

## Suggested Additional Summer Reading

### Fiction

Brashares, Ann – *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*- Carmen decides to discard an old pair of jeans, but Tibby, Lena, and Bridget think they are great and decide that whoever the pants fit best will get them. When the jeans fit everyone perfectly, a sisterhood and a memorable summer begin

**Starred book**

600L

Choldenko, Gennifer – *Al Capone Does My Shirts* - Moose Flannagan moves with his family to Alcatraz so his dad can work as a prison guard and his sister, Natalie, can attend a special school. But Natalie has autism, and when she's denied admittance to the school, the stark setting of Alcatraz begins to unravel the tenuous coping mechanisms Moose's family has used for dealing with her disorder

**Newbery Honor, Starred book, Notable book**

600L

Colfer, Eoin – *Artemis Fowl* - Twelve-year-old evil genius Artemis Fowl tries to restore his family fortune by capturing a fairy and demanding a ransom in gold, but the fairies fight back with magic, technology, and a particularly nasty troll

930L

Collins, Suzanne – *The Hunger Games* - Sixteen-year-old Katniss Everdeen accidentally becomes a contender in the annual Hunger Games, a grave competition hosted by the Capitol where young boys and girls are pitted against one another in a televised fight to the death

**Starred book**

810L

Curtis, Christopher Paul – *The Watsons go to Birmingham – 1963: A Novel* - The ordinary interactions and everyday routines of the Watsons, an African-American family living in Flint, Michigan, are drastically changed after they go to visit Grandma in Alabama in the summer of 1963

**Coretta Scott Honor, Notable book**

1000L

Green, John – *The Fault in our Stars* - Sixteen-year-old Hazel, a stage IV thyroid cancer patient, has accepted her terminal diagnosis until a chance meeting with a boy at cancer support group forces her to reexamine her perspective on love, loss, and life

**Best Book of 2012, Starred book**

850L

Haddix, Margaret Peterson – *Among the Hidden*- In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, Luke has lived all his twelve years in isolation and fear on his family's farm, until another "third" convinces him that the government is wrong

800L

Hiaasen, Carl – *Hoot* - Roy, who is new to his small Florida community, becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site

**Newbery Honor, Notable book**

760L

Horowitz, Anthony – *Stormbreaker* - After the death of the uncle who had been his guardian, fourteen-year-old Alex Rider is coerced to continue his uncle's dangerous work for Britain's intelligence agency, MI6

670L

Lai, Thanhha – *Inside Out and Back Again*- Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, and her brothers leave Vietnam and resettle in Alabama

**Newbery Honor, Children's Book of the Year, Notable book**

800L

Lake, Nick – *In Darkness* – In the aftermath of the Haitian earthquake, Shorty, a poor, fifteen-year-old gang member from the slums of Site Soleil, is trapped in the rubble of a hospital and as he grows weaker, he has visions and memories of his life of violence, his lost twin sister, and of Toussaint L'Ouverture, who liberated Haiti from French rule in 1804

**Printz Award, Starred book**

800L

Lowry, Lois – *The Giver* - Given his lifetime assignment at the Ceremony of Twelve, Jonas becomes the receiver of memories shared by only one other in his community and discovers the terrible truth about the society in which he lives

**Newbery Medal, Starred book**

760L

Meloy, Maile – *The Apothecary* – Fourteen-year-old Janie Scott, newly arrived in London from Los Angeles in 1952, becomes friends with a mysterious apothecary and his son, Benjamin Burrows, and is drawn into a dangerous adventure with Benjamin when his father is kidnapped and Russian spies try to steal his book of secrets

**Starred book**

740L

Oliver, Lauren – *Delirium* – Lena looks forward to receiving the government-mandated cure that prevents the delirium of love and leads to a safe, predictable, and happy life, until ninety-five days before her eighteenth birthday and her treatment, when she falls in love

**Starred book**

920L

Oliver, Lauren – *Liesl & Po* – After her father's death, Liesl is locked away in a tiny attic room by her stepmother, where she meets Po, a lonely ghost, and Will, an alchemist's apprentice who bungles an important delivery and enlists Liesl and Po's help in setting things right

**Starred book**

830L

Palacio, R.J. – *Wonder* - Ten-year-old Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities and was not expected to survive, goes from being home-schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan, which entails enduring the taunts and fear of his classmates as he struggles to be seen as just another student

**Starred book, Notable book**

790L

Pratchett, Terry – *Dodger* – In an alternative London ruled by a young Queen Victoria, Dodger, a resourceful, homeless boy, unwittingly prevents Sweeney Todd from committing murder

**Printz Honor, Starred book**

1210L

Riordan, Rick – *The Lightning Thief* – After learning that he is the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea, twelve-year-old Percy is sent to a summer camp for demigods like himself, and joins his new friends on a quest to prevent a war between the gods

740L

Schlitz, Laura A. – *Splendors and Glooms* – When Clara vanishes after the puppeteer Grisini and two orphaned assistants were at her twelfth birthday party, suspicion of kidnapping chases the trio away from London and soon the two orphans are caught in a trap set by Grisini's ancient rival, a witch with a deadly inheritance to shed before it is too late

**Newbery Honor, Notable book**

670L

Selznick, Brian – *The Invention of Hugo Cabret* - When twelve-year-old Hugo, an orphan living and repairing clocks within the walls of a Paris train station in 1931, meets a mysterious toyseller and his goddaughter, his undercover life and his biggest secret are jeopardized

**Caldecott Medal, Starred book**

820L

Sones, Sonya – *What my Mother Doesn't Know*- Sophie describes her relationships with a series of boys as she searches for Mr. Right

**Starred book, Notable book**

920L

Wein, Elizabeth – *Code Name Verity* – In 1943, a British fighter plane crashes in Nazi-occupied France and the survivor tells a tale of friendship, war, espionage, and great courage as she relates what she must do to survive while keeping secret all that she can

**Edgar Allan Poe Award, Printz Honor, Starred book**

1020L

Zarr, Sara – *How to Save a Life* - Told from their own viewpoints, seventeen-year-old Jill, in grief over the loss of her father, and Mandy, nearly nineteen, are thrown together when Jill's mother agrees to adopt Mandy's unborn child but nothing turns out as they had anticipated

**Starred book**

HL710L

Zusak, Markus – *The Book Thief*- Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death relates the story of Liesel--a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors

**Printz Honor, Starred book**

730L

## **Nonfiction/Informational**

Aaronson, Marc – *Sugar Changed the World: A Story of Magic, Spice, Slavery, Freedom, and Science* – Aronson and Budhos explore the sugar industry's origins, tracing, among other elements, the crop's growth in popularity and the transatlantic slave trade, then providing broader twentieth-century context. This is fine historical writing: an epic story on a broad canvas that never loses sight of individual moments of human drama; the volume also boasts a thoughtful marriage of words, pictures, and design

**YALSA Excellence in Nonfiction, Starred book**

1130L

Blumenthal, Karen – *Steve Jobs: A Man Who Thought Different – A Biography* – Chronicles the life and accomplishments of Apple mogul Steve Jobs, discussing his ideas, and describing how he has influenced life in the twenty-first century

**YALSA Excellence in Nonfiction, Starred book**

110L

Hoose, Philip – *Moonbird: A Year on the Wind With the Great Survivor B95* – Chronicles a year in the life of rufa red knot B95, also called Moonbird, following him through his migration pattern and discussing the environmental problems that caused the rufa population to collapsed by nearly eighty percent

**Sibert Informational Book Honor, YALSA Excellence in Nonfiction, Starred book**

1150L

Hopkinson, Deborah – *Titanic: Voices from the Disaster* - Draws on stories from survivors and archival photographs to describe the history of the "Titanic" from its launch to its sinking

**Sibert Informational Book Honor, YALSA Excellence in Nonfiction, Starred book**

1040L

Janeczko, Paul – *The Dark Game: True Spy Stories From Invisible Ink to the CIA* - A collection of true spy stories from throughout the history of the United States, discussing personalities, missions, traitors, technological advances, and more

**YALSA Excellence in Nonfiction**

1200L

Levinson, Cynthia – *We've Got a Job: The 1963 Birmingham Children's March* – The 1963 Birmingham Children's March was a turning point in American history. In the streets of Birmingham, Alabama, the fight for civil rights lay in the hands of children like Audrey Hendricks, Wash Booker, James Stewart, and Arnetta Streeter.

Through the eyes of these four protesters and others who participated, *We've Got a*

*Job* tells the little-known story of the 4,000 black elementary, middle, and high school students who voluntarily went to jail between May 2 and May 11, 1963

**YALSA Excellence in Nonfiction, Starred book**

1020L

Sheinkin, Steve – *Bomb: The Race to Build and Steal the World's Most Dangerous Weapon* – Examines the history of the atomic bomb, discussing the discovery of the behavior of uranium when placed next to radioactive material, the race to build a bomb, and the impact of the weapon on societies around the world

**Sibert Informational Book Award, Newbery Honor, Starred book, Notable book**

920L

### **Books by Jim Murphy**

*The Great Fire* 1130L

*The Boys' War – Confederate and Union Soldiers Talk about the Civil War*

1060L

*An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793* 1130L

*Invincible Microbe: Tuberculosis and the Never-ending Search for a Cure*

1200L

*Truce: the Day the Soldiers Stopped Fighting* NC1160L

*The Long Road to Gettysburg* 1070L

*A Savage Thunder: Antietam and the Bloody Road to Freedom* 1180L

*Across America on an Emigrant Train* 1180L

*Blizzard! The Storm That Changed America* 1080L

*The Crossing: How George Washington Saved the American Revolution*

NC1080L

*The Real Benedict Arnold* 1240L