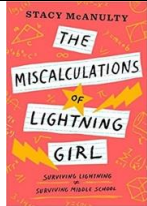


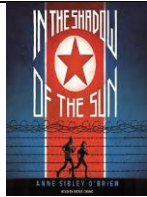
7th grade Summer Reading 2019

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 booklists for grades 6-8. *Reviews courtesy of Goodreads & Kirkus.



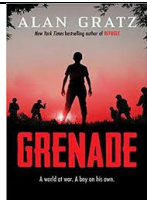
***The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl* by Stacy McAnulty** (Fiction) "Unique" (Kirkus Reviews)

Lucy Callahan was struck by lightning. She doesn't remember it, but it changed her life forever. The zap gave her genius-level math skills, and ever since, Lucy has been homeschooled. Now, at 12 years old, she's technically ready for college. She just has to pass 1 more test — middle school.



***In the Shadow of the Sun* by Anne Sibley O'Brien** (Thriller) "A riveting work that will appeal to a wide range of readers."

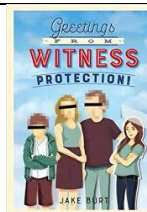
North Korea is known as the most repressive country on Earth, with a dictatorial leader, a starving population, and harsh punishment for rebellion. Not the best place for a family vacation. Yet that's exactly where Mia Andrews finds herself, on a tour with her aid-worker father and fractious older brother, Simon. Then her dad is arrested for spying, just as forbidden photographs of North Korean slave-labor camps fall into Mia's hands.



***Grenade* by Alan Gratz** (Historical Fiction)

"Intense and fast-paced, this is a compelling, dark, yet ultimately heartening wartime story."

It's 1945, and the world is in the grip of war. Hideki lives on the island of Okinawa, near Japan. When WWII crashes onto his shores, Hideki is drafted into the Blood and Iron Student Corps to fight for the Japanese army. He is handed a grenade and a set of instructions: Don't come back until you've killed an American soldier.



***Greetings from Witness Protection* by Jake Burt**

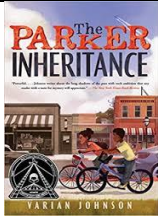
A funny and poignant debut middle-grade novel about a foster-care girl who is placed with a family in the witness protection program, and finds that hiding in plain sight is complicated and dangerous. Nicki Demere is an orphan and a pickpocket. She also happens to be the U.S. Marshals' best bet to keep a family alive. .



***Good Dog* by Dan Gemeinhart** (Fiction)

"Action-packed, highly suspenseful, and deeply moving. Perfect. (Fiction. 10-14)"

Brodie didn't remember the exact moment that he died. But he did remember the exact moment that he woke up afterward. When he woke up he was already running.

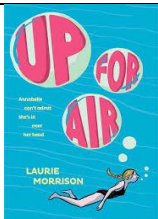


***The Parker Inheritance* by Varian Johnson** (Historical Mystery)
 "A candid and powerful reckoning of history."

The letter waits in a book, in a box, in an attic, in an old house in Lambert, South Carolina. It's waiting for Candice Miller. When Candice finds the letter, she isn't sure she should read it. It's addressed to her grandmother, after all, who left Lambert in a cloud of shame. But the letter describes a young woman named Siobhan Washington. An injustice that happened decades ago. A mystery enfolding the letter-writer. And the fortune that awaits the person who solves the puzzle.



***Ghost* by Jason Reynolds** (Fiction) Running. That's all that Ghost (real name Castle Cranshaw) has ever known. But never for a track team. Nope, his game has always been ball. But when Ghost impulsively challenges an elite sprinter to a race -- and wins -- the Olympic medalist track coach sees he has something: crazy natural talent. Thing is, Ghost has something else: a lot of anger, and a past that he is trying to outrun.



***Up for Air* by Laurie Morrison** (Fiction)

Debut author Morrison realistically captures the challenges and uncertainties of middle school in this sensitive novel about a girl struggling to form an identity while navigating a learning disability and finding success on her swim team.



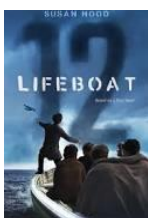
***It Wasn't Me* by Dana Alison Levy** (Fiction)

A timely, introspective whodunit with a lot of heart. Six seventh-graders in small-town Massachusetts reluctantly spend school vacation week participating in a restorative-practice justice circle in hopes of identifying a vandal. The Breakfast Club meets middle school mystery in this story of six very different seventh graders forced together in the aftermath of a vandalism incident.

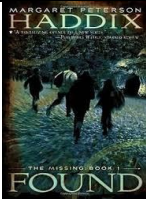


***Lu* (also by Jason Reynolds)** (Fiction) "The perfect anchor leg for a well-run literary relay."

Lu was born to be co-captain of the Defenders. Well, actually, he was born albino, but that's got nothing to do with being a track star. Lu has swagger, plus the talent to back it up, and with all that—not to mention the gold chains and diamond earrings—no one's gonna outshine him. Lu knows he can lead Ghost, Patina, Sunny, and the team to victory at the championships, but it might not be as easy as it seems.

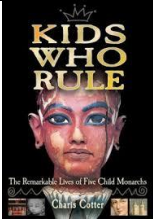


***Lifeboat 12* by Susan Hood** (Maine Book Award) Historical Fiction This is the gripping story of a boy who was on a cruise ship fleeing England during WWII. Midway, they are torpedoed and struggle to survive in a tiny lifeboat with minimal resources. Inclement weather, sharks, and hypothermia are just a few of the struggles they encounter. Will they reach land alive?



Found: The Missing Series by Margaret Peterson Haddix

(Fiction) When 13-year olds Jonah and Chip, who are both adopted, learn they were discovered on a plane that appeared out of nowhere, full of babies with no adults on board, they realize that they have uncovered a mystery involving time travel and two opposing forces, each trying to repair the fabric of time.



Kids Who Rule: The Remarkable Lives of Five Child Monarchs

(Nonfiction) Every kid dreams of becoming royalty. But being a child monarch is not all glory and bossing people around. Behold Kids Who Rule and discover the startling realities of five junior rulers from history. Boy king Tutankhamun was crowned pharaoh of Egypt at age nine. Groomed to lead armies, his homework involved firing arrows from a moving chariot. Mary Queen of Scots became royalty at only six days old. She grew up fleeing bad-tempered King Henry VIII who saw her as a child bride for his son. Other child monarchs profiled include Queen Christina of Sweden (1626 to 1689), Puyi, Last Emperor of China (1906 to 1967), and the current.



Me and Sam-Sam Handle the Apocalypse by Susan Vaught

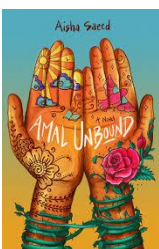
(Mystery)

In this heartfelt middle grade mystery, an autistic girl becomes an amateur detective after money is stolen from her English teacher father's desk at school and he is blamed for the theft. Jesse Broadview sets out to clear her father by finding the true culprit, along the way repeatedly encountering "Jerkface and his pet cockroaches," a trio of bullies. Along the way, Jesse narrates her experience "on the spectrum," which manifests for her as touch sensitivity ("my new clothes don't have to be perfect. Just not itchy"), an occupation with numbers, and the occasional meltdown.



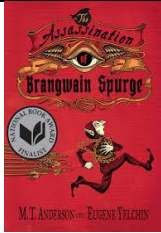
One True Way by Shannon Hitchcock (Fiction)

Seventh graders Allie and Sam are more than just friends. Allie is new in town and develops an instant bond with Sam. The girls are met with scorn and disgust from others, even people in their own families. The girls look to others for advice, but in the end, her Reverend helps Allie she's the only one who can decide what's right for herself.



Amal Unbound by Aisha Saeed (Fiction)

Life is quiet and ordinary in Amal's Pakistani village, but she had no complaints, and besides, she's busy pursuing her dream of becoming a teacher one day. Her dreams are temporarily dashed when—as the eldest daughter—she must stay home from school to take care of her siblings. Then the unimaginable happens—after an accidental run-in with the son of her village's corrupt landlord, Amal must work as his family's servant to pay off her own family's debt.



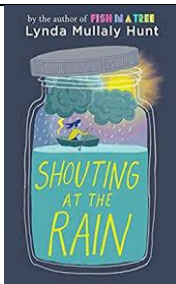
***The Assassination of Brangwain Spurge* by M.T. Anderson and Eugene Yelchin (Graphic Novel)**

Uptight elfin historian Brangwain Spurge is on a mission: survive being catapulted across the mountains into goblin territory, deliver a priceless peace offering to their mysterious dark lord, and spy on the goblin kingdom — from which no elf has returned alive in more than a hundred years.



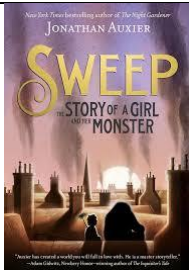
***Front Desk* by Kelly Yang (Historical Fiction)**

Number 1: She lives in a motel, not a big house. Every day, while her immigrant parents clean the rooms, ten-year-old Mia manages the front desk of the Calivista Motel and tends to its guests. Number 2: Her parents hide immigrants. And if the mean motel owner, Mr. Yao, finds out they've been letting them stay in the empty rooms for free, the Tangs will be doomed. Number 3: She wants to be a writer. But how can she when her mom thinks she should stick to math because English is not her first language?



***Shouting at the Rain* By Lynda Mullaly Hunt**

Endearingly blunt, stubborn Delsie lives year-round on Cape Cod, where she watches game shows with her Grammy and eagerly consults her weather station. This summer, though, the storm that's brewing has nothing to do with the weather. Her friend Brandy has begun wearing makeup and made a new friend who doesn't hide her disdain for Delsie. In addition, everything about the island begins to remind her of the mother who abandoned her when she was little.



***Sweep: The Story of a Girl and Her Monster* by Jonathan Auxier (Horror/Fiction)**

For nearly a century, Victorian London relied on "climbing boys"--orphans owned by chimney sweeps--to clean flues and protect homes from fire. Eleven-year-old Nan Sparrow is quite possibly the best climber who ever lived--and a girl. With her wits and will, she's managed to beat the deadly odds time and time again. But when Nan gets stuck in a deadly chimney fire, she fears her time has come. Instead, she wakes to find herself in an abandoned attic. And she is not alone. Huddled in the corner is a mysterious creature--a golem--made from ash and coal. This is the creature that saved her from the fire.