

# Summer Reading

June 2019

Dear Families,

It is that time again when we start thinking about the wonderful summer ahead and planning how to spend our time during those hot sunny days. It is our hope that, when planning what to pack for camp, vacation, or a sleepover, our children will remember to pack their favorite book or magazine to bring along. 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.

Our readers have strong opinions about themselves as readers. Some will say, "I like reading fantasy" or "I like to read a whole series in order", or "I am more of a nonfiction reader". We hope that these lists will offer plenty of opportunities for your child to find the right books for him or her this summer. There is a book out there for everyone, for sure! Please note that the books on the list represent a range of difficulty levels. The children know what a "just right" book is for them and should be able to choose a book that they will be able to read comfortably.

Springhurst School 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. Scholastic BookFlix is an online literacy resource that pairs classic video storybooks with related non-fiction eBooks from Scholastic. This interactive resource also includes Spanish versions for many of their paired texts, a read aloud component in which children can hear a narrated story and definitions of key words, and educational games and activities. To access our school's subscription, follow these easy instructions:

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

As part of *Summer reading at New York Libraries* (<http://www.summerreadingnys.org/>), the State Education Department and myON, by Renaissance, are partnering to bring thousands of authentic, enhanced digital books to children all over the state. Unlimited, 24/7 access to the myON digital library will be available from May 1 through September 30. Children and families can read online using any web-based device and offline using free mobile apps.

- Go to: <http://www.summerreadingnys.org/myon/>
- Login: read
- Password: books

We hope that you have a fun-filled, story-filled summer!

Happy Reading!

Ms. Allison Fabrizio  
Springhurst Librarian

Mrs. Michelle Kaczmarek  
K - 8 Literacy Coordinator

**2019 Summer Reading Suggestions**  
**Entering 5th Grade**

**Amal Unbound** by Aisha Saeed

Life is quiet and ordinary in Amal's Pakistani village, but she had no complaints, and besides, she's busy pursuing her dream of becoming a teacher one day. Then the unimaginable happens--after an accidental run-in with the son of her village's corrupt landlord, Amal must work as his family's servant to pay off her own family's debt.

**Louisiana's Way Home** by Kate DiCamillo

When Louisiana Elefante's granny wakes her up in the middle of the night to tell her that the day of reckoning has arrived and they have to leave home immediately, Louisiana isn't overly worried. But this time, things are different. This time, Granny intends for them never to return.

**Endling: The Last** by Katherine Applegate

Byx is the youngest member of her pack. Believed to possess remarkable abilities, her mythical dog-like species has been hunted to near extinction in the war-torn kingdom of Nedarra. After her pack is hunted down and killed, Byx fears she may be the last of her species. The Endling. So Byx sets out to find safe haven, and to see if the legends of other hidden dairnes are true.

**The Parker Inheritance** by Varian Johnson

Candice finds a letter in an old attic in Lambert, South Carolina that is addressed to her grandmother, who left the town in shame. But the letter describes a young woman. An injustice that happened decades ago. A mystery enfolding its writer. And the fortune that awaits the person who solves the puzzle.

**Wings of Fire Graphic Novel: The Dragonet Prophecy** by Tui T. Sutherland

Clay has grown up under the mountain, chosen along with four other dragonets to fulfill a mysterious prophecy and end the war between the dragons of Pyrrhia. The other dragonets are his best friends. So when one of the dragonets is threatened, all five spring into action.

**Game Changers: The Story of Venus and Serena Williams** by Lesa Cline-Ransome

*Venus and Serena Williams. Two peas in a pod. Best friends. Sisters.* Six days a week they awoke before the sun came up to practice their serves and returns, to learn to run faster and hit harder. They were unstoppable.

**Blended** by Sharon M. Draper

Eleven-year-old Isabella's parents are divorced, so she has to switch lives every week. Because of this, Isabella has always felt pulled between two worlds. And now that her parents are divorced, it seems their fights are even worse, and they're always about HER. Isabella feels completely stuck in the middle, split and divided between them more than ever.

**Front Desk** by Kelly Yang

Every day, while her immigrant parents clean the rooms, ten-year-old Mia manages the front desk of the Calivista Motel and tends to its guests. It will take all of Mia's courage, kindness, and hard work to get through this year. Will she be able to hold on to her job, help the immigrants and guests, and go for her dreams?