so compelling.

Chin, Jason Grand Canyon

This beautifully illustrated book explores our national treasure, The Grand Canyon.

Demuth, Patricia What Was Ellis Island?

From 1892 to 1954, Ellis Island was the gateway to a new life in the United States for millions of immigrants. Read all about Ellis Island in this nonfiction chapter book with engaging text and a graphic novel-like feel. (Try others in the What Was series)

Hollingsworth, Tamara Anne Frank a Light in the Dark

An examination of the life of Anne Frank and the time in which she lived. (This title is available as an eBook in Destiny Discover)

James, Michaela Pittsburgh Penguins

Presents a history of the Pittsburgh Penguins hockey team, highlighting the games and players that have contributed to the team's success through the years. (This title is available as an eBook in Destiny Discover)

Keating, Jess Pink is for Blobfish: Discovering the World's Perfectly Pink Animals

Pinkalicious meets National Geographic in this nonfiction picture book introducing the weirdest, wildest, pinkest critters in the animal kingdom! Explore some wacky and wonderful animals in this unusual and fact-filled text.

Mattick, Lindsay Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear

A #1 New York Times Bestseller and Winner of the 2016 Caldecott Medal. Before Winnie-the-Pooh, there was a real bear named Winnie. And she was a girl! In 1914, Harry Colebourn, a veterinarian on his way to tend horses in World War I, followed his heart and rescued a baby bear. Discover the true story behind everyone's favorite bear, Winnie the Pooh.

McCarthy, Meghan Pop! The Invention of Bubble Gum!

This amazing book, full of fun historical facts shows the true story of how bubble gum was invented.

Rice, Dona and William Mohandas Gandhi

A brief biography of Mohandas Gandhi, focusing on his school years, marriage, his life in England and in South Africa, and other topics. (This title is available as an eBook in Destiny Discover)

Roy, Katherine How to Be An Elephant

Being an elephant in the wild of the African savannah is not easy. It is a wild, dangerous place, especially for baby elephants. This book explores how baby elephants learn the skills necessary to survive in their family herd.

Sheinkin, Steve Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle School Indian Football Team

This historical book tells the story of how Jim Thorpe and Pop Warner changed the history of competitive football and created the legendary Carlisle Indians football team.

Sorell, Traci We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga

Following a full Cherokee year of celebrations and experiences, this book shares the contemporary life of Cherokee people, highlighting their tradition of gratitude.

Spinner, Stephane Who is Steven Spielberg?

Chronicles the life and career of film director, writer and producer, Steven Spielberg. (This title is available as an eBook in Destiny Discover)

Thornburgh, Blair Skulls!

A book about skulls and their many functions!

Wicks, Maris Human Body Theater

This graphic novel describes the 11 systems that make up the human body.

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