

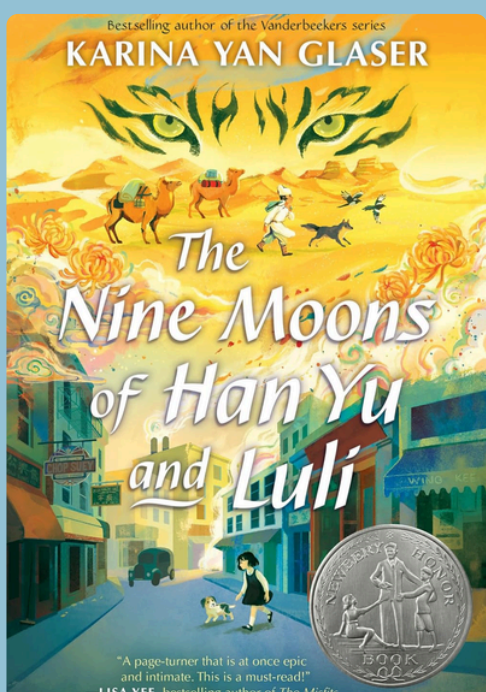
2026 MACLAY MIDDLE SCHOOL SIXTH GRADE SUMMER READING

LAUNCHING INTO GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES

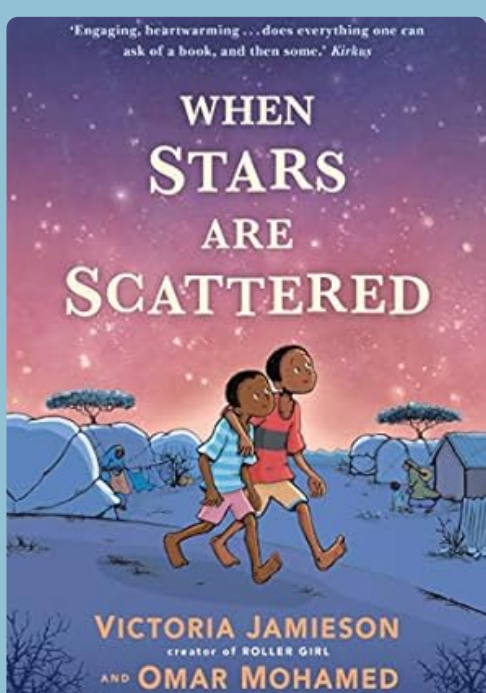
Sixth grade is the year to launch! With this year-long grade-level theme, our students will launch into middle school and into understanding varying global perspectives. To help students get ready for a year of exploration, each student will read and respond to at least **two books** this summer. Students should be prepared to bring physical copies of both books with them to school once the year begins to assist them with assignments.

- 1 First, students should **choose one of the community books** listed below which relate to thinking from global perspectives. These community novels are designed to allow students to begin their year by connecting with other students in their class as they discuss their selected book. While students read their selected community book, they should respond to the prompt below in a paragraph (at least 7 sentences).
- 2 Additionally, students should **select one book they have not read before from the free-choice list**. While reading the free-choice book, students should answer the prompt below about the book in a paragraph (at least 7 sentences). Students should be prepared to submit a physical copy of their responses for both prompts to their Language Arts teacher on the second day of their class.

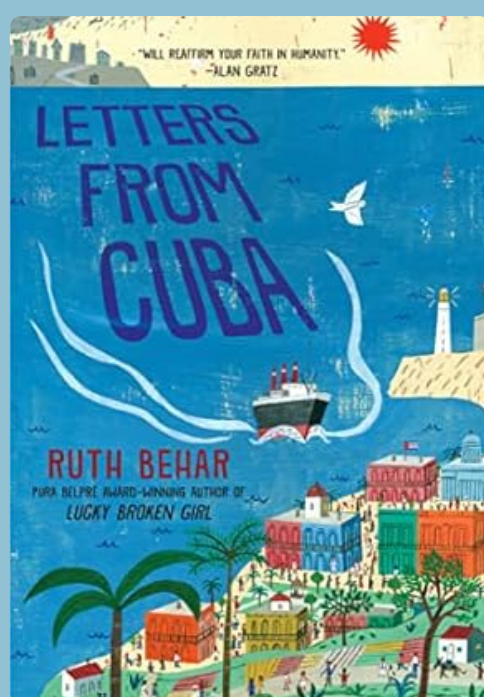
COMMUNITY BOOK OPTIONS (SELECT ONE)



The Nine Moons of Han Yu and Luli
by Karina Yan Glaser*



When Stars are Scattered
by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed*



Letters from Cuba
by Ruth Behar*

ASSIGNMENT PROMPTS

- 1 **Community Book Prompt:**
In what ways do the life experiences of the main character from this book differ from your own (hint: think about desires and conflicts)? What did you learn from these differences? Use textual evidence to support your answer. Write a paragraph (at least 7 sentences).
- 2 **Free-Choice Book Prompt:**
Identify one character from your free-choice book who you relate to and explain the ways in which you and this character are similar. Use examples from the book and your life to support your answer. Write a paragraph (at least 7 sentences).

Note: While all summer reading book options are written for middle school students, there may be mature or challenging scenes in some books that prompt family conversation. We encourage you to use resources such as [CommonSenseMedia.org](https://www.commonsensemedia.org) to familiarize yourself with the book's content so you can approve your student's selections.

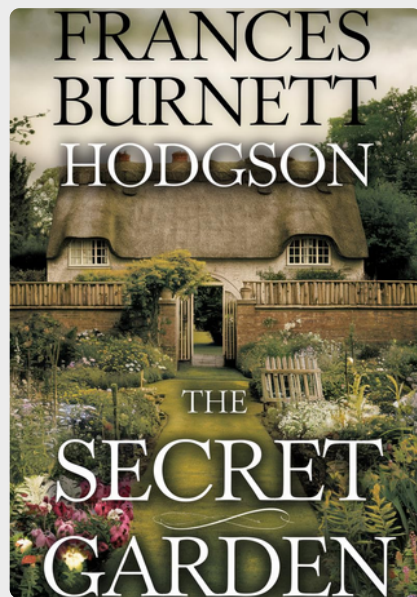
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FREE-CHOICE BOOK OPTIONS (SELECT ONE BOOK THAT YOU HAVE NEVER READ)

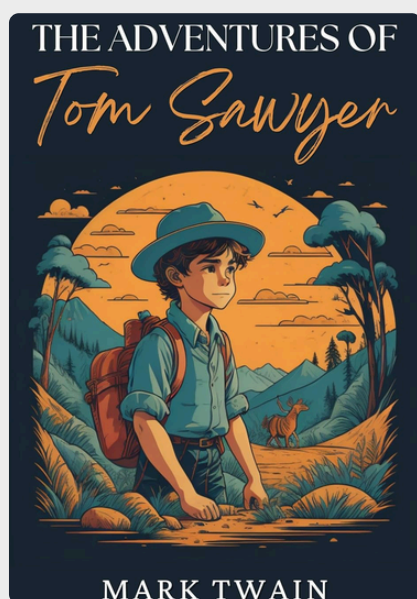
CLASSIC



A Wrinkle in Time
by Madeleine L'Engle*



The Secret Garden
by Frances H. Burnett*



The Adventures of Tom Sawyer
by Mark Twain*

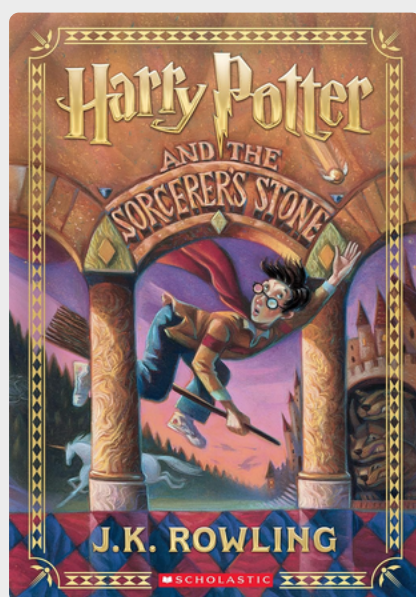


Anne of Green Gables
by L.M. Montgomery*



Black Beauty
by Anna Sewall*

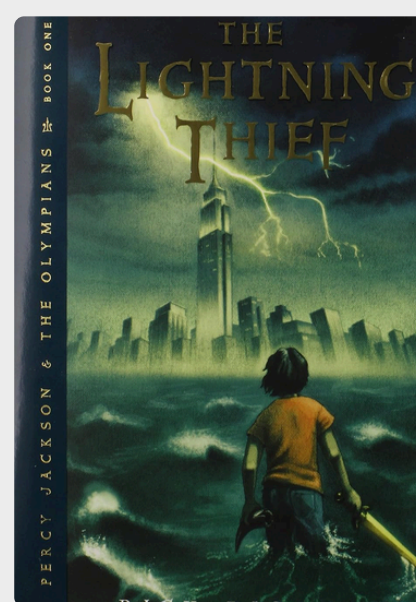
FANTASY AND SCIENCE FICTION



Harry Potter
series
by J.K. Rowling*



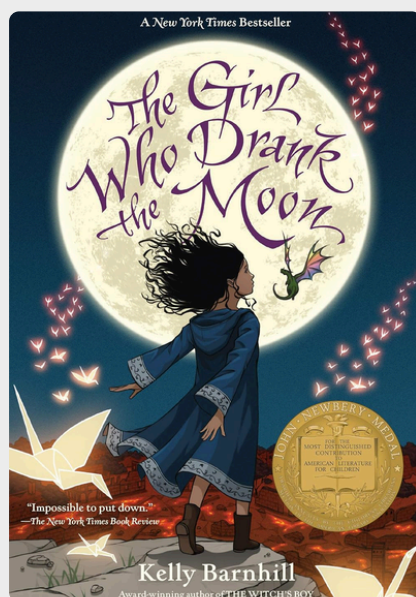
The Wild Robot
by Peter Brown*



Percy Jackson
and the
Olympians
series
by Rick Riordan*



A Snicker of Magic
by Natalie Lloyd*



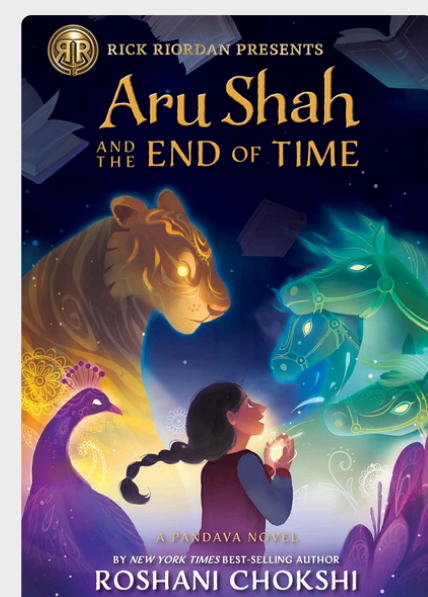
*The Girl Who
Drank the Moon*
by Kelly
Barnhill*



Bob
by Wendy Mass and
Rebecca Stead*



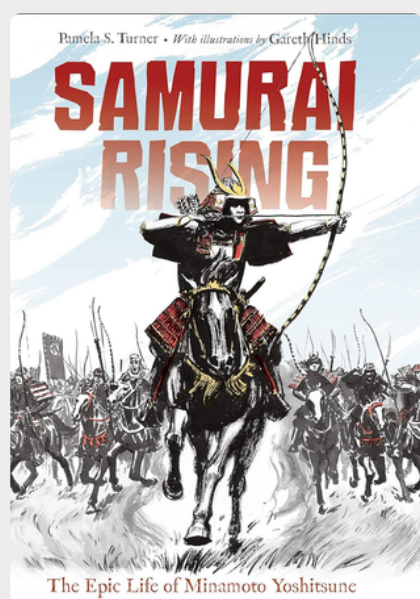
*The Secret
Library*
by Kekla
Magoon



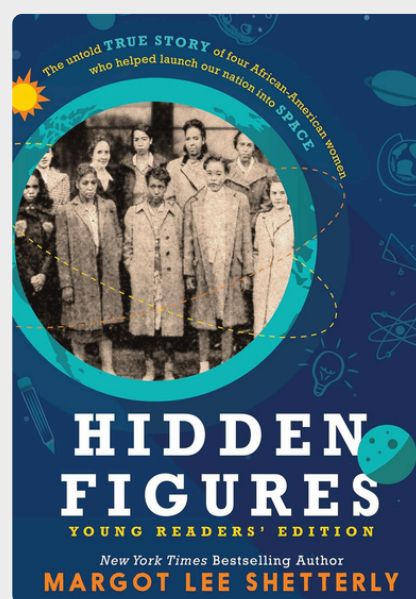
*Aru Shah and the
End of Time*
by Roshani Chokshi

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Samurai Rising
by Pamela S. Turner*



Hidden Figures
(Young Reader's Edition)
by Margot Lee Shetterly*



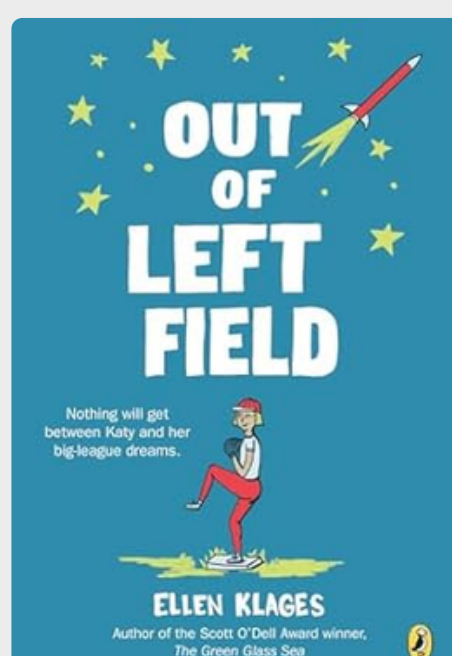
NONFICTION

Unlawful Orders: A Portrait of Dr. James B. Williams, Tuskegee Airman, Surgeon, and Activist
by Barbara Binns

HISTORICAL FICTION



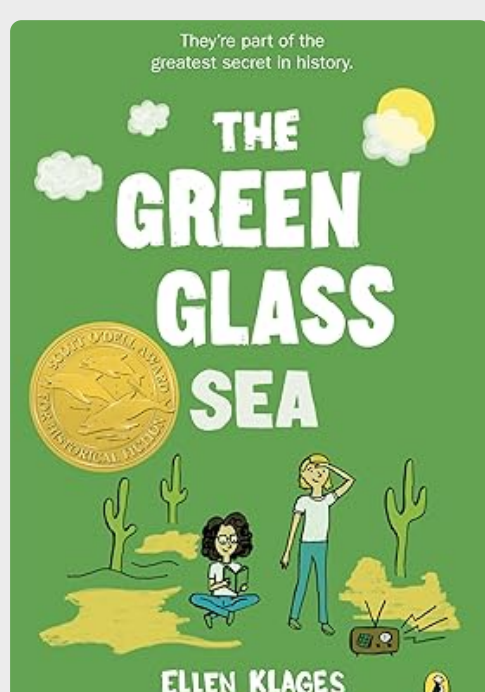
Betty Before X
by Ilyasah Shabbazz*



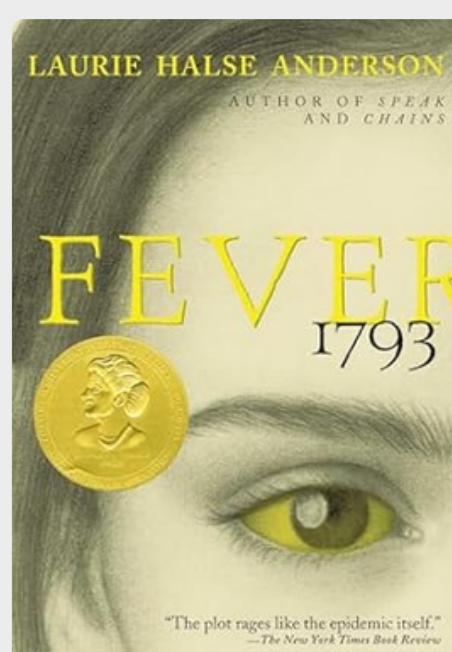
Out of Left Field
by Ellen Klages*



We Dream of Space
by Erin Entrada Kelly*



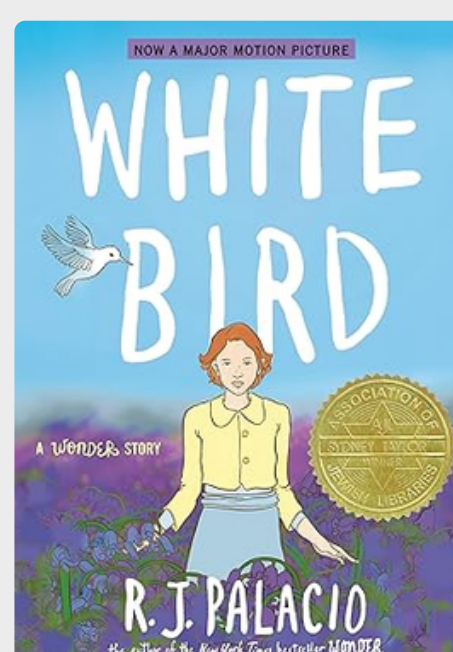
The Green Glass Sea
by Ellen Klages*



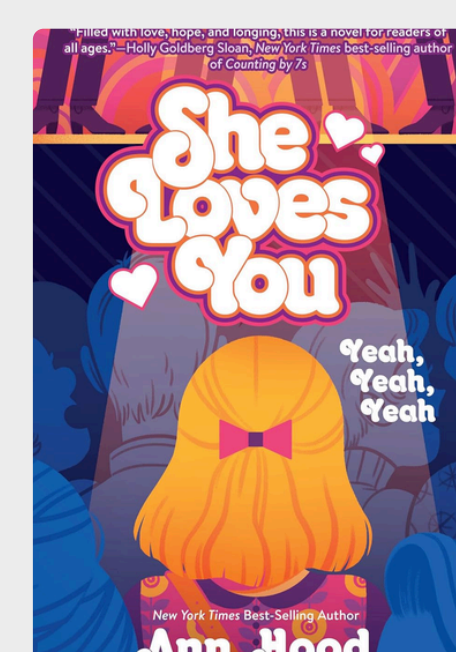
Fever 1793
by Laurie Halse Anderson*



War Games
by Alan Gratz



White Bird
by R. J. Palacio

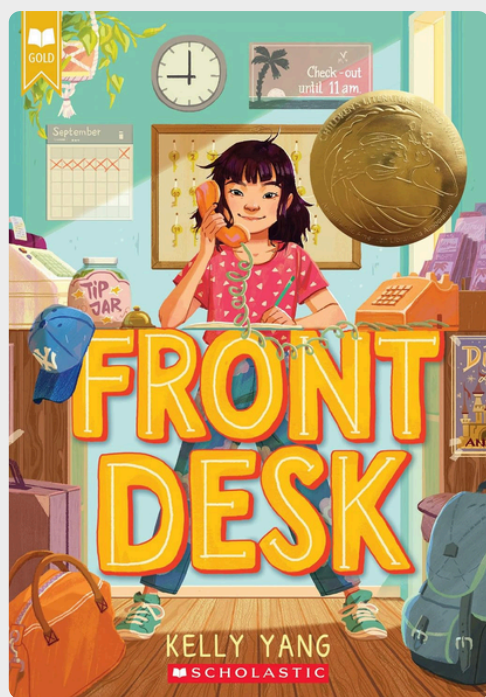


She Loves You (Yeah, Yeah, Yeah)
by Anne Hood*

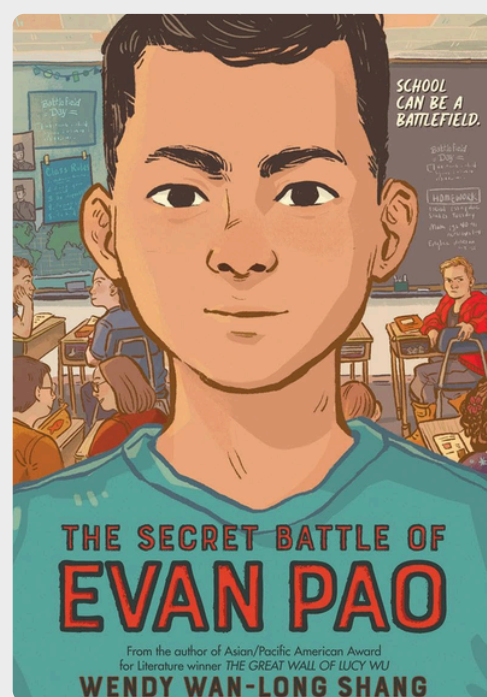
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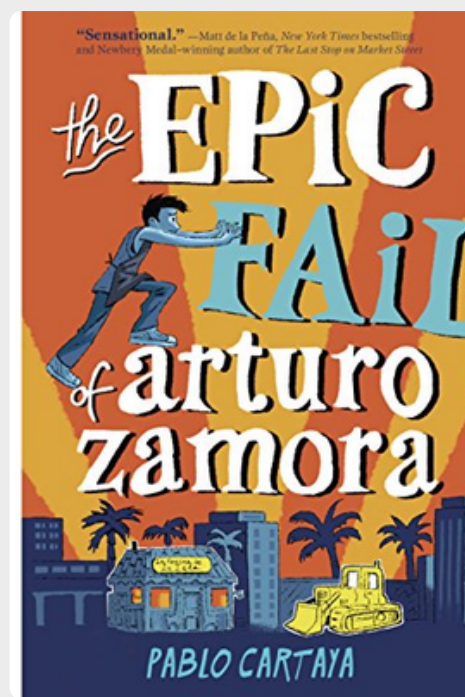
REALISTIC FICTION AND MYSTERY



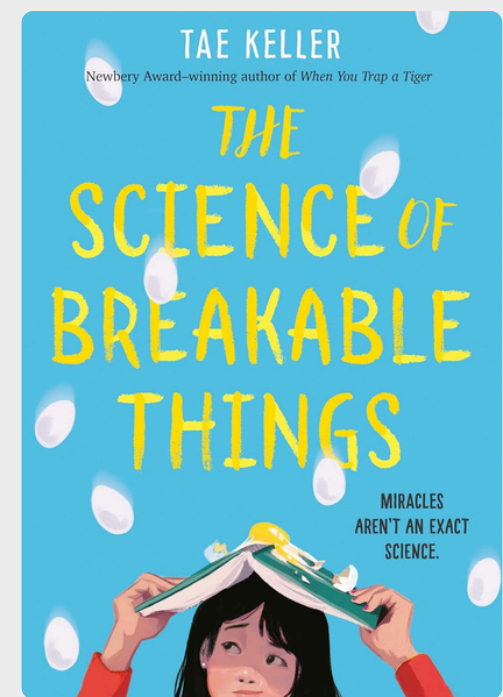
Front Desk
by Kelly Yang*



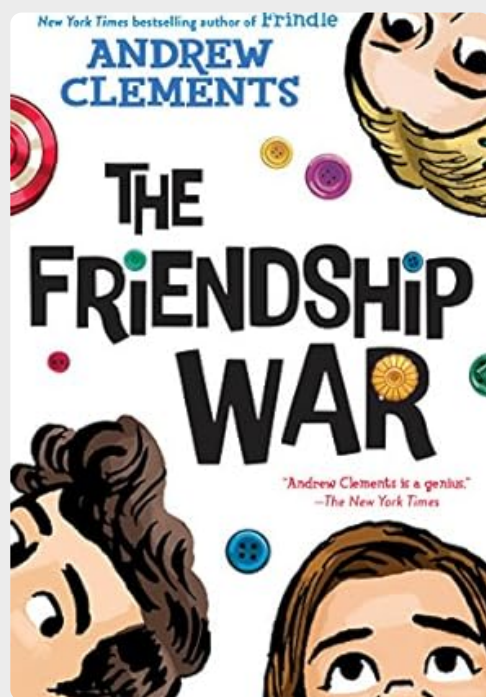
*The Secret Battle of
Evan Pao*
by Wendy Wan-Long
Shang*



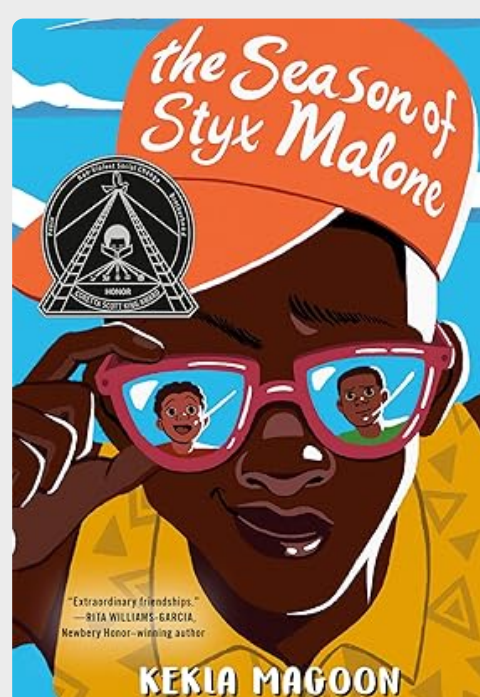
*The Epic Fail of Arturo
Zamora*
by Pablo Cartaya



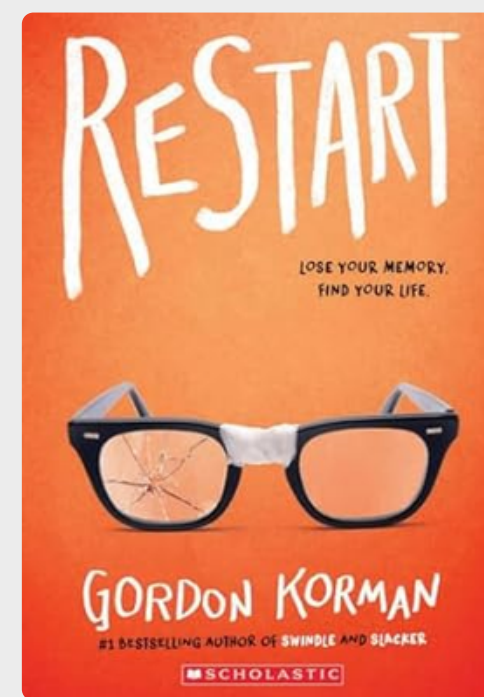
*The Science of Breakable
Things*
by Tae Keller



The Friendship War
by Andrew Clements



*The Season of Styx
Malone*
by Kekla Magoon



Restart
by Gordon Korman*

FREE E-BOOKS AND AUDIOBOOKS

Several of your reading choices are available on Maclay's digital library, Sora, for no additional cost. Students can read or listen on a phone, tablet, or computer. Titles that have an * are available for free on Sora.

To access these books, download the Sora app or go to soraapp.com and enter "Maclay" as your school. Then enter "sixth" for both the username and password to log into our shared grade level account. In contrast with your individual Sora account, the books in this community account will be available over the whole summer for multiple students to read the same book at the same time.

If you need any help with Sora, please contact the Maclay librarian, Mr. Low (dlow@maclay.org)

If you have any questions about summer reading, please contact Dr. Overstreet, the Language Arts department chair (roverstreet@maclay.org)