



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

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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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TELL ME A STORY

UP, UP  
& AWAY

SUPERHERO SUMMER  
AT THE LIBRARY

**Books about the magic of  
storytelling**

These stories will ignite your creativity, spark your imagination and transport you to other worlds—and remind you how great stories can be.

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 and Drawn by Henrietta: A TOON Book** by Liniers

E/GN/TOON

Reading books is fun but what about making them? Armed with new colored pencils, Henrietta's ready to try. Peek over her shoulder as she draws the story of a brave young girl, a three-headed monster and an impossibly wide world of adventure. Whether read aloud to a toddler or discovered by a young reader, Liniers' celebration of the creative process is sure to make everyone want to bring out their pencils.

**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.

**Roger is Reading a Book** by Koen Van Biesen

PICTURE/PLAY/VAN BIESEN,K

All Roger wants is some peace and quiet so he can read his book. Unfortunately, the girl in the apartment next door has hobbies of her own — very loud hobbies! But when Roger gives the girl a book of her own, she discovers that reading can be just as much fun as playing basketball or banging a drum.

**Pig is Big on Books** by Douglas Florian

READ/FLORIAN,D

Pig loves to read. He always has a book, more than one. A ton! But one day, Pig has no books. He looks everywhere but can't find a single thing to read. Pig knows how to solve his problem. He'll just have to write his own book!

**Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear**

by Lindsay Mattick

E/BIOGRAPHY/599.785/COLEBOURN,H/MAT

Before Winnie-the-Pooh, there was a real bear named Winnie. In 1914, Harry Colebourn, a veterinarian on his way to tend horses in World War I, followed his heart and rescued a baby bear. He took the bear on a remarkable journey—from the fields of Canada to a convoy across the ocean to an army base in England and finally to the London Zoo, where Winnie made another new friend—a real boy named Christopher Robin. For fans of *Balloons Over Broadway*.

**The Book Itch: Freedom, Truth & Harlem's Greatest Bookstore**

by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson

J/FICTION/NELSON,V

"Don't get took! Read a book!" Young Lewis spends much of his time in his great-uncle's famous bookstore and learns what it means to be a reader and an African-American in the 1960s. This memoir includes appearances by famous civil-rights-era heroes such as Muhammad Ali and Malcolm X.

What's your favorite book about stories? Add it here!

**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 all over the country and clues to find them are revealed through puzzles. Twelve-year-old Emily is his biggest fan. 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 and 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*.

**Story Thieves** by James Riley

Y/FICTION/RILEY,J

Have you ever thought that life would be so much more exciting if you could go to school at Hogwarts or travel to Narnia, or any of your other favorite books? That's what Owen thinks, and after seeing his classmate Bethany climb out of a book, he realizes it's possible. But what if going into your favorite story means you could possibly ruin it forever? For fans of *The Land of Stories*, *The Neverending Story*, and *A Tale Dark and Grimm*.

**The Girl in the Well is Me** by Karen Rivers

Y/FICTION/RIVERS,K

Kammie just wanted to be friends with the popular girls. If she'd known she'd end up alone, trapped in a well, she never would have agreed to the initiation. As hours pass, Kammie begins to feel hungry and thirsty and light-headed, and starts imagining company for herself—strange company.

**In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse** by Joseph Marshall

Y/FICTION/MARSHALL,J

Jimmy McClean is a Lakota boy who gets teased for his light hair and blue eyes. When he embarks on a journey with his grandfather, Nyles High Eagle, he learns the story of Crazy Horse, one of the most important figures in Lakota and American history. Through his grandfather's tales about the famous warrior, Jimmy learns more about his Lakota heritage and, ultimately, himself.

**Storyteller trilogy**

**The Riverman, The Whisper** and **The Storyteller** by Aaron Starmer

Y/FICTION/STARMER,A

"Every town has lost a child." So starts the first book in the Storyteller trilogy, which is a trilogy unlike any you've read before. By turns terrifying and heartbreaking, these books will keep you constantly guessing and turning the page to see what happens next, and what the truth is. For fans of Harry Potter, Peter Pan, and Miyazaki films.