Summer Reading 2018

Star Wars Coding Projects
Jon Woodcock
Text and illustrations provide a guide on learning to code in scratch featuring different Star Wars characters.

Gender Identity: the search for self
Kate Light
As acceptance for the LGBT community grows, our society is coming to understand that many gender identities are not binary. Young adulthood is a critical time for exploring and coming to terms with gender identity. Readers learn about non-binary identities and the issues the community still faces despite the progress that has been made in the 21st century. Fact boxes highlight transgender and non-binary role models in the media, and contact information for LGBT Organizations is provided.

This is our Constitution: discover America with a Gold Star Father
Khizr Khan with Anne Quirk

Smiley: a Journey of Love
Joanne George
Smiley, a most remarkable Golden Retriever, was born without eyes. He was rescued from a puppy mill and has become a superb therapy dog, providing therapy to people all over the world through social media and television. This is his story.

The Maddie Diaries
Joanne George
Teen dance prodigy, breakout Dance Moms star, and judge on So You Think You Can Dance: The Next Generation presents her uplifting coming-of-age memoir about following her dreams and working hard to achieve success in both the dance world and in life.

I’m a JavaScript Games Maker
Max Wainewright
A step by step guide to learning programming with JavaScript.

Edited by Betsy Bird
Presents a collection of humorous stories from over two dozen contemporary female writers, as well as autobiographical essays, comics, poems, and comic strips.

Fearless Women: Courageous Females who Refused to be Denied
Roby Reynolds
Stories about women who stood up for what they believed in and changed the world for the better. Includes Rosa Parks, Malala Yousafzai, Irena Sendler, Marie Curie, Jane Goodall, Indira Gandhi, Amelia Earhart, Maya Angelou, Josephine Baker, and more. There are women of science and medicine, war and peace, politicians and peacemakers, social activists and resistance fighters, and more.

Alexander Hamilton
Teri Kanefield
The America that Alexander Hamilton knew was largely agricultural and built on slave labor. In contrast, he envisioned something different: along with agriculture and small towns, he imagined a multiracial, urbanized, capitalistic America with a strong central government. A poor immigrant, Hamilton believed that such an America would be a land of opportunity for newcomers. His vision put him at odds with Thomas Jefferson, Aaron Burr, and others; they envisioned a pastoral America of small towns, where governments were local, states controlled their own destiny, and the federal government remained small and weak. Hamilton died in a duel, defending his ideas and his honor. Because of the systems Hamilton set up and the ideas he left, his vision won out. Here is the story that epitomizes the American dream--a poor immigrant who made good in America.
Jazz Jennings: A Voice for LGBTQ Youth
Ellen Rodger
A biography of Jazz Jennings, a young transgender person who uses her platform to make a difference in the LGBTQ community.

A group of middle school students decide to begin leaving sticky notes for each other after cell phones are banned, but soon the kids in school are leaving cutting and cruel notes, and nothing will ever be the same.

Wishtree
Katherine Applegate
An old red oak tree tells how he and his crow friend, Bongo, help their human neighbors get along after a threat against an immigrant family is carved into the tree's trunk.

Wonder Woman: Warbringer
Leigh Bardugo
Diana, Princess of the Amazons, journeys to the World of Man in this coming-of-age young adult story.

The Player King
Avi
In 1486 England, a penniless kitchen boy named Lambert Simnel is told by a mysterious friar that he, Lambert, is actually Prince Edward, the true King of England, setting him on a dangerous course to regain the throne. Based on a true story.

Alan Cole is Not a Coward
Eric Bell
Hoping to keep his older brother Nathan silent about his secret crush on another boy at their school, twelve-year-old Alan agrees to a ruthless sibling competition involving nearly impossible tasks—from standing up to their demanding father to getting a first kiss.

The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora
Pablo Cartaya
Tells the story of Arturo, who is looking forward to a relaxing summer until Carmen, a cute and funny girl moves into his apartment complex and while he deals with his stomach turning into a deep fryer over a girl, a smarmy land developer rolls into town and threatens to change it.

See You in the Cosmos
Jack Cheng
Eleven-year-old Alex Petroski, along with his dog, Carl Sagan, makes big discoveries about his family on a road trip and he records it all on a golden iPod he intends to launch into space.

Alex & Eliza: a Love Story
Melissa De la Cruz
When Alex and Eliza meet one fateful night, so begins an epic love story that would forever change the course of American history.
#famous
Jilly Gagnon
In this modern day love story: Girl likes boy. Girl snaps photo and posts it online. Boy becomes instafamous. And what starts out as an innocent photo turns into a whirlwind adventure that forces them both to question whether fame-and love-are worth the price...and changes both of their lives forever.

Braced
Alyson Gerber
When twelve-year-old Rachel learns that her scoliosis has worsened and she will need to wear a back brace to keep her spine straight, she is devastated; afraid that she will not be able to play soccer, and terrified that she will not be able to hide her condition from her friends and classmates--but her mother is determined to spare her the spinal fusion surgery that she herself had as a teenager.

Spy School Secret Service
Stuart Gibbs
Thirteen-year-old Ben Ripley is assigned to protect the president from an assassination attempt in his first solo mission, but he may be in over his head.

Refugee
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, discovering shocking connections that tie their stories together.

11 Before 12
Lisa Greenwald
Middle school is about to start and Kaylan is nervous, but Kaylan and her laid-back friend Arianna decide to make a list of everything they are going to do before they turn twelve. While they are trying to accomplish their list, their lives start to fall apart.

Touchdown Kid
Tim Green
Cory has always been passionate about football. But life for him and his single mom has been hard, making it difficult for Cory to play. And though Cory is a good kid, he’s constantly surrounded by negative influences. But when the coach from an elite private school with one of the best football programs in the country recognizes his talents on the field, Cory is presented with an unbelievable opportunity. Cory knows that football could be his ticket out. But leaving to attend private school also means struggling to fit into a world where most people look at him and just see a scholarship kid from the wrong side of town. Cory knows that if he can fight hard enough--both on and off the field--he may be able to secure a bright future that looks different from his unpromising past.

Turtles all the Way Down
John Green
Aza Holmes is a young woman navigating daily existence within the ever-tightening spiral of her own thoughts.

The Football Girl
Thatcher Heldring
In the summer before high school, Tessa's decision to play football, instead of running cross-country, affects her blossoming romance with football prospect Caleb, her relationship with best friends Marina and Lexie, who are counting on Tessa to try out for cross-country, and her home life with her politically ambitious mother.

The Van Gogh Deception
Deron R. Hicks
When a young boy is discovered in Washington, DC's National Gallery of Art without any recollection of who he is, he must piece together the disjointed clues of his origins while using his limited knowledge to stop one of the greatest art frauds ever attempted.
Broken Pride
Erin Hunter
For generations, the animals of the African plains have followed a single rule: only kill to survive. But when an unthinkable act of betrayal shatters the peace, the fragile balance between predators and prey will rest in the paws of three unlikely heroes.

Girl vs. Boy Band: the Right Track
Harmony Jones
When three noisy, mischievous rising stars of a British boy band come to Los Angeles to make their first album, they stay in the home of a record producer and her seventh-grade daughter, a talented but painfully shy singer-songwriter, urged by her best friend to step into the spotlight.

Ahmisa
Supriya Kelkar
"In 1942, when Mahatma Gandhi asks Indians to give one family member to the freedom movement, ten-year-old Anjali is devastated to think of her father risking his life for the freedom struggle. But it turns out he isn't the one joining. Anjali's mother is. And with this change comes many more adjustments designed to improve their country and use 'ahimsa'--non-violent resistance--to stand up to the British government.

Hello Universe
Erin Entrada Kelly
The lives of four misfits are intertwined when a bully's prank lands shy Virgil at the bottom of a well and Valencia, Kaori, and Gen band together in an epic quest to find and rescue him.

Amina’s Voice
Hena Khan
A Pakistani-American Muslim girl struggles to stay true to her family's vibrant culture while simultaneously blending in at school after tragedy strikes her community.

Restart
Gordon Korman
Chase does not remember falling off the roof, in fact he does not remember anything about himself, and when he gets back to middle school he begins to learn who he was through the reactions of the other kids--trouble is, he really is not sure he likes the Chase that is being revealed, but can he take the opportunity amnesia has provided and restart his life?

Slacker
Gordon Korman
When eighth-grader Cameron Boxer creates the Positive Action Group at school he intends it as a diversion to fool his parents, teachers, and sister into letting him continue to concentrate on his video-gaming--but before he knows it other kids are taking it seriously, and soon he finds himself president of the P.A.G., and involved in community service, so the boy who never cared about anything is now the center of everything, whether he likes it or not.

Reflection: A Twisted Tale
Elizabeth Lim
When Captain Shang is mortally wounded by Shan Yu in battle, Mulan must travel to the Underworld, Diyu, in order to save him from certain death. But King Yama, the ruler of Diyu, is not willing to give Shang up easily. With the help of Shang's great lion guardian ShiShi, Mulan must traverse Diyu to find Shang's spirit, face harrowing obstacles, and leave by sunrise--or become King Yama's prisoner forever. Moreover, Mulan is still disguised as the soldier called Ping, wrestling with the decision to reveal her true identity to her closest friend.

Warcross
Marie Lu
When teenage coder Emika Chen hacks her way into the opening tournament of the Warcross Championships, she glitches herself into the game as well as a sinister plot with major consequences for the entire Warcross empire.

Chester and Gus
Cammie Mcgovern
Chester hopes to follow in his mother's paw prints and become a service dog, but when a family with an autistic son adopts him, it's not exactly what Chester imagined, but he'll do whatever he can to prove he's the right dog for the job.
Rebel Seoul
Axie Oh
In Neo Seoul in the year 2199, pilot Lee Jaewon is tasked with spying on supersoldier Tera. Lee begins to have feelings for her and finds his loyalty to the government faltering.

Twelve-year-old Jacky "Ha-Ha" Hart is a class clown with a penchant for pranking--and when she's required to act in the school play to appease her frustrated teachers, she must conquer her stutter.

The Best Man
Richard Peck
Archer has four important role models in his life--his dad, his grandfather, his uncle Paul, and his favorite teacher, Mr. McLeod. When Uncle Paul and Mr. McLeod get married, Archer's sixth-grade year becomes one he'll never forget.

Star Wars. Rebel Rising
Beth Revis
When Jyn Erso was five years old, her mother was murdered and her father taken from her to serve the Empire. But despite the loss of her parents she is not completely alone--Saw Gerrera, a man willing to go to any extremes necessary in order to resist Imperial tyranny, takes her in as his own, and gives her not only a home but all the abilities and resources she needs to become a rebel herself. Jyn dedicates herself to the cause--and the man. But fighting alongside Saw and his people brings with it danger and the question of just how far Jyn is willing to go as one of Saw's soldiers.

The Burning Maze
Rick Riordan
The Greek god Apollo, cast down to earth as the ungifted human teenager Lester Papadopoulos, and his demigod friends must go through the Labyrinth to find the third emperor--and an Oracle who speaks in word puzzles--somewhere in the American Southwest.

Magnus Chase: The Ship of the Dead
Rick Riordan
Magnus and his friends set sail for the farthest borders of Jotunheim and Niflheim in pursuit of Asgard's greatest threat, Loki's demonic ship full of zombies.

Lost Boys
Darcey Rosenblatt
In 1982 Iran, twelve-year-old Reza is more interested in music than war, but enlists in obedience to his devout mother and soon finds himself in a prison camp in Iraq.

Spelled
Betsy Schow
As the crown princess of Emerald, Dorthea lives a charmed life full of Hans Christian Louboutin glass slippers and Glenda Original ball gowns. But when she unknowingly wishes upon a cursed star, all spell breaks loose and the rules of fairy tale disappear--taking Dorthea's parents with them.

Weaving a Wish
Arlene Stewart
After a summer of making friendship bracelets with patients at a local hospital, the members of THREADS worry that time for school, along with various problems, may spell the end of their club.

I Survived: The American Revolution, 1776
Lauren Tarshis
Nathaniel Fox never imagined he'd find himself in the middle of a blood-soaked battlefield, fighting for his life. He was only eleven years old! He'd barely paid attention to the troubles between America and England. How could he, while being worked to the bone by his cruel uncle, Uriah Storch? But when his uncle's rage forces him to flee the only home he knows, Nate is suddenly propelled toward a thrilling and dangerous journey into the heart of the Revolutionary War.
A Dog Like Daisy
Kristin Tubb
Daisy has only ten weeks to prove her usefulness or else be sent back to the pound. Yet if she goes back, who will protect Colonel Victor from his PTSD attacks? Or save the littler human, Micah, from those infernal ear muzzles he calls earphones? What if no one ever adopts her again? Determined to become the elite protector the colonel needs, Daisy vows to ace the service dog test.

Beyond the Bright Sea
Lauren Wolk
Crow has lived her entire life on a tiny piece of the starkly beautiful Elizabeth Islands off the coast of Massachusetts. Her only companions are Osh, the man who rescued her from a tiny skiff as an infant and raised her, and Miss Maggie, their neighbor across the sandbar. But it isn't until the night when a mysterious fire appears across the water that an unspoken question of her own history forms in her heart and an unstoppable chain of events is triggered. Using her bravery and perseverance, Crow must follow clues that not only lead to a personal treasure, but to uncovering her lost identity and, ultimately, understanding what it means to be a family.

Olympians 9  Artemis:  Wild Goddess of the Hunt
George O'Connor
Shunned even before she was born and destined to live a life of solitude, Artemis, Wild Goddess of the Hunt, finds power through her skilled hunting ability and mighty bow. She slays those who prey on the young and helpless. She is the protector of women and young girls, helps in childbirth, soothes the fearful, and is an unrivaled hunter. Follow mighty Artemis as she outwits brutes, protects the innocent from violence, and fights to take charge of her own world.

The Mortal Instruments:  The Graphic Novel 1
Cassandra Jean
A graphic novelization of Cassandra Clare's Mortal Instrument series, in which teenager Clary Fray, who has the ability to see demons, is almost killed by a monster, and is pulled into a supernatural world of Shadowhunters and Downworlders and learns terrifying truths about her family.

Swing It, Sunny!
Jennifer Holm
In the mid-1970s Sunny Lewin is back, star of her personal show, facing the prospect of Middle School, and dealing with the problems of her somewhat dysfunctional family—in particular her older brother, Dale, who has been sent off to a military academy because of his delinquent behavior.

Follow Your Heart
Tasha Nathan
Nisha has always been a good daughter. She tries to keep her grades up so she can meet her South Asian parents' high expectations of her to become a doctor. And of course she is not allowed to be in a romantic relationship while she is still a teenager. But Nisha has discovered that what she really loves to do is write. As she devotes more of her time and attention to her creative writing class, she also finds that who she really loves is her Creative Writing classmate Todd. How can Nisha get her parents to understand that she needs to live her own life?

The Librarian of Auschwitz
Antonio Iturbe
Based on the experience of real-life Auschwitz prisoner Dita Kraus, The Librarian of Auschwitz is the incredible story of a girl who risked her life to keep the magic of books alive during the Holocaust.