St. Hilda's & St. Hugh's C. V. Starr Library & Learning Center



Sharing Books with Older Children

Here is a selection of books for you and your family to enjoy over the summer months and a few simple tips to help parents and caregivers nurture a child's love of reading. Many of these titles can be found at your local public library and <u>Sora</u>, our online eBook and audiobook collection. Students should try to read every day and are asked to read at least five chapter books of their own choice during the summer months. Your teacher will provide one or two of these five books, depending on your grade. You may also want to refer to this list throughout the year when borrowing books from the school library.

Make it a family value. Children are expert observers. Whether you prefer to read books, blogs, manuals or magazines, let your child see you enjoy reading.

Make reading a social activity. Talk with your child about what she or he is reading or what you have read together. Start a parent-child book club. Which is better: the book or the movie? Sometimes children will be motivated to read a book because they liked the movie. Why not listen together to Roald Dahl's *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, see the movie, and at the conclusion of the audiobook, celebrate by whipping up a dish from Dahl's *Revolting Recipes* cookbook?

Use the books as conversation starters and allow books to lead to other learning. Reading aloud is a wonderful way to bridge discussions on topics that you may not know how to bring up. As children get older, you can choose material that leads into conversations about relationships, choices, current events, religion, and other relevant subjects.

Use audiobooks. Listening to audiobooks benefits all readers! They are an easy way to introduce children to books above their reading level and model good interpretive reading and critical listening skills. Audiobooks can also provide a bridge to important topics of discussion for parents and children who can listen together while commuting to sporting events, music lessons, or other destinations.

Make it part of your summer routine. Try to encourage your child to read 20-30 minutes a day. You can make reading a part of your child's evening routine, or perhaps a morning activity of "breakfast and books" works better for your family. The goal is to encourage your child to pick up the habit of reading.

The New York Public Library

Suggested Libraries and Children's Bookstores

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2022 Children's Literary Award Winners

Awarded by the American Library Association, the 2022 children's book awards include:

Asian/Pacific American Award (*winner *honor)
Coretta Scott King Book Award (*honor)
Newbery Medal (*winner *honor)
Pura Belpré Book Award (*winner *honor)
Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Award (*honor)
Schneider Family Book Award (*winner *honor)
Stonewall Book Award (*honor)

★Dobbs, Alda P. Barefoot Dreams of Petra Luna.

Based on a true story, the tale of one girl's perilous journey to cross the U.S. border and lead her family to safety during the Mexican Revolution. (A Pura Belpré Book Award honor)

★Khan, Hena. Amina's Song.

Feeling pulled between two cultures after a month with family in Pakistan, Amina shares her experiences with Wisconsin classmates through a class assignment and a songwriting project with new student Nico. (The 2022 Asian/Pacific American Award for Literature winner)

★★Lukoff, Kyle. *Too Bright To See.*

While grieving the loss of a beloved uncle, 11-year-old Bug is haunted by an unfamiliar spirit and spends a summer trying to understand what it's trying to say. (The 2022 Stonewall Book Award winner and a Newbery Medal honor)

★McNicoll, Elle. A Kind of Spark.

When she discovers that her small Scottish town used to burn witches simply because they were different, a neurodivergent girl who sees and hears things others cannot refuses to let them be forgotten. (A Schneider Family Book Award honor)

★Oh, Elle. *Finding Junie Kim*.

A tale based on true events follows the coming-of-age of a girl who is motivated by an act of racism at school to learn about her ancestral heritage and her grandparents' experiences as lost children during the Korean War. (Asian/Pacific American Award for Literature honor)

★Reynolds, Jason. *Stuntboy, In The Meantime*.

Portico Reeves' secret identity as Stuntboy allows him to use his superpower to keep everybody safe, but when his superhero parents start fighting a lot he feels the responsibility to save them. (A Schneider Family Book Award honor)

New and Notable Titles

*Listed throughout and identified with an asterisk preceding the author's name. Links to titles available in Sora are included.

Book suggested as an independent read or as a family read aloud.

Additional young people's literary awards:

- ∞Outstanding Science Trade Book selected by the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA)
- ❖ Rise: A Feminist Book Project (formerly the Amelia Bloomer Project) ⊕ The Sydney Taylor Silver Medalist

Classics

- Carroll, Lewis. *Alice in Wonderland*. Illustrated by Lisbeth Zwerger (Mineedition Minibooks)

 A handsome, compact edition of this classic tale, graced with lively illustrations by a legendary illustrator. By falling down a rabbit hole and stepping through a mirror, Alice experiences unusual adventures with a variety of nonsensical characters.
- Green, Richard Lancelyn. *The Adventures of Robin Hood*. (Puffin Classics Series)
 Robin Hood, champion of the poor and oppressed, stands against the cruel power of Prince John and the brutal Sheriff of Nottingham. Taking refuge in the vast Sherwood Forest with his band of men, he remains determined to outwit his enemies.
- Nesbit, E. Five Children and It. (Puffin Classics Series)
 When Cyril, Anthea, Robert, Jane, and their baby brother go digging in the gravel pit, the last thing they expect to find is a Psammead—an ancient sand-fairy! Having a sand-fairy for a pet means having one wish granted each day. But the children don't realize all the trouble wishes can cause.
- Tolkien, J. R. R. *The Hobbit or There and Back Again.*Bilbo Baggins, a respectable, well-to-do hobbit, lives comfortably in his hobbit-hole until the day the wandering wizard Gandalf chooses him to take part in an adventure from which he may never return.

Fantasy, Science Fiction, Spooky, and the Supernatural

*Ahmed, Samira. Amira & Hamza: The War to Save the Worlds.

A genie informs 12-year-old Amira and her younger brother Hamza that they are the chosen ones who must defeat a monstrous demon of Islamic folklore to save the Earth and a parallel dimension.

*Hahn, Dee. The Grave Thief.

Twelve-year-old Spade is a grave thief that gets caught up in a royal heist. Along the way, he meets Ember, the queen's niece, and together they race to solve the mystery of the legendary Deep Stones and their connection to the Woegon, the queen, a missing king and the mysterious pebble Spade finds in the Wyndhail cemetery.

*Harper, Kaela Rivera. Cece Rios and the Desert of Souls.

Rivera draws upon Mexican American legends in her account of Cece, a girl confronting dark forces and social expectations while on a quest to rescue her sister.

*Liu, Sylvia. Hana Hsu and the Ghost Crab Nation.

In a near future where most adults are connected to the multiweb through neural implants, a 12-year-old uncovers a corporate plot to genetically manipulate her classmates, and her scientist mother may be involved in the conspiracy.

*McMann, Lisa. The Map of Flames. (The Forgotten Five. Book 1).

Five children who are the offspring of supernatural criminals and who have special abilities of their own leave their isolated tropical home and head to the city of Estero, where they hope to find their parents and the treasure they hid years ago.

The Graphic Novel Dilemma

"Make room for comics and manga. Don't denigrate your child's interest in this genre. Many of the most celebrated literary figures of our time not only grew up devouring comics, but also incorporate comics-inspired themes into their prize-winning novels: Michael Chabon, Junot Díaz and Jonathan Lethem, to name a few. Many children become avid readers through their love of comics. You may have even loved reading Archie, Smurfs or Superman before going on to read Gabriel García Márquez."

 Paul, Pamela, and Maria Russo. "How to Raise a Reader." The New York Times, www.nytimes.com/guides/books/how-to-raise-a-reader.

ALA's Best Graphic Novels for Middle School

∞Outstanding Science Trade Books selected by the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA)

*AF, Colleen Venable. *Katie the Catsitter.*

Katie's summer job cat sitting for her neighbor takes an interesting turn.

*Chau, Alina. Marshmallow & Jordan.

Jordan is a talented basketball player, but since an accident paralyzed her from the waist down, she must find new ways to showcase her athletic skills. Luckily, she'll have a little help from a mysterious elephant who appears in her neighborhood one day, as well as the support of a strong network of family and friends.

*Gardner, Whitney. Long Distance.

Anxious their reserved tween daughter will have trouble making friends after their move to Seattle, Vega's dads sign her up for Very Best Friend Camp, a summer camp guaranteed to help introverts make friends.

*Holm, Jennifer. Turtle in Paradise: The Graphic Novel.

It's 1935: money is tight, jobs are hard to find, and Turtle is moving halfway across the country. Key West, Florida is far different from her New Jersey home in many ways, but with the help of her mischievous cousins and through her own industrious spirit, she's determined to explore her new island surroundings.

∞Kerbel, Deborah. Fred & Marjorie: A Doctor, a Dog, and the Discovery of Insulin.

The true story of the young surgeon who, with the help of his canine lab heroes, successfully isolated the pancreatic secretions later known as insulin, saving countless lives in the process.

*LaMotte, Lily. Measuring Up.

Cici has recently moved to Seattle from Taiwan and desperately misses A-má, her grandmother. To pay for a plane ticket for A-má to visit her, Cici hopes to win a cash prize through a junior chef competition.

*Probert, Tim. Lightfall: The Girl and the Galdurian.

Bea lives with her aging and forgetful adopted grandfather, the Pig Wizard, protecting their flame jar and helping gather ingredients for his potions. On a foray into the woods for supplies, Bea falls out of a tree and is rescued by the last Galdurian, an extinct people responsible for the inventions that bring light to their dying planet.

*Riess, Natalie. Dungeon Critters.

In this mad-cap fantasy adventure, a group of quirky animal friends use their various Dungeons and Dragons skills to defeat a botanical monstrosity and investigate a plot for the crown.

*Robinson, Robin. No One Returns from the Enchanted Forest.

When earthquakes threaten a subterranean goblin, sister Pella and Bix worry they'll have to leave their home forever.

*Torres, J. Stealing Home.

After being forced onto a Japanese internment camp, Sandy feels like he's in another universe. But by bringing his love of baseball into his situation, both as philosophy and as a pastime, he's able to hold onto hope of a better future.

Historical Fiction

*Galvin, Lindsay. A Discovery of Dragons.

It's 1835. Cabin boy Simon Covington is on the voyage of a lifetime to the Galapagos Islands with the world-famous scientist, Charles Darwin. But when Simon falls overboard during a huge storm, he washes up on an unexplored island. Stranded there, he makes a discovery that could change the world. Now it's not just his own survival at stake - the future of an undiscovered species is in his hands.

*Henderson, Leah. *The Magic in Changing Your Stars.*

After bungling his audition to play the Scarecrow in *The Wiz*, fifth-grader Ailey is magically transported to 1930s Harlem where he meets his own grandfather and legendary tap dancer Bill "Bojangles" Robinson.

*Wolk, Lauren. My Own Lightning. Sequel to Wolf Hollow.

Bestselling author Lauren Wolk (*Beyond the Bright Sea, Echo Mountain*) returns to World War II–era Western Pennsylvania in this luminous sequel to her Newbery Honor–winning debut, Wolf Hollow, proving once again why her acclaimed novels have been celebrated as "historical fiction at its finest."

*Yelchin, Eugene. The Genius Under the Table: Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain.

In the tiny apartment he shares with his Baryshnikov-obsessed mother, poetry-loving father, continually outraged grandmother, and safely talented brother, all Yevgeny has is his little pencil, the underside of a massive table, and the doodles that could change everything. A memoir of the author's youth. (A Sydney Taylor Book Award Silver Medalist)

Humor

Calabrese, Keith. Connect the Dots.

Liar & Spy meets The Parker Inheritance in this whimsically complex story about human connection and the power we all have to determine our own fate.

Lai, Remy. Fly on the Wall.

Twelve-year-old Henry Khoo wants his overprotective family to stop treating him like a baby, so he hatches a scheme to prove his maturity and independence. It goes hilariously wrong!

Patterson, James. Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life!

When Rafe Khatchadorian enters middle school, he teams up with his best friend, "Leo the Silent," to create a game to make school more fun by trying to break every rule in the school's code of conduct.

*Rubin, Adam. The Ice Cream Machine.

A collection of six short stories in a variety of genres and settings, all featuring ice cream.

*Stuart Gibbs. Once Upon a Tim.

With no knightly experience but plenty of pluck and an impressive vocabulary, a twelve-year-old peasant, hoping to improve his station in life, volunteers to help a cowardly prince and his not very powerful wizard rescue a princess from an evil, foul-smelling monster.

*Swanson, Matthew. Ben Yokoyama and the Cookie of Perfection. (Cookie Chronicles. Book 3)

After getting a fortune cookie with the message, "Practice makes perfect," Ben meets new student Darby, who claims to be perfect and offers to teach Ben his secrets.

Tashjian, Janet. My Life as a Book.

Dubbed a "reluctant reader" by his teacher, 12-year-old Derek spends summer vacation learning important lessons even though he does not complete his summer reading list.

Walliams, David. Demon Dentist.

Darkness had come to the town. Strange things were happening in the dead of night. Children would put a tooth under their pillow for the tooth fairy, but in the morning they would wake up to find a dead slug; a live spider; hundreds of earwigs creeping and crawling beneath their pillow. Evil was at work. But who or what was behind it?

Mystery and Adventure

*Cotter, Chaeris. The Dollhouse: A Ghost Story.

A creepy, mysterious dollhouse takes center stage in this atmospheric middle-grade mystery for fans of *Doll Bones* and *Small Spaces*.

(+Korma, Gordon, Linked.)

Link, Michael, and Dana live in a quiet town. But it's woken up very quickly when someone sneaks into school and vandalizes it with a swastika. The closer Link, Michael, and Dana get to the truth, the more there is to face——not just the crimes of the present, but the crimes of the past. (A Sydney Taylor Silver Medalists winner)

*Lang, Heidi and Kati Bartkowski. *Infestation.* (Whispering Pines. Book 2)

Rae discovers that killer alien centipedes have overrun the town of Whispering Pines, while Caden deals with the fallout of his brother Aiden's return from the Other Place.

Mythologies of the World

Chokshi, Roshani. Aru Shah and the City of Gold. (The Pandava Quintet. Book 4)

Aru Shah and her sisters—including one who also claims to be the Sleeper's daughter—must find their mentors Hanuman and Urvashi in Lanka, the city of gold, before war breaks out between the devas and asuras.

*Crossley-Holland, Kevin. Across the Rainbow Bridge.

Step back into a sweeping landscape of green glades and glaciers where dwarves, frost giants, and ghosts roam and where gods and goddesses work their magic for Middle Earth, sometimes crossing the great rainbow bridge to come to the aid of humans.

Green, Roger Lancelyn. Myths of the Norsemen. (Puffin Classics series)

The great Norse sagas are full of magic and heroic deeds. Odin's wanderings, Thor's hammer, the death of Bakkur, the vision of Ragnarok— tales which have been told since time immemorial—are given a fresh life in this version, written as one continuous exciting adventure story.

-----. Tales of Greek Heroes. (Puffin Classics series)

The mysterious and exciting legends of the gods and heroes in Ancient Greece, from the adventures of Perseus, the labors of Heracles, the voyage of Jason and the Argonauts, to Odysseus and the Trojan wars.

Kim, Graci. The Last Fallen Star.

After 13-year-old Hattie Oh casts a dangerous spell so her adopted sister, Riley, will get a share of her inherited magic, Riley must undertake a near-impossible quest to save Hattie from death. A story that blends Korean mythology and the modern world.

Lin, Grace. Mulan: Before the Sword.

Harnessing her talent for storytelling and relating Chinese myths and history, Lin imagines a compelling account of Mulan's pre-warrior days.

Mbalia, Kwame. Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky. (Tristan Strong series. Book 1)

Kwame Mbalia's epic fantasy, a middle grade American Gods set in a richly-imagined world populated with African American folk heroes and West African gods.

Roanhorse, Rebecca. Race to the Sun.

Guided by her Navajo ancestors, seventh-grader Nizhoni Begay discovers she is descended from a holy woman and destined to become a monster slayer, starting with the evil businessman who kidnapped her father.

Zhao, Katie. *The Dragon Warrior*. (*The Dragon Warrior* series. Book 1)

Siblings Faryn Liu and Alex defend their parents' honor and battle demons in this lively fantasy adventure that seamlessly blends gods and demons from myriad mythologies, including Greek, Phoenician, and Chinese.

Nonfiction Series: Arts, Biography, and Social Studies

Basher Basics. – Published by Kingfisher

A world of little books that bring big ideas to life in ingenious ways.

History Smashers. – Published by Random House Books for Young Readers

Myths! Lies! Secrets! Smash the stories behind famous moments in history and expose the hidden truth. Perfect for fans of *I Survived* and *Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales*.

Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales. – Published by Harry N. Abrams

Thrilling, daring, and downright gruesome stories from American history, in graphic novel form.

A True Book. – Published by Scholastic

Provides the perfect introduction to various nonfiction subjects.

Poetry Picks: 2022 Young People's Poet Laureate Naomi Shihab Nye

Each month, Young People's Poet Laureate, Naomi Shihab Nye recommends a book of poetry for children. Selections include classics of children's literature, adult collections that are well suited to children, as well as newly published books.

Realistic Fiction

*Glaser, Karian Yan. A Duet for Home.

A powerful, heartwarming, and thoughtful tale of kids cultivating chosen families during challenging circumstances.

*Johnson, Varian. Playing the Cards You're Dealt.

Ten-year-old Ant questions his relationships with his best friend and alcoholic father while learning to work with a new Spades partner for an upcoming tournament.

*Yee, Lisa. Maizy Chen's Last Chance.

Eleven-year-old Maizy Chen visits her estranged grandparents, who own and run a Chinese restaurant in Last Chance, Minnesota; as her visit lengthens, she makes unexpected discoveries about her family's history and herself.

Series, Best Loved and Newer Titles

*Arnold, Elana K. Just Harriet.

The first book in this new series introduces Harriet Wermer, who is out of sorts because she is being sent to stay with her grandmother at her bed-and-breakfast on Marble Island for the entire summer. Nothing seems to be going her way until she is faced with a mystery to be solved.

Blade, Adam. Ferno the Fire Dragon. (Beast Quest series. Book 1)

An evil wizard has enchanted the magical beasts of Avantia - only a true hero can free the beasts and stop them from destroying the land. Is Tom the hero Avantia has been waiting for? Join Tom as he braves Ferno the fire dragon.

*Khan, Hena. Zara's Rules for Record-Breaking Fun.

Zara is known around the neighborhood as the chief organizer of all fun things. When Naomi moves in across the street, Zara feels that her role is threatened. She tries various hilarious tactics to maintain her status but begins to see that she can share her title. This humorous new series teaches readers about inclusion.

*Kelly, Entrada Erin. Surely Surely Marisol Rainey.

One of Marisol's least-favorite things is gym class, especially when Coach Decker announces that they will be playing kickball, so Marisol and her best friend Jada ask the best (and stinkiest) athlete they know, Marisol's big brother Oz, for help.

*Tarshis, Lauren. I Survived the Wellington Avalanche, 1910. (A series. Book 22)

The Wellington snow slide of 1910 was—and still is—the deadliest avalanche in America's history. Lauren Tarshis's story of one child surviving the frozen nightmare pounds with page-turning action and heartwarming hope.

Who Is--?, Who Was--?, What Is--?, and What Was--?

Each biography is complete with facts, interesting anecdotes, and compelling black-and-white illustrations.

Sports: Fiction and Nonfiction

*Christmas, Johnnie. Swim Team.

Leaving Brooklyn behind, Black math-whiz and puzzle lover Bree starts a new life in Florida, where she'll be tossed into the deep end in more ways than one. Keeping her head above water may be the trickiest puzzle yet. (A Graphic Novel)

*Cisneros, Ernesto. Falling Short.

Best friends Isaac and Marco face various challenges in sixth grade, such as Isaac getting better grades, Marco winning a spot on the basketball team, and both seeing their efforts make a change in their respective family lives. They hope their friendship and support for one another will be enough to help them from falling short.

*Makechnie, Amy. Ten Thousand Tries.

Golden, a natural leader on the soccer field, struggles to accept his Dad's incurable ALS and finds support in his family and community.

Wetzel, Dan. Epic Athletes.

Filled with sports action and comic-style illustrations, this series tells the inspiring life stories of various once-in-a-generation athletic superstars, including Simone Biles, LeBron James, Lionel Messi.

S.T.E.M.: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

∞Outstanding Science Trade Books selected by the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA)

*Rise: A Feminist Book Project (formerly the Amelia Bloomer Project)

∞Dasgupta, Sayantani and Chelsea Clinton. She Persisted: Virginia Apgar.

The inspiring story of Dr. Virginia Apgar who revolutionized a method that vastly improved the life of new-born babies! Her unique style and persistence led the way for her students, her colleagues, and the medical world!

DK Eyewitness Book. - Published by DK

Lots of photographs and facts on various subjects, with emphasis on natural sciences.

Field Guides. - Peterson, Audubon, or Simon & Schuster

Explore the outdoors and use a field guide to learn about natural objects, flora, or fauna in nature.

Fries-Gaither, Jessica. Exemplary Evidence: Scientists and their Data.

An exploration of major scientific figures and the data they collected. This is a great, fun way to engage readers on the importance of evidence and data!

∞Laverdunt, Damien and Hélène Rajcak. Fossils from Lost Worlds.

Walk in the footsteps of the first fossil researchers to discover the earliest animal life on Earth. Explore the story of a spiny sea worm without tail or head, a walking fish, a peaceful sea dragon, and many other amazing creatures.

∞Martin, Marc. Masters of Disguise: Camouflaging Creatures & Magnificent Mimics.

This entertaining and engaging book showcases twelve animals from around the world through beautiful illustrations and detailed information about the adaptations of each master of disguise. The book also includes a fun hidden picture puzzle for each animal.

- *McCann, Jackie. *If the World Were 100 People: A Visual Guide to Our Global Village.*Help your child become a global citizen with this accessible introduction to the people that live on our planet, with big ideas broken into bite size chunks through clever graphic design.
- ∞Schutten, Jan Paul. *Inside In: X-Rays of Nature's Hidden World*.

 Stunning collection of x-ray photographs of organisms and their natural habitats with informative descriptions that encourage the reader to closely examine the photographs to uncover the hidden side of nature.
- ∞Thomas, Isabel. Scientists: Inspiring Tales of the World's Brightest Scientific Minds.

 Sixty-six scientists and their work are featured. The format first breaks the scientists into their fields and then introduces each based on when they lived.
- A True Book. Published Scholastic

 Provides the perfect introduction to various nonfiction subjects.
- *Turner, Pamela S. How to Build A Human: In Seven Evolutionary Steps.

 A celebrated science writer draws upon the most recent discoveries in paleoarchaeology and evolutionary biology to present the seven most important steps leading to Homo sapiens.
- Usborne Guides. Published by Usborne
 Fact filled publications on all sorts of history, science and health topics.

Why Audiobooks?

"Audio books are a wonderful way to expose your child to complex language, expressive reading, and fantastic stories. Listening to audiobooks also gives kids the valuable and enjoyable experience of using their own imaginations to visualize the people and places they're hearing about."

 "Listen and Learn with Audio Books." Reading Rockets, 14 May 2019, www.readingrockets.org/article/listen-and-learn-audio-books.

ALA's Notable Children's Recordings 2022

- *Chadda, Sarwat. *City of the Plague God.* Narrated by Vikas Adam, published by Listening Library. Chadda's tale of demons and disease comes to life with distinct characters and emotions. Listeners will find themselves caught up in the story of Sik and his battle to rid the world of evil.
- *Coville, Katherine. *Ivy.* Narrated by Carmen Viviano Crafts, published by Full Cast Audio.

 A full cast of narrators successfully conjures dragons, griffins, trolls, and more in this exceptional recording the whole family can enjoy.
- *Craft, Jerry. *Class Act.* Read by a full cast, published by HarperAudio.

 In this graphic novel sequel to "New Kid," a full cast gives Jordan and his friends distinct voicing set against a vivid soundscape as they face microaggressions from middle school teachers and peers.
- *DiCamillo, Kate. *Because of Winn-Dixie*. Narrated by Jenna Lamia, published by Listening Library. With authentic feeling and distinct characters, Lamia brings a classic story to life in this exceptionally updated edition.
- *Jones, Gareth P. *Rise of the Slippery Sea Monster.* Narrated by D. Thorpe, published by Listening Library. In this installment of Adventures of the Steampunk Pirates, Thorpe delivers a side-splitting performance featuring spunky voices for an entire cast of characters.

- *Lloyd, Megan Wagner. *Allergic.* Read by a full cast, published by Scholastic Audio.

 This graphic novel about Maggie, who desperately wants a dog, but is allergic, is brought to life by a stellar full cast performance complete with scene-setting sound effects.
- *Sorell, Traci. We Are Still Here! Native American Truths Everyone Should Know. Read by a full cast, published by Live Oak Media.

 Presented by a full cast of children and featuring a robust soundscape, this recording realizes the full potential of Sorell's powerful, illustrated nonfiction title. (A 2022 Sibert Honor Book)
- *Varian, Johnson. *Twins*. Read by a full cast, published by Scholastic Audio.
 In this full cast performance, Johnson's popular graphic novel is reinvented as an energetic and engaging audiobook.

Sora, the C. V. Starr's Online Audiobook and eBook Collection

Visit <u>Sora</u> for a selection of audiobooks your child might enjoy.

Sora encourages many of the traditional independent reading habits students learn during library such as perusing books, checking out and returning books, putting books on hold, and reading books by the same author. Sora also keeps track of time spent reading (a reading log of sorts), includes a built-in dictionary, and students can create their own lists of books they want to read.

Your child has access to two eBook collections:

- 1. St. Hilda's & St. Hugh's collection
- 2. Hudson Valley Library Association (HVLA) consortium collection

During the summer months, your child can access Sora by installing the Sora app on your personal device from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store, or go to soraapp.com. Please remember to sign in with your child's SHSH's gmail credentials.

The HVLA, and any public library collection, must be added to your child's Sora account manually the first time, and then will remain linked. For access to public libraries, a library card from that institution is required. You can apply online for a public library eCard by visiting your public library's website.

Social Emotional Learning

*Loveless, Gina. Puberty Is Gross but Also Really Awesome.

Get the whole picture with this honest, humorous, and empowering survival guide to the tween years. It's packed with straightforward illustrations, easy-to-understand scientific information, interesting studies, and tips from experts, covering everything from breast development and gender identity to acne and mental health.

*Newman, Catherine. What Can I Say?: A Kid's Guide to Super-Useful Social Skills to Help You Get Along and Express Yourself; Speak Up, Speak Out, Talk about Hard Things, and Be a Good Friend.

Catherine Newman, author of the bestseller How to Be a Person, provides supportive guidance and instruction to help kids establish or and maintain meaningful relationships and effective communication with friends, teachers, family members, and others in their communities

Suggested Magazines Available in Sora

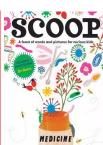
Alongside SHSH's existing eBook and audiobook collection, students can also access dozens of entertaining and educational magazines in <u>Sora</u>. Check out a sample of some of the titles below.











C. V. STARR LIBRARY SUMMER READING BINGO CHALLENGE!

ENTERING GRADE 5

Mark off each square as you complete the activity and try to get a BINGO! Can you fill the entire board? Remember, each square represents a separate book. Bring in your completed BINGO board to Ms. Perna in September and get a prize. Track the books you read by keeping a list. Happy reading!

Read without being reminded.		Set a timer and read for 15 minutes.		Read or listen to a book that starts a series.
Listen to an audiobook. Check out SHSH's Sora online library.	Read on a rainy day.	Read to a pet or a stuffed animal.	Memorize a poem and share it with someone.	Start reading at 11:11 a.m. and make a wish.
	Read outside.		Read recipes in a cookbook and then help someone make a meal!	
Set a timer and read for 20 minutes.	Read in a favorite place.	Read a nonfiction book. Share 3 facts with someone!	Read in a blanket fort.	Set a timer and read for 25 minutes.
Read or listen to an award winning book.		Set a timer and read for 30 minutes.		Read without being reminded.

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BOOKS I READ THIS SUMMER:	
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