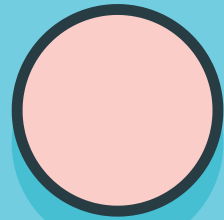
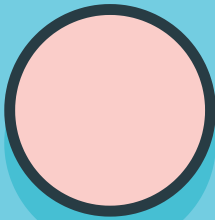


SPRINGHURST PRESENTS



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GROW A LOVE OF READING

June 2021

Dear Families,

It has certainly been a year like no other. Through all the challenges we faced, books remained a constant solace and provided a much-needed escape. The stories we shared helped us make new connections with each other and to the world. It is our hope that this summer, your child will continue to grow a love of reading by reading a variety of books both old and new.

Attached is a list of suggested book titles. (This list is also available on the Springhurst website.) We hope you will find this list helpful when visiting the public library or local bookstore. Please remember that these books are suggestions and are not required reading.

Springhurst also has a subscription to a fun, reading program that you and your child can access from home this summer anywhere there is an internet connection.

- Go to: <http://auth.grolier.com/login/bookflix/login.php>
- User Name: springsch
- Password: bookflix

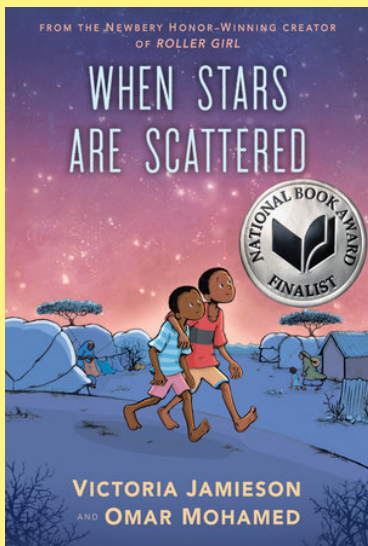
If your child had a RAZ Kids account throughout the year, they will still have access to it through the summer.

We hope that you have a fun-filled, story-filled summer and we will see you all in September!

Happy Reading!

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When Stars are Scattered

by Victoria Jamieson, Omar Mohamed

Omar and his younger brother, Hassan, have spent most of their lives in Dadaab, a refugee camp in Kenya. Life is hard there: never enough food, achingly dull, and without access to the medical care Omar knows his nonverbal brother needs. So when Omar has the opportunity to go to school, he knows it might be a chance to change their future . . . but it would also mean leaving his brother, the only family member he has left, every day.

Stand Up, Yumi Chung!

by Jessica Kim

On the outside, Yumi Chung suffers from #shygirlproblems, a perm-gone-wrong, and kids calling her "Yu-MEAT" because she smells like her family's Korean barbecue restaurant. On the inside, Yumi is ready for her Netflix stand-up special. Her notebook is filled with mortifying memories that she's reworked into comedy gold. All she needs is a stage and courage.



Show Me a Sign

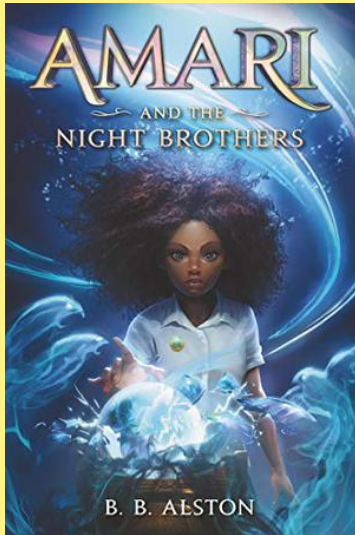
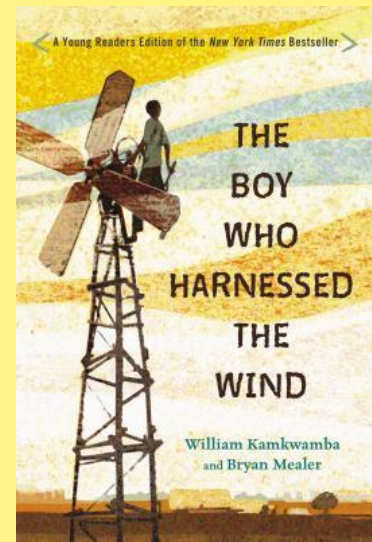
by Clare LeZotte

Mary Lambert has always felt safe and protected on her beloved island of Martha's Vineyard. Her great-grandfather was an early English settler and the first deaf islander. Now, over a hundred years later, many people there - including Mary - are deaf, and nearly everyone can communicate in sign language. Mary has never felt isolated. She is proud of her lineage.

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind

by William Kamkwamba, Bryan Mealer

When a terrible drought struck William Kamkwamba's tiny village in Malawi, his family lost all of the season's crops, leaving them with nothing to eat and nothing to sell. William began to explore science books in his village library, looking for a solution. There, he came up with the idea that would change his family's life forever: he could build a windmill.



Amari and the Night Brothers

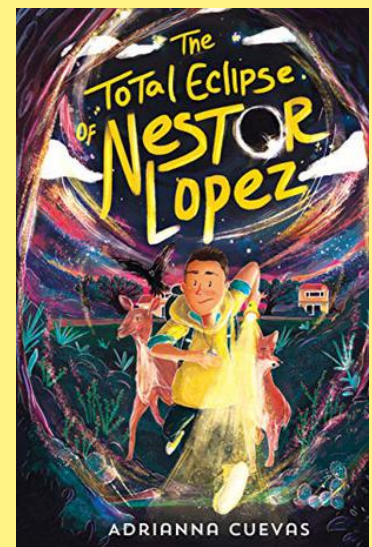
by B.B. Alston

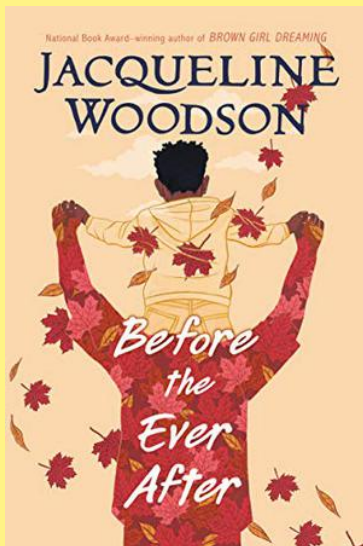
Amari Peters is tired—tired of being belittled and dismissed at her rich private school, where she is bullied for being poor and Black. On the last day of school—fueled by emotions connected to her brother Quinton's disappearance—Amari loses her cool, costing her the scholarship she needs.

The Total Eclipse of Nestor Lopez

by Adrianna Cuevas

All Nestor Lopez wants is to live in one place for more than a few months and have dinner with his dad. When he and his mother move to a Texas to live with his grandmother after his dad's latest deployment, Nestor plans to lay low. He definitely doesn't want anyone to find out his deepest secret: that he can talk to animals.





Before the Ever After

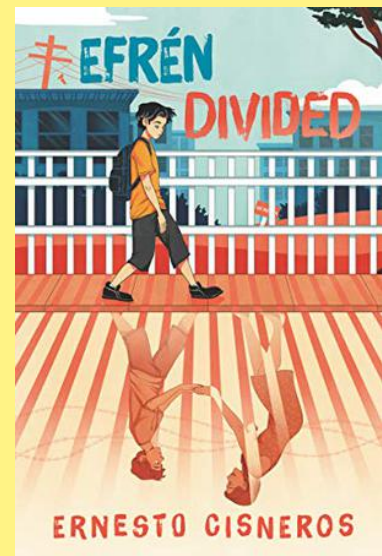
by Jacqueline Woodson

For as long as ZJ can remember, his dad has been everyone's hero. But lately life at ZJ's house is anything but charming. His dad is having trouble remembering things and seems to be angry all the time. ZJ's mom explains it's because of all the head injuries his dad sustained during his career as a pro football star. ZJ can understand that--but it doesn't make the sting any less real when his own father forgets his name.

Efrén Divided

by Ernesto Cisneros

Efrén Nava's Amá is his Superwoman - or Soperwoman, named after the delicious Mexican sopas his mother often prepares. Both Amá and Apá work hard all day to provide for the family, making sure Efrén and his younger siblings Max and Mía feel safe and loved. But Efrén worries about his parents; although he's American-born, his parents are undocumented. His worst nightmare comes true one day when Amá doesn't return from work and is deported across the border to Tijuana, México.



King and the Dragonflies

by Kacen Callender

Twelve-year-old Kingston James is sure his brother Khalid has turned into a dragonfly. When Khalid unexpectedly passed away, he shed what was his first skin for another to live down by the bayou in their small Louisiana town. Khalid still visits in dreams, and King must keep these secrets to himself as he watches grief transform his family.