

**Battling Boy** series

**Battling Boy** by Paul Pope

J/GN/POPE,P

**The Rise of Aurora West** and **The Fall of the House of West** by J. T. Petty

Y/GN/PETTY,J

This trilogy is a thrilling space adventure in a graphic novel format, featuring corrupt politicians, families of superheroes and monsters galore. Perfect for fans of Star Wars and Rick Riordan.

**The Marvels** by Brian Selznick

J/FICTION/SELZNICK,B

With his beautiful illustrations, Brian Selznick tells the story of a family through many generations, their triumphs and heartbreaks.

**The Blackthorn Key** by Kevin Sands

Y/FICTION/SANDS,K

In 1600s London, an apothecary's apprentice tries to solve his master's murder and uncovers a dangerous cult. For fans of *Wild Boy* and *The Great Trouble: A Mystery of London, the Blue Death, and a Boy Called Eel*.

**Old Wolf** by Avi

Y/FICTION/AVI

When Casey, a kid who is a hunter only in video games, meets Nashoba, a wolf who hunts to live, their two very different approaches collide. There's no telling who will survive.

**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

GAME ON

UP, UP  
& AWAY

SUPERHERO SUMMER  
AT THE LIBRARY

**Books for gamers**

Whether you're building in Minecraft, racing Mario Kart or part of an Ops team, you'll find a book on this list that you'll be happy to read.

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.

**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!

**Where's the Baboon?: A 2-in-1 Book Game** by Michaël Escoffier

PICTURE/PLAY/ESCOFFIER,M

It's a story! It's a game! It's both! Discover hidden words in animal names. Also check out *Take Away the A* if you love punny books like this one!

**Rocket and Groot: Stranded on Planet Strip Mall!** by Tom Angleberger

J/FICTION/MARVEL

After battling deadly space piranhas in Sector 7 of the Cosmos, Rocket and Groot crash-land on a planet made entirely of strip malls! More fun from the hilarious duo of talking raccoon and his best friend, a tree.

**Pablo & Jane and the Hot Air Contraption** by José Domingo

PICTURE/PLAY/DOMINGO,J

Help Pablo, Jane, and Dr. Jules (a nineteenth century scientist trapped inside the body of a rat) as they race for their lives through Lopsided London, Terrifying Transylvania and Horrid Hawaii to find the missing parts of their broken Hot Air Time Machine and avoid the terrors of the Monster Dimension.

**How Machines Work: Zoo Break!** by David Macaulay

J/621.8/MACAULAY,D

*How Machines Work: Zoo Break!* uses models and illustrations to demonstrate the technology of six simple machines: levers, pulleys, screws, inclined planes, wedges and wheels.

**Tricky Vic: The Impossibly True Story of the Man Who Sold the Eiffel Tower**

by Greg Pizzoli

J/BIOGRAPHY/364.163/MILLER,R/PIZ

Robert Miller moved to Paris hoping to be an artist. A con artist, that is. Anyone want to buy a tower?

**The Last Kids on Earth** by Max Brallier

J/FICTION/BRALLIER,M

*Diary of a Wimpy Kid* meets *The Walking Dead* in the story of 13-year-old Jack Sullivan. Jack lives in his tree house when he's not fighting hordes of zombies and winged wretches and vine thingies, and the monster known only as Blarg.

**So You Want to Be a Jedi?**

**An Original Retelling of Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back** by Adam Gidwitz

J/SF/STAR/WARS

Adam Gidwitz, author of the *Tale Dark and Grimm* books, puts you in Luke Skywalker's shoes to learn all of the ways of the Jedi. The closest thing to a Jedi handbook there is!

**Book Scavenger** by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman

J/MYSTERY/CHAMBLISS BERTMAN,J

Garrison Griswold is the creator of *Book Scavenger*, an online game where books are hidden in cities all over the country and clues to find them are revealed through puzzles. Twelve-year-old Emily is his biggest fan—so of course when she learns her family is moving to San Francisco, Griswold's home town, she's beyond excited. After the move, Emily learns that Griswold was attacked, left in a coma, leaving the fate of his newest game unknown. Can Emily and her friend James uncover the secrets before Griswold's attackers find them, too? For fans of *The Mysterious Benedict Society* and *Escape From Mr. Lemoncello's Library*.

**Nooks & Crannies** by Jessica Lawson

Y/MYSTERY/LAWSON,J

A mystery that includes a large inheritance, secret passages, exaggerated characters and villains all wrapped up in a spooky old house.

**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.

**Josh Baxter Levels Up** by Gavin Brown

Y/FICTION/BROWN,G

Josh Baxter is sick and tired of hitting the reset button. It's not easy being the new kid for the third time in two years. One mistake and now the middle school football star is out to get him. Josh knows that his best bet is to keep his head down and stay under the radar. If no one notices him, nothing can touch him, right? But when Josh's mom sees his terrible grades and takes away his video games, it's clear his strategy has failed. Josh needs a new plan, or he'll never make it to the next level, let alone the next grade.

**Spell Robbers** by Matthew J. Kirby

Y/SF/KIRBY,M

Take Hogwarts and add a dash of science into your magic, and add a little Mysterious Benedict Society, and you'll get *Spell Robbers*, the story of Ben Warner, a science loving kid who comes to realize the "science camp" he's been recruited into isn't quite what it seems. Series: Quantum League

What's your favorite book with puzzles and games? Add it here!

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These books can be found under the author's last name. Some of these titles may be available in another format. Please ask for help at the Kids' World Desk.