



7th-8th Grade Reads Summer 2017 Chelmsford Public Library

Genre Key

Adventure	AD	Humor	HU
Animals	AN	Mystery	MY
Fantasy	FA	Realistic	RE
Historical Fiction	HF	Sci-Fi	SF
Horror	HR	Sports	SP

Flame in the Mist

by Renee Ahdieh

Y/Fic/Ahdieh

FA



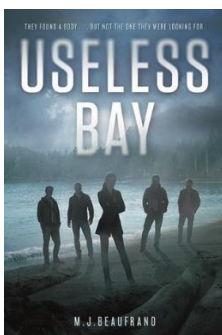
The daughter of a prominent samurai, Mariko has long known her place—she may be an accomplished alchemist, whose cunning rivals that of her brother Kenshin, but because she is not a boy, her future has always been out of her hands. At just seventeen years old, Mariko is promised to Minamoto Raiden, the son of the emperor’s favorite consort—a political marriage that will elevate her family’s standing. But en route to the imperial city of Inako, Mariko narrowly escapes a bloody ambush by a dangerous gang of bandits known as the Black Clan, who she learns has been hired to kill her before she reaches the palace. Dressed as a peasant boy, Mariko sets out to infiltrate the Black Clan and track down those responsible for the target on her back.

Useless Bay

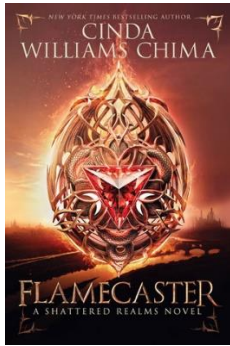
by M. J. Beaufrand

Y/Fic/Beaufrand

MY



On Whidbey Island, the Gray quintuplets are the stuff of legend. Pixie and her brothers have always been bigger and blonder than their neighbors, as if they were birthed from the island itself. Together, they serve as an unofficial search-and-rescue team for the island, saving tourists and locals alike from the forces of wind and sea. But, when a young boy goes missing, the mysteries start to pile up. While searching for him, they find his mother’s dead body instead—and realize that something sinister is in their midst.

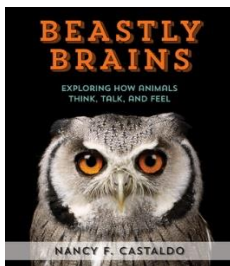


Flamecaster (Shattered Realms #1)

by Cinda Williams Chima
Y/Fic/Chima

FA

Ash is a trained healer with a powerful gift of magic—and a thirst for revenge. Ash is forced into hiding after a series of murders throws the queendom into chaos. Now Ash is closer than he's ever been to killing the man responsible, the cruel king of Arden. As a healer, can Ash use his powers not to save a life but to take it? Jenna was told the mysterious magemark on the back of her neck would make her a target. Though Jenna doesn't know why she's being hunted, she knows that she can't get caught. Eventually, Ash's and Jenna's paths will collide in Arden. Thrown together by chance and joined by their hatred of the king, they will come to rescue each other in ways they cannot yet imagine.



Beastly Brains

by Nancy F. Castaldo
591.513/Cast

AN

In *Beastly Brains*, Castaldo delves into the minds of animals and explores animal empathy, communication, tool use, and social societies through interviews and stories. Humans are not alone in our ability to think about ourselves, make plans, help each other, or even participate in deception. You'll think differently about the animals on this planet—maybe it's their world and we're just living in it!



I Believe in a Thing Called Love

by Maurene Goo
Y/Fic/Goo

RE

Desi Lee is perfect. As a high school senior, she has never missed a day of school and has never had a B in her entire life. She's for sure going to Stanford. But she's never had a boyfriend. In fact, she's a disaster in romance whose botched attempts at flirting have become legendary with her friends. So Desi decides to tackle her flirting failures with the same zest she's applied to everything else in her life. Armed with her "K Drama Rules for True Love," Desi goes after the moody, elusive artist Luca Drakos—and boat rescues, love triangles, and fake car crashes ensue. But when the fun and games turn to true feels, Desi finds out that real love is about way more than just drama.



Losers Take All

by David Klass
Y/Fic/Klass

SP

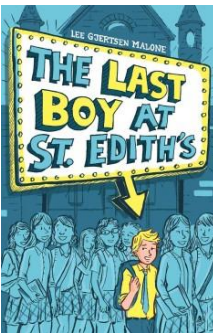
There's a new rule at Jack Logan's sports-crazy high school: all students must play on a team. So Jack and a group of anti-athletic friends decide to rebel. They create a third-string soccer team whose mission is to avoid victory at any cost. But as the team's losing formula becomes increasingly successful at attracting fans and attention, Jack and his teammates are winning in ways they never expected—and don't know how to handle.



Bang
by Barry Lyga
Y/Fic/Lyga

RE

Sebastian Cody did something horrible, something no one—not even Sebastian himself—can forgive. At the age of four, he accidentally shot and killed his infant sister with his father’s gun. Now, ten years later, Sebastian has lived with the guilt for his entire life. With his best friend away for the summer, Sebastian has only a new friend—Aneesa—to distract him from his darkest thoughts. But even this relationship cannot blunt the pain of his past. Because Sebastian knows exactly how to rectify his childhood crime. It took a gun to get him into this. Now he needs a gun to get out.



The Last Boy at St. Edith's
by Lee Gjersten Malone
Y/Fic/Malone

HU

Jeremy has a girl problem. Or, more accurately, a girls problem. Four hundred and seventy-five of them. That's how many girls attend his school, St. Edith's Academy. Jeremy is the only boy left after the school's brief experiment in coeducation. And he needs to get out. His mom won't let him transfer, so Jeremy takes matters into his own hands: He's going to get expelled. Together with his best friend, Claudia, Jeremy unleashes a series of hilarious pranks in hopes that he'll get kicked out with minimum damage to his permanent record.



Camp So-and-So
by Mary McCoy
Y/Fic/McCoy

HR

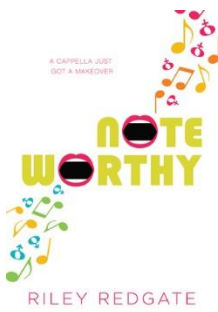
The letters went out in mid-February. Each letter invited its recipient to spend a week at Camp So-and-So. By the end of the month, twenty-five applications had been completed, signed, and mailed. Had any of these girls tried to visit the camp for themselves on that day in February, they would have discovered that no one had ever heard of Camp So-and-So. The girls, divided into five cabins, must fend for themselves and navigate through a tangled thicket of clues and deadly traps. There is a psychotic murderer to be eluded, a heroic quest to be pursued, the intoxicating promise of true love, and dark forces at work that can split souls.



A Night Divided
by Jennifer Nielsen
Y/Fic/Nielsen

HF

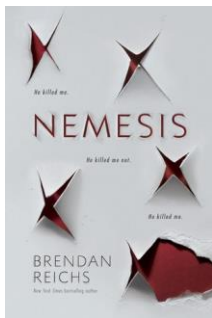
With the rise of the Berlin Wall, twelve-year-old Gerta finds her family divided overnight. She, her mother, and her brother Fritz live on the eastern side, controlled by the Soviets. Her father and middle brother cannot return home. Gerta knows it is dangerous to watch the wall, to think forbidden thoughts of freedom, yet she can't help herself. She sees the East German soldiers with their guns trained on their own citizens; she, her family, her neighbors and friends are prisoners in their own city. But one day, while on her way to school, Gerta spots her father on a viewing platform on the western side, pantomiming a peculiar dance. Then, when she receives a mysterious drawing, Gerta puts two and two together and concludes that her father wants Gerta and Fritz to tunnel beneath the wall. However, if they are caught, the consequences will be deadly. No one can be trusted.



Noteworthy
by Riley Redgate
Y/Fic/Redgate

RE

Jordan Sun is embarking on her junior year at the Kensington-Blaine Boarding School for the Performing Arts, hopeful that this will be her time: the year she finally gets cast in the school musical. But when her low Alto 2 voice gets her shut out of the musical for the third straight year she's forced to consider nontraditional options. A spot has opened up in the Sharpshooters, Kensington's elite a cappella octet. Worshipped, revered, and all male. Desperate to prove herself, Jordan auditions in her most convincing drag, and it turns out that Jordan Sun, Tenor 1, is exactly what the Sharps are looking for.



Nemesis (Nemesis #1)
by Brendan Reichs
Y/Fic/Reichs

SF

It's been happening since Min was eight. Every two years, on her birthday, a strange man finds her and murders her in cold blood. But hours later, she wakes up in a clearing alone, unhurt, and with all evidence of the horrifying crime erased. But on her sixteenth birthday, as she cowers in her bedroom, hoping not to die for the fifth time, Min has had enough. She vows to discover what is happening in Fire Lake and uncovers a lifetime of lies: a vast conspiracy involving the sixty-four students of her sophomore class, one that may be even more sinister than the murders.



The Shadow Cipher (York #1)
by Laura Ruby
Y/Fic/Ruby

AD

It was 1798 when the Morningstarr twins arrived in New York. Fifty-seven years later, the enigmatic architects disappeared, leaving behind the Old York Cipher—a puzzle laid into the shining city they constructed, at the end of which was promised a treasure beyond all imagining. By the present day, the puzzle has never been solved. Tess and Theo live in a Morningstarr apartment house—until the city agrees to sell the five remaining Morningstarr buildings. Their destruction means the end of a dream long-held by the people of New York. And if Tess and Theo want to save their home, they have to prove that the Old York Cipher is real. Which means they have to solve it.



Hear the Wolves
by Victoria Scott
J/Fic/Scott

AD

Sloan is a hunter. So she shouldn't be afraid of anything. But ever since her mom left the family and she lost hearing in one ear in a blizzard, it's been hard to talk to people, and near-impossible to go anywhere or do anything without her dad or sister within eyesight. When they leave her home alone for what should only be two nights, she's already panicked. Then the snow starts falling and doesn't stop. One of her neighbors is hurt in an accident. And the few people still left need to make it to the river—their only way to get to a doctor. But the woods are icy cold, and the wolves are hungry. Sloan and her group are running out of food, out of energy, and out of time. That's when the wolves start hunting them.



Scythe (Arc of a Scythe #1)

by Neal Shusterman
Y/Fic/Shusterman

SF

A world with no hunger, no disease, no war, no misery. Humanity has conquered all those things, and has even conquered death. Now scythes are the only ones who can end life—and they are commanded to do so, in order to keep the size of the population under control. Citra and Rowan are chosen to apprentice to a scythe—a role that neither wants. These teens must master the “art” of taking life, knowing that the consequence of failure could mean losing their own.

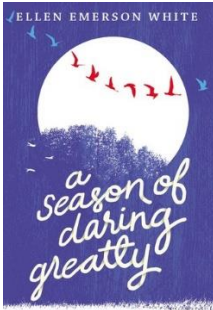


Windfall

by Jennifer E. Smith
Y/Fic/Smith

RE

Alice doesn't believe in luck—at least, not the good kind. But she does believe in love, and for some time now, she's been pining for her best friend, Teddy. On his eighteenth birthday she buys him a lottery ticket. To their astonishment, he wins \$140 million, and in an instant, everything changes. At first, it seems like a dream come true, especially since the two of them are no strangers to misfortune. As a kid, Alice's parents died just over a year apart from each other. And Teddy's father abandoned his family not long after that. Now, as they negotiate the ripple effects of Teddy's newfound wealth, a gulf opens between them. And soon, the money starts to feel like a curse.



A Season of Daring Greatly

by Ellen Emerson White
Y/Fic/White

SP

Eighteen-year-old Jill Cafferty just made history. Her high school's star pitcher, she is now the first woman drafted by a major league baseball team. Only days after her high school graduation, she'll join the Pittsburgh Pirates' Class A Short Season team... but not everyone is happy to have her there. On top of the pressure heaped on every pitcher, Jill must deal with defying conventions and living up to impossible expectations, all while living away from home for the first time.

**Read, loved, and recommended by your teen librarian, Sara Dempster.
Check them out at the public library today!**



CHELMSFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

**25 Boston Rd
Chelmsford, MA 01824
sdempster@chelmsfordlibrary.org
978-256-5521 x 133**