

## Biography & Autobiography

*90 Miles to Havana*..... Flores-Galbis  
*A Graphic Biography of Malcolm X*..... Hefler  
*A Long Way Gone*..... Beah  
*Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream*.... Stone  
*Becoming Maria: Love and Chaos  
 in the South Bronx*..... Manzano  
*Black Women Who Dared*..... Moyer  
*Brown Girl Dreaming*..... Woodson  
*Chef Roy Choi and the Street Food Remix*..... Briggs & Lee  
*Claudette Colvin: Twice Towards Justice*..... Hoose  
*Enchanted Air: Two Cultures, Two Wings*..... Engle  
*Fred Korematsu Speaks Up*..... Atkins & Yogi  
*I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for  
 Education and Changed the World*..... Yousafzi  
*Life in Motion: An Unlikely Ballerina  
 (Young Reader's Edition)*..... Copeland  
*Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution*..... Jiang  
*Temple Grandin: How the Girl Who Loved Cows Embraced  
 Autism and Changed the World*..... Montgomery  
*The Borden Murders: Lizzie Borden and  
 the Trial of the Century*..... Miller  
*What Color is My World?*..... Abdul-Jabbar

## Mystery

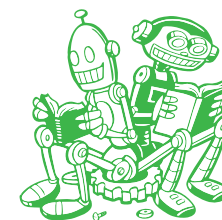
*Enola Holmes (series)*..... Springer  
*Goldie Vance (series)*..... Larson  
*Sammy Keyes (series)*..... Van Draanen  
*Tangerine*..... Bloor  
*The Boy Sherlock Holmes (series)*..... Peacock  
*The Hound of the Baskervilles*..... Doyle  
*The London Eye Mystery*..... Dowd  
*Zora and Me*..... Bond

## Legends, Myths, and Poetry

*Ain't Nothing But a Man:  
 My Quest to Find the Real John Henry*..... Nelson  
*Brown Girl Dreaming*..... Woodson  
*Dark Sons*..... Gimes  
*Neighborhood Odes*..... Soto  
*Outlaw: The Legend of Robin Hood*..... Lee  
*Percy Jackson's Greek Heroes*..... Riordan  
*The Wise Fool: Fables from the Islamic World*..... Husain  
*Trickster: Native American Tales*..... Dembicki, ed.

## Historical Fiction

*Autobiography of My Dead Brother*..... Myers  
*Chains (series)*..... Anderson  
*Echo*..... Ryan  
*I Lived on Butterfly Hill*..... Agosin  
*Inside Out and Back Again*..... Lai  
*Kampung Boy*..... Lat  
*Kindred*..... Octavia Butler  
*March Toward Thunder*..... Bruchac  
*Sea Prayer*..... Hosseini  
*The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate*..... Kelly  
*The War that Saved My Life*..... Bradley  
*Wolf Hollow*..... Wolk



## Informational Books

*Trapped: How the World Rescued 33 Miners  
 from 2,000 Feet Below the Chilean Desert*..... Aronson  
*The Hive Detectives: A Chronicle of  
 a Honey Bee Catastrophe*..... Burns  
*An Eye for Art: Focusing on Great Artists  
 and Their Work*..... National Gallery of Art  
*Bomb: The Race to Build--and Steal--  
 The World's Most Dangerous Weapon*..... Sheinkin  
*Courage Has No Color: The True Story of the  
 Triple Nickels, America's First Black Paratroopers*..... Stone  
*Dactyl Hill Squad*..... Older  
*The Lego Animation Book:  
 Make Your Own Lego Movies*..... Pagano  
*Titanic: Voices from the Disaster*..... Hopkinson  
*Drowned City: Hurricane Katrina and New Orleans*..... Brown  
*The Last Days of a Southside Shorty*..... Neri  
*Never Fall Down*..... McCormick  
*First They Killed My Father: A Daughter From Cambodia  
 Remembers*..... Ung  
*The School the Aztec Eagles Built*..... Nicholson  
*Trapped: How the World Rescued 33 Miners from 2,000 Feet  
 Below in the Chilean Desert*..... Aronson  
*We Rise. Re Resist. We Raise Our Voices*.... Hudson & Hudson

## Fiction

*Amina's Voice*..... Khan  
*As Brave As You*..... Reynolds  
*Blackbird Fly*..... Kelly  
*Charlie Numbers and the Man in the Moon*..... Mezrich  
*El Deafo*..... Bell  
*Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora*..... Cartaya  
*Esperanza Rising*..... Ryan  
*Frazzled: Ordinary Mishaps and  
 Inevitable Catastrophes (Series)*..... Vivat  
*Hurricane Child*..... Callender  
*Ink and Ashes*..... Maetani  
*Jimi & Me*..... Adoff  
*Mexican Whiteboy*..... de la Pena  
*Millicent Min, Girl Genius /  
 Stanford Wong Flunks Big Time*..... Yee  
*One Half from the East*..... Hashimi  
*Project Mulberry*..... Park  
*Rite of Passage*..... Wright  
*Response*..... Volponi  
*Sea Prayer*..... Hosseini  
*The Crossover*..... Alexander  
*Tight*..... Maldonado  
*We Could Be Brothers*..... Barnes  
*Yaqui Delgado Wants to Kick Your Ass*..... Medina

## Science Fiction & Fantasy

*Baba Yaga's Assistant*..... McCoola  
*Bone (series)*..... Smith  
*Books of Ember (series)*..... DuPrau  
*Lumberjanes (series)*..... Stevenson  
*The Girl Who Drank the Moon*..... Barnhill  
*The Marvels*..... Selznick  
*Things Not Seen*..... Clements

**Summer Reading Together** engages students in their rising grade to share the experience of reading and talking about the same book over the summer and when school begins. Boston school communities are welcome to opt into this one book/one grade summer reading program.

The goal of this initiative is to prevent summer reading loss, encourage pleasure reading, and foster a culture of readers. It is our focus to motivate, engage, and cultivate a culture of readers.

We encourage you to choose a second text to read from the reading list on the other side of this pamphlet. You may be asked to engage in a discussion about this text as well.

### Assignment:

This summer, read your text for about 20 minutes per session.

As you read, consider the following:

#### Fiction

1. What do you think the author wants us to know? What is the author's message?
2. How did the author create humor; suspense; sadness, and so on? (provide examples)
3. Is the language in the text inviting and engaging? (provide examples)
4. How does the writing in this text compare with other fiction texts you read this year?

#### Non-Fiction

1. What do you think the author wants us to know? What is the author's message?
2. Did the author explain things clearly? (provide examples)
3. How does the authors use of language to explain experiences? (provide examples)
4. How does this text compare with other nonfiction text (articles) you read this year?

*Remember to highlight, underline, or write in the margins of the text. Share with someone in your home what you found interesting or confusing, and discuss why. In September, bring your book to school. Be prepared to share your thoughts about the text you read this summer.*

### Champion of Reading

Do you have what it takes to be a Champion of Reading? How many activities can you complete before summer is over?

Check in every week from July 1 to August 26 with your librarian to show them your progress and to receive a prize. One prize per participant, per week.

Finish all the activities and you will be entered in a raffle to win a grand prize. Visit your local branch to participate in the grand raffle. One entry per participant.

This program is for children and teens from birth to 17. Go to [www.bpl.org/summer](http://www.bpl.org/summer) to print an activity sheet and for more information!

## Boston Public Library 2019 Summer Reading *Summer Reading Together*

Boston Public Library's 2019 summer program features books and activities about all kinds of sports enjoyed by all kinds of people. For more information, contact or visit any BPL location.

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Brighton:	40 Academy Hill Rd.....	617-782-6032
	419 Faneuil St.....	617-782-6705
Charlestown:	179 Main St.....	617-242-1248
Copley Square:	700 Boylston St.....	617-536-5400
Dorchester:	690 Adams St.....	617-436-6900
	500 Columbia Rd.....	617-265-0139
	1520 Dorchester Ave.....	617-436-2155
	41 Geneva Ave.....	617-427-3337
	27 Richmond St.....	617-298-7841
	690 Washington St.....	617-436-8214
East Boston:	365 Bremen St.....	617-569-0271
Hyde Park:	35 Harvard Ave.....	617-361-2524
Jamaica Plain:	433 Centre St.....	617-522-1960
Mattapan:	1350 Blue Hill Ave.....	617-298-9218
North End:	25 Parmenter St.....	617-227-8135
Roslindale:	4246 Washington St.....	617-323-2343
Roxbury:	2044 Columbus Ave.....	617-445-4340
South Boston:	646 East Broadway.....	617-268-0180
South End:	685 Tremont St.....	617-536-8241
West End:	151 Cambridge St.....	617-523-3957
West Roxbury:	1961 Centre St.....	617-325-3147

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# 2019 Summer Book List Grades 6-8

### Dear Parent/Guardian,

The summer months are a wonderful time to explore the world of books and reading—and the staff of the Boston Public Schools and Boston Public Library look forward to helping you plan a reading program to last the whole summer.

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This Summer Book List will help you choose high-quality literature geared to the interests of high school students. All the books on the list are available at your neighborhood library. Your local librarian can suggest additional titles.

The Boston Public Schools is working to ensure high standards and high achievement for every student in every classroom, and literacy is a priority at all grade levels. We expect our students to work hard at reading and writing, and to keep reading year-round, and we need the support and encouragement of families to help us reach the goal of every student becoming an excellent reader.

Happy reading!

Sincerely,

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