



2019 Summer Reading Recommendations

Grades 5 and 6



HOT NEW TITLES (Check out @ the library!)

Cameron, W. Bruce. MAX'S STORY (A DOG'S PURPOSE). As soon as he sets eyes on CJ, Max knows that she is his girl and quickly figures out his purpose: to show her how to navigate the big city. Max learns that he does not always have to be ferocious--sometimes, he can be 'gentle Max' and make friends.

Perez, Celia C. THE FIRST RULE OF PUNK. 12-year-old María Luisa O'Neill-Morales (who really prefers to be called Malú) reluctantly moves with her Mexican-American mother to Chicago and starts seventh grade with a bang--violating the dress code with her punk rock aesthetic and spurning the middle school's most popular girl in favor of starting a band with a group of like-minded weirdos.

West, Jacqueline THE COLLECTORS. Overlooked in class, a hearing-impaired boy who collects lost or discarded trinkets discovers a dangerous underground world full of stolen wishes and the people who collect them.

Colfer, Eoin. ILLEGAL. Ebo is alone. His brother, Kwame, has disappeared, and Ebo knows it can only be to attempt the hazardous journey to Europe, and a better life. Ebo refuses to be left behind in Ghana and his epic quest takes him across the Sahara Desert to the dangerous streets of Tripoli, and finally out to the merciless sea. With every step, he holds on to his hope for a new life, and a reunion with his family.

DasGupta Sayantani. THE SERPENT'S SECRET. Up until her twelfth birthday, Kiranmala considered herself an ordinary 6th grader in New Jersey. Then her parents disappear and a drooling rakkhosh demon shows up in her kitchen., She is swept into another dimension, full of magic, winged horses, talking birds (very annoying), and cute princes--and somehow Kiranmala needs to sort it all out, find her parents, and basically save the world.

READ-ALIKES (If you like this, you will enjoy...)

If you liked the **Divergent** by **Veronica Roth**, you will enjoy...

THE GALLAGHER GIRLS series by **Ally Carter**. Being falsely accused is bad enough the first time, but now it has happened again, & there are girl problems & his friend is sick and...

If you liked **Crossover** by **Kwame Alexander**, you will enjoy...

THE TRACK SERIES by **Jason Reynolds**. Each book in the series tells the story of a different member of the middle school track team. Each character has a particular issue they are struggling with.

