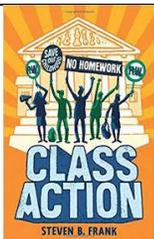


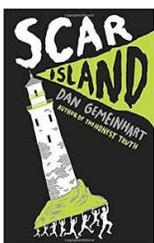
6th grade Summer Reading 2019

You can access some books through Overdrive on the RSU 13 website or download the Sora app. You are welcome to read from all three book lists for grades 6-8. *Reviews courtesy of Goodreads & Kirkus.



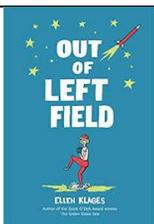
***Class Action*, by Steven B. Frank** (Fiction: Maine Book Award Nominee)

Student activism meets screwball comedy meets the American judicial system as a boy sets out to prove—to the U.S. Supreme Court—that homework is downright unconstitutional.



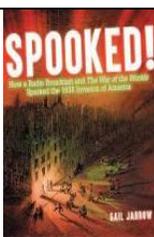
***Scar Island* by Dan Gemeinhart** (Fiction)

Jonathan Grisby is the newest arrival at the Slabhenge Reformatory School for Troubled Boys -- an ancient, crumbling fortress of gray stone rising up from the ocean. It is dark, damp, and dismal. And it is just the place Jonathan figures he deserves. Because Jonathan has done something terrible. And he's willing to accept whatever punishment he has coming.



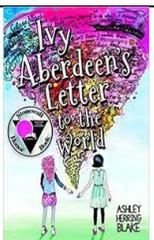
***Out of Left Field* by Ellen Klages** (Fiction: Maine Student Book Award Nominee)

Every boy in the neighborhood knows Katy Gordon is their best pitcher, even though she's a girl. But when she tries out for Little League, it's a whole different story. Girls are not eligible, period. It is a boy's game and always has been. It's not fair, and Katy's going to fight back. Inspired by what she's learning about civil rights in school, she sets out to prove that she's *not* the only girl who plays baseball.

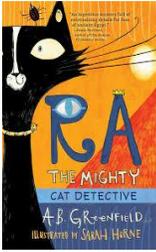


***Spooked! How a Radio Broadcast and the War of the Worlds Sparked the 1938 Invasion of America.* By Gail Jarrow** Nonfiction. (Maine Student Book Award Nominee)

On the night of October 30, 1938, thousands of Americans panicked when they believed that Martians had invaded Earth. What appeared to be breaking news about an alien invasion was, in fact, a radio drama based on H. G. Wells' *War of the Worlds*, performed by Orson Welles and his Mercury Theatre players.



***Ivy Aberdeen's Letter to the World.* By Ashley Herring Blake** (Fiction: Maine Student Book Award Nominee) Ivy's life is thrown into upheaval when her family's home is destroyed by a tornado. She does her best to settle back in to the routine of school, babysitting, and homework while navigating a burgeoning crush. Meanwhile her notebook that contains her deepest darkest secrets is missing, and Ivy fears someone may have their hands on it.



***Ra The Mighty: Cat Detective* By A.B. Greenfield** (Maine Student Book Award Nominee) Mystery.

Ra is the Pharaoh's cat and does nothing but sleep and eat. But when young Tedimut, a servant, gets accused of stealing jewelry from the Pharaoh, Ra decides to help solve the mystery of who did it with the help of a dung beetle friend.



***A Babysitter's Guide to Monster Hunting* by Joe Ballarini**

The Last Kids on Earth meets *Goosebumps* in this hilarious new series about a secret society of babysitters who protect kids from the monsters that really do live under their beds! When middle schooler Kelly Ferguson's Halloween plans switch from party-going to babysitting, she thinks the scariest part of her night will be the death of her social life. But then Baby Jacob gets kidnapped...



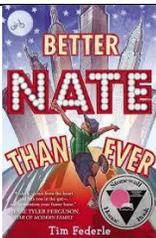
***Winnie's Great War* by Lindsay Mattick and Josh Greenhut** (Historical Fiction-Maine Student Book Award Nominee)

Readers will be enthralled by the story behind the real life bear who inspired Winnie-the-Pooh. Winnie was adopted by a soldier at a train station and was heading to war as a mascot. Winnie the bear got to see more of the world than many humans do!



***Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard: The Sword of Summer* by Rick Riordan** (Fiction)

Magnus Chase has seen his share of trouble. Ever since that terrible night two years ago when his mother told him to run, he has lived alone on the streets of Boston, surviving by his wits, staying one step ahead of the police and the truant officers. One day, Magnus learns that someone else is trying to track him down—his uncle Randolph, a man his mother had always warned him about.



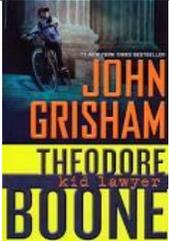
***Better Nate Than Ever* by Tim Federle** (as well as the sequel *Five, Six, Seven Nate* Fiction)

Nate Foster has big dreams. His whole life, he's wanted to star in a Broadway show. (Heck, he'd settle for *seeing* a Broadway show.) But how is Nate supposed to make his dreams come true when he's stuck in Jankburg, Pennsylvania, where no one (except his best pal Libby) appreciates a good show tune? With Libby's help, Nate plans a daring overnight escape to New York.



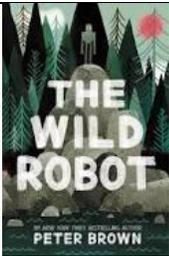
***Isabel Feeney: Star Reporter* by Beth Fantaskey (Historical Fiction)**

It's 1920s Chicago—the guns-and-gangster era of Al Capone—and it's unusual for a girl to be selling the *Tribune* on the street corner. But ten-year-old Isabel Feeney is unusual . . . unusually obsessed with being a news reporter. She can't believe her luck when she stumbles not only into a real-live murder scene, but also into her hero, the famous journalist Maude Collier.



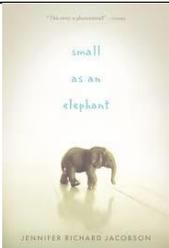
***Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer* by John Grisham (Fiction)**

In the small city of Strattenburg, there are many lawyers, and though he's only thirteen years old, Theo Boone thinks he's one of them. Theo knows every judge, policeman, court clerk—and a lot about the law. He dreams of being a great trial lawyer, of a life in the courtroom.



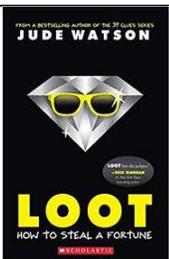
***The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown (Fiction) and/or *The Wild Robot Escapes* (sequel)**

When robot Roz opens her eyes for the first time, she discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island. Why is she there? Where did she come from? And, most important, how will she survive in her harsh surroundings? Roz's only hope is to learn from the island's hostile animal inhabitants. When she tries to care for an orphaned gosling, the other animals finally decide to help, and the island starts to feel like home. Until one day, the robot's mysterious past comes back to haunt her...



***Small as an Elephant* by Jennifer Richard Jacobson (Fiction)**

Ever since Jack can remember, his mom has been unpredictable, sometimes loving and fun. But Jack never thought his mom would take off during the night and leave him at a campground in Acadia National Park, with no way to reach her and barely enough money for food. Any other kid would report his mom gone, but Jack knows by now that he needs to figure things out for himself - starting with how to get from the backwoods of Maine to his home in Boston before DSS catches on.



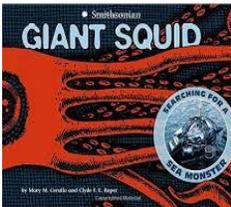
***Loot: How to Steal a Fortune* by Jude Watson (Fiction)**

On a foggy night in Amsterdam, a man falls from a rooftop to the wet pavement below. It's Alfie McQuinn, the notorious cat burglar, and he's dying. As sirens wail in the distance, Alfie manages to get out two last words to his young son, March: "Find jewels."



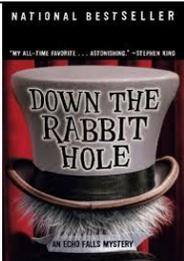
***El Deafo* by Cece Bell** (Graphic Nonfiction-Memoir-Newbery Honor)

Starting at a new school is scary, even more so with a giant hearing aid strapped to your chest! At her old school, everyone in Cece's class was deaf. Here she is different. She is sure the kids are staring at the Phonic Ear, the powerful aid that will help her hear her teacher. Too bad it also seems certain to repel potential friends.



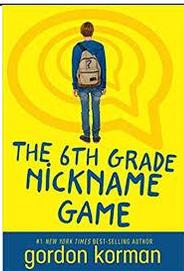
***Giant Squid: Searching for a Sea Monster* by Mary M. Cerullo** (Nonfiction)

This sea monster is real. It lurks in the freezing black depths of underwater canyons. Nearly 50 feet long, it hunts with its long arms and tentacles. Its powerful suckers leave giant round scars on those that live through a battle with it. But this enormous beast, with its huge, strange eyes, remains hidden from humans. We rarely see it and know little of its ways. What is this monster? The giant squid.



***Down the Rabbit Hole* by Peter Abrahams** (Fiction)

Ingrid is in the wrong place at the wrong time. Or at least her shoes are. And getting them back will mean getting tangled up in a murder investigation as complicated as the mysteries solved by her idol, Sherlock Holmes. With soccer practice, schoolwork, and the lead role in her town's production of *Alice in Wonderland*, Ingrid is swamped.



***The 6th Grade Nickname Game* by Gordon Korman** (Fiction)

Almost everyone in Old Orchard Public School (OOPS) has had the dubious honor of receiving a nickname from best friends Jeff and Wiley. They've dubbed their own underachieving class the Dim Bulbs, their pop-eyed principal is better known as Deer in the Headlights, and their enormous football-coach-turned-teacher is now Mr. Huge