

Hello Readers!

When I imagine the perfect summer day, reading is always in the picture. Whether I am reading on the beach, at the park, on a plane, or after a long day of adventure, spending time with a great book makes even the best day better.

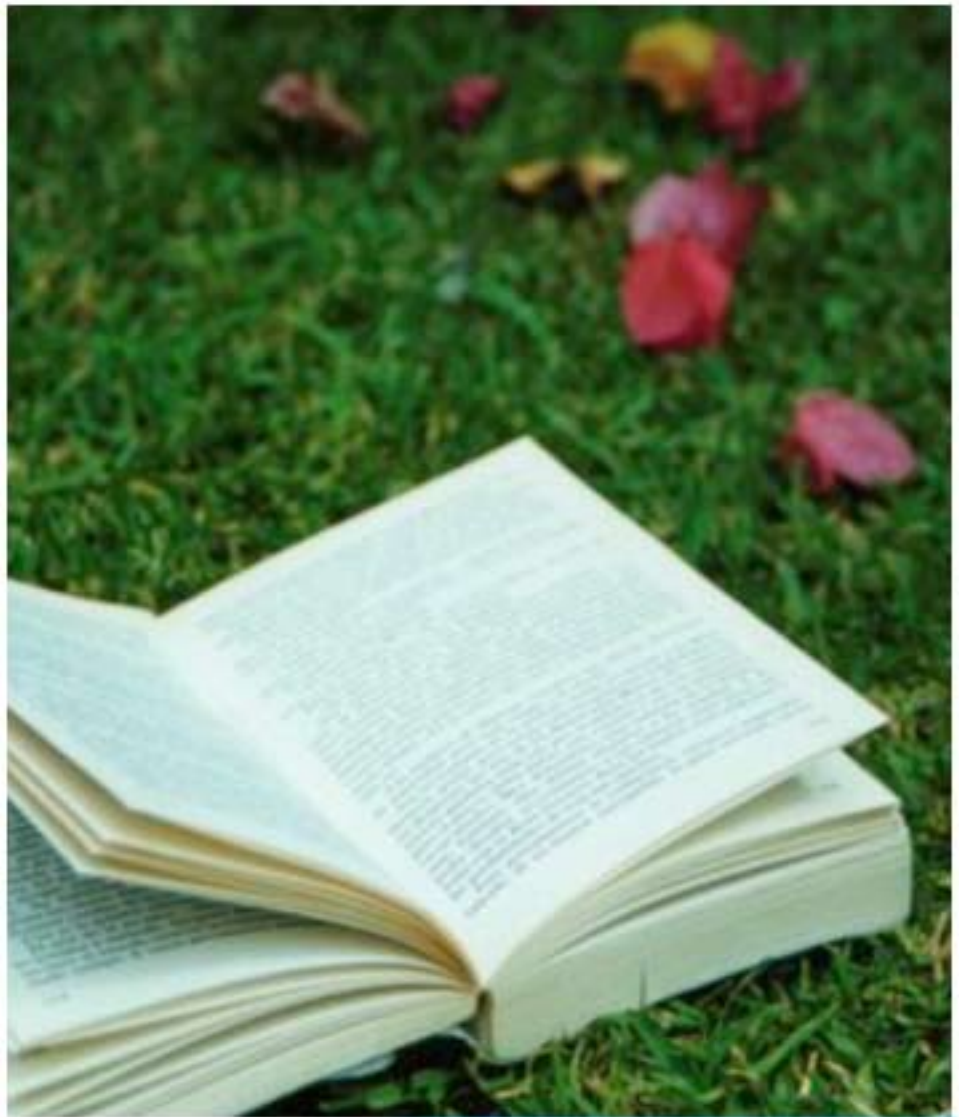
Here is a list of a few of my favorite new books. Most are new to the literary world and a couple are new to me. I hope you find something you like, because finding something you like is KEY! Reading is fun for everyone, as long as you have the right book.

What's the right book? A book you enjoy. Take advantage of the summer holiday and try as many books as you can. New adventures await you. Also, be sure to talk about the books you are reading with friends or family.

The books on this list are only recommendations. If you want other suggestions, you can find them on Destiny Quest.

Remember if you need more ideas or personal help, give me a call, send me an email, or visit me at the library. I'll be there until July 30 from 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. I wish you a fun and relaxing summer filled with great books.

Happy Reading!
Ms. Otero

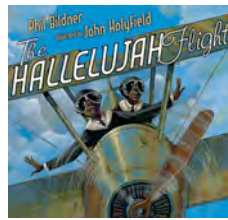


ENTERING 1ST AND 2ND



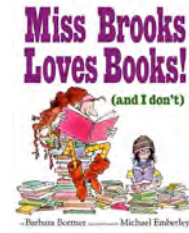
THE SANDWICH SWAP
BY QUEEN RANIA AL ABDULLAH

Best friends Lily and Salma disagree over their preferred foods, but after trading sandwiches to see how they taste, the girls change their minds.



THE HALLELUJAH FLIGHT
BY PHIL BILDNER

In 1932, James Banning, along with his co-pilot Thomas Allen, make history by becoming the first African Americans to fly across the United States, relying on the generosity of people they meet in the towns along the way who help keep their "flying jalopy" going.



MISS BROOKS LOVES BOOKS! (AND I DON'T)

BY BARBARA BOTTNER
 A first-grade girl--who does not like to read--stubbornly resists her school librarian's efforts to convince her to love books until she finds one that might change her mind.



BIG RED LOLLIPOP
BY RUKHSANA KHAN

Having to take her younger sister along the first time she is invited to a birthday party spoils Rubina's fun, and later when that sister is asked to a party and baby sister wants to come, Rubina must decide whether to help.



BAG IN THE WIND
BY TED KOOSER

One cold, spring morning, an ordinary grocery bag begins blowing around a landfill, then as it travels down a road, through a stream, and into a town, it is used in various ways by different people, many of whom do not even notice it.



ALVIN HO: ALLERGIC TO CAMPING, HIKING, AND OTHER NATURAL DISASTERS

BY LENORE LOOK
 In his second book, not-so-intrepid second grader Alvin, little sister Anibelly, and their dad go camping.



THE BOYS
BY JEFF NEWMAN

A shy boy, seeking the courage to play baseball with the other children in a park, is coaxed out of his shell by some "old timers" sitting nearby who, in turn, discover they are still in the game.



THE DJANGO
BY LEVI PINFOLD

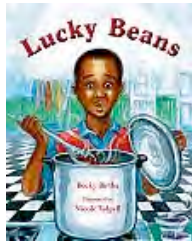
A young boy named Jean has an imaginary friend, Django, who keeps getting him in trouble and eventually is "sent away," but whenever Jean plays the banjo he continues to feel close to Django. Inspired by the life of jazz musician Django Reinhardt; includes facts about his life.



A PERFECT SEASON FOR DREAMING
BY BENJAMIN ALIRE SAENZ

On the first day of summer, Octavio Rivera begins to dream. He shares these visions with his granddaughter Regina, who also experiences dreams as if they are "good friends who...console you when you're lonely."

ENTERING 3TH AND 4TH



**LUCKY BEANS
BY BECKY BIRTHA**

During the Great Depression, Marshall, an African American boy, uses lessons learned in arithmetic class and guidance from his mother to figure out how many beans are in a jar in order to win her a new sewing machine in a contest.



**ONLY ONE YEAR
BY ANDREA CHENG**

Sharon and Mary can't believe their parents' decision to send their two-year-old brother to China. He'll spend a year with their grandparents, who will care for him and teach him Chinese with the help of aunts, cousins, and neighbors.



**WE THE CHILDREN
BY ANDREW CLEMENTS**

Ben and his friend Jill find themselves in danger when they discover the secret history of their Massachusetts school and set out to derail a developer's plan to level the building to make way for an amusement park.



**FALLING IN
BY FRANCES O'ROARK DOWELL**

Middle-schooler Isabelle Bean follows a mouse's squeak into a closet and falls into a parallel universe where the children believe she is the witch they have feared for years, finally come to devour them.



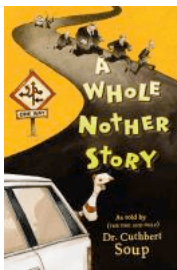
**LONE WOLF
BY KATHRYN LASKY**

Abandoned by his pack, a baby wolf with a mysterious mark on his deformed paw survives and embarks on a journey that will change the world of the wolves of the Beyond.



**STAR IN THE FOREST
BY LAURA RESAU**

After eleven-year-old Zitlally's father is deported to Mexico, she takes refuge in her trailer park's forest of rusted car parts, where she befriends a spunky neighbor and finds a stray dog that she nurses back to health and believes she must keep safe so that her father will return.



**A WHOLE NOTHER STORY
BY CUTHBERT SOUP**

Ethan Cheeseman and his children, ages eight, twelve, and fourteen, hope to settle in a nice small town, at least long enough to complete work on a time machine, but spies and government agents have been pursuing them for two years and are about to catch up.



**AMELIA EARHART: THIS BROAD OCEAN
BY SARAH STEWART TAYLOR**

A biographical depiction, in graphic novel format, of the life of aviator Amelia Earhart, focusing on her crossing of the Atlantic Ocean in 1928.



**BENNO AND THE NIGHT OF BROKEN GLASS
BY MEG WIVIOTT**

In 1938 Berlin, Germany, a cat sees Rosenstrasse change from a peaceful neighborhood of Jews and Gentiles to an unfriendly place where, one November night, men in brown shirts destroy Jewish-owned businesses and arrest or kill Jewish people.

ENTERING 5TH AND 6TH



**THE STRANGE CASE OF ORIGAMI YODA
BY TOM ANGLEBERGER**

"Is Origami Yoda real?" is the question that plagues sixth-grader Tommy and drives the plot of this snappy debut. From one perspective, Origami Yoda is a finger puppet that offers cryptic but oddly sage advice to Tommy and his classmates



**ANYTHING BUT TYPICAL
BY NORA RALEIGH BASKIN**

Jason, a twelve-year-old autistic boy who wants to become a writer, relates what his life is like as he tries to make sense of his world.



**OUT OF MY MIND
BY SHARON M. DRAPER**

Considered by many to be mentally retarded, a brilliant, impatient fifth-grader with cerebral palsy discovers a technological device that will allow her to speak for the first time.



**TURTLE IN PARADISE
BY JENNIFER L. HOLM**

In 1935, jobs are hard to come by, and Turtle's mother is lucky to find work as a live-in housekeeper. When she learns that her employer can't stand children, she sends her 11-year-old daughter from New Jersey to Key West to live with relatives. Turtle discovers a startlingly different way of life amid boisterous cousins and buried treasure.



**ENCHANTED GLASS
BY DIANA WYNNE JONES**

Andrew Hope inherits a house in an English village from his late grandfather and things are going well until orphan Aidan shows up, trailing a host of magical townsfolk and interlopers in his wake.



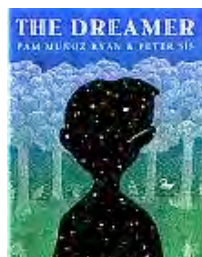
**WHERE THE MOUNTAIN MEETS THE MOON
BY GRACE LIN**

Minli, an adventurous girl from a poor village, buys a magical goldfish, and then joins a dragon who cannot fly on a quest to find the Old Man of the Moon in hopes of bringing life to Fruitless Mountain and freshness to Jade River.



**THE SONG OF THE WHALES
BY URI ORLEV**

Eleven-year-old introvert Michael develops a deep relationship with his grandfather, who has the ability to bring people into his dreams, which teaches him how to connect with others.



**THE DREAMER
BY PAM MUNOZ RYAN**

A fictionalized biography of the Nobel Prize-winning Chilean poet Pablo Neruda, who grew up a painfully shy child, ridiculed by his overbearing father, but who became one of the most widely-read poets in the world.



**ONE CRAZY SUMMER
BY RITA WILLIAMS-GARCIA**

In the summer of 1968, after traveling from Brooklyn to Oakland, California, to spend a month with the mother they barely know, eleven-year-old Delphine and her two younger sisters arrive to a cold welcome as they discover that their mother wants them to attend a nearby Black Panther summer camp.

ENTERING 7TH AND 8TH



THE LAST BEST DAYS OF SUMMER BY VALERIE HOBBS

"Frances Foster books." During a summer visit, twelve-year-old Lucy must come to terms with both her grandmother's failing memory and how her mentally-challenged neighbor will impact her popularity when both enter the same middle school in the fall.



LA LINEA BY ANN JARAMILLO

When fifteen-year-old Miguel's time finally comes to leave his poor Mexican village, cross the border illegally, and join his parents in California, his younger sister's determination to join him soon imperils them both.



THE BOY WHO HARNESSSED THE WIND BY WILLIAM KAMKWAMBA

The author details how he ignored naysayers and was able to bring electricity and running water to his Malawian village when he built a makeshift windmill out of scrap metal and spare parts.



LEAVING GEE'S BEND BY IRENE LATHAM

Ludelfhia Bennett, a determined, ten-year-old African American girl in 1932 Gee's Bend, Alabama, leaves home in an effort to find medical help for her sick mother, and she recounts her ensuing adventures in a quilt she is making.



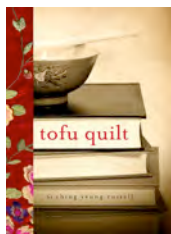
ASHES BY KATHRYN LASKY

In 1932 Berlin, thirteen-year-old Gaby Schramm witnesses the beginning of Hitler's rise to power, as soldiers become ubiquitous, her beloved literature teacher starts wearing a jewelled swastika pin, and the family's dear friend, Albert Einstein, leaves the country while Gaby's parents secretly bury his books and papers in their small yard.



THE RED PYRAMID BY RICK RIORDAN

Brilliant Egyptologist Dr. Julius Kae accidentally unleashes the Egyptian god Set, who banishes the doctor to oblivion and forces his two children to embark on a dangerous



TOFU QUILT BY CHING YEUNG RUSSELL

Growing up in 1960s Hong Kong, a young girl dreams of becoming a writer in spite of conventional limits placed on her by society and family.



AFTER EVER AFTER BY JORDAN SONNENBLICK

Although Jeff and Tad, encouraged by a new friend, Lindsey, make a deal to help one another overcome aftereffects of their cancer treatments in preparation for eighth-grade graduation, Jeff still craves advice from his older brother Stephen, who is studying drums in Africa.



WHEN YOU REACH ME BY REBECCA STEAD

As her mother prepares to be a contestant on the 1980s television game show, "The \$20,000 Pyramid," a twelve-year-old New York City girl tries to make sense of a series of mysterious notes received from an anonymous source that seems to defy the laws of time and space.

