When You Wish Upon a Star

Piper
Asher, Jay
Rise of the Jumbies
Baptiste, Tracey
Norse Myths: Tales of Odin, Thor, and Loki
Crossley-Holland, Kevin
Fish Girl
Napoli, Donna Jo
Frogkisser!
Nix, Garth
The Way to Bea
Yeh, Kat

When Johnny Comes Marching Home

Crossing Ebenezer Creek
Bolden, Tonya
Give Me Wings: How a Choir of Former Slaves Took on the World
Lowinger, Kathy
Now or Never!: 54th Massachusetts Infantry's War to End Slavery
Shepard, Ray Anthony
Sinking the Sultana: A Civil War Story of Imprisonment, Greed, and a Doomed Journey Home
Walker, Sally

Space Oddity

The Space Race of 1869
(Castle in the Stars, Bk 1)
 Alice, Alex
The Star Thief
 Becker, Lindsey
See You in the Cosmos
Cheng, Jack
The Last Day on Mars
 Emerson, Kevin
Impact! Asteroids and the Science of Saving the World
 Rusch, Elizabeth

Middle School Libraries Rock!

Summer Reading List

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Black-Eyed Susan Nominees

Posted
Anderson, John David
Greetings from Witness Protection!
Burt, Jake
The Only Road
Diaz, Alexandra
Projekt 1065
Gratz, Alan
Refugee
Gratz, Alan

Slider
Hautman, Pete
Restart
Korman, Gordon
Up from the Sea
Lowitz, Leza
The Evil Wizard Smallbone
Sherman, Delia
Beyond the Bright Sea
Wolk, Lauren

We Are Family

Solo
 Alexander, Kwame
Forever, or a Long, Long Time
 Carter, Caela
Ashes to Asheville
Dooley, Sarah
It All Comes Down to This
English, Karen
As Brave As You
Reynolds, Jason

Black-Eyed Susan Graphic Novel Nominees

Pashmina
Chanani, Nidhi
Tales of the Talented Tenth:
Bessie Stringfield
 Gill, Joel Christian
As the Crow Flies
 Gillman, Melanie
All's Faire in Middle School
 Jamieson, Victoria
Power Up
 Leth, Kate
I Am Alfonso Jones
 Medina, Tony
A Silent Voice
 Oima, Yoshitoki
The Adventures of John Blake:
Mystery of the Ghost Ship
Pullman, Philip
5 Worlds: The Sand Warrior
Siegel, Mark
Newsprints
 Xu, Ru

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Rock the Boat

Magellan: Over the Edge of the World: The True Story of the Terrifying First Circumnavigation of the Globe
Bergreen, Laurence
Strange Fruit: Billie Holiday and the Power of a Protest Song
Golio, Gary
One Last Word: Wisdom from the Harlem Renaissance
Grimes, Nikki
Isaac the Alchemist: Secrets of Isaac Newton, Reveal’d
Loser, Mary
The Whydah: A Pirate Ship Feared, Wrecked and Found
Sandler, Martin
Making Bombs for Hitler
Skrypuch, Marsha Forchuk
Bound by Ice: A True North Pole Survival Story
Wallace, Sandra Neil

Magical Mystery Tour

Poison: Deadly Deeds, Perilous Professions, and Murderous Medicines
Albee, Sarah
Saving Hamlet
Booth, Molly
The Goblin’s Puzzle: Being the Adventures of a Boy With No Name and Two Girls Called Alice
Chilton, Andrew
The Road to Epoli (Rickety Stitch and the Gelatinous Goo Series #1)
Costa, Ben
The Shadow Cipher
Ruby, Laura

Thriller

Don’t Read This Book Before Bed
Claybourne, Anna
A Skinful of Shadows
Hardinge, Frances
Camp So-and-so
McCoy, Mary
Ghosts of Greenglass House
Milford, Kate
Cast No Shadow
Tapalansky, Nick

This Land is Your Land

Fred Korematsu Speaks Up
Atkins, Laura
Older Than Dirt
Brown, Don
Life on Surtsey: Iceland’s Upstart Island
Burns, Loree Griffin
De-Extinction: The Science of Bringing Lost Species Back to Life
Hirsch, Rebecca
The Extraordinary Suzy Wright: A Colonial Woman on the Frontier
Kanefield, Teri
Fault Lines in the Constitution
Levinson, Cynthia

We Are the Champions

Becoming Kareem: Growing up On and Off the Court
Abdul-Jabbar, Kareem
The Negro Leagues: Celebrating Baseball’s Unsung Heroes
Doeden, Matt
Women in Sports: 50 Fearless Athletes who Played to Win
Ignotofsky, Rachel
Faster, Higher, Smarter: Bright Ideas that Transformed Sports
Shapiro, Simon
Pele, The King of Soccer

I Will Survive

The Distance Between Us
Grande, Reyna
Speaking Our Truth: A Journey of Reconciliation
Gray Smith, Monique
Invisible Emmie
Libenson, Terri
A Single Stone
McKinlay, Megan
The Stars Beneath Our Feet
Moore, David Barclay
This is Just a Test: A Novel
Rosenberg, Madelyn

R-E-S-P-E-C-T!

Girl Up: How to be Strong, Smart, and Spectacular
Bialik, Mayim
Us in Progress: Short Stories about Young Latinos
Delacre, Lulu
School of Awake: A Girl’s Guide to the Universe
Jones, Kidada
Super Women: Six Scientists who Changed the World
Lawlor, Laurie
Victoria: Portrait of a Queen
Reef, Catherine
The Quilts of Gee’s Bend
Rubin, Susan Goldman
Short
Sloan, Holly Goldberg