Chokshi, Roshani | *Aru Shah and the End of Time*  
| Disney Hyperion, 2018 | In twelve-year-old Aru stretches the truth to fit in at her private school, but when she is dared to prove an ancient lamp is cursed, she inadvertently frees an ancient demon.  

Dembicki, Matt, ed | *Trickster: Native American Tales, A Graphic Collection* | Fulcrum Publishing, 2010 | In *Trickster*, the first graphic anthology of Native American trickster tales, more than 20 Native American tales are adapted into comic form. An inspired collaboration between Native writers and accomplished artists, these tales bring the Trickster back into popular culture in vivid form.

Sotomayor, Sonia | *My Beloved World* | Delacorte Books for Young Readers, 2018 | Discover the inspiring life of Justice Sonia Sotomayor, the first Latina and third woman appointed to the United States Supreme Court, in this middle-grade adaptation of her bestselling adult memoir, *My Beloved World.*

Dimaline, Cherie | *The Marrow Thieves* | Dancing Cat Books, 2017 | In a futuristic world ravaged by global warming, people have lost the ability to dream, and the dreamlessness has led to widespread madness. The only people still able to dream are North America's Indigenous people, and it's their marrow that holds the cure for the rest of the world. But getting the marrow, and dreams, means death for the unwilling donors. Driven to flight, a fifteen-year-old and his companions struggle for survival, attempt to reunite with loved ones and take refuge from the "recruiters" who seek to bring them to the marrow-stealing "factories."

Dumas, Firoozeh | *It Ain't So Awful, Falafel* | Clarion Books/Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2016 | Eleven-year-old Zomorod, originally from Iran, tells her story of growing up Iranian in Southern California during the Iranian Revolution and hostage crisis of the late 1970s.

Bascomb, Neal | *The Nazi Hunters: How a Team of Spies and Survivors Captured the Worlds Most Notorious Nazi* | Arthur A Levine Books, 2013 | In 1945, at the end of World War II, Adolf Eichmann, the head of operations for the Nazis' Final Solution, walked into the mountains of Germany and vanished from view. Sixteen years later, an elite team of spies captured him at a bus stop in Argentina and smuggled him to Israel, resulting in one of the century's most important trials.

Blake, Ashley Herring | *Ivy Aberdeen's Letter to the World* | Little Brown Books for Young Readers, 2018 | When a tornado rips through town, twelve-year-old Ivy Aberdeen's house is destroyed and her family of five is displaced. Ivy feels invisible and ignored in the aftermath of the storm—and what's worse, her notebook filled with secret drawings of girls holding hands has gone missing.

Brosnog, Vera | *Be Prepared* | First Second, 2018 | All Vera wants to do is fit in—but that's not easy for a Russian girl in the suburbs. Her friends live in fancy houses and their parents can afford to send them to the best summer camps. Vera's single mother can't afford that sort of luxury, but there's one summer camp in her price range—Russian summer camp.

Chanani, Nidhi | *Pashmina* | First Second, 2017 | Priyanka has many unanswered questions: Why did her mother abandon her home in India years ago? What was it like there? And who is her father, and why did her mom leave him behind? But Pri's mom avoids these questions. For Pri, her mother's homeland can only exist in her imagination. That is, until she finds a mysterious pashmina. When she wraps herself in it, she is transported to a place more vivid and colorful than any guidebook.

Let's Read!

Summer reading is necessary for students to continue using good literacy practice beyond school. It's also a great way to spend time together! Many of the titles on the list are available to borrow for free at the Free Library of Philadelphia. Check the website at [www.freelibrary.org](http://www.freelibrary.org) for locations, book title availability, and other great summer programs for students.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Some books may contain graphic content in the form of themes, language, violence, and/or explicit sexual content:

- Mild
- Moderate
- High

Acevedo, Elizabeth | *The Poet X* | HarperTeen, 2018 | A young girl in Harlem discovers slam poetry as a way to understand her mother's religion and her own relationship to the world.

Ahmed, Samira | *Love, Hate, And Other Filters* | Soho Teen, 2018 | Maya Aziz, seventeen, is caught between her India-born parents world of college and marrying a suitable Muslim boy and her dream world of film school and dating her classmate, Phil, when a terrorist attack changes her life forever.

Alexander, Kwame | *The Crossover* | HMH Books for Young Readers, 2014 | Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health.

Ali, S.K. | *Saints and Misfits* | Salaam Read, 2017 | Fifteen-year-old Janna Yusuf, a Flannery O'Conner-obsessed book nerd and the daughter of the only divorced mother at their mosque, tries to make sense of the events that follow when her best friend's cousin—a holy star in the Muslim community—attempts to assault her at the end of sophomore year.
Older, Daniel Jose | Shadowshaper | Arthur A Levine, 2015 | The murals painted on the walls of her Brooklyn neighborhood start to change and fade in front of her, Sierra Santiago realizes that something strange is going on—then she discovers her Puerto Rican family are shadowshapers and finds herself in a battle with an evil anthropologist for the lives of her family and friends.

Reynolds, Jason | Long Way Down | Atheneum/Caitlyn Dlouhy Books, 2017 | As Will, fifteen, sets out to avenge his brother Shawn's fatal shooting, seven ghosts who knew Shawn board the elevator and reveal truths Will needs to know.

Toten, Teresa | The Unlikely Hero of Room 13b | Delacorte Books for Young Readers, 2015 | Adam not only is trying to understand his OCD while trying to balance his relationship with his divorced parents, but he’s also trying to navigate through the issues teenagers normally face, namely the perils of young love.

Wang, Jen | The Prince and the Dressmaker | First Second, 2018 | Paris, at the dawn of the Second Civil War, Jackson Greene has a reputation as a prankster at Maplewood Middle School, but he is trying to understand his OCD while trying to get a better grade in math. When Papa decides it’s too dangerous to stay in what is now Pakistan, Nisha and her family become refugees and embark first by train but later on foot to reach her new home.