2019 Burke High School Summer Reading Suggestions

Summer reading can be anything you want it to be. Recommendations come from friends, family, websites or just seeing a book cover that entices you. This list includes some new books, some sequels, a story collection, non-fiction and graphic formats. These books are mirrors and windows into young adult life. All are available from your public library and most are in paperback. We also have them in the Burke Library. Enjoy reading this summer!

**Access Restricted by Gregory Scott Katsoulis**

In this gripping sequel to All Rights Reserved, Speth Jime has freed her home of Portland from the oppressive system that forced everyone to pay for every word they spoke. Now she will discover the cost of that freedom, and the devastating secrets of the world beyond her dome.

**I am Alfonso Jones by Tony Medina pbk**

The ghost of fifteen-year-old Alfonso Jones travels in a New York subway car full of the living and the dead, watching his family and friends fight for justice after he is killed by an off-duty police officer while buying a suit in a Midtown department store. In the first YA graphic novel to focus on police brutality and the Black Lives Matter movement.

**Black Enough: Stories of Being Young and Black in America edited by Ibi Zoboi**

A collection of short stories by current YA authors explores what it is like to be young and black, centering on the experiences of black teenagers and emphasizing that one person’s experiences, reality, and personal identity are different than someone else.

**I am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter by Erika L. Sanchez**

When the sister who delighted their parents by her faithful embrace of Mexican culture dies in a tragic accident, Julia, who longs to go to college and move into a home of her own, discovers from mutual friends that her sister may not have been as perfect as believed.

**Far From The Tree by Robin Benway**

Grace, adopted at birth, is raised as an only child. At sixteen she's just put her own baby up for adoption, and now is looking for her biological family. Also an award winning audiobook.

**The Lovely War by Julie Berry**

In the perilous days of World Wars I and II, the gods hold the fates—and the hearts—of four mortals in their hands. A classical pianist from London, a British would-be architect-turned-soldier, a Harlem-born ragtime genius in the U.S. Army, and a Belgian orphan with a gorgeous voice and a devastating past. The goddess Aphrodite tells their stories to her husband and her lover.

**Hey, Kiddo: How I Lost My Mother, Found My Father and Dealt with Family Addiction by Jarrett J. Krosoczka**

Jarrett goes through his childhood trying to make his non-normal life as normal as possible, finding a way to express himself through drawing even as so little is being said to him about what's going on. Only as a teenager can Jarrett begin to piece together the truth of his family, reckoning with his mother and tracking down his father. A National Book Award Finalist.

**Monday's Not Coming by Tiffany D. Jackson new pb**

From the critically acclaimed author of Allegedly, Tiffany D. Jackson, comes a gripping new novel perfect for fans of E. Lockhart and Gillian Flynn about the mystery of one teenage girl’s disappearance and the traumatic effects of the truth.
**On a Sunbeam** by Tillie Walden

With interwoven timelines and stunning art, award-winning graphic novelist Tillie Walden creates an inventive world, breathtaking romance, and an epic quest for love.

**On the Come Up** by Angie Thomas

Sixteen-year-old Bri hopes to become a great rapper, and after her first song goes viral for all the wrong reasons, must decide whether to sell out or face eviction with her widowed mother. Another timely novel from the author of The Hate You Give.

**Pride** by Ibi Zoboi

Zuri Benitez has pride. Brooklyn pride, family pride, and pride in her Afro-Latino roots. But pride might not be enough to save her rapidly gentrifying neighborhood from becoming unrecognizable.

**Refugee** by Alan Gratz

Although separated by continents and decades, Josef, a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany; Isabel, a Cuban girl trying to escape the riots and unrest plaguing her country in 1994; and Mahmoud, a Syrian boy in 2015 whose homeland is torn apart by violence and destruction, embark on harrowing journeys in search of refuge.

**Sparrow** by Sarah Moon pbk

Sparrow has always had a difficult time making friends. But when the one teacher who really understood her is killed in a freak car accident, Sparrow’s world unravels and she’s found on the roof of her school in an apparent suicide attempt. But Sparrow begins to discover something else inside her, a song that grows in power that helps her create a bridge for her.

**Symptoms of Being Human** by Jeff Garvin pbk

A gender-fluid teenager who struggles with identity creates a blog on the topic that goes viral, and faces ridicule at the hands of fellow students. Riley must make a choice—walk away or stand up, come out and risk everything.

**You Bring the Distant Near** by Mitali Perkins pbk

From 1965 through the present, an Indian American family adjusts to life in New York City, alternately fending off and welcoming challenges to their own traditions. The author visited Burke this April and did a writing workshop with students.

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**Websites and Public Libraries to visit for more suggestions:**

- [Great Graphic Novels for Teens 2017](#)
- [Epic Reads: Young Adult Books & Books for Teens](#)
- [Reading Rants! Out of the Ordinary Teen Booklists!](#)
- [Teenreads](#)
- [DC Public Library Teen](#)
- [PG County memorial Library Teens](#)
- [Montgomery County Public Library Teens](#)
- [Fairfax County Library Teens](#)
- [Arlington County Library Teens](#)