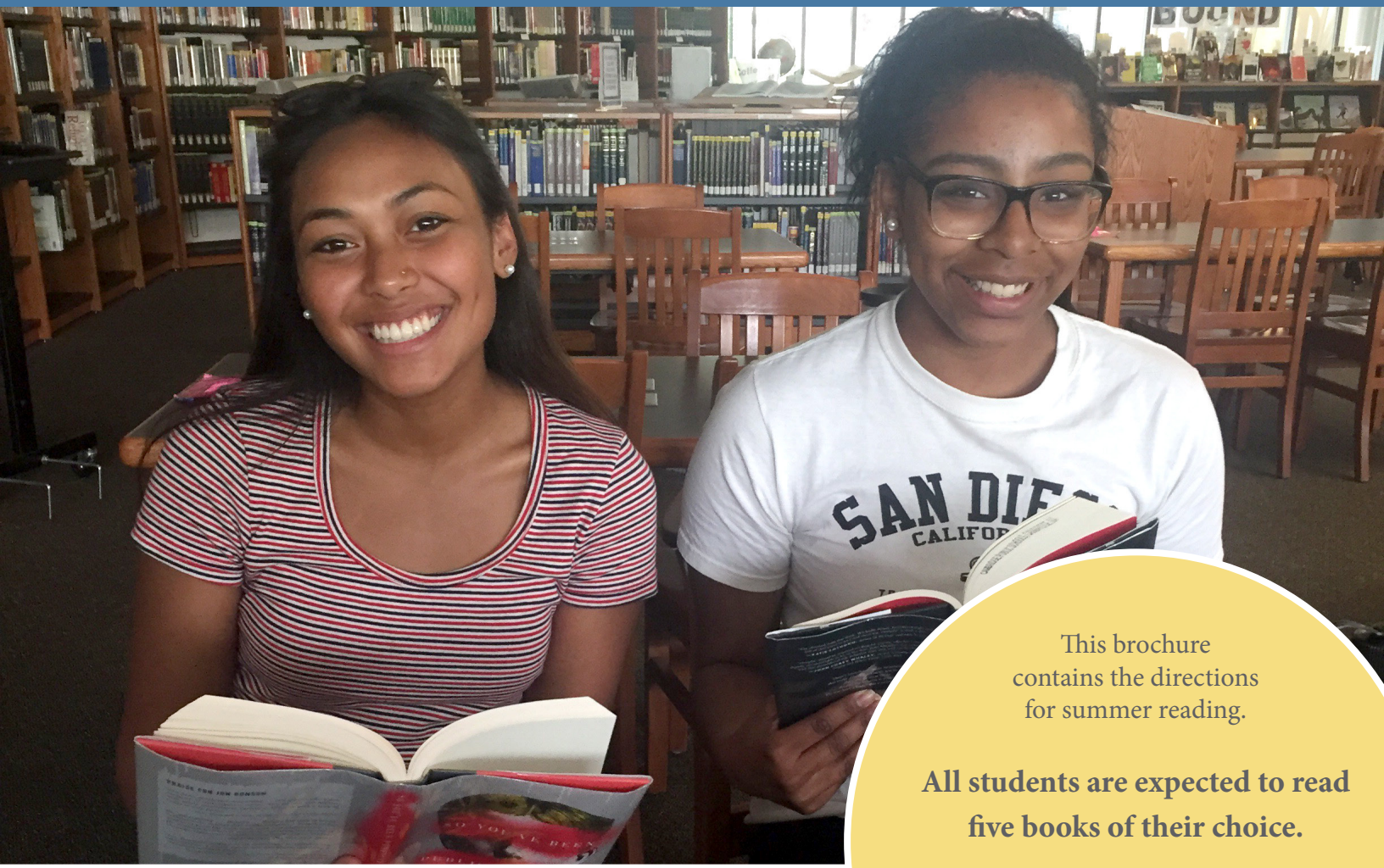
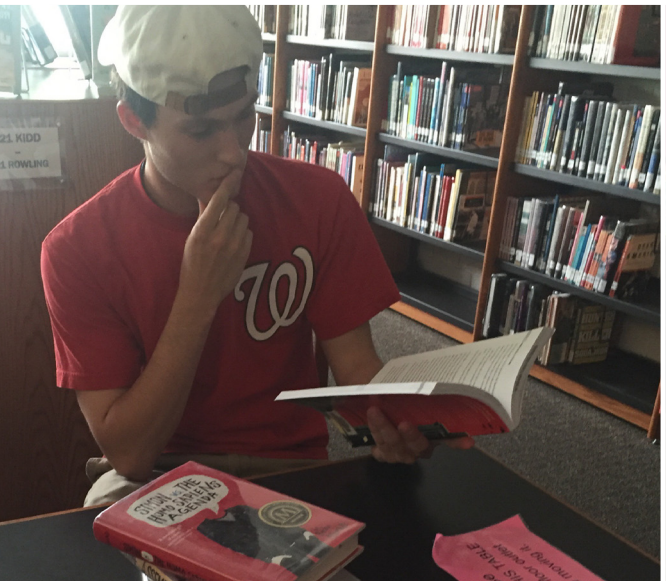
Cambridge Rindge & Latin School
SUMMER READING 2016



This brochure contains the directions for summer reading.

All students are expected to read five books of their choice.

Reading over the summer will help your reading, writing, and thinking skills so you can succeed in your English class – and in school – next year!



CRLS SUMMER READING 2016 GUIDELINES

The CRLS English department would like all of our students to enjoy and learn from reading!

SUMMER READING PROGRAM GOALS

The goals of the summer reading program are for students to:

- Build a culture of literacy across CRLS
- Read interesting books throughout the year
- Continue thinking and learning throughout the year

DIRECTIONS

Students and staff will read five books of their choice. It is recommended that each student read at least 20 minutes per day. Each student should be prepared to discuss one book they read in a book discussion in September. Students in grades 10 - 12 can check out books during Community Meeting. CRLS librarians will meet rising 9th graders in June at the Upper Schools.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM WEBSITE

www.cpsd.us/summer_reading

SUMMER BOOK DISCUSSIONS

In September, students and staff will conduct book discussions during an extended block. For one hour, staff will facilitate book talks with multi-grade level groups from their Learning Community.

Students wishing to help facilitate a book discussion are encouraged to do so. Ask your Community Meeting teachers, dean, librarians, or ELA teacher to recommend you.

REALISTIC FICTION

EXIT, PURSUED BY A BEAR by E.K. Johnston
Hermione Winters is captain of her cheerleading team – the pride and joy of a tiny town. The team's summer training camp is Hermione's last and marks the beginning of the end of…she's not sure what. But during a camp party, someone slips something in her drink and it all goes black. In every class, there's a star cheerleader and a pariah pregnant girl. They're never supposed to be the same person. Hermione struggles to regain the control she's always had and faces a wrenching decision about how to move on.

THIS IS WHERE IT ENDS by Marieke Nijkamp
Minutes after the principal of Opportunity High School in Alabama finishes her speech welcoming the student body to a new semester, they discover that the auditorium doors will not open and someone starts shooting as four teens, each with a personal reason to fear the shooter, tell the tale from separate perspectives.

ALL AMERICAN BOYS by Jason Reynolds & Brendan Kiely
When sixteen-year-old Rashad is mistakenly accused of stealing, classmate Quinn witnesses his brutal beating at the hands of a police officer who happens to be the older brother of his best friend. Told through Rashad and Quinn's alternating viewpoints.

NEXT by Kevin Waltman (or sequels, *Slump* or *Pull*)
Indiana basketball prodigy Derrick Bowen – D-Bow to his friends – is impatient to start his freshman year, but his coach favors a senior for a guard spot; meanwhile, pressure at home builds for D-Bow to transfer from his neighborhood school to an exclusive prep school.

THIS SIDE OF HOME by Renee Watson
Twins Nikki and Maya Younger always agreed on most things, but as they head into their senior year they react differently to the gentrification of their Portland, Oregon, neighborhood and the new – white – family that moves in after their best friend and her mother are evicted.

ROMANCE

THE WRATH AND THE DAWN by Renee Ahdieh (or sequel, *The Rose and the Dagger*)
In this reimagining of The Arabian Nights, Shahrzad plans to avenge the death of her dearest friend by volunteering to marry the murderous boy-king of Khorasan but discovers not all is as it seems within the palace.

ONE MAN GUY by Michael Barakiva
When Alek's high-achieving, Armenian-American parents send him to summer school, he thinks his summer is ruined. But then he meets Ethan, who opens his world in a series of truly unexpected ways.

EVERYTHING LEADS TO YOU by Nina LaCour
While working as a film production designer in Los Angeles, Emi Price finds a mysterious letter from a silver screen legend which leads her to Ava, who is about to expand Emi's understanding of family, acceptance, and true romance.

SWAY by Katarina Spears
High school senior Jesse Alderman, or "Sway," specializes in getting things people want – term papers, a date with the prom queen, fake IDs – and he never EVER lets emotions get in the way. But the captain of the football team, leading candidate for homecoming king, and all-around jerk, hires Jesse to help him win the heart of the angelic Bridget Smalley, Jesse finds himself feeling all sorts of things. While following Bridget and learning the intimate details of her life, he falls helplessly in love for the very first time. Could the tin man really have a heart after all?

EVERYTHING, EVERYTHING by Nicola Yoon
The story of a teenage girl who's literally allergic to the outside world. When a new family moves in next door, she begins a complicated romance that challenges everything she's ever known. The narrative unfolds via vignettes, diary entries, texts, charts, lists, illustrations, and more.

SCIENCE FICTION & DYSTOPIAN

RED RISING by Pierce Brown (or sequels, *Golden Son* or *Morning Star*)
Darrow is a Red, which is the lowest caste in the color-coded society of the future. Like his fellow Reds, he works all day, believing that he and his people are making the surface of Mars livable for future generations. Darrow discovers the truth about his society and sets about sacrificing everything for justice and the future.

WE ARE THE ANTS by Shaun David Hutchinson
Abducted by aliens periodically throughout his youth, Henry Denton is informed by his erstwhile captors that they will end the world in 144 days unless he stops them by deciding that humanity is worth saving.

BINTI by Nnedi Okorafor
Her name is Binti, and she is the first of the Himba people ever to be offered a place at Oomza University, the finest institution of higher learning in the galaxy. But to accept the offer will mean giving up her place in her family to travel between the stars among strangers who do not share her ways or respect her customs.

THE LIVING by Matt de la Pena (or sequel, *The Hunted*)
After an earthquake destroys California and a tsunami wrecks the luxury cruise ship where he is a summer employee, high schooler Shy confronts another deadly surprise.

THE ALEX CROW by Andrew Smith
The story of Ariel, a Middle Eastern refugee who lives with an adoptive family in Sunday, West Virginia, is juxtaposed against those of a schizophrenic bomber, the diaries of a failed arctic expedition from the late nineteenth century, and a depressed, bionic reincarnated crow.

FANTASY/SPECULATIVE FICTION

WONDERS OF THE INVISIBLE WORLD by Christopher Barzak
Seventeen-year-old Aiden has been living like a ghost since his mother tried to stop a family curse by causing him to forget his psychic experiences but when Jarrod, a childhood friend, returns, so do the memories and Aiden is compelled to seek the truth and release them all from the story that has trapped them.

UPROOTED by Naomi Novik
Agnieszka loves her valley home, but the corrupted Wood stands on the border, full of malevolent power, and its shadow lies over her life. Her people rely on the cold, driven wizard known only as the Dragon to keep its powers at bay. But he demands a terrible price for his help: one young woman handed over to serve him for ten years. Everyone knows that the Dragon will take beautiful, graceful, brave Kasia, Agnieszka's dearest friend. But Agnieszka fears the wrong things. For when the Dragon comes, it is not Kasia he will choose.

SHADOWSHAPER by Daniel José Older
When the murals painted on the walls of her Brooklyn neighborhood start to change and fade in front of her, Sierra Santiago realizes that something strange is going on--then she discovers her Puerto Rican family are shadowshapers and finds herself in a battle with an evil anthropologist for the lives of her family and friends.

MAN MADE BOY by Jon Skovron (or sequel, This Broken Wondrous World)
Tired of being sheltered from humans, seventeen-year-old Boy, son of Frankenstein's monster and the Bride of Frankenstein, runs away from home and embarks on a wild road trip that takes him across the country and deep into the heart of America.

AN EMBER IN THE ASHES by Sabaa Tahir
Laia is a Scholar living under the iron-fisted rule of the Martial Empire. When her brother is arrested for treason, Laia goes undercover as a slave at the empire's greatest military academy in exchange for assistance from rebel Scholars who claim that they will help to save her brother from execution.

MYSTERIES & THRILLERS

THE BUNKER DIARY by Kevin Brooks
Sixteen-year-old Linus Weems, a street person since leaving his wealthy father's home, is kidnapped and taken to an underground bunker where he is soon joined by five others, ranging in age from nine to seventy, who are alternately cared for and tortured by their unseen captor.

TINY PRETTY THINGS by Sona Charaipotra & Dhonielle Clayton
Three top students at an exclusive Manhattan ballet academy compete for the status of prima ballerina, with each willing to sacrifice, manipulate, and backstab to be the best of the best.

FAKE ID by Lamar Giles
Nick Pearson is hiding in plain sight. In fact, his name isn't really Nick Pearson. He shouldn't tell you his real name, his real hometown, or why his family just moved to Stepton, Virginia. And he definitely shouldn't tell you about his friend Eli Cruz and the major conspiracy Eli was uncovering when he died. About how Nick had to choose between solving Eli's murder with his hot sister, Reya, and "staying low-key" like the Program said to do. But he's going to tell you – unless he gets caught first...

SCARLETT UNDERCOVER by Jennifer Latham
Scarlett, a sixteen-year-old private detective in the fictional city of Las Almas, finds herself at the center of a mysterious case--involving ancient curses, priceless artifacts, and jinn--as she discovers that her own family secrets may have more to do with the situation than she thinks.

INK AND ASHES by Valynne E. Maetani
When Japanese American Claire Takata finds out that her deceased father was once a member of the yakuza, a Japanese crime syndicate, danger enters her life that could end up killing someone.

HORROR

ANNA DRESSED IN BLOOD by Kendare Blake
Cas Lowood, armed with his late father's mysterious athame, sets out to kill a ghost known as Anna Dressed in Blood, but what he believes will be a routine task turns deadly when he discovers Anna is unlike any ghost he has ever encountered before.

THE TROOP by Nick Cutter
When Scoutmaster Tim Riggs leads a troop of boys into the Canadian wilderness for a weekend camping trip, a shockingly thin, pale, and tormented man stumbles upon their campsite, and inside his body is a bioengineered nightmare that threatens the troop.

HORNS by Joe Hill
Ig has lived under a cloud of suspicion since his girlfriend Merrin was brutally murdered, and Ig feels everyone, including God, has abandoned him, so when Ig discovers a macabre new talent, he vows to use it to find the man responsible for Merrin's death, even if it means letting the devil within escape.

DAUGHTERS UNTO DEVILS by Amy Lukavics
When her family moves from their small mountain cabin to the vast prairie, pregnant teen Amanda finds that the plains contain a horror all their own.

THE MERCILESS by Danielle Vega
In an effort to make friends at her new school, Sofia gets involved with a group of popular girls who dislike Brooklyn, a loner who they believe to be evil.

HISTORICAL FICTION

UNDER A PAINTED SKY by Stacey Lee
Missouri, 1849: Samantha dreams of moving back to New York to be a professional musician – not an easy thing if you're a girl, and harder still if you're Chinese. But a tragic accident dashes any hopes of fulfilling her dream, and instead, leaves her fearing for her life. With the help of a runaway slave named Annamae, Samantha flees town for the unknown frontier. But life on the Oregon Trail is unsafe for two girls, so they disguise themselves as Sammy and Andy, two boys headed for the California gold rush.

OUT OF DARKNESS by Ashley Hope Perez
Loosely based on a school explosion that took place in New London, Texas, in 1937, this is the story of two teenagers: Naomi, who is Mexican, and Wash, who is black, and their dealings with race, segregation, love, and the forces that destroy people.

X by Ilyasah Shabazz and Kekla Magoon
Malcolm Little's parents have always told him that he can achieve anything, but from what he can tell, that's a pack of lies – after all, his father's been murdered, his mother's been taken away, and his dreams of becoming a lawyer have gotten him laughed out of school. There's no point in trying, he figures, and lured by the nightlife of Boston and New York, he escapes into a world of fancy suits, jazz, girls, and reefer.

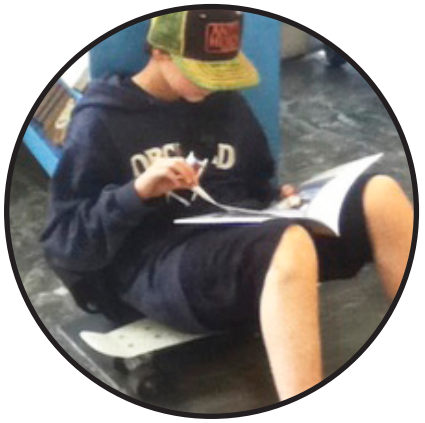
A TYRANNY OF PETTICOATS: 15 STORIES OF BELLES, BANKROBBERS & OTHER BADASS GIRLS edited by Jessica Spotswood
From an impressive sisterhood of YA writers comes an edge-of-your-seat anthology of historical fiction and fantasy featuring a diverse array of daring heroines.

LIES WE TELL OURSELVES by Robin Talley
In 1959 Virginia, Sarah, a black student who is one of the first to attend a newly integrated school, forces Linda, a white integration opponent's daughter, to confront harsh truths when they work together on a school project.

FUNNY (FICTION & NON-FICTION)

SIMON VS THE HOMO SAPIENS AGENDA by Becky Albertalli (fiction)
Sixteen-year-old, not-so-openly-gay Simon Spier is blackmailed into playing wingman for his classmate or else his sexual identity – and that of his pen pal – will be revealed.

DUMPLIN' by Julie Murphy (fiction)
Sixteen-year-old Willowdean wants to prove to everyone in her small Texas town that she is more than just a fat girl, so, while grappling with her feelings for a co-worker who is clearly attracted to her, Will and some other misfits prepare to compete in the beauty pageant her mother runs.



NOGGIN by John Corey Whaley (fiction)
Listen – Travis Coates was alive once and then he wasn't. Now he's alive again. Simple as that. The in between part is still a little fuzzy, but Travis can tell you that, at some point or another, his head got chopped off and shoved into a freezer in Denver, Colorado. Five years later, it was reattached to some other guy's body, and well, here he is. Despite all logic, he's still sixteen, but everything and everyone around him has changed. Oh well, you only live twice.

THE MISADVENTURES OF AWKWARD BLACK GIRL by Issa Rae (non-fiction)
A collection of humorous essays on what it's like to be unabashedly awkward in a world that regards introverts as hapless misfits, and black as cool ... In this debut collection of essays, ... Rae covers everything from cybersexing in the early days of the Internet to deflecting unsolicited comments on weight gain, from navigating the perils of eating out alone and public displays of affection to learning to accept yourself-natural hair and all.

WHY NOT ME? by Mindy Kaling (or *Is Everybody Hanging Out with Me?*) (non-fiction)
Mindy Kaling shares her ongoing journey to find contentment and excitement in her adult life, whether it's falling in love at work, seeking new friendships in lonely places, attempting to be the first person in history to lose weight without any behavior modification whatsoever, or most important, believing that you have a place in Hollywood when you're constantly reminded that no one looks like you.

CONTEMPORARY ISSUES (NON-FICTION)

SO YOU'VE BEEN PUBLICLY SHAMED by Jon Ronson
For the past three years, Ronson has travelled the world meeting recipients of high-profile public shamings. People who, say, made a joke on social media that came out badly, or made a mistake at work. Once their transgression is revealed...the next thing they know they're being torn apart by an angry mob, jeered at, demonized, sometimes even fired from their job...a deeply honest book about modern life, full of eye-opening truths about the escalating war on human flaws - and the very scary part we all play in it.

BETWEEN THE WORLD AND ME by Ta-Nehisi Coates
Ta-Nehisi Coates offers a powerful new framework for understanding our nation's history and current crisis...What is it like to inhabit a black body and find a way to live within it? And how can we all honestly reckon with this fraught history and free ourselves from its burden? *Between the World and Me* is Ta-Nehisi Coates's attempt to answer these questions in a letter to his adolescent son.

BULLIE$ OF WALL STREET: THIS IS HOW GREED MESSED UP OUR ECONOMY by Sheila Bair
Explores the circumstances surrounding the financial crisis that occurred in 2008 and discusses ways that future financial crises can be avoided.

GHETTOSIDE: A TRUE STORY OF MURDER IN AMERICA by Jill Leovy
Using the story of homicide victim Bryant Tennelle in the Ghettoside, a word used to describe a South Central Los Angeles neighborhood, the author explores how gangs have taken over neighborhoods in the absence of a trusted legal authority.

MISSOULA: RAPE AND THE JUSTICE SYSTEM IN A COLLEGE TOWN by Jon Krakauer
Missoula, Montana is a typical college town. Between January 2008 and May 2012, hundreds of students reported sexual assaults to the local police. Few of the cases were properly handled by either the university or local authorities. In this, Missoula is also typical. In these pages, acclaimed journalist Jon Krakauer investigates a spate of campus rapes that occurred in Missoula over a four-year period.

HISTORY (NON-FICTION)

THE GREAT AMERICAN DOCUMENTS: VOLUME 1 by Ruth Ashby
In the Great American Documents series, the teacher and graphic-book author Ruth Ashby and the renowned illustrator Ernie Colón tell the story of the United States through the major speeches, laws, proclamations, court decisions, and essays that shaped it, from the Mayflower Compact in 1620 to the Indian Removal Act in 1830.

SYMPHONY FOR THE CITY OF THE DEAD: DMITRI SHOSTAKOVICH AND THE SIEGE OF LENINGRAD by M.T. Anderson
An account of the Siege of Leningrad reveals the role played by Russian composer Dmitri Shostakovich and his Leningrad Symphony in rallying and commemorating their fellow citizens.

THE SECRET HISTORY OF WONDER WOMAN by Jill Lepore
A cultural history of the superhero Wonder Woman and her origins, her extraordinary creators and her place as an early feminist icon.

PORT CHICAGO 50 by Steve Sheinkin
On July 17, 1944, a massive explosion rocked the segregated Navy base at Port Chicago, California, killing more than 300 sailors who were at the docks and critically injuring off-duty men in their bunks. On August 9th, 244 men refused to go back to work until unsafe and unfair conditions at the docks were addressed. When the dust settled, fifty were charged with mutiny, facing decades in jail and even execution.

MOST DANGEROUS: DANIEL ELLSBERG AND THE SECRET HISTORY OF THE VIETNAM WAR by Steve Sheinkin
The story of Daniel Ellsberg and his decision to steal and publish secret documents about America's involvement in the Vietnam War.

SCIENCE/MATH (NON-FICTION)

RISE OF THE ROCKET GIRLS by Nathalia Holt
The true story of a group of elite young women at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory who shared a love of math and and whose work influenced military rocket design, brought us the first American satellite, shaped lunar missions, and ushered in a new era of space exploration that continues today at NASA.

RED MADNESS: HOW A MEDICAL MYSTERY CHANGED THE WAY WE EAT by Gail Jarrow
An account of the mysterious disease called pellagra that spread across the American South in the early 1900s that made people weak, disfigured, and insane and sometimes caused their deaths; and discusses how doctors and public health officials found the cause of the illness and stopped the epidemic.

STUFF MATTERS: EXPLORING THE MARVELOUS MATERIALS THAT SHAPE OUR MAN-MADE WORLD by Mark Miodownik
From the teacup to the jet engine, the silicon chip to the paper clip, the plastic in our appliances to the elastic in our underpants, our lives are overflowing with materials. Full of enthralling tales of the miracles of engineering that permeate our lives, Stuff Matters will make you see stuff in a whole new way.

HOW NOT TO BE WRONG: THE POWER OF MATHEMATICAL THINKING by Jordan Ellenberg
The math we learn in school can seem like a dull set of rules, laid down by the ancients and not to be questioned. In *How Not to Be Wrong*, Jordan Ellenberg shows us how terribly limiting this view is: Math isn't confined to abstract incidents that never occur in real life, but rather touches everything we do – the whole world is shot through with it.

THE SOUL OF AN OCTOPUS: A SURPRISING EXPLORATION INTO THE WONDER OF CONSCIOUSNESS by Sy Montgomery
In this astonishing book, author Sy Montgomery explores the emotional and physical world of the octopus – a surprisingly complex, intelligent, and spirited creature – and the remarkable connections it makes with humans.

BIOGRAPHY/MEMOIR/PERSONAL ESSAYS (NON-FICTION)

FRESH OFF THE BOAT by Eddie Huang
Eddie Huang discusses his life of growing up as the son of a Chinese immigrant in Orlando, Florida, and how food was always his mainstay and what prompted him to open his own restaurant in New York City.

NOTORIOUS RBG: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF RUTH BADER GINSBURG by Irin Carmon & Shana Knizhnik
Profiles the life of feminist pioneer and Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and her fight for gender equality and civil rights.

SOME ASSEMBLY REQUIRED: THE NOT-SO-SECRET LIFE OF A TRANSGENDER TEEN by Arin Andrews
Seventeen-year-old Arin Andrews shares all the hilarious, painful, and poignant details of undergoing gender reassignment as a high school student in this teen memoir.

BRAIN ON FIRE: MY MONTH OF MADNESS by Susannah Cahalan
The author relates what she underwent during a month-long hospital stay during which she was diagnosed with encephalitis and discusses how the autoimmune disease affected her mental stability and her hospitalization influenced her life and family.

NO CHOIRBOY: MURDER, VIOLENCE, AND TEENAGERS ON DEATH ROW by Susan Kuklin
A collection of essays in which inmates at American prisons who were sentenced to death while still in their teens share their thoughts and feelings about how they ended up in prison and how they feel about capital punishment.

COMICS/GRAPHIC NOVELS

UNBEATABLE SQUIRREL GIRL, VOL. 1 by Ryan North, Erica Henderson et al.
Follows the adventures of mutant Doreen Green, aka the superhero Squirrel Girl, as she, her squirrel sidekick Tippy-Toe, and a squirrel army, with a little help from Iron Man, take on Kraven the Hunter, Galactus, and college life.

THE NAMELESS CITY, VOL. 1 by Faith Erin Hicks
Every time it is invaded the City gets a new name, but to the natives it is the Nameless City, and they survive by not letting themselves get involved--but now the fate of the City rests in the hands of Rat, a native, and Kaidu, one of the Dao, the latest occupiers, and the two must somehow work together if the City is to survive.

THE WICKED AND THE DIVINE by Kieron Gillen, Jamie McKelvie et al.
Every 90 years, 12 gods, called the Pantheon, are reincarnated into the bodies of young humans, in which they live for a mere two years before they die – and the cycle doesn't repeat for nearly a century. The hyper-cocky Lucifer takes a particular liking to teenage Londoner Laura. Laura is consequently plunged into the internal battle that ensues when Lucifer is, ironically enough, framed for murder.

THE LAST MAN, VOL. 1 by Bastien Vivès, et al.
Adrian Velba is excited to compete in the annual Games, a gladiatorial contest, but his hopes are crushed when his combat partner falls ill. His luck changes when the mysterious Richard Aldana appears as his new teammate. Nobody knows what to make of Aldana – a cigarette smoking, tough guy – in this medieval realm where fighting magic reigns supreme. Eschewing spells for physical prowess, Aldana helps Adrian as they become the Games' top contenders.

DROWNED CITY: HURRICANE KATRINA & NEW ORLEANS by Don Brown
A graphic novel account of the Hurricane Katrina disaster in November of 2005, when the city of New Orleans, Louisiana, and surrounding areas were flooded and more than fourteen hundred people lost their lives.

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Cambridge Public Library (Main Branch)
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Boudreau Branch Library
245 Concord Ave., Cambridge, MA 02138 | 617.349.4017

Central Square Branch Library
45 Pearl St., Cambridge, MA 02139 | 617.349.4010

Collins (Mt. Auburn) Branch Library
64 Aberdeen Ave., Cambridge, MA 02138 | 617.349.4021

O'Connell (East Cambridge) Branch Library
48 Sixth St., Cambridge, MA 02141 | 617.349.4019

O'Neill (North Cambridge) Branch Library
70 Rindge Ave., Cambridge, MA 02140 | 617.349.4023

Valente (Cambridge Field) Branch Library
826 Cambridge St., Cambridge, MA 02141 | 617.349.4015

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