

2021 Community Summer Read Suggestions “Start here”

Title	Author	Description
Shout	Anderson, Laurie Halse	Laurie Halse Anderson’s collection of poems about her turbulent childhood and teenage years, including her sexual assault by a trusted friend. Her battles and her bravery are revealed through emotionally-charged verses. Other topics addressed include drug experimentation, finding one’s way, and forgiveness of self and others.
Monstrous: The Lore, Gore, and Science Behind Your Favorite Monsters	Beccia, Carlyn	Explore the real-world origins of eight popular monsters, including Dracula, werewolves, and Godzilla. Readers will learn how to separate monster fact from monster fiction, investigate detailed drawings of monster anatomy, and learn fun tips for everything from keeping a sea monster in your bathtub to recognizing blood-sucking animals.
Belly Up	Darrows, Eva	Serendipity spends one night with a boy and gets pregnant. At 17, deciding what to do is difficult, and changes this will bring to her life are overwhelming. With the support of her family and best friend, as well as a new boyfriend, she makes her way through.
Will My Cat Eat My Eyeballs?:Big Questions From Tiny Mortals About Death	Doughty, Caitlyn	Written by a mortician in question and answer chapters, this book explores some of the more icky and intriguing questions about human corpses. With a perfect amount of snark and lighthearted illustrations, this book is a fun (if morbid) read for anyone.
10 Blind Dates	Elston, Ashley	After Sophie’s boyfriend breaks up with her, she goes to spend the holidays with her loving grandparents and huge extended family. They set her up on 10 blind dates. Some of these dates are hilarious failures, some promising, while her ideal future boyfriend may be nearby the

		whole time.
UNpregnant	Hendriks, Jenni	Veronica discovers she's pregnant after her boyfriend poked holes in a condom. She decides to have an abortion but must travel 1000 miles for the procedure. With her besties away, and her boyfriend now an unreliable option, Veronica asks former friend Bailey to drive her and nothing goes as planned.
Spooked! How a Radio Broadcast and The War of the Worlds Sparked the 1938 Invasion of America	Jarrow, Gail	The 1938 radio broadcast of War of the Worlds sent people into a panic, causing some people to flee their homes to save themselves from the perceived Martian invasion. When it was discovered that the broadcast was fiction, it called into question fake news and propaganda.
The Unfortunates	Liggett, Kim	Grant Franklin Tavish IV, son of a wealthy senator, caused an accident that killed four teenagers. Racked with guilt, he is sent on the family traditional solo caving trip with the plan to kill himself. Instead, he and a group of stranded cavers, need to work together to escape the cave alive.
Heroine	McGinnis, Mindy	When softball standout Mickey suffers a devastating injury, she turns to oxycodone to relieve her pain, and eventually her social anxiety. As her addiction spirals out of control, her family and her teammates struggle to keep Mickey from losing herself, and all she's worked for, to the drug.
Two Can Keep a Secret	McManus, Karen	When Ellery and Ezra are forced to travel to their mother's remote Vermont hometown, they don't expect that their classmates will start going missing. When Ellery tries to solve the mystery, she's drawn into the secrets of the town.
Grand Theft Horse	Neri, Greg	Gail Raffu became an outlaw when she stole a horse she was part owner of, Urgent Envoy, because her partners wanted to race him to early and drug him to help him win. She battled the corrupt racing system for years to protect Urgent Envoy.

The Stonewall Riots: Coming Out in the Streets	Pitman, Gayle E.	Explore the history of Stonewall through 50 “objects,” including protest signs, artifacts from the riots, photographs of participants, and newspaper articles describing the events of June 1969. An overview of LGBTQ+ activism prior to Stonewall culminates in a detailed account of the riots and their aftermath.
Dreamland (YA Edition)	Quinones, Sam	This YA adaptation depicts the opiate epidemic that is ruling the United States.
Pumpkinheads	Rowell, Rainbow	Deja and Josiah (Josi) have worked at the seasonal pumpkin patch all through high school. On their last day, Deja helps Josi finally talk to "Fudge Girl". After adventuring throughout the who park, and tasting all the snacks on their way, Josi finally finds the girl of his dreams.
The Haunted	Vega, Danielle	Hendricks and her family have relocated to a small town looking for a clean slate from a previous traumatic experience, but their newly purchased home has a long, dark history.
Kiss Number 8	Venable, Colleen AF	Amanda “Mads” does not understand kissing. Kisses 1-7 were nothing exciting at best, and hardly tolerable at worst. Kiss number 8, with a girl, threw her for a loop. As her own experience runs parallel to a family history she knew nothing about, Mads discovers much about kissing, and herself.
We Are Displaced: My Journey and Stories From Refugee Girls Around the World	Yousafzai, Malala	This title features Malala’s and others’ experiences as young people displaced by war and violence. Their tales remind readers that many people around the world have been uprooted from the lives they knew and are struggling to be heard.