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Are you looking for the perfect gift to give to a child? May we suggest a book?

The Youth Services staff has chosen the titles in this gift guide from books published over the past year. Each book has been selected for its timeless quality and lasting kid appeal. Each listing includes a summary of the book, the writer and/or illustrator, and the age range for which the book is most appropriate.

While we put the list out each year in time for holiday shopping, we hope you will refer to it year-round to help you decide which books to buy for birthdays, baby showers and other occasions.

The guide is a wonderful tool to help you select books that will be read, re-read, and treasured by the children who receive them as gifts at any time of year!

Books make great gifts!

- Youth Services Staff
Warren-Trumbull County Public Library
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the Bookmobile or the library website at www.WTCPL.org*

Picture Books

Acorn Was a Little Wild Thing

Written by Jen Arena; illustrated by Jessica Gibson

For ages 4-8

Acorn is an adventurous little nut, heedless of the oak tree's warning about squirrels and unafraid of falling from trees. When a squirrel buries him, he's initially sad, but then realizes he's slowly changing underground, and change is also an adventure! Charming illustrations and lively dialogue enhance this story about growing up and facing challenges with a positive attitude. Be like Acorn!

Recommended by Miss Lori, Warren Library

Also

By E.B. Goodale

For ages 4-7

A young girl is on a hill at her grandmother's house, surrounded by blueberry bushes. This moment brings back a memory of camping with her mother. The girl's grandmother is watching her from the window and recalling her own childhood moments spent outdoors. The gentle illustrations are created, in part, with blueberry ink for which there is a recipe following the story. A beautiful ode to the importance of the present moment, our precious memories and the ways in which they coexist through sensory experiences.

Recommended by Miss Taylor, Howland Library

Anzu the Great Kaiju

By Benson Shum

For ages 4-8

Anzu, the young protagonist of this picture book, has been born into a family of great and fearsome kaiju (monsters). He can't wait to make his family proud by causing chaos and destruction in his city, but his power of flowers and his kind nature make this tricky. Through a series of lessons from his parents and grandmother, Anzu realizes he can stay true to himself and be an extraordinary kaiju! A charming story about self-realization and acceptance.

Recommended by Miss Amber, Cortland Library

Biking with Grandma

Written by Chris Santella; illustrated by Vivienne To

For ages 4-8

Sam and his adventurous grandma travel the globe together on their bicycles. During their interesting adventures, Sam sends postcards back to his parents sharing facts about the cultures and experiences they encounter.

Recommended by Miss Jill, Liberty Library

Capybara is Friends With Everyone

By Maddie Frost

For ages 4-7

Capybara will do anything for his friends, but when he tries to make a new friend he is surprised when they do not respond to anything he tries. This is a great book to share about how sometimes it takes just being yourself to form a friendship. This silly book will have your littles in giggles!

Recommended by Miss Crystal, Warren Library

Every Dog in the Neighborhood

Written by Philip C. Stead; illustrated by Matthew Cordell

For ages 5-9

Louis, who lives with his grandmother, really wants a dog of his own. When Grandma states there are plenty of dogs already in the neighborhood and sets off on her own civic-minded mission to turn an empty lot into a dog park, Louis realizes he also needs to take action himself to make a difference. This picture book will inspire readers to seek their own solutions when encountering a problem.

Recommended by Miss Amber, Cortland Library

I Love You with all of My Hearts

Written by Lindsey Bonilla; illustrated by Eleonora Pace

For ages 3-6

When you love someone very much, how do you profess your love? With all of your stripes! Animal lovers will enjoy following along with the heartwarming ways animals embrace their special loved one!

Recommended by Miss Trish, Warren Library

I'm Terrified of Bath Time

Written by Simon Rich; illustrated by Tom Toro

For ages 3-5

This hilarious picture book looks at bath time trepidation from the point of view of the bathtub, depicted with faucet handle eyeballs and a faucet spout nose that shoots out water ("You would not believe how weird it feels"). The tub looks to Sink and Toilet for support, but they are no help. Bathtub's suggestions on how to make bath time more pleasant for tub AND child may cleverly allay a reluctant bather's fears.

Recommended by Miss Lori, Warren Library

Kitty

By Rebecca Jordan-Glum

For ages 4-7

"Please don't let the cat out" is the only instruction Granny is left with when she agrees to housesit. Unfortunately for Granny, kitty escapes, Granny loses her glasses, AND a decidedly more mischievous houseguest gets in. Poor Granny is unprepared for all the chaos that ensues. Mischievous littles in preschool through 2nd grade will love the mess and hijinks "kitty" gets up to.

Recommended by Miss Tawnee, Brookfield Library

Knight Owl

By Christopher Denise

For ages 3-5

Little Owl has one true ambition: to be a knight. His small stature makes it difficult to wield a sword or hold a shield, but what he lacks in brawn, he makes up for in cleverness and determination. When the time comes for Owl to face a ferocious foe, he rises to the occasion with a solution that is sure to surprise and delight! No shortage of wordplay or adorable illustrations here.

Recommended by Miss Taylor, Howland Library

Little Witch Hazel: A Year in the Forest

By Phoebe Wahl

For ages 3-8

Told in four short, seasonal stories, we follow Little Witch Hazel through the year. From fostering a parentless egg, to learning to take the time to relax, to giving help and learning to accept help from friends, *Little Witch Hazel* offers readers a quiet and timeless tale about a small creature in the big forest. Wahl's illustrations are bright and full of small details, sure to encourage readers to pore over them time and time again.

Recommended by Miss Amanda, Warren Library

Monsters in the Briny

Written by Lynn Becker; illustrated by Scott Brundage

For ages 3-7

Do you enjoy a good pirate adventure? Do you put sea monsters in their place? But, most importantly, do you like sea shanties? Climb aboard and sing along to *Monsters in the Briny*. This sea shanty is guaranteed to be stuck in your head for hours simply because your child will want to read it again and again!

Recommended by Miss Crystal, Warren Library

No Bunnies Here

Written by Tammi Sauer; illustrated by Ross Burach

For ages 3-7

Picture this: you are a cute little bunny hopping about with friends when all of a sudden...a wolf shows up looking for bunnies! As more and more bunnies arrive, one little bunny is tasked to persuade the wolf that there are no bunnies here. Your little one will laugh at all the different ways the bunny tries to convince the wolf, and you might even be surprised by a twist at the end!

Recommended by Miss Crystal, Warren Library

Our Table

By Peter H. Reynolds

For ages 5-8

A simple yet profound story about the importance of working together and gathering around the table to share stories with your family.

Recommended by Miss Jill, Liberty Library

Out of a Jar

By Deborah Marcero

For ages 3-7

Llewellyn has big feelings and doesn't always know how to handle them. He decides to put all his emotions away into jars so he doesn't have to deal with them. Turns out, that's not always the best idea. *Out of a Jar* is an excellent book on how to handle big emotions and does so with bright beautiful illustrations. You won't want to jar up your excitement about this one!

Recommended by Miss Nicole, Warren Library

People are Wild

By Margaux Macanck

For ages 3-6

Human children are often warned by their grown-ups about the unpredictability of wild animals, but what do the animals think of us? This picture book speculates that animal parents may also be wary of allowing their offspring near humans as humans are wild, messy, smelly and so very strange! However, in this heart-warming book the similarities between human beings and other animals don't stop there; we also share many wonderful qualities, such as humor, cuteness and uniqueness. Above all, we all share the desire to be wild and free.

Recommended by Miss Taylor, Howland Library

Poopsie Gets Lost

By Hannah E. Harrison

For ages 3-7

Poopsie is a very pampered indoor cat. That all ends when the narrator talks Poopsie into going outside on a "daring adventure". Perilous situations and hilarity ensue. This book is laugh-out-loud funny for those who love a little meta-fiction with their cat books.

Recommended by Miss Nicole, Warren Library

'Twas the Night Before Pride

Written by Joanna McClintick; illustrated by Juana Medina

For ages 4-8

A bright, simple picture book that includes not only a sweet story celebrating LGBTQ+ people and families, but also a concise and age-appropriate explanation of difficult moments in queer history, such as the Stonewall Riots and the AIDS epidemic. Told in rhyming verse and accompanied by the delightful illustrations of Pura Belpre Award winner Juana Medina.

Recommended by Miss Taylor, Howland Library

What Can You Do with a Rock?

Written by Pat Zietlow Miller; illustrated by Katie Kath

For ages 4-7

Can you believe that some people walk around outside and don't even notice rocks? This story starts with finding rocks and explodes into a zillion things you can do when you observe, gather and share rocks. Sure to inspire aspiring geologists' imaginations.

Recommended by Miss Trish, Warren Library

The Year We Learned to Fly

Written by Jacqueline Woodson; illustrated by Rafael Lopez

For readers of all ages

Don't rush through this one, sit with it and allow it to resonate with you. The author-illustrator duo, Jacqueline Woodson and Rafael Lopez, is back with another breathtaking contribution to children's literature. The storyline dares its readers to overcome boredom and hardships by opening their minds and allowing themselves to dream. Inspired by Virginia Hamilton's *The People Could Fly: American Black Folktales*, Woodson encourages children to learn about family, ancestry, human tenacity and the power of imagination.

Recommended by Miss Carrie, Warren Library

Early and Middle Grade Fiction

Cornbread & Poppy at the Carnival

By Matthew Cordell

For ages 6-9

Another warm and whimsical entry in Caldecott Medalist Matthew Cordell's *Cornbread & Poppy* series. Cornbread and Poppy are opposites in many ways, but also best friends. Adventurous Poppy introduces risk-averse Cornbread to the fun and thrill of a carnival, but when they ride the Ferris wheel, it's timid Cornbread that delights in the view while Poppy realizes she's afraid of heights! This book is a great transition between the beginning reader and chapter book format for young readers.

Recommended by Miss Lori, Warren Library

Cress Watercress

By Gregory Maguire; illustrated by David Litchfield

For ages 8-12

Cress Watercress is a young rabbit whose father has gone missing. After this unexpected event, Cress, her mother and young brother move into the Broken Arms apartment tree, filled with some memorable neighbors. This is a truly sweet story of a rabbit discovering what it means to be a family and what defines home. There are lovely illustrations throughout which highlight the text.

Recommended by Miss Nicole, Warren Library

Dream, Annie, Dream

By Waka T. Brown

For ages 9-13

As the daughter of Japanese immigrants, Annie Inoue is heavily influenced by her parents' pursuit of the American Dream. The aspiring NBA star turned thespian is cast in a leading role of her school's performance of *King and I*, but overhears rumors that she landed the role based on her appearance - not her talent. With this realization, Annie learns the comments her classmates have been making all yearlong aren't just rude - they're racist. This book for young minds tackles heavy themes while feeling all the feels from the flutter of a first crush to the loneliness of underrepresentation.

Recommended by Miss Carrie, Warren Library

Endlessly Ever After

By Laurel Snyder; illustrated by Dan Santat

For ages 5-8

Endlessly Ever After is not your typical fairy tale book. This is a "pick-your-path" book where YOU decide what happens! There are countless endings based on the choices you make. It is such a fun book with the possibility for a different story every time you pick it up. Definitely hand this book to the fairytale or adventure lover in your life!

Recommended by Miss Nicole, Warren Library

Journey to the Last River

By Unknown Adventurer and Teddy Keen

For ages 7-12

Are you looking for an adventure in the Amazon Rainforest? This book has a unique format with the feel of a "real" nature journal that is sure to capture the attention of any young explorer. This adventurous tale includes close encounters with caimans, jaguars and piranhas. A beautifully intriguing blend of fiction and natural history.

Recommended by Miss Jill, Liberty Library

Maizy Chen's Last Chance

By Lisa Yee

For ages 9-13

After her estranged grandfather's health takes a turn for the worse, Maizy and her mother move to an old railroad town somewhere in Minnesota to help work in the family's restaurant. Maizy establishes and fosters relationships with friends and family while learning about the importance of remembering the stories from the past and how they shape the present. Yee's work offers a *To Kill A Mockingbird* vibe as it integrates subject matter such as racism and homophobia through the eyes of a child. Put this book in the hands of a child who is ready to talk about identity, racism, and immigration.

Recommended by Miss Carrie, Warren Library

My Own Lightning

By Lauren Wolk

For ages 10-14

In this sequel to *Wolf Hollow*, Annabelle McBride struggles with accepting the tragic events of the past. When life throws an unexpected lightning strike directly at Annabelle, she discovers that she can understand animals completely. As Annabelle uses her abilities to solve the mystery of disappearing dogs the author lets us explore the difficult path of forgiveness and grief. Set in the past, this book is perfect for those that wonder what it would be like to communicate with animals, and for anyone that enjoys the thrill of solving a mystery.

Recommended by Miss Crystal, Warren Library

The Ogress and the Orphans

By Kelly Barnhill

For ages 9-13

A town that lost its spark, books that can bend time, crows and wood beams that talk and a dragon who's been corrupted by power all encounter an ogress bent on being kind and a group of orphans determined to discover where the town's kindness went. This magical slice of life novel is for fans of fantasy, readers needing a fluffy blanket in book form, and D&D fans.

Recommended by Miss Tawnee, Brookfield Library

Omar Rising

By Aisha Saeed

For ages 9-13

For Omar, a scholarship to Ghalib Academy Boarding School means everything. It's a chance to learn, to grow, and, above all, to improve his and his family's station in life. When he arrives at school, he is so excited to experience all it has to offer, especially science club and the soccer team. But it turns out that the expectations for first-year scholarship students are very different. This book about inequality, change, friendship and learning - keeps stubborn optimism at its core. A companion novel to bestseller *Amal Unbound*.

Recommended by Miss Katy, Liberty Library

A Song Called Home

By Sarah Zarr

For ages 9-13

Fifth grader Lou is happy with what she has and doesn't want anything to change. She has her mom and her sister, Casey. She has an apartment in the city and a best friend named Beth. Yes, money is a worry, and Lou wishes her dad could be there for her and Casey. Still, it's best if nothing changes. Cue her mom's new marriage and a move to the suburbs. On their last night in the city, Lou receives a mysterious birthday gift, a guitar left on her doorstep, and she is left to navigate this surprise and her new life that is about to unfold.

Recommended by Miss Katy, Liberty Library

The Swallowtail Legacy: Wreck at Ada's Reef

By Michael D. Beil

For ages 9-13

Calling all budding true crime fans! Twelve-year-old Lark Heron-Finch vacations on an island with her blended family after the death of her beloved ornithologist mother. Still reeling from her loss, Lark finds difficulty engaging in her previously loved activities until a family friend shares a story about a tragic boating accident that occurred several years ago off the shore nearby. The more Lark learns about the accident, the more questions she asks herself. With the help of a local author and one of the oldest residents of Swallowtail Island, the clever preteen pieces together a generations-old mystery. A fascinating and intricate read with a classic feel.

Recommended by Miss Carrie, Warren Library

The Unforgettable Logan Foster

By Shawn Peters

For ages 9-12

Logan has talents, but his gifts are not always understood by the people around him, especially in the foster care system. That is, until he gets adopted by a couple who have real superpowers! The action-packed plot starts instantly and will keep readers engaged until the story is done. An adventurous, entertaining book with the right amount of family and friendship.

Recommended by Miss Trish, Warren Library

When Winter Robeson Came

By Brenda Woods

For ages 10-14

This fast-paced book set in Los Angeles, California during the summer of 1965 weaves multiple layers of personal and social discovery into an engaging novel aptly-timed for her audience. Eden, an aspiring composer, and her cousin, Winter, spend the summer together but the civil unrest happening in California takes on a more veiled form than their native Mississippi during the Jim Crow era. Winter's intention to unlock a family mystery goes awry when a war zone erupts between police and Black residents with which the children are all too familiar.

Recommended by Miss Carrie, Warren Library

Yonder

By Ali Standish

For ages 9-13

Danny Timmons relies on his hero and mentor Jack Bailey to help him as he copes with his dad being sent to war during WWII. When Jack suddenly disappears, Danny finds himself lost and begins to question what a true hero is as he searches for his friend. As the story continues you slowly see Danny find his true voice and push against the injustice he sees in the world. This is a perfect read for anyone who enjoys historical era fiction and for those that are starting to question the injustice seen in the world.

Recommended by Miss Crystal, Warren Library

Graphic Novels

Apple Crush

By Lucy Knisley

For ages 8-12

For Jen, fall at Peapod Farm means starting to middle school, experiencing crushes, making friends, and, unfortunately, dealing with new stepsisters. As Jen continues to adjust to this new family dynamic (continuing the story from *Stepping Stones*), the reader gains insight into the difficulties of middle school while balancing family issues and the different ways it affects children as they maneuver this new time in life. A fun, relatable graphic novel for kids navigating the middle school years.

Recommended by Miss Crystal, Warren Library

The Aquanaut

Written and illustrated by Dan Santat

For ages 8-12

Award-winning author/illustrator Dan Santat brings the themes of family, community, greed and caring for the environment together in this graphic novel. Sophia Revoy and her Uncle Paul have been struggling since the loss of Sophia's father in an accident at sea. Both Sophia and Uncle Paul are devoted to Dr. Revoy's lifework, Aqualand, a marine reserve park where all sea animals can find care and comfort. Unfortunately, Aqualand is not producing the profits its investors are seeking, which puts the animals housed there in jeopardy. Enter the Aquanaut, a vintage diving suit that went down with the Revoys' ship being piloted by a band of sea creatures looking for a safe haven. Will Aqualand save the Aquanaut's crew? Or will the Aquanaut be just what Sophia and Aqualand need to move forward? Great for kids and tweens (and adults) who love a little bit of whimsy in their reading choices.

Recommended by Miss Amber, Cortland Library

Housecat Trouble

By Mason Dickerson

For ages 7-10

Buster the kitten must learn how to be the best housecat he can in order to save his human from an infestation of spirits in his house. With the help of two stray cats and his own courage, he's not only able to save his human, but also enjoy some snacks and make new friends along the way. This brightly drawn graphic novel is perfect for cat lovers of all ages but will appeal mostly to children 2nd through 5th grade.

Recommended by Miss Tawnee, Brookfield Library

Mamo

By Sas Milledge

For ages 13 and up

Orla comes from a long line of hedge witches. She moved away from home as soon as she could and did not intend to ever look back. With the passing of her grandmother, Mamo, her hometown begins to contend with natural disasters and unexpected encounters with the fae world. Is it possible that this is caused by the improper burial of Mamo's bones? Is that why Orla's new friend, Jo, has a poltergeist in her attic? Is Orla willing to get involved? This graphic novel is for fantasy lovers and magic enthusiasts.

Recommended by Miss Amanda, Warren Library

Swim Team

By Johnnie Christmas

For ages 9-12

After moving to a new town, Bree is both nervous and excited to start at a new school. That excitement turns to fear as she finds out she has to take a swimming class as her elective. Through the help of some friends, including an elderly neighbor, she learns to overcome her fear and thrive on her school swim team. But rivalries are strong in this town and when her swim team faces their rivals from Holyoke Prep, will Bree be able to help them win the championship? This graphic novel combines friendship, history and perseverance into a beautiful story that will have you cheering for the Mighty Manatees all the way to the end!

Recommended by Miss Rachelle, Cortland Library

Nonfiction

Alias Anna: A True Story of Outwitting the Nazis

By Susan Hood and Greg Dawson

For ages 10 and up

This biography told through poetry tells the unbelievable true story of Ukrainian Zhanna (Alias Anna) and her sister, Frina. As young girls the two became famous as musical prodigies. Life took a horrible turn as World War II began, and the sisters lost their family to the mass graves of the Holocaust. After a daring escape, Zhanna and her sister take on aliases and by hiding in plain sight, survive by playing music for the Nazis! This lyrical book, co-written by Zhanna's son, is suggested not only for those interested in World War II or the Holocaust, but also those looking for daring deeds and incredible acts of bravery.

Recommended by Miss Amanda, Warren Library

At the Pond

By David Elliott; illustrated by Amy Schimler-Safford

For ages 3-7

At the Pond gives an excellent look at all the wildlife that call the pond their home. From the busy beaver to Old Harry, the Catfish That Won't Be Caught, each creature gets its own short poem and lovely illustration. It may even prompt a visit to a nearby pond! A delightful read for nature lovers everywhere.

Recommended by Miss Nicole, Warren Library

Bear Builds a House

Written and illustrated Maxwell Eaton III

For ages 4-8

Our handy friend, Bear, who taught us how to make maple syrup in *Bear Goes Sugaring*, has returned with a brand-new project: building a house from start to finish! From blueprints, to plumbing, to insulation, Bear and her forest friends will walk the reader through the entire process of building a house. How author and illustrator Maxwell Eaton III has once again managed to create a detailed and thorough, yet concise nonfiction guide to a very intricate project with all the charm of a picture book, I will never know, but it is a must-read for budding builders.

Recommended by Miss Taylor, Howland Library

Happy Sloth Day!

By April Pulley Sayre with Jeff Sayre

For ages 3-8

Attention all sloth fans! Have I got a book for you! *Happy Sloth Day!* reads like a picture book but is chock-full of facts about this awesome animal. Learn about sloths in their natural environment, their day-to-day lives and more. Stunning photographs of sloths in the wild enhance this interesting and informative book.

Recommended by Miss Nicole, Warren Library

How to Say Hello to a Worm: A First Guide to Outside

By Kari Percival

For ages 2-5

Everyone will want to make friends with the worms, bees and ladybugs in their yards and try planting their very own gardens after sharing this title with the young children in their lives! Simple and sweet, this nonfiction picture book follows a group of toddlers and preschoolers as they explore the outdoors through fun tasks in the garden. Brightly colored screen-print style illustrations show the children planting lettuce and pea seeds, spotting which strawberry is ready to pick and making mud. Perfect for little explorers and gardeners.

Recommended by Miss Amber, Cortland Library

Lore of the Wild: Folklore and Wisdom from Nature

Written by Clare Cock-Starkey; illustrated by Aitch

For ages 8 and up

This one is for all those lovers of nature, animal enthusiasts and fans of folklore! In *Lore of the Wild*, readers can discover the folktales, superstitions and ancient knowledge of the natural world. Including a variety of cultures and mythologies, readers are immersed in beliefs and wisdom based on animals, plants, celestial bodies and more. Featuring vibrant illustrations and quick bursts of text, this collection is good for those that like browsable books that you can dip into and don't need to read cover to cover.

Recommended by Miss Amanda, Warren Library

The Strangest Thing in the Sea: And Other Curious Creatures of the Deep

By Rachel Poliquine; illustrated by Byron Eggenschwiler

For ages 7-10

Children fascinated by ocean life will dive right into this interactive, imaginative and informative book. The information is presented in a captivating style with clever illustrations with each creature introduced with the question, "Am I the strangest thing in the sea?"

Recommended by Miss Jill, Liberty Library

Totally Random Facts: Volume 1

By Melina Gerosa Bellows

For ages 8 and up

I don't know about you, but I love random facts! And this book is full of them; 3,128 to be exact. Covering the weird, the wacky, and the wonderful world around us, this book is packed with photography and short, intriguing facts about nearly anything you can think of. No need to read cover to cover, open to any page and dive into the seemingly endless, factual tidbits about the world. A perfect gift for both reluctant readers and ravenous readers hungry to learn something new.

Recommended by Miss Amanda, Warren Library

Books for Teens

The Agathas

By Kathleen Glasgow and Liz Lawson

The coastal town of Castle Cove is best known for its glittering homes and inhabitants, dramatic cliffs, and now... missing girls. When Alice, the original missing girl, discovers that Brooke Donovan, her ex-best friend, has vanished, Alice and her reluctant peer tutor Iris form an unlikely partnership to solve the mystery. Told in alternating perspectives, this book is both character-driven and perfectly paced. Its references to Agatha Christie mysteries have the potential to delight familiar readers and intrigue new ones. A sequel is anticipated.

Recommended by Katy, Liberty Library

Almost There

By Farrah Rochon

The story of Princess Tiana from *The Princess and the Frog* is familiar, but what if Tiana made a deal with the Shadow Man? When Tiana strikes a deal with Dr. Facilier in a moment of desperation, she has no idea of the consequences of her actions both for herself and those she loves. When strange things start happening all around New Orleans it is up to Tiana and her friends to try to put things back on the right course before it is too late. With a creative cast of familiar characters, this story is a wonderful reminder of the magic inside each of us. This book is part of the Twisted Tale series.

Recommended by Rachelle, Cortland Library

Blaine for the Win

By Robbie Couch

When artsy, goofy and fun-loving Blaine's overachiever boyfriend breaks up with him on their first anniversary – in public, no less - Blaine sets out to win him back. To prove that he can be a serious guy too, he decides to run for class president. But is he really willing to sacrifice everything he is just to get the guy? A sweet and fun story about staying true to yourself.

Recommended by Sarah, Warren Library

A Heavy Dose of Allison Tandy

By Jeff Bishop

It's the summer after senior year and it should've been the time for Cam to party and be with friends. It also should've been the time he was going to win back the love of his life, Allison Tandy, except she's left in a coma after a bad car accident. This engaging novel explores how much control we truly have over our love and life.

Recommended by Haley, Warren Library

Long Story Short

By Serena Kaylor

Long Story Short is a sweet and fun novel about an enemy-to-lovers romance taking place at a Shakespearean summer camp. For anyone who loves a romantic comedy involving a STEM heroine!

Recommended by Haley, Warren Library

A Magic Steeped in Poison

By Judy I. Lin

For Ning, the only thing worse than losing her mother is knowing that it's her fault. She was the one who unknowingly brewed the poison tea that killed her — the poison tea that now threatens to also take her sister, Shu. When Ning hears of a competition to find the kingdom's greatest shennong-shi-masters of the ancient and magical art of tea-making, she travels to the imperial city to compete. The winner will receive a favor from the princess which may be Ning's only chance to save her sister's life. But between the backstabbing competitors, bloody court politics, and a mysterious boy with a shocking secret, Ning might actually be the one in the greatest danger.

Recommended by Emily, Howland Library

My Mechanical Romance

By Alexene Farol Follmuth

Bel is unsure about her post-high school plans, but finds herself on the school's robotics team through a teacher's recommendation. As one of only two girls on the team, she is often overlooked until Teo, the team captain, recognizes her talent. As they partner together to create a combat-ready robot for nationals, Bel and Teo realize they make a great team (in more ways than one). Readers will be rooting for Bel as she shows that women truly belong in STEM. Not only an academic romance but a great book about discovering your passion and learning more about yourself in the process.

Recommended by Rachelle, Cortland Library

Squire

By Sarah Alfageeh

Set in an alternate history of North Africa, Aiza has always dreamt of becoming a Knight. It's the highest military honor in the once-great Empire, but girls cannot train. But with the Empire on the brink of war once more, Aiza can finally enlist in the Squire training program — though she must hide her true identity. Camp, however, is nothing like she imagined. A must-read for fans of *Shadow and Bone* and *Red Queen*.

Recommended by Sarah, Warren Library

The Ultimate Art Museum

By Ferren Gipson

Imagine a museum that housed every important work of art from all around the world. With this book in hand, you can! From the Stone Age to present day, this beautiful nonfiction book provides detailed reproductions and lots of great information to inspire kids of all ages.

Recommended by Sarah, Warren Library

Valiant Ladies

By Melissa Grey

By day Kiki and Ana are proper young seventeenth century ladies. But when night falls, they pass their time fighting and gambling in the crime-ridden streets of Potosí. Then, on the night of Kiki's engagement to the Viceroy's son, her older brother — heir to her family's fortune, is murdered. The girls immediately embark on a whirlwind investigation that takes them from the lowliest brothels of Potosí to the highest echelons of the Spanish aristocracy.

Recommended by Emily, Howland Library

The Well

Written by Jake Wyatt; illustrated by Choo

In this fantasy graphic novel, a girl named Lizzy is cursed by a wishing well and has to grant three wishes in order to break free from the spell. Filled with beautiful images, mystery, and a little bit of hope!

Recommended by Haley, Warren Library

This Woven Kingdom

By Tahereh Mafi

A gulf separates Alizeh, a lowly servant and powerful Jinn queen in hiding from the crown prince, Kamran. But after a fateful encounter, they cannot seem to stay apart, no matter what the cost. Inspired by Persian mythology, this tale of clashing kingdoms and forbidden romance is an enthralling start to a new fantasy series. Readers might be familiar with bestselling author Tahereh Mafi's previous series, *Shatter Me*.

Recommended by Katy, Liberty Library