



## Grades 5 & 6 Summer Reading 2021

June 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians of Students Entering Grades 5 and 6:

Welcome to our Summer Reading Program! We encourage our students to continue reading during the summer months! We know that reading at least 20 minutes daily will help students maintain reading skills and help minimize a “summer slide.” We are requiring all students to read a minimum of **three (3) books**. One book should be fiction and one book should be nonfiction. We have included a suggested summer reading list. **Please remember that students may choose from the list and/or choose other books that interest them.** “Reading experts say that students who can choose what to read in their out-of-school time are more likely to enjoy reading and ultimately become lifelong readers.”

Please help your child complete their “Summer Reading Log” and the required activity sheets. One activity sheet is for their fiction selection and one activity sheet is for their nonfiction selection. The “movie poster” may be completed for a fiction or a nonfiction book. The log and 3 activity sheets will be **due when we resume school**.

Keep your child engaged throughout the summer with reading and other fun activities by joining the **Tewksbury Public Library’s Summer Reading Club** which runs from June 21 through August 13. The Summer Reading Club offers both virtual and some in person programs and there are amazing raffle prizes! Librarians are available to help choose titles and help you get set up for online services (ex. **Hoopla**) which give you **free access to ebooks and e-audiobooks**. Visit [www.tewksburypl.org](http://www.tewksburypl.org) for more information.

It is so important to keep our students engaged in summer reading to help their academic success when we resume school. Thank you in advance for your assistance and support of the Tewksbury Public Schools Summer Reading Program!

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**Story Mapping**

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The diagram is a story mapping tool. It features a central box labeled "Title/Author". Seven lines radiate from this central box to seven surrounding rectangular boxes, each containing a question. The questions are: "Who is your favorite character and why?" (top left), "What is the plot of the story?" (top middle-left), "What is the theme of the story?" (top middle-right), "What is another way the problem could have been solved?" (top right), "Who are the important characters in the story?" (bottom left), "What is the setting of the story?" (bottom middle-left), "What is the problem in the story?" (bottom middle-right), and "What is the solution to the problem?" (bottom right).

Who is your favorite character and why?

What is the plot of the story?

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What is another way the problem could have been solved?

Title/Author

Who are the important characters in the story?

What is the setting of the story?

What is the problem in the story?

What is the solution to the problem?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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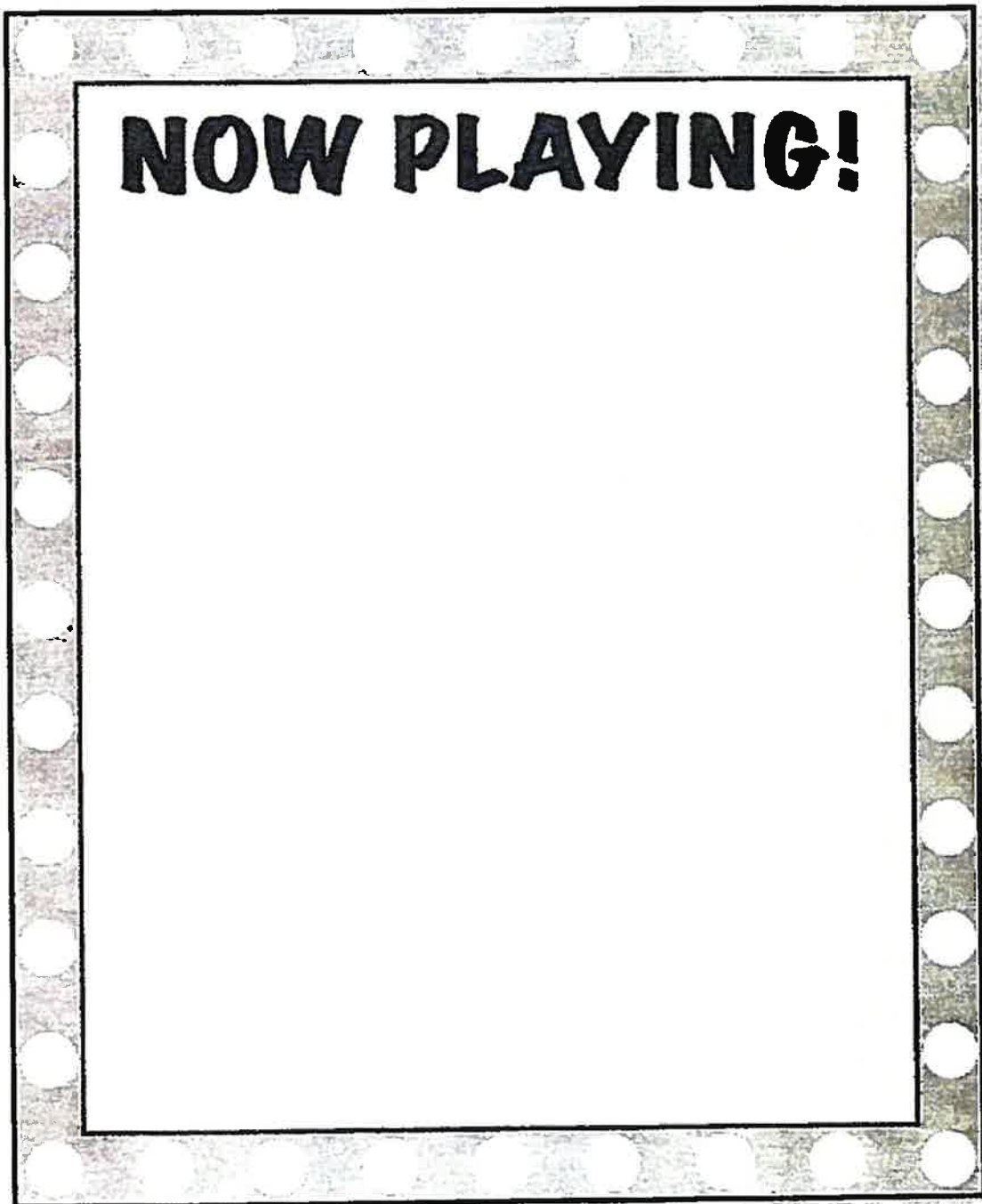
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Reading Assignment \_\_\_\_\_

# Movie Poster

**Directions:** Imagine that the piece you just read is going to be turned into a movie. Create a movie poster that will make people want to see the movie! How will you depict the main idea in the poster? What roles would be needed in the movie and what popular actor/actress would play each role? Use words, drawings, quotes, and color to complete your poster.


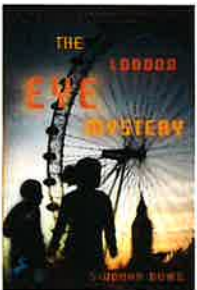



# Suggested Summer Reading List for Students Entering Grades 5 and 6

## John F. Ryan Elementary School

Please remember you may choose  
from the list and/or choose other books that interest you.

### Fiction

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|   | <p><b><i>The Crossover</i> by Kwame Alexander *</b></p> <p>Josh and Jordan are twins who are basketball phenoms. Told in verse by Josh, we see him learning to deal with his brother growing away from him, his father becoming seriously ill, and the fallout that happens with a family in crisis in an urban environment, all framed by the action on the basketball court.</p> |
|  | <p><b><i>The London Eye Mystery</i> by Siobhan Dowd</b></p> <p>Ted and Kat's cousin, Salim, disappears from the London Eye, the great Ferris wheel attraction. Ted, who has Asperger's syndrome, and Kat team up to try and solve the mystery. Ted's unique way of seeing things is an asset in this puzzling mystery.</p>   |
|  | <p><b><i>The Big Time</i> by Tim Green **</b></p> <p>Things couldn't be going better for Troy White. The Atlanta Falcons' football genius is at the top of his game, helping the team get to the playoffs. While Troy celebrates with his friends, a person comes knocking—and he says, "I think I'm your father."</p> <p>In an instant, Troy's life is changed.</p>               |
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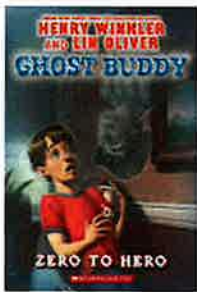
***Saving the Team* by Alex Morgan**

Twelve-year-old Devin loves to play soccer. If she hadn't just left Connecticut to move across the country, she would have been named seventh grade captain on her school soccer team. Now that Devin is starting seventh grade in Kentville, California, all bets are off.



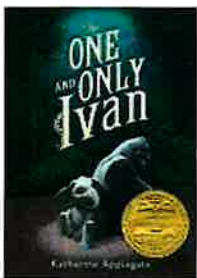
***Out at Home* by Cal Ripken, Jr.**

Mickey Labriogla is the best catcher in the league. He's got a cannon for an arm, calls a great game, and blocks the plate like a bulldozer with shin guards. When a hotshot new pitcher joins the Dulaney Orioles, Mickey wonders if it isn't time to find another position--or maybe another team.



***Ghost Buddy #1: Zero to Hero* by Henry Winkler and Lin Oliver \***

The authors of the Hank Zipzer books have written this hilarious series! Billy Broccoli is new to the neighborhood and has to deal with an obnoxious school bully. Will a funny ghost be able to help Billy succeed in life?



***The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate \***

This stirring and unforgettable novel from renowned author Katherine Applegate celebrates the transformative power of unexpected friendships. Inspired by the true story of a captive gorilla known as Ivan, this illustrated novel is told from the point-of-view of Ivan himself.


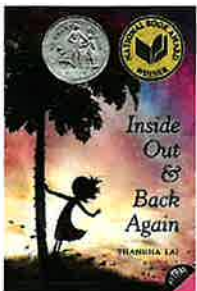
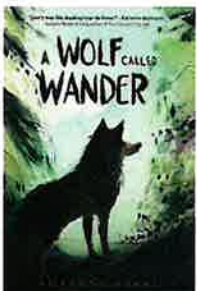






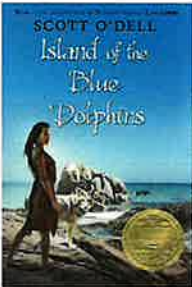
***Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt**

The author of the beloved *One for the Murphys* gives readers an emotionally-charged, uplifting novel that will speak to anyone who's ever thought there was something wrong with them because they didn't fit in. "Everybody is smart in different ways. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its life believing it is stupid."

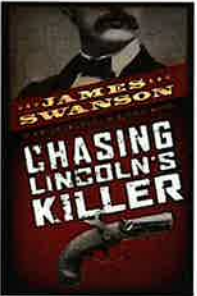
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|    | <p><b><i>The War That Saved My Life</i> by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley</b></p> <p>Set during the bombing in World War II, Ada, who has a deformed foot, and her younger brother, join other refugee children sent to the countryside to escape the dangerous city. How can a girl who has never been allowed outside and never been to school learn to live in the country with strangers?</p>                              |
|    | <p><b><i>The Last Kids on Earth #1</i> by Max Brallier</b></p> <p>In the first lighthearted and humorous story, a foster child named Jack Sullivan finds himself abandoned in a cartoonish end-of-the-world apocalypse in his hometown of Wakefield, Massachusetts. He thrives on freedom, junk food and video games while working with a team of his classmates to fight off zombies and monsters who have appeared.</p> |
|   | <p><b><i>New Kid</i> by Jerry Craft +</b></p> <p>This humorous graphic novel tells the story of a 12-year-old boy, Jordan Banks, who is enrolled in a prestigious private school and needs to learn to navigate his new school culture while staying true to himself.</p>   |
|  | <p><b><i>Because of Winn-Dixie</i> by Kate DiCamillo</b></p> <p>A 10-year-old girl, Opal, learns to adjust to a new town, makes some fascinating friends, and fills the empty space in her heart thanks to a big old stray dog. As Opal says, "It's hard not to immediately fall in love with a dog who has a good sense of humor."</p>   |
|  | <p><b><i>Flora and Ulysses</i> by Kate DiCamillo +</b></p> <p>Flora spends her time reading comic books and trying to understand her parents' recent divorce. Flora's neighbor runs over a squirrel with a vacuum cleaner. Flora is jolted into action and names the squirrel Ulysses after the vacuum cleaner accident. This book shows the power of love and friendship.</p>  |



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|    | <p><b><i>The Magic in Changing Your Stars</i> by Leah Henderson</b></p> <p>Eleven-year-old Ailey Benjamin Lane can dance so he is certain that he'll be chosen for the role of the Scarecrow in his school's production of <i>The Wiz</i>. Ailey's audition does not go as planned, but his Grandpa believes in Ailey and to encourage him shares a childhood story.</p>   |
|    | <p><b><i>Inside Out and Back Again</i> by Thanhha Lai **</b></p> <p>This is a story about a young girl named Kim Ha and her mother and three brothers who were forced to move to the United States because the Vietnam War had reached their home and it was no longer safe. They board a navy ship and flee.</p>  |
|   | <p><b><i>A Wolf Called Wander</i> by Rosanne Parry **</b></p> <p>This novel is based on a true story of one wolf's incredible journey to find a safe place to call home and contains the themes of family, courage, loyalty, survival and the natural world.</p>   |
|  | <p><b><i>Maniac Magee</i> by Jerry Spinelli</b></p> <p>A humorous and heartwarming story of an orphan boy, Jeffrey Lionel "Maniac" Magee, looking for a home in the fictional town of Two Mills, a segregated town. Maniac Magee became a legend. The thing Maniac Magee is best known for is what he did for the kids from the East End and those from the West End of town.</p>  |
|  | <p><b><i>Three Keys</i> by Kelly Yang *</b></p> <p>The story of Mia Tang and her family and friends continues in this hilarious sequel to the award-winning novel, <i>Front Desk</i>. Mia thinks she's going to have the best year ever. She and her parents are the proud owners of the Calivista Motel. Mia gets to run the front desk with her best friend, Lupe, and she's finally getting somewhere with her writing! However, 6th grade will be a roller coaster of challenges and Mia needs all her determination to hang on. If anyone can find the key to getting through turbulent times, it's Mia Tang!</p> |
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|    | <p><b><i>Ways to Make Sunshine</i> by Renée Watson</b></p> <p>Ryan Hart has a lot on her mind--school, self-image, and especially family. Her dad finally has a new job, but money is tight. That means some changes, like selling their second car and moving into a new (old) house. But Ryan is a girl who knows how to make sunshine out of setbacks. As her brother says when he raps about her, she's got the talent that matters most: it's a talent that can't be seen, she's nice, not mean!</p>   |
|    | <p><b><i>Lyddie</i> by Katherine Patterson *</b></p> <p>Lyddie and her brother are hired out as servants to pay their family's debts. Lyddie tries to find a job in Lowell, MA that will pay enough to clear the debts and allow the family to be reunited.</p>   |
|   | <p><b><i>Kingdom Keepers: Disney After Dark</i> by Ridley Pearson +</b></p> <p>Finn Whitman and four other kids are transformed into hologram projections that guide guests through Walt Disney World Park. The five young teens find themselves pitted against Disney villains that threaten both the future of Walt Disney World and the stability of the world outside its walls.</p>  |
|  | <p><b><i>Island of the Blue Dolphins</i> by Scott O'Dell *</b></p> <p>This is a Newbery Medal winning story of a 12-year-old girl who lives alone on a Pacific island after she leaps from a rescue ship. Isolated on the island for 18 years, Karana forages for food, builds weapons to fight predators, and finds strength and peace in her seclusion. It is a classic tale of discovery and solitude.</p>   |
|  | <p><b><i>Where the Mountain Meets the Moon</i> by Grace Lin</b></p> <p>In the valley of Fruitless Mountain, a young girl named Minli lives in a ramshackle hut with her parents. In the evenings, her father regales her with old folktales of the Jade Dragon and the Old Man of the Moon, who knows the answers to all of life's questions. Inspired by these stories, Minli sets off on an extraordinary journey to find the Old Man of the Moon to ask him how she can change her family's fortune.</p> |

# Nonfiction

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|    | <p><b><i>El Deafo</i> by Cece Bell (Graphic Novel) +</b></p> <p>Going to school and making new friends can be tough. What about going to school and making new friends while wearing a bulky hearing aid strapped to your chest? That requires superpowers! In this funny, poignant graphic novel memoir, author/illustrator Cece Bell chronicles her hearing loss at a young age and her subsequent experiences with the Phonic Ear, a very powerful—and very awkward—hearing aid.</p> |
|   | <p><b><i>Lost on a Mountain in Maine</i> by Donn Fendler</b></p> <p>In this true survival story, 12-year-old Donn steps away from his Boy Scout troop while climbing Mount Katahdin in Maine and is instantly lost in the fog. He spends 9 days lost on the mountain, trying to find his way down, becoming increasingly hungry and delirious.</p>  |
|  | <p><b><i>The Great Molasses Flood: Boston 1919</i> by Deborah Kops</b></p> <p>On January 15, 1919, a molasses tank exploded in Boston's North End, filling the streets with sticky sludge and killing and injuring many. Kops shows the tragedy close up, with personal accounts. But beyond the flood, who was the one to blame for it? The author examines just how such a disaster could have happened along with the aftermath.</p>   |
|  | <p><b><i>Chasing Lincoln's Killer</i> by James Swanson *</b></p> <p>You might know that James Wilkes Booth shot Abraham Lincoln, but do you know what happened next? A manhunt that lasted for 12 days to find the assassins followed, and this exciting account of the bad guys, their evil plot, and their attempt to flee to safety will keep readers riveted.</p>   |





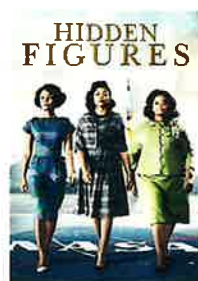
***Women Who Broke the Rules (series) by Kathleen Krull***

They say that well-behaved women never make history! The author, Kathleen Krull, in a humorous fashion, sets out to show that's true in these biographies of women like Dolley Madison, Sonia Sotomayer, Coretta Scott King and Sacajawea.



***The Greatest Moments in Sports by Len Berman***

Famous sportscaster Len Berman picks his all time favorite moments in sports, including ones in baseball, football, basketball, horse racing, boxing and more. Details of some athletes' careers are included. The book also includes a CD so you can listen to a play by play of the action as it happens.



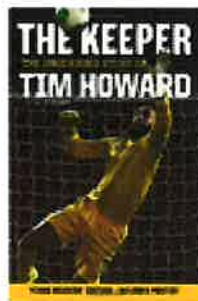
***Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly \*\****

The phenomenal true story of the female mathematicians at NASA whose calculations helped fuel some of America's greatest achievements in space.



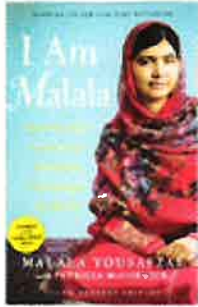

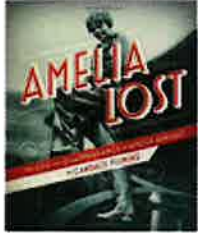
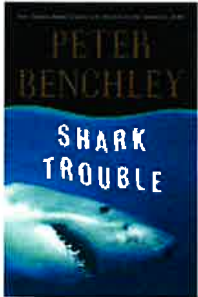

***Hoot, Hoot, Hooray!: And More True Stories of Amazing Animal Rescues (National Geographic Chapters Series) by Ashlee Brown Blewett \*\****

An exciting and informative set of stories of injured baby animals and how they were rescued, including owls, elephants and bears.



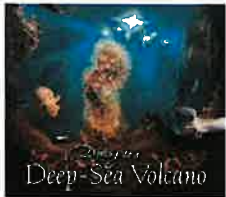






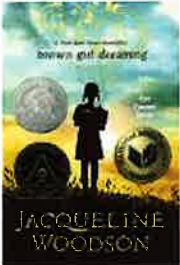

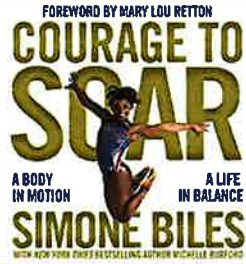
***The Keeper: The Unguarded Story of Tim Howard (Young Readers' Edition) by Tim Howard***

In this heartwarming and candid memoir, US national soccer team goalkeeper, Tim Howard, opens up for the first time about how a hyperactive kid from New Jersey with Tourette syndrome defied the odds to become one of the world's premier goalkeepers.

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|    | <p><b><i>I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World (Young Readers Edition)</i> by Malala Yousafzai and Patricia McCormick</b></p> <p><i>I Am Malala</i> is the memoir of a remarkable teenage girl who risked her life for the right to go to school. Raised in a changing Pakistan by an enlightened father from a poor background and a beautiful, illiterate mother from a political family, Malala was taught to stand up for what she believes. <i>I Am Malala</i> tells her story of bravery and determination in the face of extremism, detailing the daily challenges of growing up in a world transformed by terror.</p> |
|    | <p><b><i>Who Was? What Was? and Where Is? Series</i> by various authors</b></p> <p>Penguins's Who Was? series makes learning history fun! Each Who Was? What Was? and Where Is? book offers a detailed account of a famous figure's life, historical period or place.</p>  |
|  | <p><b><i>Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart</i> by Candace Fleming</b></p> <p>Traces the life of female aviator Amelia Earhart from her childhood to her final flight. Discusses the extensive search for her and her missing plane, and includes photographs, maps, handwritten notes by Amelia, and sidebars.</p>   |
|  | <p><b><i>Shark Life: True Stories about Sharks and the Sea</i> by Peter Benchley</b></p> <p>Benchley shares many anecdotes of his personal encounters with sharks, including the Great White, in stories that are exciting and sometimes terrifying.</p>   |
|  | <p><b><i>Bodies from the Ash: Life and Death in Ancient Pompeii</i> by James M. Deem</b></p> <p>In A.D. 79, Vesuvius erupted. In twenty-four hours, the entire city of Pompeii and many of its citizens were utterly annihilated. Hundreds of years later, excavations unearthed the lost city.</p>  |



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|    | <p><b><i>Extreme Scientists: Exploring Nature's Mysteries from Perilous Places</i> by Donna M. Jackson</b></p> <p>The exciting, dangerous, and important jobs that three different extreme scientists do to benefit the world with the result of their research.</p>   |
|    | <p><b><i>Sally Ride: Life on a Mission</i> by Sue Macy</b></p> <p>Most people know Sally Ride as the first American female astronaut to travel in space. But in her lifetime, she was much more.</p>   |
|   | <p><b><i>Diving to a Deep-Sea Volcano</i> by Kenneth Mallory</b></p> <p>Changing undersea technology allows people to learn more about the sea as an ecosystem, and about the life forms that live there.</p>  |
|  | <p><b><i>Blizzard!</i> by Jim Murphy</b></p> <p>Based on personal accounts and newspaper articles, follow the riveting story of the massive snow storm that hit the Northeast in 1888, with a focus on the events in New York City.</p>  |
|  | <p><b><i>The Notorious Benedict Arnold</i> by Steve Sheinken</b></p> <p>Most people know that Benedict Arnold was America's first, most notorious traitor. Few know that he was also one of its greatest Revolutionary War heroes. Packed with first-person accounts, astonishing American Revolution battle scenes, and surprising twists, this is a gripping and true adventure tale from history.</p> |
|  | <p><b><i>Secrets of a Civil War Submarine</i> by Sally M. Walker</b></p> <p>Presents the history of the Civil War submarine, the H.L. Hunley, including the construction, mysterious sinking, recovery, and restoration.</p>   |

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|    | <p><b><i>Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream</i> +</b><br/>by Tanya Lee Stone</p> <p>The true story of the thirteen women connected with NASA's Mercury 13 space mission, who braved prejudice and jealousy to make their mark and open the door for the female pilots and space commanders that would soon follow.</p>   |
|    | <p><b><i>Brown Girl Dreaming</i> by Jacqueline Woodson</b></p> <p>In vivid poems that reflect the joy of finding her voice through writing stories, an award-winning author shares what it was like to grow up in the 1960s and 1970s in both the North and the South.</p>   |
|   | <p><b><i>The Playbook</i> by Kwame Alexander *</b></p> <p><i>The Playbook</i> is intended to provide inspiration on the court of life. Each rule contains wisdom from inspiring athletes and role models such as Nelson Mandela, Serena Williams, LeBron James, Carli Lloyd, Steph Curry and Michelle Obama. This motivational and inspirational book is just right for graduates of any age and anyone needing a little encouragement.</p>          |
|  | <p><b><i>Courage to Soar: A Body in Motion, a Life in Balance</i> by Simone Biles</b></p> <p>This is the official autobiography from four-time Olympic gold-winning and record-setting American gymnast, Simone Biles. Simone shares how her faith, family, passion, and perseverance against tremendous odds made her one of the top athletes and record-breaking gymnasts in the world – and how you too can overcome challenges in your life.</p> |

