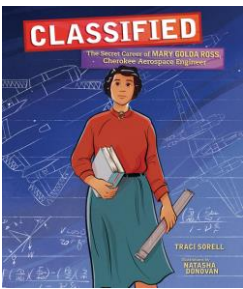
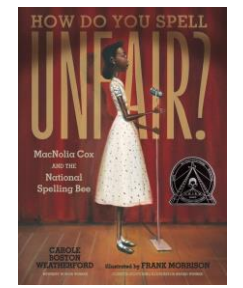
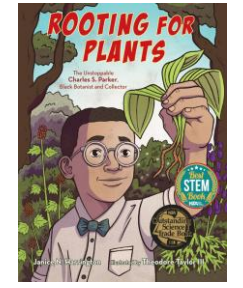
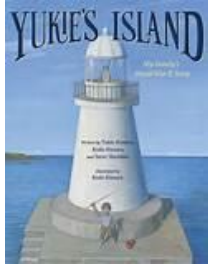


Maret Rising 4th Grade Summer Reading 2024

Summer is an opportunity for students of all ages to enjoy reading in a relaxed and leisurely setting. Summer reading is also a vital way that students keep their skills sharp for the upcoming school year. Maret recommends that students spend at least 20 minutes reading each day during the summer. Students should select books and other reading material that interest and challenge them, and families should consider ways that they can read together or make discussing books a part of their lives over the summer months. We recognize that there is a range of readers at each grade level. If books on this list do not match your child's reading ability, you may choose to read them aloud to your child.

Starred** titles **ARE** available for checkout online from Maret as e-books or audiobooks through **Sora**. Use your student's Maret email address and password to log in.

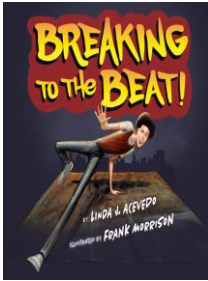
	<p><i>Classified: The Top Secret Career of Mary Golda Ross, Cherokee Aerospace Engineer</i> by Traci Sorell**</p> <p>Mary Golda Ross designed classified airplanes and spacecraft as Lockheed Aircraft Corporation's first female engineer.</p>
	<p><i>How Do You Spell Unfair?: MacNolia Cox and the National Spelling Bee</i> by Carole Boston Weatherford**</p> <p>Despite the practice of excluding Black children from the competition as well as numerous other barriers, one brave, talented girl made history in 1936.</p>
	<p><i>Rooting for Plants: The Unstoppable Charles S. Parker, Black Botanist and Collector</i> by Janice N. Harrington**</p> <p>Lyrical text and eye-catching cartoon-style illustrations introduce a pioneering Black botanist who extensively studied plants and their diseases.</p>



Yukie's Island: My Family's World War II Story

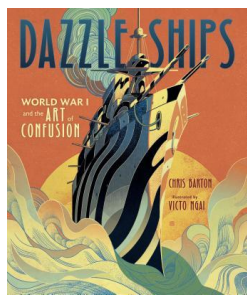
by Yukie Kimura, Kodo Kimura, and Steve Sheinkin**

A lighthouse family in a remote island in northern Japan seemed largely untouched by war. Then the bombs came, and life went on.



Breaking to the Beat!* by Linda J. Acevedo*

Determination and passion permeate the history of hip-hop, which was conceived in the Bronx and then became a nationwide phenomenon.



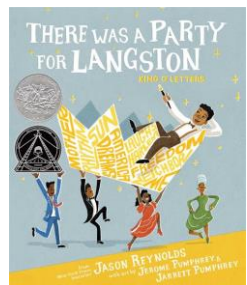
Dazzle Ships: World War I and the Art of Confusion* by Chris Barton*

During World War I, British and American ships were painted with bold colors and crazy patterns from bow to stern. Why would anyone put such eye-catching designs on ships?



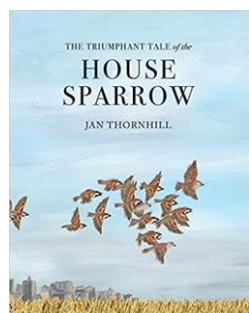
***That Flag* by Tameka Fryer Brown**

Two best friends, one Black and one White, are challenged and changed while learning about Black history at a museum and experiencing violent racism. Mature content.



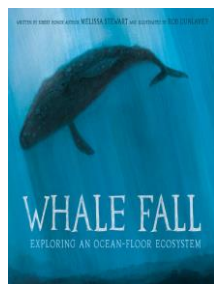
There Was a Party for Langston* by Jason Reynolds*

An homage to Langston Hughes (1901–1967) and the generations of poets he influenced. Joyful, graphical illustrations are interwoven with the text.



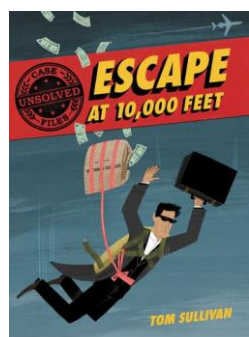
The Triumphant Tale of the House Sparrow* by Jan Thornhill*

“Behold the most despised bird in human history!” Trace the history of this perky little bird, one of the most adaptable creatures on Earth, from its beginnings in the Middle East to its spread with the growth of agriculture into India, North Africa, and Europe.



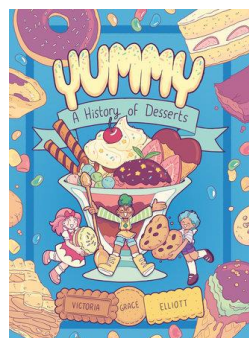
***Whale Fall: Exploring an Ocean-Floor Ecosystem* by Melissa Stewart**

A 50-year food chain is detailed as a whale’s body descends to the ocean floor.



Unsolved Case Files Series* by Tom Sullivan*

A true story that remains unsolved today. Comics panels, reproductions of documents from real FBI files, and photos from the investigation combine for a thrilling read for sleuths of all ages.

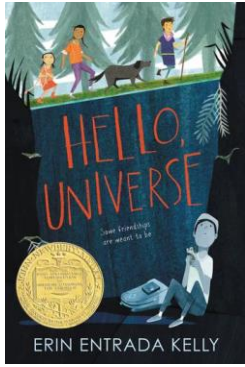


Yummy: A History of Desserts* by Victoria Grace Elliott*

Follow a trio of enthusiastic sprites as they share the history and science of desserts, including ice cream, cake, and cookies, in this graphic novel.

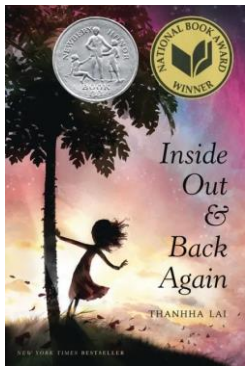
Ghost Book* by Remy Lai*

July Chen, 12, meets a boy ghost whose fate may be linked to hers. They need to outrun a death god to find answers. This is an action-packed page-turner with full-color illustrations.



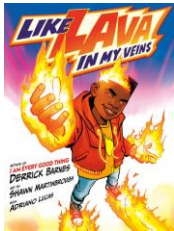
Hello Universe* by Erin Entrada Kelly*

In one day, four lives weave together in unexpected ways. Virgil Salinas is shy and kindhearted and feels out of place in his crazy-about-sports family. Valencia Somerset, who is deaf, is smart, brave, and secretly lonely, and she loves everything about nature. Kaori Tanaka is a self-proclaimed psychic, whose little sister, Gen, is always following her around. And Chet Bullens wishes the weird kids would just stop being so different so he can concentrate on basketball.



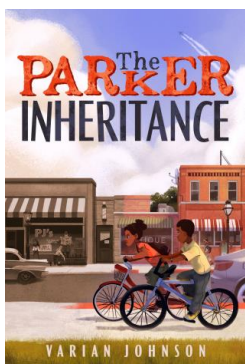
Inside Out and Back Again* by Thanhha Lai*

For all the ten years of her life, Hà has only known Saigon: the thrills of its markets, the joy of its traditions, the warmth of her friends close by, and the beauty of her very own papaya tree. But now the Vietnam War has reached her home. Hà and her family are forced to flee as Saigon falls, and they board a ship headed toward hope. This is the moving story of one girl's year of change, dreams, grief, and healing as she journeys from one country to another, one life to the next.



Like Lava in My Veins* by Derrick Barnes*

Bobby Beacon, a Black boy, enters a new superhero school but cannot always control his powers. A teacher who recognizes his strengths and issues helps him.



Parker Inheritance* by Varian Johnson*

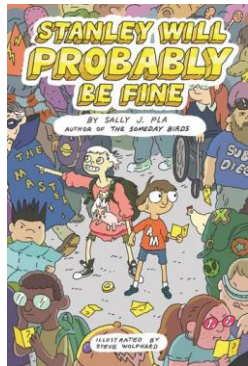
The letter waits in a book, in a box, in an attic, in an old house in Lambert, South Carolina. It's waiting for Candice Miller.

When Candice finds the letter, she is not sure she should read it. It is addressed to her grandmother who left Lambert in a cloud of shame. But the letter describes a young woman named Siobhan Washington. An injustice that happened decades ago. A mystery enfolding the letter-writer. And the fortune that awaits the person who solves the puzzle. Grandma tried and failed. But now Candice has another chance.



Saving Sunshine by Saadia Faruqi**

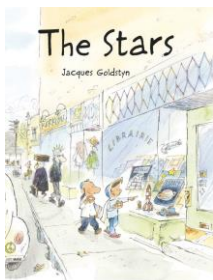
Twins Zara and Zeeshan fight about everything. Maybe a vacation in only each other's company—without their phones—can change that.



Stanley Will Probably Be Fine by Sally J. Pla**

Stanley takes comfort in comics trivia when the world around him gets to be too much. And after he faints during a safety assembly, Stanley takes his love of comics up a level by inventing his own imaginary superhero, named John Lockdown, to help him through.

Help is what he needs, because Stanley's entered Trivia Quest—a giant comics-trivia treasure hunt—to prove he can tackle his worries, score VIP passes to Comic Fest, and win back his ex-best friend. Partnered with his fearless new neighbor Liberty, Stanley faces his most epic, overwhelming, challenging day ever.



The Stars by Jacques Goldstyn, translated from the French by Helen Mixer**

His Orthodox Jewish father disapproves of Yakov's friendship with Muslim Aicha and of their dream of becoming astronauts. Do they persist?



The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street by Karina Yan Glaser**

The Vanderbeekers have always lived in the brownstone on 141st Street. It's practically another member of the family. So, when their reclusive, curmudgeonly landlord decides not to renew their lease, the five siblings have eleven days to do whatever it takes to stay in their beloved home and convince the dreaded Beiderman just how wonderful they are.