

The Boundless by Kenneth Oppel
Y/FICTION/OPPEL,K

The Boundless is the greatest train ever built, and on its maiden voyage, first-class passenger Will Everett ends up on the adventure of a lifetime. With villains fast on their heels, Will enlists the aid of the ringmaster and leader of a traveling circus, Mr. Dorian, and Maren, a girl who is a lady Houdini. Will and Maren must reach Will's father (the train's conductor) at the front of The Boundless before someone winds up dead.

Sally Ride: A Photobiography of America's Pioneering Woman in Space
TEEN/BIO 1629.45/RIDE,S/OSH

Years after watching Neil Armstrong walk on the moon, Sally Ride answered an advertisement in the Stanford student newspaper seeking applicants for the space program and was selected to go where no American woman had before: space. In addition to her voyages to space, Ride was a tireless advocate for science education who fought gender stereotypes in the field.

Pieces and Players by Blue Balliett
Y/FICTION/BALLIETT,B

Characters from previous Blue Balliett books unite to visit Chicago landmarks in their effort to solve an art theft mystery.



**Reading Unbound: Why Kids Need to Read What They Want—
and Why We Should Let Them**

by Jeffrey Wilhelm, Michael Smith, Sharon Fransen
Y/372.409/WILHELM,K

Grown-ups, here's some reading to give you more information about our new book lists this summer, and why we're doing them this way. And make sure you stop by Info Services and ask them to help you find your next great read; don't let your kids have all the fun!

The books on this list were chosen by Arlington Heights Memorial Library Youth Services staff and Library Media Center staff from School District 25.

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GRADE 3 AND UP

FULL STEAM AHEAD

UP, UP
& AWAY

SUPERHERO SUMMER
AT THE LIBRARY

Books for kids who like to tinker,
discover and create

From engineering to animals, and from coding to cardboard, these books have something for everyone to inspire curiosity and creativity.

Read from the beginning of the list when you're short on time but still want a good story. Read from the end of the list when you're up for a more textually and thematically challenging experience .

Not every book on every list will be right for your child. If you have questions about any title, please see Kids' World staff for guidance.

Written Aand Drawn by Henrietta: A TOON Book by Liniers

E/GN/TOON

Harold and the Purple Crayon meets *Once Upon a Cool Motorcycle Dude* in this celebration of story and the creative process. Grab your art supplies and join Henrietta as she writes and illustrates her own stories right before your eyes.

What to do with a Box by Jane Yolen

PICTURE/PLAY/YOLEN,J

If you give a child a box, who can tell what will happen next? It could become almost anything! To see more things you can do with a box, check out Caine's Arcade: cainesarcade.com/cardboardchallenge

Robo-Sauce by Adam Rubin

PICTURE/PLAY/RUBIN,A

The only thing more fun than playing robot is becoming a REAL robot. But what happens when you cover the story itself in robo-sauce? Read this funny, interactive tale to find out!

Little Robot by Ben Hatke

J/GN/HATKE,B

A charming, nearly wordless story about a girl and her robot. For fans of Calvin and Hobbes, *Phoebe and Her Unicorn*, and *Zita the Spacegirl*.

Record-breaking Animals by Jon Richards

J/590/RICHARDS,J

What is the deadliest animal in the world? How big is the largest insect? Which creature can live for up to 500 years? Find out all about the amazing animals that set world records—from the fastest and tallest to the loudest and biggest—all in stunningly designed infographics.

Why?: Over 1,111 Answers to Everything by Crispin Boyer

J/031/BOYER,C

For fans of *Weird But True* books, here are thousands of questions and answers to keep your curiosity satisfied.

Ada Byron Lovelace and the Thinking Machine by Laurie Wallmark

E/BIOGRAPHY/510.92/LOVELACE,A/WAL

Kids who code, this is a person you need to know! The daughter of Lord Byron wrote what is considered the first computer program, even after a childhood illness left her temporarily blind and paralyzed.

The Secret Subway by Shana Corey

E/388.42/COREY,S

From an acclaimed author and a *New York Times* Best Illustrated artist comes the fascinating, little-known—and true!—story of New York City's first subway. A great story for history buffs and aspiring engineers alike. For fans of *Balloons Over Broadway*.

What STEAM books do you love? Add them to the list here!

The Artist and Me by Shane Peacock

PICTURE/PEOPLE/PEACOCK,S

Van Gogh is an undisputed genius, but during his lifetime he spent much of his time lonely and misunderstood. This story is told from the point of view of a boy in the village who is cruel to Vincent because of his strange habits.

Jazz Day: The Making of a Famous Photograph by Roxane Orgill

J/781.65/ORGILL,R

When *Esquire* magazine planned an issue to salute the American jazz scene in 1958, graphic designer Art Kane pitched a crazy idea: how about gathering a group of beloved jazz musicians and photographing them? He didn't own a good camera, didn't know if any musicians would show up, and insisted on setting up the shoot in front of a Harlem brownstone. Could he pull it off? Includes bios of several of the 57 musicians and a foldout of Art Kane's famous photograph.

Iron Rails, Iron Men, and the Race to Link the Nation: The Story of the Transcontinental Railroad by Martin W. Sandler

J/385.09/SANDLER,M

Experience the race of rails to link the country—and meet the men behind this incredible feat—in a riveting story about the building of the transcontinental railroad, brought to life with archival photos.

How Machines Work: Zoo Break! by David Macaulay

J/621.8/MACAULAY,D

This book uses models and illustrations to demonstrate the technology of six simple machines: levers, pulleys, screws, inclined planes, wedges, and wheels.

Pink is for Blobfish: Discovering the World's Perfectly Pink Animals

by Jess Keating

E/591.472/KEATING,J

Pink isn't just for princesses! Learn about naked mole rats, super smart pink dolphins, and everybody's favorite cutie-pants, the blobfish in this amazing, pinktastic book.

Trombone Shorty by Troy Andrews

E/BIOGRAPHY/781.65/ANDREWS,T

Troy "Trombone Shorty" Andrews got his nickname by playing a trombone twice as long as he was tall. He was leading his own band by age six, and grew up to be a Grammy-nominated artist and headliner of the New Orleans Jazz fest. For fans of *Charlie Parker Played Be-Bop*, *This Jazz Man*, and *Jump!: From The Life Of Michael Jordan*. 2016 Caldecott Honor Book and Coretta Scott King (Illustrator) Award Winner.