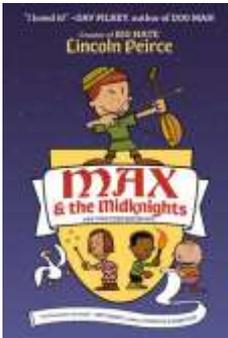
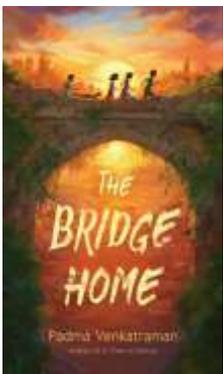


The Ultimate Summer Reading Challenge for 9 to 12 year olds!

Between now and September, you are being challenged to read these books and then write a brief review of the book and how many stars you would give it. Your review will be posted on the school website for other adults and children to read. It may also encourage them to read the book, based on your recommendations!



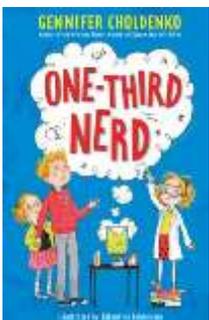
Get ready for a new cartoon-filled, silly medieval adventure from the author of the *Big Nate* books. Max, his new friends, and the bumbling wizard Mumbling must rescue Max's kidnapped Uncle Budrick. Will Max's dream of becoming a knight finally be realized? Plus, just wait for the epic plot twist!



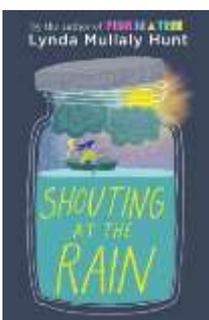
In this powerful story of loss and forgiveness, sisters living on the streets of Chennai, India, forge a family bond with two boys who help them survive by scavenging trash. When they're forced to leave their secret bridge home for a mosquito-ridden cemetery, sickness strikes the youngest sister and one of the boys. In desperation, the older sister tentatively trusts an adult stranger with her sister's urgent medical situation.



Bryan's friendship with Mike starts getting complicated when instead of spending time drawing and reading comic books, Mike starts pushing for trouble, like stealing and subway surfing. Using his comic book superheroes as inspiration, Bryan starts to consider the kind of person he wants to be, as well as what kind of friends he wants in his life. It's a diverse coming-of-age story showing the all-too-real challenges of friendship.



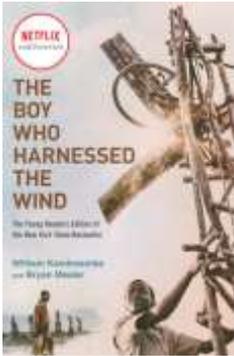
After their parents' divorce, three wonderfully different yet close siblings worry about their family's immediate financial need to get their dog — who won't stop peeing in the house — to the vet. Initially, Liam's middle sister, Dakota, tries to solve the problem on her own. But the three team up when Izzy, the younger sister with Down syndrome, thinks of a great solution. Dog-lovers will especially enjoy this warm-hearted story.



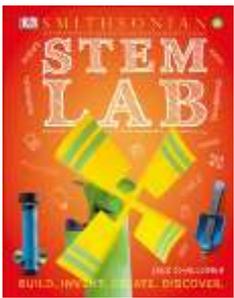
Delise has lived with her grandmother ever since she was abandoned by her mother as a baby. Now she's struggling with her best friend's abandonment, too. In fact, she feels like her entire life is a storm about to hit. Honest, relatable characters come to life in this memorable story of heartbreak and love.



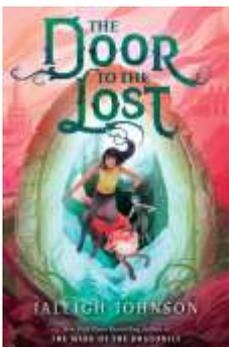
The ruling species on planet Choom don't want human settlers like Lan and his family moving in. At first, Lan's family tried to assimilate into the emotionless world, but when the government anti-human propaganda starts, Lan decides to try a different approach. It's a sci-fi story with dark humour, fake news, and alien bugs that skilfully addresses immigration, communication, and relationships.



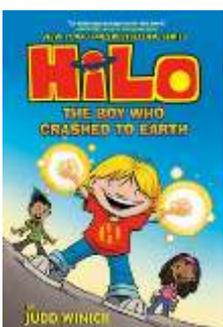
This enthralling memoir follows William Kamkwamba as he learns everything he can from his village library in order to build a windmill, which creates electricity to power a water pump for his family's farm. That leads to powering his village in Malawi, as well as an introduction to the wider world and a formal education. Readers will be inspired by William's persistence and determination.



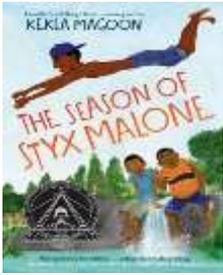
Keep kids learning all summer long with these engaging STEM activities on forces and motion, liquids and reactions, shapes and structures, and light and sound. Eye-catching, full-colour photographs, engaging background information, and clear, step-by-step directions make this book a must-have for summer vacation.



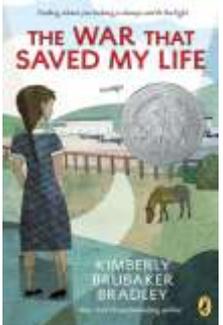
Magical refugee orphans Rook and Drift must hide from the intolerance of their new home's non-magical people. Hoping to make a portal to return to their home world, Rook keeps making a portal into a snowy world with a mysterious fox instead. Their troubles get worse when the friends are captured by the government and tasked to use their powers to save this world from a twisted, poisoned magic. It's nonstop fantasy adventure about prejudice, loyalty, and perseverance.



Hilo, a space boy, crashes into Earth with only vague memories of his past. He doesn't realize that bad robots have followed him — or that he'll have to go to school. Ugh! These hilarious, page-turning graphic novels entice readers with adventures full of friendship, space robots, and good versus evil.



Brothers Caleb and Bobby Gene idolize their older neighbour, Styx. So when Styx convinces them to join in his schemes to “trade up” — including trading their baby sister for fireworks — they’re eager to say yes. Although it’s both funny and dark, the core of this novel is about growing up and the complexity of human nature.



Because of her abusive mother, Ada’s never left her one-room London apartment, until she escapes with her brother during a WWII evacuation of children. Once in the country, they move in with a grieving woman who — despite her sharp edges — shows Ada a bigger world without abuse, teaches her how to read, and ultimately shows her what love and trust really are. Winner of the Newbery Award, this powerful story will become many young readers’ new favourite.