2016 School Library Partner Manual

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New York State Library

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Summer Reading at New York Libraries: An Introduction

Summer Reading at New York Libraries is an annual program that brings children and families into local public libraries for reading and activities. In 2015, 1.99 million New York children, birth to 18 years, participated in the State Library-sponsored program.

The State Library coordinates the program and works with the 23 public library systems (see Appendixes B and C) throughout the state providing a summer reading theme, promotional materials, a creative idea manual, and state-level support. Materials are created as part of the national Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP).

Goals

- Focus on literacy by engaging children and families in reading and reading-related activities during the summer months.
- Foster a love of reading through public library programs and services.
- Increase successful reading experiences through librarian-supported, self-selected, voluntary reading.
- Involve parents, caregivers, and all family members in the library summer reading experience.
- Improve children’s access to library materials and activities, which will encourage them to become lifelong readers and library users.
2016 Summer Reading

Activities for all at the local public library

Events and Activities - Performances, craft programs, story times, computer workshops, and author/illustrator visits are some of the programs offered by public libraries during the summer. Encourage your students to check with their local libraries all summer long for reading materials as well as special programs and activities geared towards a variety of interests and age levels.

Early Literacy - Many public libraries offer a Read-to-Me program for preschoolers, which introduces the summer reading concept to young children. A parent or caregiver reads aloud to the child and keeps a record of their shared reading. Through the Ready to Read at New York Libraries program, library staff are trained in providing services and resources to parents and caregivers of young children. Public libraries are connecting with schools, childcare centers, doctors’ offices, and other organizations to reach all families with young children in their communities.

Independent Readers - Children read on their own, report what they’ve read to the librarian or record the information for the librarian, and receive a reward or certificate at the end of the program.

Families - Children join the summer reading program alone or participate with their families. Family participation encourages reluctant readers who may be more willing to join with a family reading partner. It also encourages visits to the public library as a family activity.

Teens - Many young people stop using libraries when they reach the teen years. A summer program designed with teen interests in mind keeps them involved in the public library. Teens are given the opportunity to take charge of their own library program. This ownership translates into pride in the program and has a direct influence on teen library usage.

Participation in the Teen Video Challenge encourages teens to use their own ideas to promote summer reading and libraries to their fellow teens. For more information visit: http://www.summerreadingnys.org/teens/teens-video-challenge/.
Summer Reading and Your School Library

Collaborate with your local public library!

- The public library can share the Cooperative Summer Library Program (CSLP) programming manual, official artwork, and materials for *Summer Reading at New York Libraries*.
- Contact your local public library and/or public library system to obtain a catalogue to purchase CSLP 2016 summer reading promotional materials.
- Invite your public librarian for a school visit or have your class visit the local public library.
- Meet with the local public library to discuss the best ways to work together to support the summer reading program at the public library.
- Work with the local public library to teach students how to check out e-books from their public library.
- Volunteer to offer a program during the summer at the public library that highlights your expertise. This could be a book discussion group, information on the Common Core Learning Standards, or a program to link the summer with the school year ahead.
- Encourage children to participate in the State Assembly and/or State Senate Summer Reading Challenge and use the public library for materials.
- Visit the [http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/summer](http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/summer) for *Explore NY* reading lists and reproducible flyers and fact sheets that promote summer reading. Some flyers are also available in this manual.
- Visit [http://www.summerreadingnys.org](http://www.summerreadingnys.org) for information about the 2016 Teen Video Challenge, reading related activities, information for educators, families, and children, and materials and information provided by our statewide partners: 4-H, NY Council for the Humanities, Hunger Solutions, etc.
- Please visit [http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/youthsvs/links.htm#yspages](http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/youthsvs/links.htm#yspages) for information on youth services and programs in your area of the state. Public library youth services experts at each system will be happy to help connect you with your local public library and its summer reading program.
  - For a map of the 23 Public library Systems please see Appendix B.
  - For a list of Youth Services contacts for each library system please see Appendix C.
Promote summer reading at your school by working with faculty, students, and families

- Create lessons inspired by the summer reading slogan “On Your Mark, Get Set…Read!”
- Promote the Summer Reading Program exercise and fitness theme with faculty throughout the school.
- Share the Explore New York recreational book lists with teachers and students. Books cover the diversity of New York State and include fiction, nonfiction, and informational books that can be found at http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/summer/explore.htm.
- Form book discussion groups.
- Have children and teens write book reviews to keep in a binder for others to use.
- Hold a parent workshop that informs caregivers about the importance of summer reading and how this links with the Common Core standards. Invite the public librarian to present about public library summer offering. For more information visit http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/commoncore/13sr_cc.pdf.
- Share ideas about reading over summer vacation on your school library website.
- Collaborate with physical education and health teachers to create a fitness unit. Consider including biographies of athletes, cook books, and books about sports and healthy living.
  - Work with your school administration to encourage participation in the State Senate and State Assembly summer reading programs. Both houses of the legislature are encouraging participation in Summer Reading at New York Libraries for reading enjoyment and reading skills retention during the summer months.
- Have a student library group develop reading lists of resources from the school library’s collection that relate to the slogan “On Your Mark, Get Set…Read” and distribute it.
Summer Reading Websites, Resources, Information, and Materials

**www.summerreadingnys.org** – The official *Summer Reading at New York Libraries* website offers lots of free reading activities, games, links, and suggested reading lists.

- News about the Summer Reading Program available under the “Summer Reading News” tab and through Tumblr at [http://summerreadingnys.tumblr.com/](http://summerreadingnys.tumblr.com/).

**www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/summer** – This New York State Library web page contains information and links for librarians, educators, and other professionals on summer reading, summer reading research, and the *Summer Reading at New York Libraries* program.

- There are lots of flyers, posters, and brochures available through the “Downloadable Materials” link.
- The “Explore New York” link offers four reading lists of books and downloadable bookmarks, all focused on New York State.
- “The Importance of Summer Reading” research brief with an annotated bibliography is available through the “Importance of Summer Reading” link.

**www.performersandprograms.com** – The Performers and Programs site includes a listing of performers and the programs they offer for libraries, schools, and other organizations serving children.

**www.facebook.com/TeenNewYork** – The Teen NY Facebook page includes information and resources for teens, librarians and others working with teens. Please visit Teen NY and “like” us.

**www.engageny.org** - The New York State Education Department (NYSED) website that supports the New York State P-12 Common Core Learning Standards and other key aspects of the New York State Board of Regents Reform Agenda.
General Summer Reading Resources

Information and Research

“Importance of Summer Reading”

A research brief to share with parents, administrators, and teachers. The Importance of Summer Reading: Public Library Summer Reading Programs and Learning - http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/summer/research.htm.

“Summer Reading and the Common Core”

A description of ways that Summer Reading and the Common Core align. This document is available in Appendix A of this manual and online at http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/commoncore/13sr_cc.htm.

Promotional Materials

Following is a series of flyers to promote Summer Reading at New York Libraries, all of which may also be found and downloaded at http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/summer/facts.htm. Located on the same website are additional promotional materials including bookmarks and 8.5”x11” summer reading posters. There are also translations of the Parents Flyer and the Parents of Young Children Flyer, titled “10 Easy Ways to Get Children to Read This Summer” and “Easy Ways to Grow a Great Reader” respectively, into nine languages besides English, including Chinese and Spanish.
Educators: Help your students improve skills through reading during the summer months.

"The Board of Regents and I encourage students across New York to participate in summer reading programs at their local public libraries. The Summer Reading at New York Libraries program, supported by the State Library in conjunction with our partners in the State Assembly and Senate, is an excellent resource for students. Summer reading programs put books in the hands of children and helps students build reading skills, prevent summer learning loss, and prepare for a successful school year."

-- Commissioner of the New York State Education Department MaryEllen Elia

10 Ideas to Get Students Reading this Summer

1. Encourage your students to get a library card at their local public library. It’s free!
2. Show your class a beach bag of books that you plan to read during summer vacation.
3. Have students start a list of books they’d like to read during the summer.
4. In your classroom post a list of favorite books. Encourage students and parents to add their favorites.
5. Invite a public librarian to your class to introduce this year’s summer reading program and slogan: “On Your Mark, Get Set...Read” for children and teens.
6. Collaborate with your school librarian to use sports, gaming, and cook books in your classroom to explore the idea of fitness as part of “On Your Mark, Get Set...Read” summer reading theme.
7. Invite local athletes and fitness experts – such as doctors, fitness trainers, and school athletes – to your class as part of “On Your Mark, Get Set...Read” summer reading theme.
8. Collaborate with the local public library to insure your students get the best possible summer reading experience.
9. Encourage your students to share their summer reading experiences when they return to school in the fall.
10. If your legislator offers a summer reading program, your students can join that and visit their local library to get the perks from both.

For information and educational activities check out Summer Reading at New York Libraries websites:
www.nysl.nysed.gov/library/summer
www.nyslibrary.org
10 Easy Ways to Get Children to Read this Summer

*Children who read do better in school—so make sure your child is a reader!*

1. Get your child a library card at your local public library. It’s free!
2. Sign your child up for Summer Reading at the local public library and enjoy free programs with fun activities, storytelling, reading contests, crafts and more.
3. Read with your child every day. Take advantage of “waiting” time to share books: on trips, at the doctor’s office, in line at the grocery store.
4. Take a basket of books for reading breaks from the sun, water, and sand at the beach, lake, or pool.
5. Read on your own and talk to your child about what you’re reading. Families who share reading experiences raise children who read well.
6. Visit the library every week and bring the whole family.
7. Need books in languages other than English? Ask a librarian!
8. Use the closed captioning during TV shows so children see the words as they hear them.
9. Keep a list on the refrigerator of the books everyone has read during the summer.
10. Discover the world by reading books from your local public library.

Choose a subject of interest for the entire family, so that every family member can share what they have learned and share ideas.

For more information visit [www.summerreadingnys.org](http://www.summerreadingnys.org)
Parents Flyer (Side 2)

Summer Reading
AT NEW YORK LIBRARIES

Parents:
Help your kids succeed in school!

ON YOUR MARK, GET SET...
READ!

2016 Summer Reading Program Slogan

2016 Summer Reading at New York Libraries

When children read what they enjoy, they learn to love reading and become better readers. The free summer programs at your public library will help your child keep reading and have fun all summer long.

For more information

- Talk to your local public librarian about their Summer Reading Program
- Need books in languages other than English? Ask the librarian!
- Visit www.summerreadingnys.org for resources and summer reading news.
- Speak with your child’s school librarian about local summer reading programs

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Easy Ways to Grow a Great Reader

Get your child ready to read and to succeed in the school years ahead!

☑ Read to your child and point out words and pictures. You are your child’s first teacher.
☑ Visit the library every week with the whole family. Everyone gets to pick out their own books.
☑ Get a library card at your local public library. It’s free!
☑ Sign your child up for Summer Reading at the local public library and enjoy free programs with fun activities, storytelling, crafts and more.
☑ When your child watches TV, join in and turn on the closed captioning so children see the words as they hear them.
☑ Talk together and tell stories with your child while cooking dinner, traveling, or shopping. Your child will learn lots of new words and ideas.
☑ Sing to your child while getting ready for the day or for bed.
☑ Encourage your child to set up a play library, restaurant, museum or school, complete with books, menus, maps, crayons. Children learn best through play!
☑ Write lists with your child - grocery lists, birthday present wish lists, or lists of your favorite books.
☑ Bring a basket of books for reading breaks from the sun, water, sand and all outdoor activities.
☑ Keep a list on the refrigerator of the books read to your child all year long.
☑ Read together at bedtime every night!

For more information talk to the librarian at your public library and visit
www.summerreadingnys.org

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Ask your librarian about the Summer Reading

2016 Teen Video Challenge

GET IN THE GAME

READ!

Create a Summer Reading video and you could win $150 for yourself and $50 in prizes for your library!

- Get national exposure! Winning videos will be posted to the CSLP and Summer Reading NYS websites and viewed across the country.
- Open to all New York State teens, aged 13-18.
- Videos of 30-90 seconds accepted.
- Include your interpretation of the 2016 CSLP teen slogan “Get in the Game - Read!” for the 2016 Summer Reading Program.
- Promote public libraries and the fun of summer reading.

Entry Deadline: March 4, 2016

For more information and entry forms, visit: www.summerreadingnys.org or ask your public librarian.

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Teen NY Flyer


Teen NY provides teen-related programs, news, and resources across New York State.

Teen NY is a year-round resource developed through Summer Reading at New York Libraries. Summer Reading at New York Libraries is a program of the Office of Cultural Education in the New York State Education Department and is funded through the Federal Library Services and Technology Act, with funds awarded to the New York State Library by the Federal Institute of Museum and Library Services.
Great Resources for Children
The following resource lists were created by the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) for use in support of the 2016 Summer Reading Program at public libraries.

When and Where, Then and There

Books


Dozier, Dolly. Peggy Noodle, Hula Hoop Queen. Peak City, 2012. 44 p. (978-1935711124, pap.). Twelve year-old Peggy Noodle teaches the kids in her new neighborhood that there is more to her than meets the eye.

through changes in equipment, stadiums, salaries, player positions, coaching, game strategies, the draft, the ways that fans experience the game, and other elements.


Forest, Heather. *The Woman Who Flummoxed the Fairies.* August House, 2013. 32 p. (978-1939160713, pap.). Asked to make a cake for the fairies, a clever bakerwoman must figure out a way to prevent the fairies from wanting to keep her with them always to bake her delicious cakes.


Jordan, Deloris, and Roslyn M. Jordan. *Salt in His Shoes: Michael Jordan in Pursuit of a Dream.* Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2003. 32 p. (978-0689834196, pap.). Young Michael Jordan, who is smaller than the other players, learns that determination and hard work are more important than size when playing the game of basketball.

Kurtz, Jane. *In the Small, Small Night.* Greenwillow Books, 2005. 32 p. (978-0066238142). Kofi can’t sleep in his new home in the United States. His older sister Abena soothes his fears about life in a different country by telling him two folktales from their native Ghana about the nature of wisdom and perseverance.


Lin, Grace. *The Year of the Rat.* Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2009. 208 p. (978-0316033619, pap.). In the Chinese Year of the Rat, a young Taiwanese American girl faces many challenges: her best friend moves to California and a new boy comes to her school, she must find the courage to forge ahead with her dream of becoming a writer and illustrator, and she must learn to find the beauty in change.

MacDonald, Margaret Read. *Go to Sleep, Gecko! A Balinese Folktale.* August House, 2006. 32 p. (978-0874837803). A gecko complains to the village chief that the fireflies keep him awake at night but then learns that in nature all things are connected.

Murphy, Stuart J. *Jump, Kangaroo, Jump!* HarperCollins, 1998. 40 p. (978-0064467216, pap.). Kangaroo and his Australian animal friends divide themselves into different groups for the various field day events at camp.

O’Neill, Alexis. *The Recess Queen*. Scholastic, 2002. 32 p. (978-0439206372). Mean Jean is the biggest bully on the school playground until a new girl arrives and challenges Jean’s status as the Recess Queen by asking her to jump rope.

Park, Linda Sue. *Keeping Score*. HMH Books for Young Readers, 2010. 224 p. (978-0547248974, pap.). In Brooklyn in 1951, a die-hard Giants fan teaches nine-year-old Maggie, who is a “Bums” (Dodgers) fan, how to use a technique to keep score of a baseball game, creating a special friendship between them.


Park, Linda Sue. *When My Name Was Keoko*. HMH Books for Young Readers, 2012. 208 p. (978-0547722399, pap.). With national pride and occasional fear, a brother and sister face the increasingly oppressive occupation of Korea by Japan during World War II, which threatens to suppress Korean culture entirely.


Potter, Beatrix. *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*. Warne, 2002. 72 p. (978-0723247708). Peter narrowly escapes from Mr. McGregor’s garden without his clothes, but with a tummy-ache—only to be dosed with nasty chamomile tea when he returns home. Originally published in 1902.


Snyder, Zilpha Keatley. *The Egypt Game*. Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2009. 240 p. (978-1416990512, pap.). After finding a deserted storage yard, Melanie and April decide it’s the perfect spot for the Egypt Game, complete with costumes, ceremonies, and a secret code.


**Music/CDs**


Kasem, Casey. *Casey Kasem Presents America’s Top 10 Through the Years: The 1950s*. Top Sail Productions, 2001 (B00005B52O).


**Movies/DVDs**

To show a film in your public library you must obtain public performance rights.

Anderson, Wes, director. *Fantastic Mr. Fox*. Twentieth Century Fox, 2009. 87 min. (PG)

Herek, Stephen, director. *The Mighty Ducks*. Walt Disney Studios, 1992. 100 min. (PG)

Marshall, Penny, director. *A League of Their Own*. Columbia Pictures, 1992. 128 min. (PG)

Stevenson, Robert, director. *Mary Poppins*. Walt Disney Studios, 1964. 139 min. (G)

Yakin, Boaz, director. *Remember the Titans*. Walt Disney Studios, 2000. 113 min. (PG)

**Web Resources**


Natalie Platon: Five Fun Hula Hoop Games. [https://natalieplatonk12.wordpress.com/2013/06/30/five-fun-hula-hoop-games/](https://natalieplatonk12.wordpress.com/2013/06/30/five-fun-hula-hoop-games/)


Mestemaker Korean Game Kongki Noli. [www.youtube.com/watch?v=WDp3jKB9ADs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WDp3jKB9ADs). Demonstration of how to play the game Kongki Noli.


Out of the Ordinary

Books

Adler, David A. Parachuting Hamsters and Andy Russell. HMH Books for Young Readers, 2001. 128 p. (978-0152164140, pap.) Andy and Tamika are off to the big city for a weekend with Tamika’s Aunt Mandy. Things get off to a mysterious start when a herd of parachuting hamsters seemingly float from the sky out of nowhere. Detective Andy is on the case!


Barrows, Annie. Ivy + Bean Make the Rules. Chronicle Books, 2013. 144 p. (978-1452111483, pap.). Jealous of Bean’s older sister, who gets to go to camp, Ivy and Bean make their own camp, where they are the counselors.

Blake, Robert J. Painter and Ugly. Philomel Books, 2011. 48 p. (978-0399243233). Two sled dogs who are inseparable best friends are put on different teams for the Junior Iditarod, but they manage to find their way back to one another for the big race.


DiPucchio, Kelly. Clink. Balzer + Bray, 2011. 32 p. (978-0061929281). Clink used to be a snazzy robot but is now being outshined by cookie-baking, baseball-playing robots. He just about gives up hope until one boy and a harmonica help Clink discover his true talent.


Heos, Bridget. Mustache Baby. Clarion Books, 2013. 40 p. (978-0547773575). Baby Billy is born with a mustache, and the family has to wait and see whether his mustache is a good-guy mustache or a bad-guy mustache!

Guinness World Records. *Guinness Book of World Records series*. Guinness World Records, yearly. ISBNs, bindings, and page counts vary. This popular annual publication is the go-to source for information on world records.


Johnson, Angela. *Just Like Josh Gibson*. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2007. 32 p. (978-1416927280, pap.). Beginning with the legend of Josh Gibson, a Negro League player who hit a ball so hard in Pittsburgh that it landed during his game in Philadelphia the next day, this book tells the story of a young girl in the 1940s who wants to play baseball.


Khan, Rukhsana. *King for a Day*. Lee & Low Books, 2014. 32 p. (978-1600606595). Even though he uses a wheelchair, a Pakistani boy attempts to capture the most kites during Basant, the annual spring kite festival, and become “king” for a day.


Myers, Christopher. *H.O.R.S.E.: A Game of Basketball and Imagination*. EgmontUSA, 2012. 32 p. (978-1606842188). Two friends start an innocent game of H.O.R.S.E., only to have it move from the court, to the neighborhood, and throughout the solar system.
O’Malley, Kevin. *The Great Race*. Walker Children’s, 2011. 32 p. (978-0802721587). Retells the traditional tale of the tortoise and the hare as a match between the very vain Lever Lapin and Nate Turtle, who is tired of all of the publicity Lever’s speed generates.


Presnall, Judith Janda. *Yukon: Sled Dog*. Two Lions, 2013. 32 p. (978-1477817315). Puppy Yukon is the only girl in her litter, and she’s got a lot of energy. Could she become a leader for her team of sled dogs?


Winter, Jonah. *Roberto Clemente: Pride of the Pittsburgh Pirates*. Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2008. 40 p. (978-1416950820, pap.). A biography of Roberto Clemente, a baseball player from Puerto Rico who led the Pirates to two World Series and was the first Latino to be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

**Music/CDs**


Kindermusik International. *Wheels Go Round!* Kindermusik International, 2010 (B003IZF4P0). Includes the song “She’ll Be Racing ‘Cross the Country.”

Laurie Berkner Band. *Rocketship Run*. Razor & Tie, 2008 (B002YGXUBO). Includes the song “Fast and
Slow.”


**Movies/DVDs**

To show a film in your public library you must obtain public performance rights.


Lasseter, John, and Joe Ranft, directors. *Cars*. Disney Pixar, 2006. 117 min. (G)


**Web Resources**

The Color Run. [http://thecolorrun.com](http://thecolorrun.com)

Discovery Museum Science and Space Center: Mars Curiosity Rover. [www.thediscovery.org/PDF/CuriosityRover Step 1.pdf](http://www.thediscovery.org/PDF/CuriosityRover Step 1.pdf)


Iditarod. [www.iditarod.com](http://www.iditarod.com)

International Pancake Day. [www.pancakeday.net](http://www.pancakeday.net)

Kid Activities: Races, Relays, Balloons & Bean Bag Games! [www.kidactivities.net/category/Games-RacesRelays-Balloons-Beanbags.aspx](http://www.kidactivities.net/category/Games-RacesRelays-Balloons-Beanbags.aspx)


Record Setter. [https://recordsetter.com](https://recordsetter.com)

Red Bull Stratos, Official Video: Felix Baumgartner’s World Record Skydive from 128,000ft. [www.youtube.com/watch?v=_S5UxmW8FUc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_S5UxmW8FUc)


Unusual Racing Events. [www.topendsports.com/sport/unusual/unusual-races.htm](http://www.topendsports.com/sport/unusual/unusual-races.htm)
Fueling Your Engine

Books


Grabenstein, Chris. *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello’s Library*. Yearling, 2014. 336 p. (978-0307931474, pap.). Twelve-year-old Kyle gets to stay overnight in the new town library, designed by his hero (the famous gamemaker Luigi Lemoncello), with other students but finds that come morning he must work with friends to solve puzzles in order to escape.


Harbison, Elizabeth M. *Loaves of Fun: A History of Bread with Activities and Recipes from Around the
World. Chicago Review Press, 1999. 112 p. (978-1556523114, pap.). With more than 30 recipes and activities, this lively book takes kids on a multicultural journey throughout the ages and across the globe to discover bread and the people who created, baked, ate, and enjoyed it.


Isadora, Rachel. The Princess and the Pea. Puffin Books, 2009. 32 p. (978-0142413937, pap.). A simplified version of the tale in which a girl proves that she is a real princess by feeling a pea through 20 mattresses and 20 featherbeds.


Laird, Elizabeth. Pea Boy and Other Stories from Iran. Frances Lincoln Children’s Books, 2010. 64 p. (978-1845079123). Seven folktales that do not always end “happily ever after” are featured in this multicultural collection.

Lord, John Vernon. The Giant Jam Sandwich. HMH Books for Young Readers, 1987. 32 p. (978-0395442371, pap.). When four million wasps fly into their village, the citizens of Itching Down devise a way of getting rid of them.


Myers, Lynne Born, and Christopher Myers. Turnip Soup. Hyperion, 1994. 32 p. (978-1562824457). George faces a troublesome Komodo dragon that has slithered into his family’s root cellar and is eating all their vegetables.


Rania, Queen of Jordan Al Abdullah, with Kelly DiPucchio. The Sandwich Swap. Disney-Hyperion, 2010. 32 p. (978-1423124849). Best friends Lily and Salma disagree over their preferred foods, but after trading sandwiches to see how they taste, the girls change their minds.


Rooke, Thom, MD. A Germ’s Journey. Picture Window Books, 2011. 24 p. (978-1404867109, pap.). Looks at how germs can spread such diseases as the common cold by following the journey of the germs that fly out of a boy’s mouth when he sneezes in class without using a tissue.

lib. bdg.). Readers will discover how cereal is made, starting at the farm.


Sayre, April Pulley. Go, Go, Grapes! A Fruit Chant. Beach Lane Books, 2012. 32 p. (978-1442433908). This chant includes exotic fruits such as mangos and persimmons.


Schnitzlein, Danny. The Monster Who Ate My Peas. Peachtree, 2001. 32 p. (978-1561452163). A young boy agrees to give a disgusting monster his soccer ball and his bike in return for eating the boy’s peas, but when the monster asks for the boy’s puppy, the boy makes a surprising discovery.


Speck, Katie. Maybelle in the Soup. Henry Holt, 2007. 64 p. (978-0805080926). When Mr. and Mrs. Peabody invite a guest to dinner, Maybelle the cockroach, who lives under their refrigerator, ignores the warnings of Henry the flea to be sensible and ends up “splashing” into a big adventure.


Tate, Nikki. Down to Earth: How Kids Help Feed the World. Orca Book, 2013. 48 p. (978-1459804234). Looks at farming and the ways that children from different cultures help in the production and distribution of food around the world, with attention paid to environmental and food supply issues.

Trine, Greg. The Curse of the Bologna Sandwich. Square Fish, 2006. 144 p. (978-0805078367, pap.). After graduating from the superhero academy, Melvin Beederman heads for Los Angeles, where he unexpectedly teams up with Candace Brinkwater, school play actress, to nab the evil McNasty Brothers.


Music/CDs

Cedarmont Kids. Preschool Songs. Benson, 1997 (B00138H5M4). Includes the song “Oats, Peas,
Beans, and Barley Grow.”

Dr. Jean. *Keep On Singing and Dancing with Dr. Jean*. Music Design, 2007 (B000F8R7IK). Includes the song “Peanut Butter.”


Kimbo. *Piggyback Songs*. Kimbo Educational, 2000 (B0000A7UI). Includes the song “Vegetable Soup Song.”


The Laurie Berkner Band. *Victor Vito*. Razor & Tie, 2004 (B002HHY5DM). Includes the songs “Fruit Salad Salsa” and “I Feel Crazy So I Jump in the Soup.”


**Web Resources**

ChooseMyPlate.gov. [www.choosemyplate.gov](http://www.choosemyplate.gov). Includes information on balanced nutrition and food groups; the “kids” tab under “For Consumers” includes games, videos, and activity sheets.


The Science of Sports

Books


Barr, Linda. *Young Champions: It’s All About Attitude*. Red Brick Learning, 2005. 64 p. (978-0736857420, pap.). Large font, colorful photos, and vocabulary assistance make this account of the struggles and successes of several young athletes with physical disabilities inviting and accessible.


Enz, Tammy. *Engineering a Totally Rad Skateboard with Max Axiom, Super Scientist*. Capstone Press, 2013. 32 p. (978-1620657034, pap.). In this graphic novel, supercool scientist Max Axiom helps his nephew and friends design a skateboard that can jump higher and turn tighter, for better stunt performance.


Holm, Jennifer L., and Matthew Holm. *Babymouse: Skater Girl*. Random House Books for Young Readers, 2007. 96 p. (978-0375839894, pap.). In this graphic novel, Babymouse dreams of being a champion figure skater, but the rigors of training and the loss of sleep, social time, and cupcakes are more than she can manage.

Holm, Jennifer L., and Matthew Holm. *Extreme Babymouse*. Random House Books for Young Readers,
Determined to be the best at everything, Babymouse fearlessly takes on snowboarding in this graphic novel.


Jennings, Patrick. *Lucky Cap*. EgmontUSA, 2012. 224 p. (978-1606843062, pap.). When Enzo’s father goes to work for Kap, the premier sports clothing and gear company, Enzo has the summer of his life on a road trip with Dad and his hip new boss.

Kelly, David A. *Miracle Mud: Lena Blackburne and the Secret Mud That Changed Baseball*. Millbrook Press, 2013. 32 p. (978-0761380924, lib. bdg.). Blackburne’s love for the game led him to a career playing and coaching baseball. But his greatest contribution was a process for seasoning new balls for play, involving a secret, very low-tech ingredient used to this day.


Little, Kimberley Griffiths. *The Last Snake Runner*. CreateSpace, 2014. 218 p. (978-1494950378, pap.). Fourteen-year-old Kendall, grieving the loss of his Acoma mother and resenting his father’s remarriage, finds solace in long-distance runs in the desert and learning about his mother’s culture. But a visit to Enchanted Mesa propels him back in time to the late 1500s, when the Spanish conquistadors laid siege to Acoma land.

Manson, Ainslie. *Boy in Motion: Rick Hansen’s Story*. Greystone Books, 2009. 48 p. (978-1553654278, pap.). As a child, Rick Hansen played all kinds of sports, but in his teens, a car accident shattered his spine, along with his athletic dreams. A combination of wheelchairs and other adaptive technologies returned him to sports and opened the door to his greatest dream yet—to travel the world in his wheelchair, advocating for people with spinal cord injuries.

Paulsen, Gary. *How Angel Peterson Got His Name: And Other Outrageous Tales About Extreme Sports*. Yearling, 2004. 128 p. (978-0440229353, pap.). Paulsen shares an era before TV and excessively organized sports, when he and his buddies invented their own “extreme sports” simply because they felt invincible.


Schaefer, A.R. *Exercise*. Heinemann, 2009. 32 p. (978-1432927721, pap.). Two-page chapters, with lots of photos and large font, show children enjoying different physical activities. Basic information on exercise physiology blends with encouragement to exercise the whole body and to develop safe, healthy habits to last a lifetime.

Seeger, Laura Vaccaro. *What If?* Roaring Brook Press, 2010. 32 p. (978-1596433984). What if a boy found a beach ball and kicked it into the ocean? What if two seals found it and began to play? What if a
third seal appeared on the beach looking for a friend? Enjoy this visit to the beach and the chance to guess what happens when different choices are made.


Stevens, Janet, and Susan Stevens Crummel. *The Great Fuzz Frenzy*. HMH Books for Young Readers, 2005. 56 p. (978-0152046262). When a tennis ball lands in a prairie dog town, the residents find that their newfound frenzy for fuzz creates a fiasco.


Tavares, Matt. *Zachary’s Ball*. Candlewick, 2012. 32 p. (978-0763659776, pap.). A vintage look reinforces the magic in this story of a young man remembering a day at the ballpark with his father and his extraordinary joy and imagination when presented with a home run ball during the game.


Willems, Mo. *Watch Me Throw the Ball!* Disney-Hyperion, 2009. 64 p. (978-1423113485). Elephant is all about practice and skill when it comes to playing with his ball, but Piggy’s unbridled joy in the simple act of uninhibited flinging convinces Elephant to loosen up and have fun.

Zuckerman, Amy, and James Daly. *2030: A Day in the Life of Tomorrow’s Kids*. Dutton Books for Young Readers, 2009. 32 p. (978-0525478607). This fascinating, kid-friendly picture book peeks at a “tomorrow” envisioned by scientists, engineers, and futurists. Follow a child through a normal, busy day navigated with the aid of amazing (but credible) gizmos and gadgets suggested by the realities of technology today.
**Movies/DVDs**

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Gottlieb, Erren, and James McKenna, directors. *Bill Nye, the Science Guy: Bones and Muscles*. Disney Educational Productions, 2011. 26 min. (Not rated)


Schaefer, Scott, and Jon Sherman, writers. *Bill Nye, the Science Guy: Blood and Circulation*. Disney Educational Productions, 2011. 26 min. (Not rated)


Schlessinger, Andrew, associate producer. *Eyewitness: Human Machine (Bodyzone)*. Schlessinger Media, 2006. 27 min. (Not rated)


**Web Resources**


Exploratorium: Sport! Science Q&A. [www.exploratorium.edu/sports/sportsfaq.html](http://www.exploratorium.edu/sports/sportsfaq.html)

Exploratorium: Sport Science videos. [www.exploratorium.edu/taxonomy/term/36/0](http://www.exploratorium.edu/taxonomy/term/36/0). Text, illustrations, and videos explain the science behind curveballs, steering a bicycle, and more.


“Sports Balls” by Billy Reid. [http://pancakemanor.com/sports-balls](http://pancakemanor.com/sports-balls)

Vimeo: Bill Nye “the Science Guy” examines the science behind baseball. [http://vimeo.com/30475119](http://vimeo.com/30475119)


Baker, Keith. *Hickory Dickory Dock*. HMH Books for Young Readers, 2007. 32 p. (978-0152058180). Rhythmic text expands on the Mother Goose rhyme, including a variety of animals that react as the clock strikes 1 through 12.


Bruchac, James, and Joseph Bruchac. *Native American Games and Stories*. Fulcrum, 2000. 96 p. (978-1555919790, pap.). Readers will be able to pore over intriguing stories, immerse themselves in Native American understandings, and play fun-filled games as they learn how global thought and beliefs can transfer into their own lives.
Calle, Ramiro. *Yoga in the Jungle*. Cuento de Luz, 2014. 32 p. (978-8416078165). At the American embassy in India, Ravi, the gardener’s grandson, shows Tony the animals of the jungle and the yoga poses that imitate them.


Chung, Arree. *Ninja!*. Henry Holt, 2014. 40 p. (978-0805099119). A ninja must be strong, courageous, and silent. He creeps through the house on a secret mission. There may be obstacles! But have no fear—a true ninja can overcome all challenges.


Downs, Mike. *You See a Circus, I See …*. Charlesbridge, 2006. 32 p. (978-1580891554, pap.). As a young acrobat shows his friends around the big top, the circus performers seem a lot like regular people.


Emberley, Rebecca, and Ed Emberley. *If You’re a Monster and You Know It*. Orchard Books, 2010. 32 p. (978-0545218290). If you’re a monster and you know it, and you really want to show it, snort and growl, stomp your paws, twitch your tail, and wiggle and wriggle along—as only a monster can.


Fox, Diane. *The Cat, the Dog, Little Red, the Exploding Eggs, the Wolf, and Grandma*. Scholastic, 2014. 32 p. (978-0545694810). The dog doesn’t understand what the cat likes about the traditional tale of Little Red Riding Hood.


Gates, Mariam. *Good Night Yoga: A Pose-by-Pose Bedtime Story*. Sounds True, 2015. 32 p. (978-1622034666). This beautifully illustrated, full-color book tells the story of the natural world as it closes down for the night, while teaching children a simple flow of yoga postures inspired by their favorite characters from nature.


Osborne, Mary Pope. Night of the Ninjas. Random House Books for Young Readers, 1995. 80 p. (978-0679863717, pap.). Siblings Jack and Annie are transported back to ancient Japan, where they must learn the secret of the ninja warriors.

Petrillo, Genevieve. *Keep Your Ear on the Ball*. Tilbury House, 2009. 32 p. (978-0884483243, pap.). Davey, a new student who is blind, refuses all help from his sighted classmates, even while playing kickball at recess. The students figure out a way to help Davey help himself—and keep his independence—by using his hearing to full advantage.

Philbrick, Rodman. *Freak the Mighty*. Scholastic, 2001. 192 p. (978-0439286060, pap.). At the beginning of eighth grade, Max, who has a learning disability, and his new friend Freak, whose birth defect has affected his body but not his brilliant mind, find that when they combine forces they make a powerful team.


Rosen, Michael J. *Balls! Round 2*. Darby Creek, 2008. 80 p. (978-1581960662). Discusses the history and science of all types of balls, including several that are unusual.


Seuss, Dr. *If I Ran the Circus*. Random House Books for Young Readers, 1956. 64 p. (978-0394800806). A young boy lets his imagination run wild as he envisions a circus in an empty lot.


Stevens, Janet, and Susan Stevens Crummel. *And the Dish Ran Away with the Spoon*. HMH Books for Young Readers, 2001. 56 p. (978-0152022983). One day, the dish runs away with the spoon and doesn’t come back, so the other characters set out to find them.


Tougas, Chris. *Dojo Daycare*. Owlkids Books, 2014. 32 p. (978-1771470575). Ninja moms and dads leave their little ninjas at a day care, where the children proceed to wreak havoc until it is time to go home.


West, Tracey. *Hiro’s Quest series*. Multiple titles. Scholastic, 2010. 96 p. ISBNs and bindings vary. A ninja-in-training must call on his skills, some of which he didn’t know he possessed.


**Music/CDs**


Various artists. *15 Songs Every Kid Should Know (and Will Love!)*. Bossy Frog Productions, 2013. (B00D2CSVZ4). Includes the song “5 Green & Speckled Frogs.”

**Movies/DVDs**

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Miller, George, director. *Happy Feet*. Warner Bros., 2006. 109 min. (PG)

**Web Resources**


Life on Sycamore Hill: Science Week, Day 1. [www.christephi.com/2013/02/science-week-day-1.html](http://www.christephi.com/2013/02/science-week-day-1.html). A video demonstration of a science project involving raw eggs falling safely into glasses of water (scroll to bottom of page).
Great Resources for Teens
The following resource lists were created by the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) for use in support of the 2016 Summer Reading Program at public libraries.

Get in the Game

Books

Berk, Josh. *The Dark Days of Hamburger Halpin*. Ember, 2011. 256 p. (978-0375846250, pap.). Being a hefty, deaf newcomer almost makes Will Halpin the least popular guy at Coaler High. But when he befriends the only guy less popular than him, the dork-namic duo has the smarts and guts to figure out who knocked off the star quarterback.

Bloor, Edward. *Tangerine*. HMH Books for Young Readers, 2006. 312 p. (978-0152057800, pap.). Paul Fisher sees the world from behind glasses so thick he looks like a bug-eyed alien. But he’s not so blind that he can’t see there are some very unusual things about his family’s new home in Tangerine County, Florida. The chaos is compounded by constant harassment from his football-star brother. Adjusting to life in Tangerine isn’t easy for Paul—until he joins the soccer team at his middle school.


Bolt, Usain. *Faster Than Lightning: My Story*. HarperSport, 2014. 320 p. (978-0007371426, pap.). The autobiography of the fastest man of all time, a superstar whose talent and charisma have made him one of the most famous people on the planet.


Draper, Sharon M. *Out of My Mind.* Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2012. 320 p. (978-1416971719, pap.). Melody is not like most people. She cannot walk or talk, but she has a photographic memory. She is smarter than most of the adults who try to diagnose her and smarter than her classmates in her integrated classroom—the very same classmates who dismiss her as mentally challenged, because she cannot tell them otherwise.


Feinstein, John. *Rush for the Gold: Mystery at the Olympics.* Yearling, 2013. 336 p. (978-0375871689, pap.). Teen sports reporter Susan Carol is competing as a swimmer at her first-ever Olympic games. It’s the opportunity of a lifetime, and her best friend, Stevie, is both amazed and envious. Usually they cover sporting events together; now he’s covering her.

Finch, Jennie, with Ann Killion. *Throw Like a Girl: How to Dream Big and Believe in Yourself.* Triumph Books, 2011. 224 p. (978-1600785603, pap.). A two-time Olympian and professional softball player, Jennie Finch encourages girls to believe in their dreams. A smart, credible, and accomplished voice from an athlete who is strong and feminine, fiercely competitive, and fashionably cool, Jennie is someone young women will listen to and take to heart.


Grabenstein, Chris. *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello’s Library.* Yearling, 2014. 336 p. (978-0307931474, pap.). Lucky Kyle wins a coveted spot as one of 12 kids invited for an overnight sleepover in the library, hosted by Mr. Lemoncello and riddled with lots and lots of games, secret puzzles, and mysteries around every corner.


Haven, Kendall, and MaryGay Ducey. *Crash Course in Storytelling*. Libraries Unlimited, 2006. 136 p. (978-1591583998, pap.). Storytelling can be easy, fun, and, above all, doable, especially with the simple, easy-to-follow directions given by these two master storytellers.

Hillenbrand, Laura. *Unbroken: An Olympian’s Journey from Airman to Castaway to Captive (Young Adult Adaptation)*. Delacorte Press, 2014. 320 p. (978-0385742511). On a May afternoon in 1943, an American military plane crashed into the Pacific Ocean and disappeared, leaving only a spray of debris and a slick of oil, gasoline, and blood. Then, on the ocean surface, a face appeared. It was that of a young lieutenant, the plane’s bombardier, who was struggling to a life raft and pulling himself aboard. So began one of the most extraordinary sagas of World War II.


Horowitz, Anthony. *Oblivion*. Scholastic Paperbacks, 2014. 592 p. (978-0439680059, pap.). Ten years into the future, the Gatekeepers find themselves struggling through a desolate world to find one another, to stop the evil force that waits for them, and to save the world as they did 10,000 years ago.

Khoury, Jessica. *Origin*. Razorbill, 2013. 432 p. (978-1595145963, pap.). Pia has always known her destiny. She is meant to start a new race, a line of descendants who will bring an end to death. She has been bred for no other purpose, genetically engineered to be immortal and raised by a team of scientists in a secret compound hidden deep in the Amazon rain forest.


Lennox, Doug. *Now You Know Big Book of Sports*. Dundurn, 2009. 536 p. (978-1554884544, pap.). Doug Lennox, the world champion of trivia, is back to score touchdowns, hit homers, and knock in holes-in-one with a colossal compendium that has all anyone could possibly want to know about their favorite sports.


Macy, Sue. *Freeze Frame: A Photographic History of the Winter Olympics.* National Geographic Children’s Books, 2006. 96 p. (978-0792278870). From the unlikely Jamaican bobsled team to the unforgettable hockey clash at Lake Placid, all the legends of great winter sports are recalled.


McCracken, Elizabeth. *The Giant’s House: A Romance.* Dial Press, 2007. 272 p. (978-0385340892, pap.). The year is 1950, and in a small town on Cape Cod 26-year-old librarian Peggy Cort feels as though love and life have stood her up—until the day James Carlson Sweatt, an “over-tall” 11-year-old boy, walks into her library and changes her life forever.


Peck, Richard. *Here Lies the Librarian.* Puffin Books, 2007. 160 p. (978-0545046619, pap.). Peewee idolizes his big brother, Jake, whose dreams of auto mechanic glory are fueled by the hard road coming to link their Indiana town and their futures with the twentieth century. Motoring down the road comes Irene Ridpath, a young librarian with plans that will astonish them all and turn Peewee’s life upside down.


Phelps, Michael, with Alan Abrahamson. *No Limits: The Will to Succeed.* Free Press, 2009. 272 p. (978-1439157664, pap.). For years the world has followed Michael Phelps’s progress from teen sensation in Sydney to bona fide phenom in Athens. Now he’s a living Olympic legend, with a peerless record of gold medals.


Selfors, Suzanne. **The Sweetest Spell.** Walker Childrens, 2012. 416 p. (978-0802723765). Emmeline Thistle, a dirt-scratcher’s daughter, has escaped death twice: first on the night she was born, and again on the day her entire village was swept away by flood. Left with nothing and no one, Emmeline discovers her rare and mysterious ability: she can churn milk into chocolate, a delicacy more precious than gold.


Smith, Roland. **Jaguar.** Disney-Hyperion, 1998. 256 p. (978-0786813124, pap.). Jacob finds that he has become involved in a frightfully dangerous mystery after his father attempts to open a jaguar preserve in Brazil and is met with one violent attack after another.

Smith, Roland. **Mutation.** Scholastic Press, 2014. 352 p. (978-05450581801). Marty’s parents have been missing in Brazil for months, and their trail has all but run cold. With time running out, Marty and the Cryptos Island crew race off for Brazil, where they discover that Noah Blackwood has twisted the natural order of things beyond their wildest, most terrifying dreams.

Stork, Francisco X. **Marcelo in the Real World.** Scholastic, 2011. 320 p. (978-0545056908, pap.). Marcelo Sandoval hears music no one else can hear—part of the autism-like impairment no doctor has been able to identify—and he's always attended a special school where his differences have been protected. But the summer after his junior year, his father demands that Marcelo work in his law firm’s mailroom in order to experience “the real world.”


Sundquist, Josh. **We Should Hang Out Sometime: Embarrassingly, a True Story.** Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2014. 336 p. (978-0316251020). Sundquist, a motivational speaker, author, and Paralympic ski racer (he lost his left leg to Ewing’s sarcoma at age nine), has had terrible luck with the ladies. In this laugh-out-loud memoir, he explores the matter scientifically by analyzing and hypothesizing about each of his failed relationships, starting with his first girlfriend in the eighth grade.

Tarrab, Elie. **Chocolate, Chocolate and More Chocolate!** Imagine, 2014. 144 p. (978-1623540203). This decadent cookbook contains more than 80 recipes, including truffles, candies, cookies, cakes, and more.

Tibballs, Geoff. **The Olympics’ Strangest Moments: Over a Century of the Modern Olympics.** Anova Books, 2012. 268 p. (978-1907554476, pap.). The most bizarre, controversial, heroic, and unlucky stories from more than 100 years of Olympic events.
Van Draanen, Wendelin. *The Running Dream*. Ember, 2012. 336 p. (978-0375866289, pap.). Jessica thinks her life is over when she loses a leg in a car accident. She’s not comforted by the news that she’ll be able to walk with the help of a prosthetic leg. Who cares about walking when you live to run?


Wrede, Patricia C., and Caroline Stevermer. *Sorcery and Cecelia, or The Enchanted Chocolate Pot*. HMH Books for Young Readers, 2004. 336 p. (978-0152053000, pap.). At the initiation of a powerful magician into the Royal College of Wizards, Kate is offered a sip from a chocolate pot by a mysterious witch. When Kate refuses, the chocolate burns through her dress and the witch disappears. It seems that strange forces are convening to destroy a beloved wizard, and only Kate and Cecelia can stop the plot. But deadly magic is only one of their concerns.

Zevin, Gabrielle. *All These Things I’ve Done*. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2011. 368 p. (978-0374302108). In 2083, life for Anya Balanchine, the 16-year-old daughter of the city’s most notorious (and dead) crime boss, is fairly routine: going to school, taking care of her siblings and her dying grandmother, trying to avoid falling in love with the new assistant D.A.’s son, and avoiding her loser ex-boyfriend. That is, until her ex is accidently poisoned and the police think she’s to blame. First in the Birthright series.

Zevin, Gabrielle. *Because It Is My Blood*. Square Fish, 2013. 384 p. (978-1250034229, pap.). In this second book of Gabrielle Zevin’s Birthright series, Anya Balanchine is determined to follow the straight and narrow. Unfortunately, her criminal record is making it hard for her to do that.

Zevin, Gabrielle. *In the Age of Love and Chocolate*. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2013. 304 p. (978-0374380755). In the third book of the Birthright series, life has become more bitter than sweet for Anya. She has lost her parents and her grandmother, and has spent the better part of high school in trouble with the law. Perhaps hardest of all, her decision to open a nightclub with her old nemesis Charles Delacroix has cost Anya her relationship with Win.

**Movies/DVDs**

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Columbus, Chris, director. *Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief*. Twentieth Century Fox, 2010. 118 min. (PG). A young boy discovers he’s the descendant of a Greek god and sets out on an adventure to settle an ongoing battle between the gods.


Glaser, Paul M., director. *The Cutting Edge*. MGM, 1992. 101 min. (PG) She’s a rich and refined pairs figure skater whose prima donna attitude has her skating solo. He’s a brash, blue-collar hockey champion
with a new injury and no future. With nothing in common but their dream of reaching the Olympics, Kate and Doug are each other’s last resort.

Hudson, Hugh, director. *Chariots of Fire*. Warner Bros., 1981. 124 min. (PG). An inspirational look at the competitive spirit, featuring two runners competing for Olympic glory in their own fashion and for their own separate reasons.


Towne, Robert, director. *Without Limits*. Warner Bros., 1998. 117 min. (PG-13). The fiery life and fast times of the renowned distance runner Steve Prefontaine, who held every record from 2,000 through 10,000 meters, come home in this acclaimed and inspirationfilled movie.

Turteltaub, Jon, director. *Cool Runnings*. Buena Vista Pictures, 1993. 98 min. (PG). Based on a true story, this is the comedic saga of four Jamaican athletes going to extremes to compete as bobsled racers at the Winter Olympics.

**Web Resources**

8 Important Tips for Working with a Special Needs Child. [www.friendshipcircle.org/blog/2012/10/15/8-important-tips-for-working-with-a-special-needs-child](http://www.friendshipcircle.org/blog/2012/10/15/8-important-tips-for-working-with-a-special-needs-child).

Have these tips available for teens and volunteers to read before the Everybody in the Game! event.


Adaptive Sports. [www.disabledsportsusa.org/resources/adaptive-sports](http://www.disabledsportsusa.org/resources/adaptive-sports). In-depth articles and discussions on adaptive sporting events.


Flag Etiquette. [www.usflag.org/flag etiquette.html](http://www.usflag.org/flag etiquette.html). Printable flag etiquette that can be displayed alongside miniature American flags during your Opening Games Party.


How to Adapt Sports for Inclusion. [http://specialchildren.about.com/od/specialneedssports/qt/Adapt-Sportsfor-Inclusion.htm](http://specialchildren.about.com/od/specialneedssports/qt/Adapt-Sportsfor-Inclusion.htm). An article about making sports and other events inclusive and fun for everyone.
Interesting Olympic Facts. [Link]

It’s the Olympic Games! [Link] Fun trivia written in a question-and-answer format.

International Storytelling Center. [Link]

Layered Soft Drinks. [Link] Additional instructions for creating the red, white, and blue layered drink.

Monday Morning Mmmm: Flag Fruit Kebabs. [Link]

NASPA Official Tournament Rules: Player Edition. [Link]

National Storytelling Network. [Link] Numerous storytelling resources, including how to find a local storyteller to hire.

NBC Olympics. [Link] The network’s site for all things Olympic, with detailed sports information, medal counts, and schedules.

Nick and Devin: Call Them Inspirations, Role Models or Friends. [Link] An inspirational story about two teens from Minnesota.

Official Website of the 2016 Summer Olympic Games. [Link]

Official Website of the Olympic Movement. [Link] Additional resources and information about the Olympics. Includes fact sheets with trivia and a list of the current Olympic sports that are played.

Official Website of the Paralympic Movement. [Link]


Once Upon a Time Storytelling Cards. [Link] Link to purchase this award-winning storytelling game.

Paracord Bracelet with a Side Release Buckle. [Link] Detailed instructions on creating this bracelet.

Ranking the 100 Greatest US Olympians in Summer Games History. [Link]

Rick Riordan. [Link]


Special Olympics. www.specialolympics.org


Vinicius: Mascot for the Rio Games. www.olympic.org/rio-2016-mascot

**Gaming**

**Books**


Colbert, Brandy. *Pointe*. G.P. Putnam’s Sons Books for Young Readers, 2014. 352 p. (978-0399160349). Theo is well on her way to becoming an elite ballet dancer. But when her friend Donovan returns home four years after being kidnapped, Theo starts reliving memories about Donovan’s abduction, and his abductor, Theo’s former flame. Theo knows she didn’t do anything wrong, but coming forward with her memories would put everything she’s worked for at risk.


Doctorow, Cory. *For the Win: A Novel.* Tor Teen, 2012. 496 p. (978-0765333841, pap.). It’s the twenty-first century, and all over the world, MMORPGs are big business. Young players are pressed into working as “gold farmers,” amassing game-wealth that’s sold to Western players at a profitable markup. Some of them, like young Mala in the slums of Bombay—nicknamed “General Robotwallah” for her self-taught military skill—become enforcers for the bosses, but that only buys them so much time.

Doctorow, Cory. *In Real Life.* First Second, 2014. 192 p. (978-1596436589, pap.). Anda loves Coarsegold Online, the multi-player role-playing game. It’s a place where she can meet people from all over the world. But things become a lot more complicated when Anda befriends a gold farmer -- a poor Chinese kid whose avatar in the game illegally collects valuable objects and then sells them to players from developed countries with money to burn. But what is really right and wrong when a person’s livelihood is at stake?


Falkner, Brian. *Brain Jack.* Ember, 2011. 349 p. (978-0375843679, pap.). In a dystopian near future, neuroheadsets have replaced computer keyboards. As teen hacker Sam Wilson masters the new technology, he has a terrifying realization. If anything on his computer is vulnerable to an attack, what happens when his mind is linked to the system?


Fletcher, Christine. *Ten Cents a Dance.* Bloomsbury, 2008. 368 p. (978-1599904627, pap.). With her mother ill, it’s up to 15-year-old Ruby Jacinski to support her family. Through a chance meeting with a local tough, Ruby lands a job as a taxi dancer—a girl paid 10 cents to dance with any man—and soon becomes an expert in the art of “fishing” as she works her patrons for meals, clothes, and even jewelry.


Goldberg, Harold. *All Your Base Are Belong to Us: How Fifty Years of Videogames Conquered Pop Culture.* Three Rivers Press, 2011. 352 p. (978-0307463555, pap.). Through the stories of gaming’s greatest innovations and most beloved creations, the author captures the creativity, controversy, and passion behind the video game’s rise to the top of the pop-culture pantheon.

Halpern, Julie. *Into the Wild Nerd Yonder*. Square Fish, 2011. 272 p. (978-0312653071, pap.). Jessie is so excited to start her sophomore year of high school, with her carefully planned outfits and her ample stash of school supplies. But things take an unexpected turn. When she starts chatting up a girl in homeroom, she’s surprised by an invite to join the Dungeons and Dragons crowd.


Kaplan, Arie. *The Crazy Careers of Video Game Designers*. Lerner, 2013. 32 p. (978-1467712491, lib. bdg.). You might think that working in the video game industry is all fun and, well, ... games. Jobs like combat designer and animator sound pretty exciting. But what does it take to do one of these jobs?

Kent, Steven. *The Ultimate History of Video Games: From Pong to Pokémon—the Story Behind the Craze That Touched Our Lives and Changed the World*. Three Rivers Press, 2001. 624 p. (978-0761536437, pap.). Reveals everything you ever wanted to know and more about the unforgettable games that changed the world, the visionaries who made them, and the fanatics who played them.

Kephart, Beth. *House of Dance*. HarperTeen, 2010. 272 p. (978-0061429309, pap.). Since Rosie’s father abandoned them years ago, her mother has accomplished her own disappearing act, spending more time with her boss than with Rosie. Now faced with losing her grandfather too, Rosie begins to visit him every day. As Rosie learns her grandfather’s story, she discovers the role music and motion have played in it.

Kincaid, S.J. *Insignia*. Katherine Tegen Books, 2013. 480 p. (978-0062093004, pap.). The planet’s natural resources are almost gone, and war is being fought to control the assets of the solar system. Tom Raines is a short 14-year-old with bad skin. But he has the virtual-reality gaming skills that make him a phenom behind the controls of the battle drones.

Klass, David. *Grandmaster*. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2014. 240 p. (978-0374327712). Freshman Daniel Pratzer gets a chance to prove himself when the chess team invites him and his father to a weekend-long parent–child tournament. Daniel, thinking that his father is a novice, can’t understand why his teammates want so badly for them to participate. Then he finds out the truth: as a teen, his father was one of the most promising young players in America, but the pressures of the game pushed him too far, and he had to give up chess to save his own life and sanity.
Kostick, Conor. *Epic*. Firebird, 2008. 400 p. (978-0142411599, pap.). On New Earth, society is governed and conflicts are resolved in the arena of a fantasy computer game, Epic. If you win, you have the chance to fulfill your dreams; if you lose, your life both in and out of the game is worth nothing.

Kusaka, Hidenori. *Pokémon Adventures, Volume 1*. Perfect Square, 2009. 200 p. (978-1421530543, pap.). Red doesn’t want to just train Pokémon; he wants to be their friend too. Bulbasaur and Poliwhirl seem game, but independent Pikachu won’t be so easy to win over.


Marillier, Juliet. *Wildwood Dancing*. Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2008. 432 p. (978-0375844744, pap.). High in the Transylvanian woods, at the castle Piscul Draculi, live five daughters and their doting father. It’s an idyllic life for Jena, the second eldest, who spends her time exploring the mysterious forest with her constant companion, a most unusual frog. But best by far is the castle’s hidden portal, known only to the sisters. Every full moon, they alone can pass through it into the enchanted world of the Other Kingdom.


Meyer, Stephanie. *Twilight*. Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2011. 544 p. (978-0316015844, pap.). Isabella Swan’s move to Forks, a small, rainy town in Washington, could have been the most boring move she ever made. But once she meets the mysterious and alluring Edward Cullen, Isabella’s life takes a thrilling and terrifying turn: The Cullens are vampires.


Padian, Maria. *Jersey Tomatoes Are the Best*. Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2011. 352 p. (978-0375965791, lib. bdg.). Henry and Eva are New Jersey natives and excellent athletes: Henry’s a master on the tennis court, and Eva is a graceful ballerina. When opportunity knocks for both of them the summer before their junior year in high school, they throw open the door. But what is on the other side?


Sachar, Louis. *The Cardturner*. Ember, 2011. 352 p. (978-0385736633, pap.). The summer after junior year of high school looks bleak for Alton Richards. His parents insist that he drive his great-uncle Lester, who is old, blind, very sick, and very rich, to his bridge club four times a week and be his cardturner. Alton soon finds himself intrigued by his uncle, by the game of bridge, and especially by the pretty and shy Toni Castaneda. As the summer goes on, he struggles to figure out what it all means.


Sleator, William. *Interstellar Pig.* Puffin Books, 1995. 208 p. (978-0140375954, pap.). When three unusually attractive young adults rent the summer cottage next door, Barney’s boring vacation at the beach seemingly takes a turn for the better. However, after the neighbors unwittingly reveal their extraterrestrial identities, the board game they have taught him becomes a real-life battle, and Barney must outsmart the aliens to save Earth from destruction.

Takahashi, Kazuki. *Yu-Gi-Oh! Volume 1.* VIZ Media, 2003. 200 p. (978-1569319031, pap.). When 10th-grader Yugi solves the ancient Egyptian Millennium Puzzle, he is possessed by the King of Games, causing him to challenge bullies and evildoers to the Shadow Games, in which the fates of the players are decided.


Vitkus, Jessica. *AlternaCrafts: 20+ Hi-Style Lo-Budget Projects to Make.* Stewart, Tabori and Chang, 2006. 144 p. (978-1584794561, spiral). With an emphasis on recycling, improvising, and making things from scratch, *AlternaCrafts* offers more than 20 projects that provide this newest generation of crafters with the skills they need for the self-expression they crave.

Vizzini, Ned. *The Other Normals.* Balzer + Bray, 2014. 400 p. (978-0062079916, pap.). Given the chance, 15-year-old Peregrine “Perry” Eckert would dedicate every waking moment to Creatures & Caverns, a roleplaying game with magical creatures, spell casting, and deadly weapons. But his parents, concerned their son lacks social skills, ship him off to summer camp.

Wesselhoeft, Conrad. *Dirt Bikes, Drones, and Other Ways to Fly.* HMH Books for Young Readers, 2014. 352 p. (978-0544232693). Seventeen-year-old dirt bike–riding daredevil Arlo Santiago catches the eye of the US military with his first-place ranking on a video game featuring drone warfare. He must reconcile the work they want him to do with the emotional scars he has suffered following a violent death in his family.

Winters, Ashley. *It All Started with an Apple.* Bookility, 2014. 410 p. (978-1610182812, pap.). When Kyla shoves an apple into Brianne’s face and tells her to throw it across the cafeteria to find her future love, Brianne is unimpressed. And yet she throws the apple anyway. Who does the apple hit? Just Dannon Barone, the most popular boy in school.

**Movies/DVDs**

To show a film in your public library you must obtain public performance rights.

Gould, Vanessa, director. *Between the Folds.* Green Fuse Films, 2008. 56 min. (Not Rated). This fascinating documentary about the science and art of origami profiles brilliant artists, mathematicians, and scientists who are reinventing the ancient Japanese tradition of paper folding.
Lynn, Jonathan, director. *Clue*. Paramount, 1985. 94 min. (PG). Six guests are invited to a strange house and find themselves in the middle of a murder mystery— in which they are the suspects! Based on the board game.

**Web Resources**


*Apples to Apples.* [http://boardgamegeek.com/boardgame/74/apples-apples](http://boardgamegeek.com/boardgame/74/apples-apples)


*Classic Clue Replacement Card Notepad Sheets.* [www.amazon.com/Classic-Clue-Replacement-Notepad-Sheets/dp/B00CGKWOTW/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1421250021&sr=1-1&keywords=clue+refill](http://www.amazon.com/Classic-Clue-Replacement-Notepad-Sheets/dp/B00CGKWOTW/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1421250021&sr=1-1&keywords=clue+refill)


*Cubeeecraft.* [www.cubeeecraft.com](http://www.cubeeecraft.com). Christopher Beaumont’s site has hundreds of free printable Cubees.


*Fruit to Fruit Card Generator.* [http://a2a.browndogcomputing.com](http://a2a.browndogcomputing.com). An online site for creating your own Apples to Apples cards.


Live Action Pac-Man. [www.youtube.com/watch?v=xal_9wLJDGc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xal_9wLJDGc). This live-action Pac-Man game features a variation using chairs as the course.


Metal Original Slinky. [www.amazon.com/POOFSlinky-Original-Slinky-Silver-3-Pack/dp/B00BJHKR4C/ref=sr_1_1?s=toys-and-games&ie=UTF8&qid=1421183996&sr=1-1](http://www.amazon.com/POOFSlinky-Original-Slinky-Silver-3-Pack/dp/B00BJHKR4C/ref=sr_1_1?s=toys-and-games&ie=UTF8&qid=1421183996&sr=1-1). Three packs of Slinkys are available in the original metal finish.

Minecraft. [https://minecraft.net](https://minecraft.net). You can purchase regular copies of Minecraft here.


Ms. Pacman Music Video. [www.youtube.com/watch?v=wQg7qOB5Heg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wQg7qOB5Heg). Get teens excited by showing The Go! Team’s music video of Ms. Pac-Man being chased around the streets of New York by a pack of ghosts.


Scrabble Word Finder. [www.scrabblefinder.com](http://www.scrabblefinder.com). Type in any letter combination and get a list of suggested words to play. Pull up on a tablet or computer for easy access during Scrabble gameplay, if help is allowed.
Subject Trivia Quizzes and Games. [www.sporcle.com/games/tags/subject](http://www.sporcle.com/games/tags/subject)

Teenage Group Games. [www.greatgroupgames.com/teenage-group-games.htm](http://www.greatgroupgames.com/teenage-group-games.htm). A list of games to play with large groups of teens. Includes detailed instructions and different variations for smaller groups.


Yacker Tracker. [www.amazon.com/Yacker-Tracker-Noise-Detector-5-5/dp/B001AZ2O2O/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1421172715&sr=8-1&keywords=Yacker+Tracker](http://www.amazon.com/Yacker-Tracker-Noise-Detector-5-5/dp/B001AZ2O2O/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1421172715&sr=8-1&keywords=Yacker+Tracker). This device has customizable options to help control the volume in your library. When the alarm goes off, teens will know they have gotten too loud.

Books

ACT Inc. *The Real ACT (3rd ed.)*. Peterson’s, 2011. 929 p. (978-0768934403, pap.). Includes procedures you’ll follow when taking the test, an in-depth review of the optional Writing Test and how it is scored, examples of all the question types, and suggestions on how you might approach the questions.


job (or a great job finding you). It pays to figure out your interests early, so you can decide what additional schooling—and tuition debt—makes sense for your chosen field.

College Board. *The Official Study Guide for All SAT Subject Tests (2nd ed.).* College Board, 2011. 1080 p. (978-0874479751, pap.). Includes exclusive answer explanations for all the tests and the most up-to-date information from the test maker.


Cooney, Caroline B. *Driver’s Ed.* Laurel Leaf, 1996. 208 p. (978-0440219811, pap.). Remy and Morgan accept a driver’s ed class challenge to collect road signs. The expedition goes without a hitch, until they learn that a young mother has been killed at an intersection from which they stole a stop sign.

Costa, T.L. *Playing Tyler.* Strange Chemistry, 2013. 304 p. (978-1908844613, pap.). Tyler’s dad is dead, and his mom has mentally checked out. The only person he can really count on is his Civilian Air Patrol mentor, Rick. Just when it seems as if his future is on a collision course with a life sentence at McDonald’s, Rick asks him to test a video game. If his score’s high enough, it could earn him a place in flight school and win him the future he was certain he could never have.

Dille, Flint, and John Zuur Platten. *The Ultimate Guide to Video Game Writing and Design.* Lone Eagle, 2008. 272 p. (978-1580650663, pap.). Topics include integrating story into the game, writing the game script, putting together the game bible, creating the design document, and working on original intellectual property versus working with licenses.


Farr, Michael. *100 Fastest-Growing Careers: Your Complete Guidebook to Major Jobs with the Most Growth and Openings (11th ed.).* Jist Works, 2010. 432 p. (978-1593577834, pap.). Describes 100 jobs that promise to be in demand through 2018, including information on salaries, education and training requirements, and related topics. Provides job search advice, sample resumes, and articles on labor market trends.

Fleischman, Paul. *Whirligig*. Square Fish, 2010. 144 p. (978-0312629113, pap.). With his family always on the move, the ability to fit in quickly is vital to Brent Bishop’s high school survival. When he blows his chances with the girl of his dreams in front of everyone, he’s devastated. Brent tries to end it all in a fatal car crash, but instead he finds an unlikely beginning.

Fry, Ron. *Your First Resume*. Cengage Learning, 2001. 188 p. (978-1564145833, pap.). Provides 18 tips for the best-looking resume, essentials to include, and some optional elements to consider. Includes advice on using power words for impact and posting a resume online.


Gravelle, Karen. *The Driving Book: Everything New Drivers Need to Know but Don’t Know to Ask*. Bloomsbury USA Childrens, 2015. 176 p. (978-0802738035, pap.). Covering virtually every scenario a new driver may face, from changing a tire to negotiating privileges with parents to handling a car in bad weather, Karen Gravelle helps teen drivers navigate through tricky new territory—on the road and at home.


Lewis, Barbara A. *The Teen Guide to Global Action: How to Connect with Others (Near and Far) to Create Social Change*. Free Spirit, 2007. 144 p. (978-1575422664, pap.). This book includes real-life stories to inspire young readers, plus a rich and varied menu of opportunities for service, fast facts, hands-on activities, user-friendly tools, and up-to-date resources kids can use to put their own volunteer spirit into practice.


Messina, Noreen E. *Now Hiring: A Story of Four Teens Finding Their First Jobs*. Goodheart-Willcox, 2009. (978-1605251776, pap.). Four fictional teenagers provide the inside story on getting a part-time job, discussing job applications, resumes, networking, interviewing, the first day at work, and ways to use this experience in choosing a future career.

Miller, Bob. *Math for the ACT (2nd ed.)*. Research and Education Association, 2012. 336 p. (978-0738610962, pap.). Each chapter is devoted to a specific topic and is packed with examples and exercises that reinforce math skills.


Patterson, James, and Ned Rust. *Daniel X: Game Over*. Little, Brown, 2012. 272 p. (978-0316101707, pap.). Daniel X is one of the greatest superheroes ever to walk planet Earth. He has defeated a host of evildoers on the List of Alien Outlaws, and now he’s ready to raise the stakes on his next impossible mission by eliminating a pair of sadistic shape-shifters at the helm of a massive video game enterprise.


Robinson, Matthew. *Careers in Computer Gaming*. Rosen, 2007. 64 p. (978-1404209589, lib. bdg.). Computer games are more popular and accessible than ever and, as computer technology advances, computer games have become more challenging, engaging, and addictive to millions of gamers across the country. That opens up a wide range of career opportunities, especially for gamers.


Slomka, Beverly. *Teens and the Job Game: Prepare Today—Win It Tomorrow*. iUniverse, 2011. 120 p. (978-1936236459, pap.). Encourages teens to cultivate strategies, skills, and values that will help them overcome the challenges they will face when they enter the job market.


Wong, Janet. *Behind the Wheel: Poems About Driving*. CreateSpace, 2012. 54 p. (978-1469909356, pap.). This collection of 36 poems covers familiar territory: everything from parents as air bags (“in your face”) to car shows to cop stops, from hitchhiking to unlucky license plates, parking manners, crashing, insurance, and learning to drive.

**Web Resources**

7 Reasons You Don’t Want to Work in the Video Game Industry. [www.dorkly.com/post/27379/the-dorklyst-7-reasons-you-dont-want-to-work-in-the-video-game-industry](http://www.dorkly.com/post/27379/the-dorklyst-7-reasons-you-dont-want-to-work-in-the-video-game-industry). The cons of working in the gaming industry. Share with teens to give them some perspective on what it is really like to work in the gaming industry.


ACT Online. [www.actstudent.org/testprep](http://www.actstudent.org/testprep). Online resources and official documents for the ACT.

All I Need to Know I Learned from YA Fiction: Summer Job Tips from Your Favorite Books. [www.yalsa.ala.org/thehub/2012/05/10/all-i-need-to-know-ilearned-from-ya-fiction-summer-job-tips-from-your-favoritebooks](http://www.yalsa.ala.org/thehub/2012/05/10/all-i-need-to-know-ilearned-from-ya-fiction-summer-job-tips-from-your-favoritebooks). A fun YALSA blog post with tips about getting a summer job.


Barron’s ACT Flash Cards. [www.amazon.com/Barrons-Flash-Cards-James-Giovannini/dp/1438071361](http://www.amazon.com/Barrons-Flash-Cards-James-Giovannini/dp/1438071361). Inexpensive flash cards that help students study for the ACT. SAT versions are also available.

Calendars That Work. [www.printablecalendar.ca](http://www.printablecalendar.ca). Free printable calendar templates to use in ACT/SAT study kits.

College Preparation Center. [www.learningexpresshub.com/college-preparation-center](http://www.learningexpresshub.com/college-preparation-center). The LearningExpress Library offers online exams for both the SAT and ACT. Many state and local libraries offer this online resource to their patrons.
DMV.org. [www.dmv.org](http://www.dmv.org). Everything you need to know about getting your license.

Driving Tests. [http://driving-tests.org](http://driving-tests.org). A service that offers free online DMV practice tests.

Engaging Teens Through Service. [http://yalsa.ala.org/blog/2015/01/12/engaging-teens-through-service](http://yalsa.ala.org/blog/2015/01/12/engaging-teens-through-service). Blog post about offering a teen volunteer program.


High School Resume Examples. [http://jobsearch.about.com/od/sampleresume1/a/high-school-resume-examples.htm](http://jobsearch.about.com/od/sampleresume1/a/high-school-resume-examples.htm)


Job Interview Outfits for Teens. [www.youtube.com/watch?v=i8JgccbqBFs](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i8JgccbqBFs). A short “Outfit of the Day” video for teen girls about dressing for an interview.


List of over 12,000 Careers. [http://careerplanner.com/ListofCareers.cfm](http://careerplanner.com/ListofCareers.cfm)

Read Around the World. [http://delightfulchildrensbooks.com/read-around-the-world](http://delightfulchildrensbooks.com/read-around-the-world). Children’s books listed by continent. These titles are for younger children but may be good selections for struggling or reluctant teen readers.


Shooting Films and Documentaries with an iPhone. [http://lightsfilmschool.com/blog/shootingmovies-with-iphone/2908](http://lightsfilmschool.com/blog/shootingmovies-with-iphone/2908). Examples of films created using a cell phone, as well as apps and standard features of the iPhone that contribute to good filmmaking.


Tips for Teens on Their First Interview. http://myfirstpaycheck.com/tips-for-teens-on-their-first-interview. Advice covering everything from how to dress to what to bring to the interview.

Top Ten Movie-Making Apps for iPhone and iPad. www.creativebloq.com/iphone/top-10-movie-makingapps-iphone-1012893. A variety of free and low-cost apps to download to make better movies.

Books

Alphin, Elaine Marie. *The Perfect Shot*. Carolrhoda Books, 2011. 360 p. (978-0761381389, pap.). Someone murdered Brian’s girlfriend, Amanda. The police think it was her father, but Brian isn’t so sure. Everyone he knows is telling him to move on and focus on basketball. But Brian realizes he has information that could break the case. If he tells, will he be the next victim?

Brouwer, Sigmund. *Rebel Glory*. Orca Book, 2006. 176 p. (978-1551436319, pap.). At 17, star defenseman Craig McElhaney likes his chances of making it as a pro hockey player. Yet a string of recent “accidents” threatens to knock his team out of the play-offs and ruin his promising career.

Chima, Cinda Williams. *The Demon King*. Disney- Hyperion, 2010. 528 p. (978-1423121367, pap.). Han Alister was once a street thief and gang leader, nicknamed Cuffs for the magical silver cuffs he’s worn for as long as he can remember. Now that he’s reformed, he can’t seem to escape from his past, and he spends much of his time hunting in the mountains with his clan friends. When he and his friend Fire Dancer meet a group of young wizards, Han comes into possession of a magical amulet linked to the legendary Demon King, not knowing that it will bring danger to him and his family.


Courtenay, Bryce. *The Power of One*. Ballantine Books, 1996. 544 p. (978-0345410054, pap.). In 1939, as Hitler casts his enormous, cruel shadow across the world, the seeds of apartheid take root in South Africa. There, a boy called Peekay is born. His childhood is marked by humiliation and abandonment, yet he vows to survive and conceives heroic dreams—which are nothing compared to what life actually has in store for him.
Coy, John. *Crackback*. Scholastic Press, 2005. 208 p. (978-0439697330). In the high-stakes world of high school football, doing what it takes to win doesn’t always mean doing the right thing.

Crutcher, Chris. *Deadline*. Greenwillow Books, 2009. 336 p. (978-0060850913, pap.). How can a pint-sized, smart-ass 18-year-old make his mark on the world from Nowheresville, Idaho—especially when he has only one year left to do it? When Ben Wolf learns his senior year of high school will be his last year, period, he is determined to go out in a blaze of glory. That means not letting anyone know about his diagnosis. It means trying out for the football team.

Crutcher, Chris. *Whale Talk*. Greenwillow Books, 2009. 304 p. (978-0061771316, pap.). A varsity letter jacket: it’s exclusive, nearly unattainable, revered—and everything that’s screwed up about Cutter High, as far as T.J. Jones is concerned. That’s why T.J. is determined to have the Cutter All Night Mermen—the unlikeliest swim team a high school has ever seen—earn letter jackets of their own.

De La Peña, Matt. *Ball Don’t Lie*. Ember, 2007. 288 p. (978-0385734257, pap.). Sticky is a beataround-the-head foster kid with nowhere to call home but the street and an outer shell so tough that no one will take him in. He started out life so far behind the pack that the finish line seems nearly unreachable. He’s a white boy living and playing in a world where he doesn’t seem to belong. But Sticky can play ball. And basketball might just be his ticket out.

Deuker, Carl. *Gym Candy*. HMH Books for Young Readers, 2008. 313 p. (978-0547076317, pap.). Mick Johnson is determined not to make the same mistakes his father, a failed football hero, made. But after being tackled just short of the end zone in a big game, Mick begins using “gym candy,” or steroids. His performances become record breaking, but the side effects are terrible. Will he continue down this dark road, even though he knows it’s wrong?

Deuker, Carl. *High Heat*. HarperTeen, 2005. 352 p. (978-0060572488, pap.). As the star closer for his high school baseball team, Shane Hunter is untouchable. Firing fastballs at 90 miles per hour, he loves being a winner. But when his father is accused of a crime, Shane’s charmed world is turned upside down.


Deuker, Carl. *Painting the Black*. HarperTeen, 1999. 248 p. (978-0380731046, pap.). In his senior year of high school, late bloomer Ryan Ward has just begun to feel the magic of baseball: the magic of catching a wicked slider, of throwing a runner out, of training hard and pushing limits. But when one of his teammates clearly pushes the limits too far, Ryan is faced with a heartbreaking dilemma: he must choose between his love for the game and his integrity.

Deuker, Carl. *Payback Time*. HMH Books for Young Readers, 2012. 304 p. (978-0547577333, pap.). A reporter’s job is to find the missing pieces, and high school journalist Mitch True is on the verge of uncovering those pieces and nailing his first real story. If only he can get the cornerback Angel Marichal to talk. Or Coach McNulty to explain why he never allows Angel’s obvious talent—his speed and strength—to shine on the field.


Elkeles, Simone. *Wild Cards*. Walker Childrens, 2013. 352 p. (978-0802734372). After getting kicked out of boarding school, bad boy Derek Fitzpatrick has no choice but to live with his ditzy stepmother while his military dad is deployed. Things quickly go from bad to worse when they move them back to her childhood home in Illinois. But then Derek meets Ashtyn, and everything changes.

Fehler, Gene. *Beanball*. HMH Books for Young Readers, 2011. 132 p. (978-0547550015, pap.). In the bottom of the last inning against their biggest rival, Oak Grove High has two men on base and the score is tied. Luke “Wizard” Wallace is at bat, and he knows what he needs to do: drive in the winning run, save the game, and be a hero. Luke has everything under control, except the pitch.


Feinstein, John. *A March to Madness: A View from the Floor in the Atlantic Coast Conference*. Back Bay Books, 1999. 512 p. (978-0316277129, pap.). Takes us inside the intensely competitive Atlantic Coast Conference and paints a portrait of how college basketball is coached and played at the highest level.

Finch, Jennie, with Ann Killion. *Throw Like a Girl: How to Dream Big and Believe in Yourself*. Triumph Books, 2011. 224 p. (978-1600785603, pap.). A smart, credible, and accomplished voice from an athlete who is strong and feminine, fiercely competitive, and fashionably cool, Jennie is someone young women will listen to and take to heart.

Frei, Terry. *March 1939: Before the Madness—the Story of the First NCAA Basketball Tournament Champions*. Taylor Trade, 2014. 264 p. (978-1589799240). In 1939 the Oregon Webfoots, coached by the visionary Howard Hobson, stormed through the first NCAA basketball tournament, which was viewed as a risky coast-to-coast undertaking and perhaps only a one-year experiment. Seventy-five years later, following the tournament’s evolution into a national obsession, the first champions still are celebrated as “The Tall Firs.”

Gaiman, Neil. *Neverwhere*. William Morrow Paperbacks, 2003. 400 p. (978-0060557812, pap.). Richard Mayhew is a young man with a good heart and an ordinary life, which is changed forever when he stops to help a girl he finds bleeding on a London sidewalk. His small act of kindness propels him into a world he never dreamed existed. There are people who fall through the cracks, and Richard has become one of them. He must learn to survive if he is ever to return to the London he knew.

Garfield, Henry. *Tartabull’s Throw*. Atheneum/Richard Jackson Books, 2001. 272 p. (978-0689838408). In the summer of 1967, Cyrus Nygerski, 19 and “the best lefthanded second baseman in Wisconsin,” unsuspectingly meets his first werewolf. Six hours later, she is sitting next to him in Comiskey Park, watching the Red Sox play the White Sox, but by the time Boston outfielder José Tartabull fires his famous, game-winning throw to home, the mysterious beauty is suddenly disappearing into the crowd. A story of time travel, the supernatural, love and baseball.


Grisham, John. *Bleachers*. Dell, 2011. 240 p. (978-0345532039, pap.). High school all-American Neely Crenshaw was the best quarterback ever to play for the Messina Spartans. Fifteen years later, Neely has come home to Messina to bury Coach Eddie Rake, the man who molded the Spartans into an unbeatable football dynasty. Now, as Coach Rake’s “boys” sit in the bleachers waiting for the dimming field lights to signal his passing, they replay the old games, relive the old glories, and try to decide once and for all whether they love Eddie Rake—or hate him.


Hack, Will. *International Quidditch Association Rulebook*. CreateSpace, 2013. 118 p. (978-1490470740, pap.). Everything you need to know to play quidditch. This rulebook contains the official seventh edition of the rules, including a new section of definitions, pitch diagrams, referee signals, guidelines for adapting quidditch for middle school and high school, and information on how to start a team of your own.


Hamilton, Bethany. *Soul Surfer: A True Story of Faith, Family, and Fighting to Get Back on the Board*. MTV Books, 2006. 240 p. (978-1416503460, pap.). *Soul Surfer* is a moving account of Bethany’s life as a young surfer, her recovery after a shark attack, the adjustments she’s made to her unique surfing style, her unprecedented bid for a top showing in the World Surfing Championships, and, most fundamentally, her belief in God.


Hautman, Pete. *Rash*. Simon and Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2007. 272 p. (978-0689869044, pap.). Consumption of alcohol: Illegal. Football and other “violent” sports: Illegal. Ownership of guns, chain saws, and/or large dogs: Illegal. Body piercings, tattoos: Illegal. It’s late in the twenty-first century, and the United Safer States of America (USSA) has become a nation obsessed with safety. For Bo Marsten, a teenager who grew up in the USSA, it’s all good. He knows the harsh laws were created to protect the people. But when Bo’s temper flares out of control and he’s sentenced to three years of manual labor, he’s not so down with the law anymore.

Johnson, Scott. *Safe at Second*. Paw Prints, 2008. 245 p. (978-1435229983, lib. bdg.). Paulie Lockwood’s best friend, Todd Bannister, is destined for the major leagues until a line drive to the head causes him to lose an eye and they both must find a new future for themselves.


Karr, Kathleen. *The Boxer*. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2004. 176 p. (978-0374408862, pap.). Ever since his father ran off two years before, 15-year-old Johnny Woods has struggled to help support his ma and five siblings, sacrificing his own schooling in the process. Still, there’s been hardly enough money each
month to make the rent, and Johnny’s dream of a house in Brooklyn, away from the tenement slums, is out of reach. Then Johnny discovers boxing.

Kenneally, Miranda. *Catching Jordan*. Sourcebooks Fire, 2011. 288 p. (978-1402262272, pap.). What girl doesn’t want to be surrounded by gorgeous jocks day in and day out? Jordan Woods isn’t just surrounded by hot guys, though—she leads them as the captain and quarterback of her high school football team.


Larbalestier, Justine. *Magic or Madness*. Razorbill, 2006. 304 p. (978-1595140708, pap.). For 15 years, Reason Cansino has lived on the run. Together with her mother, Sarafina, she has moved from one place to another in the Australian countryside, desperate not to be found by Reason’s grandmother, Esmeralda, a dangerous woman who believes in magic. But the moment Reason walks through Esmeralda’s back door and finds herself on a New York City street, she’s confronted by an unavoidable truth—magic is real.

Lipsyte, Robert. *Center Field*. HarperTeen, 2010. 288 p. (978-0060557041). A subtly intense tale of adolescent struggle, a sports story about much more than sports—one that shows us how the moves one makes off the field matter even more than the moves on it.

Lipsyte, Robert. *The Contender*. HarperTeen, 2003. 176 p. (978-0064470391, pap.). Alfred Brooks is scared. He’s a high school dropout and his grocery store job is leading nowhere. His best friend is sinking further and further into drug addiction. Some street kids are after him for something he didn’t even do. So Alfred begins going to Donatelli’s Gym, a boxing club in Harlem that has trained champions. There he learns it’s the effort, not the win, that makes the man—that last desperate struggle to get back on your feet when you thought you were down for the count.

Lowell, Pamela. *Spotting for Nellie*. Skyscape, 2010. 300 p. (978-0761455837). Two sisters get into a car accident that leaves one of them with a traumatic brain injury. Now, the sisters will have to figure out what’s worth fighting for and what the limits of guilt, forgiveness, and sisterhood are.

Lupica, Mike. *The Big Field*. Puffin Books, 2009. 272 p. (978-0142419106, pap.). Playing shortstop is a way of life for Hutch: not only is his hero, Derek Jeter, a shortstop, but so was his father, a former local legend turned pro. Which is why having to play second base feels like demotion to second team. Yet that’s where Hutch ends up after Darryl “D-Will” Williams, the best shortstop prospect since A-Rod, joins the team.

Lupica, Mike. *True Legend*. Puffin Books, 2013. 320 p. (978-0142426500, pap.). There’s a reason teammates call him “True.” Because for basketball phenom Drew Robinson, there is nothing truer than his talent on the court. It’s the kind that comes along once in a generation and is loaded with perks—and with problems. Before long, True buys into his own hype, much to the chagrin of his mother, who wants to keep her boy’s head grounded—and suddenly trouble has a way of finding him. That is, until a washed-up former playground legend steps back onto the court and takes True under his wing.

Martino, Alfred C. *Pinned*. HMH Books for Young Readers, 2006. 306 p. (978-0152056315, pap.). In this gripping story, wrestling dominates the lives of two young men. Ivan Korske and Bobby Zane come
from very different backgrounds—yet they both have the drive, determination, and commitment of a champion. And both are determined to have successful wrestling seasons despite having to grapple with their own demons.


Morgenstern, Erin. *The Night Circus*. Anchor Books, 2012. 516 p. (978-0307744432, pap.). The circus arrives without warning. No announcements precede it. It is simply there, when yesterday it was not. Within the black-and-white striped canvas tents is an utterly unique experience full of breathtaking amazements. It is called Le Cirque des Rêves, and it is only open at night. Part love story, part fable.

Murdock, Catherine Gilbert. *Dairy Queen*. HMH Books for Young Readers, 2007. 274 p. (978-0618863358, pap.). When you don’t talk, there’s a lot of stuff that ends up not getting said. Stuff like why her best friend, Amber, isn’t so friendly anymore. Or why her little brother, Curtis, never opens his mouth. Why her mom has two jobs and a big secret. Why her college-football-star brothers won’t even call home. Why her dad would go ballistic if she tried out for the high school football team herself. And why Brian is so, so out of her league. But this summer, D.J. learns she has an awful lot to say. First in trilogy.

Murdock, Catherine Gilbert. *Front and Center*. HMH Books for Young Readers, 2011. 276 p. (978-0547403052, pap.). Readers first fell in love with straight-talking D.J. Schwenk in *Dairy Queen*; they followed her ups and downs both on and off the court in *The Off Season*. Now D.J. steps out from behind the free-throw line in this final installment of the Dairy Queen trilogy.

Murdock, Catherine Gilbert. *The Off Season*. HMH Books for Young Readers, 2011. 300 p. (978-0618934935, pap.). Life is looking up for D.J. Schwenk. She’s in 11th grade, finally. After a rocky summer, she’s reconnecting in a big way with her best friend, Amber. She’s got kind of a thing going with Brian Nelson, who’s cute and popular and smart but seems to like her anyway. And then there’s the fact she’s starting for the Red Bend High School football team—the first girl linebacker in northern Wisconsin, probably. But a whole lot of trouble is coming her way. Second book in Dairy Queen trilogy.

Myers, Walter Dean. *Game*. HarperTeen, 2009. 240 p. (978-0060582968, pap.). Drew Lawson knows basketball is taking him places. It has to, because his grades certainly aren’t. Coach’s new offense has made another player a star, and Drew won’t let anyone disrespect his game. Just as his team makes the playoffs, Drew must come up with something big to save his fading college prospects. It’s all up to Drew to find out just how deep his game really is.

Myers, Walter Dean. *The Outside Shot*. Laurel Leaf, 1986. 192 p. (978-0440967842, pap.). When Lonnie Jackson leaves Harlem for a basketball scholarship at a Midwestern college, he knows he must keep his head straight and his record clean. That’s the only way he’ll have a chance of making it to the pros someday. But his street smarts haven’t prepared him for the pressures of tough classes, high-stakes college ball, and the temptation to fix games for local gamblers.

Padian, Maria. *Out of Nowhere*. Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2013. 352 p. (978-0375865800). Tom Bouchard is: captain and star of the Enniston High School soccer team; boyfriend to one of the prettiest, most popular girls; and third in his class, likely to have his pick of any college (if he ever bothers filling out his applications). But life in his idyllic Maine town gets turned upside down after the events of 9/11.

Paulsen and his team of dogs endured snowstorms, frostbite, dogfights, moose attacks, sleeplessness, and hallucinations in the relentless push to go on.


Quick, Matthew. *Boy21.* Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2013. 272 p. (978-0316127967, pap.). Russ has just moved to the neighborhood. The life of this teen basketball phenom has been turned upside down by tragedy. Cut off from everyone he knows, he won’t pick up a basketball but answers only to the name Boy21, taken from his former jersey number.

Ritter, John H. *Over the Wall.* Puffin Books, 2002. 312 p. (978-0698119314, pap.). Tyler’s temper is out of control. If he isn’t careful, he’ll blow his chances of making the All-Star team and being noticed by a scout. But Tyler’s coach, a Vietnam War veteran, knows that if Tyler is ever going to fulfill his dreams, he’ll have to learn to fight his battles with his glove, his bat, and his love for the game.


Romero, Jordan. *No Summit Out of Sight: The True Story of the Youngest Person to Climb the Seven Summits.* Simon and Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2014. 368 p. (978-1476709628). On May 22, 2010, at the age of 13, American teenager Jordan Romero became the youngest person to climb to the summit of Mount Everest. At 15, he became the youngest person to have reached the summits of the tallest mountains on each of the seven continents.


Scott, Michael. *The Alchemyst: The Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel.* Ember, 2008. 400 p. (978-0385736008, pap.). Nicholas Flamel is acknowledged as the greatest Alchemyst of his day. It is said that he discovered the secret of eternal life. The records show that he died in 1418. But his tomb is empty. Legend says he lives on, protecting the book that holds his secret. In the wrong hands, the book could destroy the world. Sophie and Josh Newman are the only ones who can stop this from happening.


Sitomer, Alan Lawrence. *The Hoopster.* Paw Prints, 2008. 218 p. (978-1439572160, lib. bdg.). Andre Anderson is an African American teenager with a bright future. He loves to play basketball. He loves to hang out with his friends. He loves to laugh. Andre has skills, brains, and heart. He also has a dream. Then he is viciously attacked. Now everything he ever believed has been called into question.

Smith, Roland. *Peak.* Harcourt, 2008. 256 p. (978-0152062682, pap.). After 14-year-old Peak Marcello is arrested for scaling a New York City skyscraper, he’s left with two choices: wither away in juvenile detention or go live with his long-lost father, who runs a climbing company in Thailand. But Peak quickly learns that his father’s renewed interest in him has strings attached. Big strings.

Strasser, Todd. **Cut Back.** Simon Pulse, 2004. 320 p. (978-0689870309, pap.). Impact Zone: The most dangerous part of the wave. You gotta beat it ... or you’ll eat it. Ever since he went up against the locals and broke into the lineup, Kai has had his own crew. Spazzy is a summer kid with a lot of fancy gear. He looks like a total shubee. But on the board he’s good, really good—despite everything going against him. He wants to be in the local competition, but he can’t do it without Kai.

Strasser, Todd. **How I Changed My Life.** Simon and Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2011. 240 p. (978-1442451414, pap.). Bolita (Bo for short) and Kyle are not exactly in the same clique: she’s the shy girl working backstage at the school play, and he’s front and center as Time Zone High’s star quarterback. But then Kyle blows out his knee, quits football, and joins the school play—and Bo decides it’s time for a change.

Strasser, Todd. **Take Off.** Simon Pulse, 2004. 303 p. (978-0689870294, pap.). Kai is stoked when he gets to Sun Haven. He hasn’t been on a board in a while. And Sun Haven has some primo waves. Screamers is the spot where you can regularly get tubed. But it’s patrolled by locals. They’ll only let Kai into the lineup if he competes against one of them.

Sweeney, Joyce. **Players.** Skyscape, 2013. 226 p. (978-0761452362, pap.). Corey’s high school basketball team begins the season poised for the all-city championship, and when Noah joins the team, the title really seems to be in reach. But then a series of tragic circumstances begins to knock players off the team.

Tharp, Tim. **Knights of the Hill Country.** Ember, 2013. 240 p. (978-0449812877, pap.). Welcome to Kennisaw—where Friday-night high school football ranks right up there with God and country. This year, the Kennisaw Knights are going for their fifth straight undefeated season, and if they succeed, they’ll be legends. But for Hampton, linebacker and star of the team, the legacy is a heavy burden to carry.

Toor, Rachel. **On the Road to Find Out.** Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2014. 320 p. (978-0374300142). On New Year’s Day, Alice Davis goes for a run. Her first ever. It’s painful and embarrassing, but so was getting denied by the only college she cares about. But what she doesn’t know is that by taking those first steps out the door, she is setting off down a road filled with new challenges—including vicious side stitches, chafing in unmentionable places, and race-paced first love—and strengthening herself to endure when the going suddenly gets tougher than she ever imagined.

Trueman, Terry. **Cruise Control.** HarperTeen, 2005. 160 p. (978-0064473774, pap.). Paul is a star athlete whose father left, leaving him to be the man of the family, which includes his developmentally disabled brother. Fueled by rage at what has happened to his family, Paul is ready to explode. And he is haunted by something even worse—something he can never tell anyone. It is something he will have to face if he is to have any hope of a future at all.


Voigt, Cynthia. **The Runner.** Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2012. 240 p. (978-1442450660). Bullet Tillerman runs. He runs to escape the criticism of his harsh, unforgiving father. He runs to numb the pain of his mother’s inability to express her love. He is the star of the school track team, but he isn’t a team man and doesn’t want to be. Bullet runs for himself.

Volponi, Paul. **Black and White.** Speak, 2006. 199 p. (978-0142406922, pap.). Marcus and Eddie are best friends who found the strength to break through the racial barrier. Marcus is black; Eddie is white. Stars of their school basketball team, they are true leaders who look past the stereotypes and come out on top.
They are inseparable, watching each other’s backs, both on and off the basketball court. But one night—and one wrong decision—will change their lives forever.


Wallace, Rich. *Wrestling Sturbridge.* Laurel Leaf, 1997. 144 p. (978-0679885559, pap.). Ben will be damned if he’s going to stay in Sturbridge, Pennsylvania, when he gets out of high school. Work in the cinder-block factory like everyone else? No way. He’s also not going to let his friend Al win the state wrestling championship. Ben wants it more than Al does. Ben needs it more than Al does. Ben is going to win.

Weaver, Will. *Checkered Flag Cheater.* Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2010. 198 p. (978-0374350628). Trace Bonham is living large as the teen driver for a pro Super Stock racing team. He’s on billboards and on the road instead of stuck in school. And he’s blowing away the competition wherever he races. But Trace is worried that those who think his crew is illegally “juicing” his engine may be right.


**Movies/DVDs**

To show a film at your public library, you must first obtain public performance rights.


Anspaugh, David, director. *Rudy.* TriStar Pictures, 1993. 114 min. (PG). Rudy has always been told that he is too small to play college football. But he is determined to overcome the odds and fulfill his dream of playing for Notre Dame.

Avildsen, John G., director. *The Karate Kid.* Columbia Pictures, 1984. 126 min. (PG). A handyman/martial arts master agrees to teach a bullied boy karate and shows him that there is more to martial arts than fighting.

Avildsen, John G., director. *Rocky.* United Artists, 1976. 119 min. (PG). Rocky Balboa, a small-time boxer gets a supremely rare chance to fight the heavyweight champion, Apollo Creed, in a bout in which he strives to go the distance for his self-respect.

Bartholomew, Sydney J., Jr., director. *Just for Kicks.* MGM Home Entertainment, 2003. 92 min. (PG). When their father has to leave on business, the Martin twins get a mystery man from the neighborhood, who was a soccer star, to be their new coach. The twins are determined to lead their once raggedy team to victory—but will their coach’s secret past prevent that from happening?

Bissinger’s book, which profiled the economically depressed town of Odessa, Texas, and their heroic high school football team. Brady, Colin, Christopher Reeve, and Daniel St. Pierre, directors. *Everyone’s Hero*. Twentieth Century Fox, 2006. 88 min. (G). A young boy named Yankee Irving finds himself at an extraordinary crossroads: He has a chance to be a hero—and make a difference against incredible odds—or he can play it safe.


Chadha, Gurinder, director. *Bend It Like Beckham*. Fox Searchlight, 2002. 112 min. (PG-13). The daughter of orthodox Sikh rebels against her parents’ traditionalism by running off to Germany with a soccer team.

Clooney, George, director. *Leatherheads*. Universal Pictures, 2008. 114 min. (PG-13). In 1925 an enterprising pro football player convinces America’s too-good-to-be-true college football hero to play for his team and keep the league from going under.

Columbus, Chris, director. *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*. Warner Bros., 2002. 161 min. (PG). Harry ignores warnings not to return to Hogwarts, only to find the school plagued by a series of mysterious attacks and a strange voice haunting him.

Columbus, Chris, director. *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone*. Warner Bros., 2001. 152 min. (PG). Rescued from the neglect of his aunt and uncle, a young boy with a great destiny proves his worth at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.


Cuarón, Alfonso, director. *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*. Warner Bros., 2004. 142 min. (PG). It’s Harry’s third year at Hogwarts; not only does he have a new Defense Against the Dark Arts teacher, but there is also trouble brewing. Convicted murderer Sirius Black has escaped the Wizards’ Prison and is coming after Harry.

Dear, William, director. *Angels in the Outfield*. Buena Vista Pictures, 1994. 102 min. (PG). When a boy prays for a chance to have a family if the California Angels win the pennant, angels are assigned to make that possible.


Dylan, Jesse, director. *Kicking and Screaming*. Universal Studios, 2005. 95 min. (PG). Family man Phil Weston, a lifelong victim of his father’s competitive nature, takes on the coaching duties for a kids’ soccer team and soon finds that he’s also taking on his father’s dysfunctional way of relating.
Evans, David M., director. *The Sandlot*. Twentieth Century Fox, 1993. 101 min. (PG). A new kid in town is taken under the wing of a young baseball prodigy and his team. Together, they get themselves into many adventures involving rival teams, lifeguards, and a vicious dog.


Fickman, Andy, director. *She’s the Man*. DreamWorks, 2006. 105 min. (PG-13). When her brother decides to ditch school for a couple of weeks in London, Viola heads over to his elite boarding school, disguises herself as him, and proceeds to fall for one of her soccer teammates.

Gartner, James, director. *Glory Road*. Buena Vista Pictures, 2006. 118 min. (PG). In 1966, Texas Western coach Don Haskins led the first all-black starting lineup for a college basketball team to the NCAA national championship.


Marshall, Penny, director. *A League of Their Own*. Columbia Pictures, 1992. 128 min. (PG). Two sisters join the first female professional baseball league and struggle to help it succeed amid their own growing rivalry.


McG, director. *We Are Marshall*. Warner Bros., 2006. 131 min. (PG). When a plane crash claims the lives of members of the Marshall University football team and some of its fans, the team's new coach and his surviving players try to keep the football program alive. Based on a true story.

Miller, Bennett, director. *Moneyball*. Columbia Pictures, 2011. 133 min. (PG-13). The story of the Oakland A’s general manager Billy Beane’s successful attempt to assemble a baseball team on a lean budget by employing computer-generated analysis to acquire new players.


Stone, Charles, III, director. *Mr. 3000*. Buena Vista Pictures, 2004. 104 min. (PG-13). An aging baseball star who goes by the nickname Mr. 3000 finds out many years after retirement that he didn’t quite reach 3,000 hits. Now, at age 47, he’s back to try and reach that goal.

Vince, Robert, director. *Air Bud: Seventh Inning Fetch*. Walt Disney, 2002. 93 min. (G). Josh has gone to college, and his little sister Andrea enlists their dog, Buddy, in her baseball team just as Buddy’s puppies are kidnapped by Rocky the Raccoon.


Yakin, Boaz, director. *Remember the Titans*. Buena Vista Pictures, 2000. 113 min. (PG). The true story of a newly appointed African American coach and his high school team on their first season as a racially integrated unit.

Yates, David, director. *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1*. Warner Bros., 2010. 146 min. (PG-13). As Harry races against time and evil to destroy the Horcruxes, he uncovers the existence of the three most powerful objects in the wizarding world: the Deathly Hallows.


Yates, David, director. *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*. Warner Bros., 2007. 138 min. (PG-13). With their warning about Lord Voldemort’s return scoffed at, Harry and Dumbledore are targeted by the Wizard authorities as an authoritarian bureaucrat slowly seizes power at Hogwarts.

Zwart, Harald, director. *The Karate Kid*. Columbia Pictures, 2010. 140 min. (PG). Work causes a single mother to move to China with her young son; in his new home, the boy embraces kung fu, taught to him by a master.

**Web Resources**

**10 Sports Heroes That Are Actually Heroes.** [http://bleacherreport.com/articles/515589-10-sports-heroes-that-are-actually-heroes](http://bleacherreport.com/articles/515589-10-sports-heroes-that-are-actually-heroes). A photo slide show of sports heroes who are not just famous sports stars but real heroes.

**Calling All Heroes.** [http://espn.go.com/page2/s/list/heroes.html](http://espn.go.com/page2/s/list/heroes.html). List of sports heroes for inspiration for your display.

**The Complete Muggle’s Guide to Quidditch.** [www.youtube.com/watch?v=ocy9uXXDE8M](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ocy9uXXDE8M). Shows the highlights of a college match, with an introduction to the game.


**How to Make a Paper Football.** [www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Paper-Football](http://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Paper-Football). Directions along with a video of how to make a paper football.

**International Quidditch Association.** [www.iqaquidditch.org](http://www.iqaquidditch.org). The site for the international governing body for the sport of quidditch.


**Our School’s March Madness Reading Competition.** [www.pragmaticmom.com/2013/03/school-readingcompetition](http://www.pragmaticmom.com/2013/03/school-readingcompetition). An example of a March Madness reading competition held at an elementary school.

**Paper Football Zone.** [www.paperfootballzone.com](http://www.paperfootballzone.com). Instructions on how to play paper football as well as how to make the football.


**Print Your Brackets.** [www.printyourbrackets.com](http://www.printyourbrackets.com). Free printable, customizable tournament brackets.

**Spalding All-Weather Basketball Net.** [www.amazon.com/Spalding-All-Weather-Basketball-Net-White/dp/B000H38LLU/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1421861010&sr=8-1&keywords=basketball+net](http://www.amazon.com/Spalding-All-Weather-Basketball-Net-White/dp/B000H38LLU/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1421861010&sr=8-1&keywords=basketball+net). An inexpensive basketball net that can be used for the Slam Dunk Trash Can craft.

**Sporting Heroes.** [www.sporting-heroes.net](http://www.sporting-heroes.net). A photographic encyclopedia of sports stars, including those in less popular sports such as cricket, golf, and rugby.

**Sports Bingo Cards.** [www.bingocardcreator.com/bingocards/sports](http://www.bingocardcreator.com/bingocards/sports). Mix things up at your movie marathon with a little Bingo! This site has dozens of sports-themed bingo cards.


**Zumba’s Effects on Teenage Girls.** [http://healthyliving.azcentral.com/zumbas-effects-teenage-girls-15145.html](http://healthyliving.azcentral.com/zumbas-effects-teenage-girls-15145.html). Discusses the positive effects Zumba classes have on teenage girls. It also briefly discusses considerations related to hosting teen health classes.
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**Books**

Abdoyan, Brenda. *Teach Yourself Henna Tattoo: Making Mehndi Art with Easy-to-Follow Instructions, Patterns, and Projects.* Design Originals, 2012. 112 p. (978-1574214147, pap.). Color your world with the fabulous art of henna tattoo with this book of patterns and instructions for the body and even home décor objects. Learn how to combine the five basic henna shapes into a variety of exotic mehndi designs.

America’s Test Kitchen. *The America’s Test Kitchen Healthy Family Cookbook: A New Healthier Way to Cook Everything from America’s Most Trusted Test Kitchen.* America’s Test Kitchen, 2010. 528 p. (978-1933615561, ring bdg.). This all-purpose cookbook delivers 800 foolproof recipes for healthier everyday fare, from breakfast dishes and appetizers to pasta, meat, kidfriendly favorites, desserts, and more.


Flores-Scott, Patrick. *Jumped In*. Square Fish, 2014. 304 p. (978-1250053985, pap.). In the two years since his mother left him with his grandparents in Des Moines, Iowa, Sam has avoided making friends and perfected the art of being a slacker, but being paired with a frightening new student for a slam poetry unit transforms his life.


Gold, Rozanne. *Eat Fresh Food: Awesome Recipes for Teen Chefs*. Bloomsbury USA Children’s, 2009. 160 p. (978-1599904450, pap.). Renowned chef Rozanne Gold has assembled an all-star team of teen chefs—kids who love to cook and love to eat good food—to create more than 80 mouth-watering recipes, attuned to the seasons, refined for the kinds of food teens want to eat.

Goldberg, Natalie. *Writing Down the Bones: Freeing the Writer Within (2nd ed.)*. Shambhala, 2005. 224 p. (978-1590302613, pap.). For more than 20 years Natalie Goldberg has been challenging and cheering on writers with her books and workshops. In her groundbreaking first book, she brings together Zen meditation and writing in a new way.


Sharing her expertise as an athlete, she helps young girls develop a healthy lifestyle, understand their changing bodies, gain confidence, and establish a pattern of healthy living starting at a young age.

Hanley, Victoria. *Seize the Story: A Handbook for Teens Who Like to Write*. Prufrock Press, 2011. 208 p. (978-1877673818, pap.). Victoria Hanley, an award-winning author of young adult fiction, spills the secrets to bringing action, adventure, humor, and drama to stories. All of the elements of fiction, from creating believable dialogue to exciting plots, are laid out clearly and illustrated with examples taken straight from stories by excellent writers.

Kephart, Beth. *Undercover*. HarperTeen, 2007. 288 p. (978-0061238949, lib. bdg.). Like a modern-day Cyrano de Bergerac, Elisa ghostwrites love notes for the boys in her school. But when Elisa falls for Theo Moses, things change fast. Theo asks for verses to court the lovely Lila—a girl known for her beauty, her popularity, and a cutting ability to remind Elisa that she has none of these.


Madaras, Lynda, with Area Madaras. *The “What’s Happening to My Body?” Book for Girls*. William Morrow Paperbacks, 2007. 288 p. (978-1557047649, pap.). Gives sensitive straight talk on the body’s changing size and shape, the growth spurt, breast development, the reproductive organs, the menstrual cycle, body hair, diet and exercise, romantic and sexual feelings, and puberty in the opposite sex. It also includes information on anorexia and bulimia, sexually transmitted diseases, AIDS, and birth control.


growing up. With illustrations and expert contributors, this book covers new questions about periods, growing bodies, peer pressure, personal care, and more.

Noble, Marty. *Mehndi Designs: Traditional Henna Body Art*. Dover, 2004. 32 p. (978-0486438603, pap.). This collection of charming images, adapted from authentic mehndi designs, incorporates more than 160 lovely, royalty-free patterns (largely Indian) that are used to cover hands, forearms, and feet.


Purperhart, Helen. *Yoga Exercises for Teens: Developing a Calmer Mind and a Stronger Body*. Hunter House, 2008. 160 p. (978-0897935036, pap.). The exercises and games in this easy-to-follow guide are specifically designed to fit the needs of teenagers and to show teens how to work out and train their bodies in a relaxed way. It requires no advance knowledge or preparation and can be used by anyone working with those between the ages of 10 and 20.

Rau, Dana Meachen. *A Teen Guide to Quick, Healthy Snacks*. Compass Point Books, 2011. 64 p. (978-0756544065, lib. bdg.). Whether you’re on Team Sweet or Team Salty, the *Teen Guide to Quick, Healthy Snacks* will help you whip up something tasty to tame the growling beast.


Smith, Jeremy N. *Growing a Garden City*. Skyhorse, 2010. 240 p. (978-1616081089). Fifteen people—plus a class of first graders—tell how local food, farms, and gardens changed their lives and their community ... and how they can change yours, too.


Trice, Laura. *The Wholesome Junk Food Cookbook: More Than 100 Recipes for Everyday Snacking*. Running Press, 2010. 192 p. (978-0762438013, pap.). With more than 100 snack recipes from cookies and cakes to ice cream and smoothies, Dr. Laura Trice is on a mission to make healthy eating more fun with treats such as lemon pound cake, Boston cream pie, and a chocolate- banana milkshake.

**Web Resources**

8 Simply Healthy Meals Teens Can Make, [http://recipes.familyeducation.com/dinner/teen-nutrition/72941.html](http://recipes.familyeducation.com/dinner/teen-nutrition/72941.html). Aimed at the beginning teen cook, these are easy enough for any inexperienced chef.

10-Minute Yoga Sequence for Relaxation, [www.mindbodygreen.com/0-11322/10-minute-yoga-sequence-for-relaxation.html](http://www.mindbodygreen.com/0-11322/10-minute-yoga-sequence-for-relaxation.html). Photos of some basic yoga poses that are aimed at relaxation.


All About Mehndi, [http://tattoo.about.com/od/temporaryart/a/All-About-Mehndi.htm](http://tattoo.about.com/od/temporaryart/a/All-About-Mehndi.htm). Information about the art and practice of mehndi.


Eat Local, [www.simplesteps.org/eat-local](http://www.simplesteps.org/eat-local). A clickable map to find out what produce is in season in your state.

Eat Local Challenge, [www.eatlocalchallenge.com](http://www.eatlocalchallenge.com). A group weblog focusing on the importance of eating locally.


The Henna Page. www.hennapage.com. Online retailer for supplies, as well as a resource for all things henna.


Hygiene Basics. http://kidshealth.org/teen/your_body/take_care/hygiene_basics.html. Written for teens, this online article touches on all the basics of good hygiene.


Personal Hygiene in Teenagers. www.livestrong.com/article/94690-personal-hygiene-teenagers. An article that discusses how caregivers and educators can discuss hygiene habits with teenagers.


Portion Distortion. www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/educational/wecan/eat-right/portion-distortion.htm. Two slide shows are available for download at this website, with quizzes on proper portion sizes for healthy eating.


USDA ChooseMyPlate Printable Materials. [www.chooemyplate.gov/print-materials-ordering.html](http://www.chooemyplate.gov/print-materials-ordering.html). In addition to printable materials, this site has a wealth of information about dietary guidelines.

Value In Shape Pedometer. [www.4imprint.com/search/pedometers/product/110203-T/Value-In-Shape-Pedometer-Translucent](http://www.4imprint.com/search/pedometers/product/110203-T/Value-In-Shape-Pedometer-Translucent). Online vendor of inexpensive pedometers when bought in bulk.


Appendix A: Summer Reading and the Common Core

Public library summer reading programs foster a community of inquiry and literacy that leads to high academic achievement, independent reading and learning, and collaborative efforts that last a lifetime.

Public library summer reading programs expose children to a wealth of informational and recreational reading, and opportunities to gain knowledge about the world and build strong academic vocabulary. By visiting the public library a child is surrounded by a variety of reading materials and librarians with the expertise to help all children find reading materials that can challenge, excite and interest them.

- The Common Core is best supported by children reading more and being engaged by what they read. Public library summer reading programs provide the books and other text resources, and the expertise and fun enrichment activities to encourage reading for information and pleasure.

- Public libraries offer varied collections of fiction and non-fiction that children can pore over to gain a variety of information and perspectives on their road to forming the habit of reading.

- The Common Core encourages flexible communication and collaboration. School and public libraries collaborate to attract and engage a wide spectrum of children and families, especially those with high needs, in the excitement of reading.

- Each year the public library summer reading theme encourages inquiry-based programming. Public libraries will partner with museums, local organizations, historians, and others to offer activities where children explore problem solving in real life situations.

- Book discussion programs in public libraries help children develop the ability to read with care and use the information from the text to investigate and discuss various issues with their peers.

- The Explore New York recreational reading lists, created each year by school and public librarians, are used by libraries to encourage the reading of fun and interesting texts during the summer months. [http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/summer/explore.htm](http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/summer/explore.htm)

Visit your local public library to participate in “Summer Reading at New York Libraries.” Find your library at: [http://www.summerreadingnys.org/parents/parents-find-your-library/](http://www.summerreadingnys.org/parents/parents-find-your-library/).
Appendix B: New York State Public Library Systems

This map shows the 23 public library systems serving all regions of New York State.

Each public library system has a youth services expert who can help connect childcare providers with their local public library.

Public Library Systems

Brooklyn (Kings County)
Buffalo-Erie
Chautauqua-Cattaraugus
Clinton-Essex-Franklin
Finger Lakes (Cayuga, Cortland, Seneca, Tioga, Tompkins counties)
Four County (Broome, Chenango, Delaware, Otsego counties)
Mid-Hudson (Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Putnam, Ulster [part] counties)
Mid-York (Herkimer, Madison, Oneida counties)
Mohawk Valley (Fulton, Montgomery, Schenectady, Schoharie counties)
Monroe
Nassau
New York (Bronx, New York, Richmond counties)
Nioga (Genesee, Niagara, Orleans counties)
North Country (Jefferson, Lewis, Oswego, St. Lawrence counties)
Onondaga
Pioneer (Livingston, Ontario, Wayne, Wyoming counties)
Queens
Ramapo Catskill (Orange, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster [part] counties)
Southern Adirondack (Hamilton, Saratoga, Warren, Washington counties)
Southern Tier ( Allegany, Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben, Yates counties)
Suffolk
Upper Hudson (Albany, Rensselaer counties)
Westchester
Appendix C: Youth Services Contacts

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