

A SALUTE TO GREAT BOOKS!

SUMMER READING



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Dear Families,

With summer break just around the corner, we are thrilled to share our **2026 Summer Reading List** with you! This season offers the perfect opportunity for children to dive into new worlds, meet unforgettable characters, and embark on adventures through the pages of a book. Beyond the excitement of discovery, regular reading over the break helps keep those reading muscles strong and ready for the school year ahead. As you look for your next great story, remember that trips to the Dobbs Ferry Library also make for wonderful, air-conditioned outings.

Our list features a hand-picked selection of titles across a variety of genres, offering something for every interest. Please remember that this list is entirely optional and serves only to help spark ideas; your child is encouraged to explore any reading list or choose whichever books they find most exciting. You can find these titles listed here or on the Springhurst website—we hope this guide serves as a helpful companion for your next trip to the library or bookstore.

You can access our Bookflix subscription from home or anywhere with an internet connection this summer. Bookflix is a site with over 400 animated stories in multiple genres.

Go to: <http://auth.grolier.com/login/bookflix/login.php>

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We hope you have a wonderful, relaxing summer filled with great stories, and we can't wait to see you back in September!

Happy Reading!

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A Lady Has the Floor: Belva Lockwood Speaks Out for Women's Rights

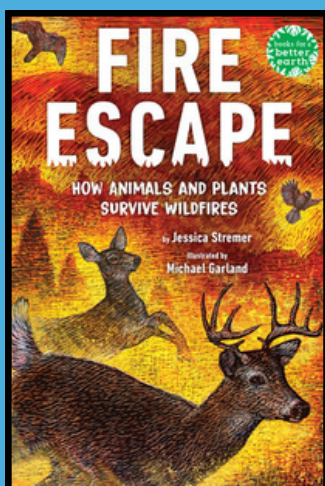
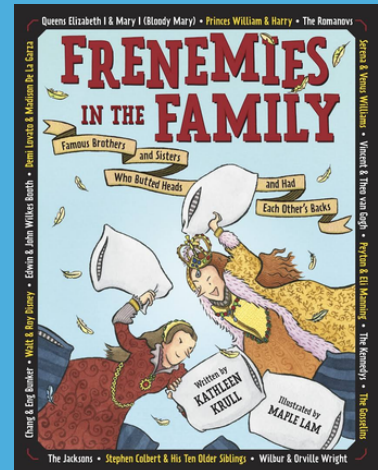
by Kate Hannigan

This exciting picture-book biography by Kate Hannigan introduces you to Belva Lockwood, a total trailblazer. Follow her inspiring journey as she fights for fairness, demanding equal pay and the same rights for everyone in both schools and courtrooms.

Frenemies in the Family: Famous Brothers and Sisters who Butted Heads and Had Each Other's Backs

by Kathleen Krull

This exciting book dives into the wild and sometimes competitive lives of famous brothers and sisters. You'll get to know 15 legendary pairs and see how their team-ups and rivalries actually helped change the world!



Fire Escape: How Animals and Plants Survive Wildfires

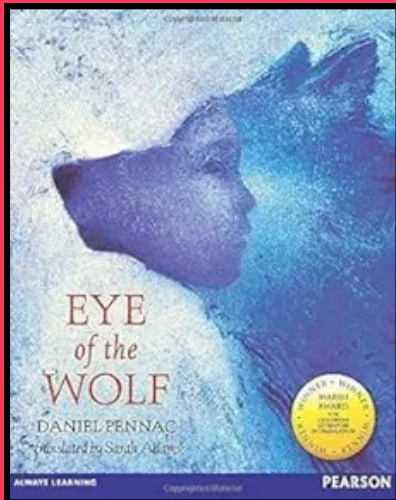
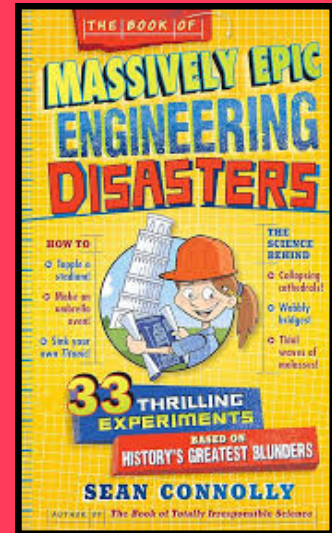
by Jessica Stremmer

Discover the incredible true stories of brave animals and large regions that survive and come back after massive wildfires. From heroes replanting forests to forest guardians that actually help fight the flames, you'll learn all about these natural disasters.

Massively Epic Engineering Disasters

by Sean Connolly

Ever wonder why some big engineering projects go totally wrong? Discover the stories behind 20 famous blunders, like the Titanic and the Leaning Tower of Pisa. Plus, you'll get to try out 33 super cool, at-home science experiments that show you exactly how stuff works—and why it sometimes breaks!



Eye of the Wolf

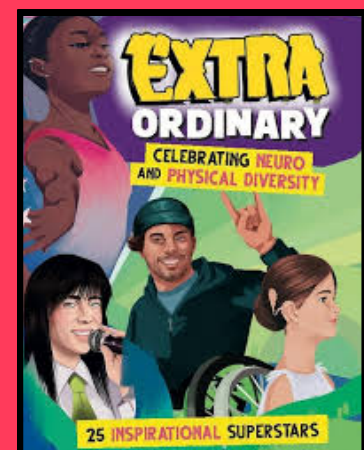
by Daniel Pennac

This is an amazing story about a one-eyed Alaskan wolf in a zoo who meets a young boy. They share a silent, deep connection just by looking into each other's eyes, and as they do, they tell each other their life stories and realize how much they have in common.

Extra Ordinary Celebrating Neuro and Physical Diversity

by Alicia Williamson

Meet 25 incredible people who proved that being different is actually a real-life superpower! These famous legends didn't let anything hold them back, using their unique ways of thinking and moving to change the world in massive ways.





The Kicks: Win or Lose

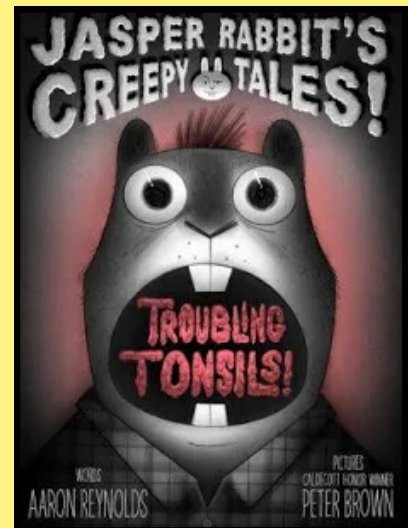
by Alex Morgan

The Kentville Kangaroos are headed to the playoffs, but winning the championship won't be easy. They'll have to deal with tough team drama, a busy schedule, and a surprise coaching change before they can take home the trophy! Written by Alex Morgan, Team USA Women's Soccer Champion. Check out this series just in time for the World Cup!

Jasper Rabbit's Creepy Tales Troubling Tonsils!

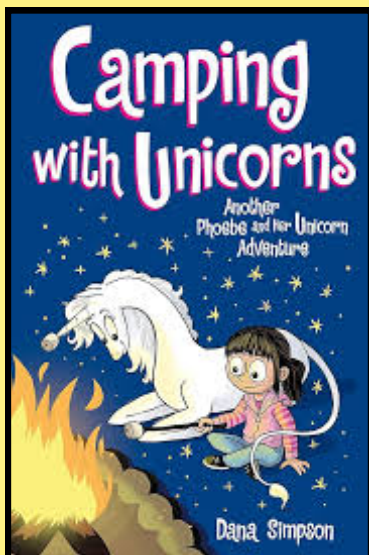
by Aaron Reynolds

Meet Charlie Marmet, the fluffiest, funniest rodent around! When Charlie finds out his tonsils are super infected and have to go, he thinks of the perfect plan: keeping them in a jar for the most epic show-and-tell ever. But hold onto your hats, because once those tonsils are in that jar, things start getting seriously spooky and weird!

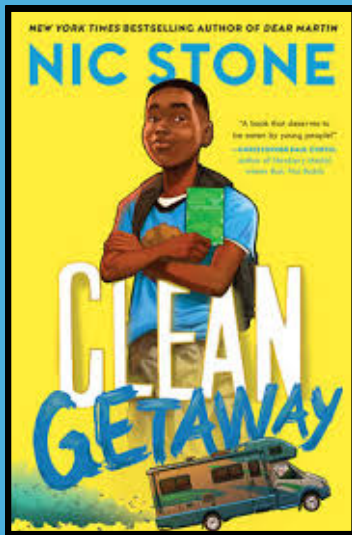


Camping with Unicorn Another Pheobe and her Unicorn Adventures

by Dana Simpson



Join Pheobe and her best friend Marigold Heavenly Nostrils for an awesome summer adventure packed with mischief! From epic pool days to a wild camping trip, this story shows how being yourself is the greatest adventure of all. This title is one in the series of graphic novels.



Clean Getaway

by Nic Stone

Meet 11-year-old William "Scoob" Lamar in this epic road-trip adventure! Instead of staying home grounded, Scoob jumps in an RV with his eccentric grandma for a wild trip across the American South. Along the way, they visit famous landmarks and uncover some pretty surprising family secrets.

The Academy

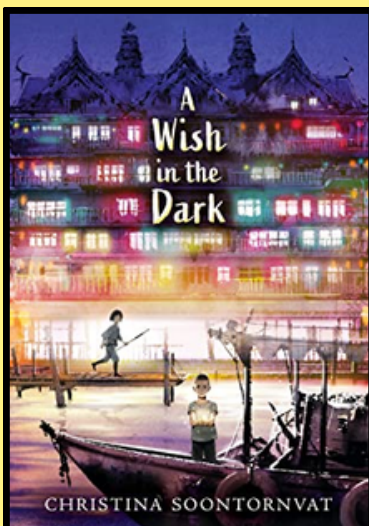
by T.Z. Layton

Leo is a small-town soccer ace who gets the biggest surprise ever: an invite to try out for the London Dragons, the super-elite team known as The Academy. It's a huge challenge—only eleven players out of 200 kids from around the world will make the cut! To score his spot on the team, Leo has to outplay a tough rival, impress a super-strict coach, and prove he's got the skills to make it, even without fancy training.



A Wish in the Dark

by Christina Soontornvat



In Chattana, the Governor controls all light, which Pong views as a symbol of freedom from his life in Namwon Prison. After escaping, Pong discovers a world where the wealthy flourish under bright orbs while the poor suffer in darkness. Despite his flight, his prison tattoo remains a permanent mark, preventing him from ever being truly free.