

# BROOKLYN FRIENDS SCHOOL

## SUGGESTED SUMMER READING FOR

### Fourth Graders 2017

Dear Friends,  
 Now that summer is almost here we offer you a list of books we hope you will enjoy reading this summer. Remember the public libraries are open and cool!

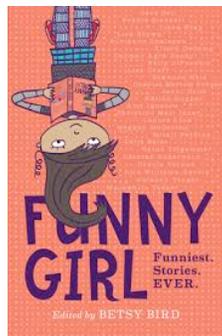
Your Librarians,  
 Gili and Kathy



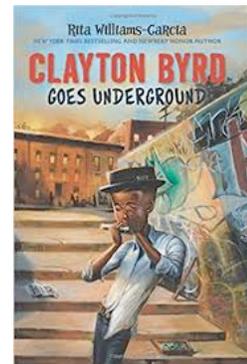
Some of the Librarians' Summer Reading  
**New and Noteworthy Fiction:**



**Step Up to the Plate, Maria Singh**  
 by Uma Krishnaswami  
 It's 1945 in California and Maria is about to become a member of the first girls' softball team at her school. Unfortunately, she will also experience racism and discrimination.



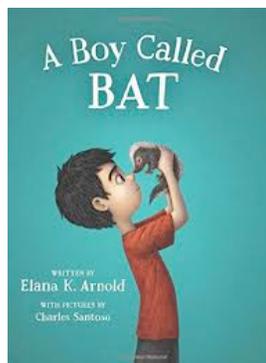
**Funny Girl: Funniest. Stories. Ever.**  
 ed. by Betsy Bird  
 Hilarity ensues! Nonstop humor from amazing women writers. Get laughing!



**Clayton Byrd Goes Underground**  
 by Rita Williams-Garcia  
 Music moves through this lyrical story of Clayton Byrd, who must find ways to accept the loss of his grandfather and the music they created together.



**See You in the Cosmos**  
 by Jack Cheng  
 While Alex and his dog are traveling through the US, Alex records his life on earth to share with other life forms.



**A Boy Called Bat**  
 by Elana K. Arnold  
 Bat is a young boy who thinks a little differently than most kids. When his veterinarian Mom brings home a baby skunk, Bat falls in love.



**Hello Universe**  
 by Erin Entrada Kelly  
 Root for four smart, zany, and brave characters as they stand up to a bully.

## NEW AND NOTEWORTHY FICTION:



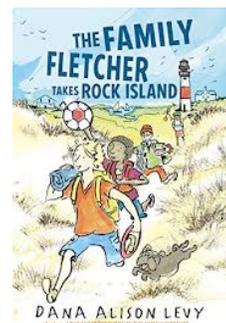
### **The Someday Birds** by Sally J. Pla

Road Trip! Join Charlie and his family for a trip across the country. Be prepared to be uplifted, to laugh and to cry, and to be reminded of the beauty around us.



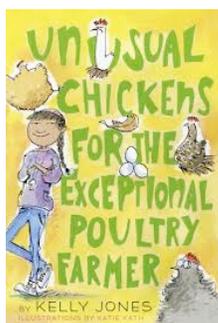
### **Guys Read: Heroes and Villains**

Check out the newest Guys Read anthology with eleven stories of adventure, fantasy, comics and fiction from acclaimed authors.



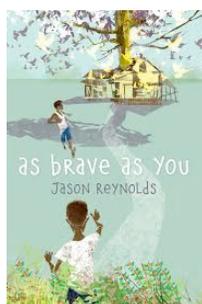
### **The Family Fletcher Takes Rock Island**

by Dana Alison Levy  
Every summer the fabulous and quirky Fletcher boys and their two dads visit Rock Island .



### **Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer** by Kelly Jones

City-kid Sophie Brown has no idea what she's in for when her family moves to a farm.



### **As Brave as You** by Jason Reynolds

Genie and Ernie leave Brooklyn for a summer with their grandparents in Virginia. Can two city kids adapt to a different world in the country?



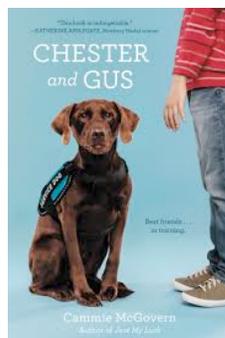
### **Big & Little Questions** by Julie Bowe

Summer is over and Wren has a big secret : her parents have separated. What will she do when her friends find out? How will she learn to accept the changes in her family?



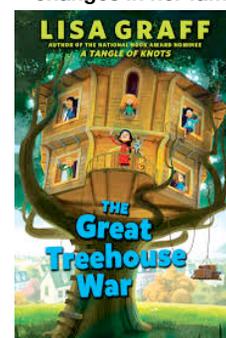
### **The Goat** by Anne Fleming

Kid and her family are house-sitting in Manhattan. She's heard a rumor that a goat is living on top of the apartment building. Read this charming and sweet story to find out what happens!



### **Chester and Gus** by Cammie McGovern

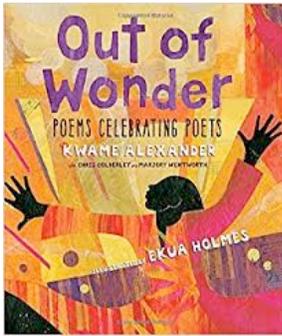
Chester has always wanted to be a service dog. His new owner, Gus, has autism and isn't exactly the person Chester thought he would be helping. A lovable friendship binds them together.



### **The Great Treehouse War** by Lisa Graff

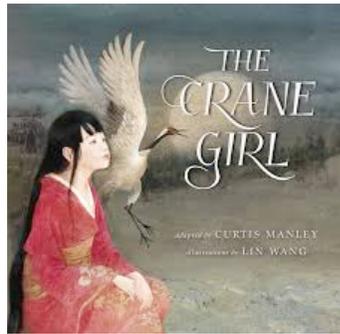
Winnie's divorced parents are constantly trying to be the best parent. Winnie spends 3 days with one parent and 3 days with the other. On the middle day, Winnie spends the day in a Treehouse located between her parents' two houses. Winnie loves her treehouse as do her friends. Read this funny heartfelt novel about friendship and family issues.

## NEW AND NOTEWORTHY NON-FICTION



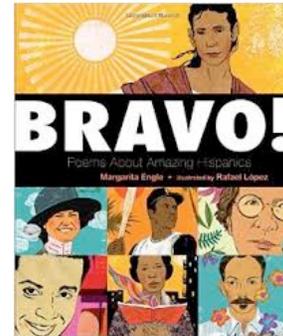
**Out of Wonder**  
by Kwame Alexander

A Newbery Award Medalist and a Caldecott Honoree team up to celebrate poets with poems.



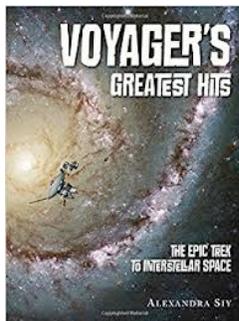
**The Crane Girl**  
by Curtis Manley

A Japanese folktale is retold with a spin on the ending. Manley's use of Haiku and Lin's illustrations bring new life to a popular story.



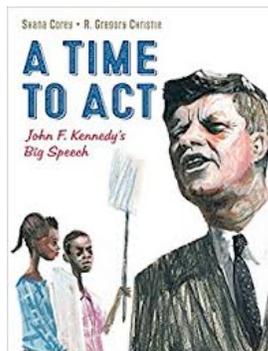
**Bravo!: Poems About Amazing Hispanics**  
by Margarita Engle

Check out the beautiful biographical poems telling the stories of notable Latinos and Latinas.



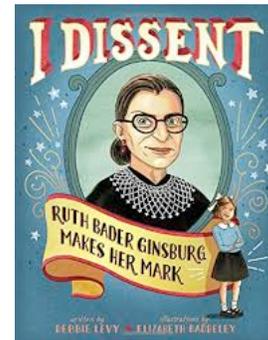
**Voyager's Greatest hits**  
by Alexandra Sly

It's the 40th anniversary of the twin space probes! Learn all about the Voyager's amazing discoveries, missions, and scientists.



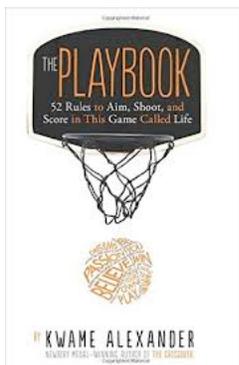
**A Time to Act**  
by Shana Corey

One of the great changemakers, JFK gave his famous Civil Rights Address in 1963. Learn about Kennedy's life, his powerful speech, and the history of the Civil Rights movement of the 1960's.



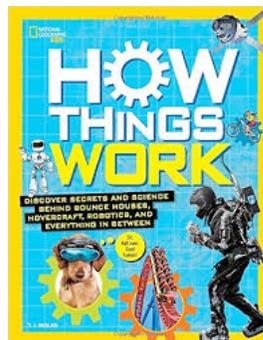
**I Dissent**  
by Debbie Levy

Supreme Court Justice, Ruth Bader Ginsburg is a living legend. Find out how she became the powerful voice of justice through dissenting and speaking up for what is right.



**The Playbook**  
BY KWAME ALEXANDER

Another slam dunk for Kwame Alexander! Rules of the game are the rules of life. Get in the Game!



**How Things Work**  
by T.J. Resler

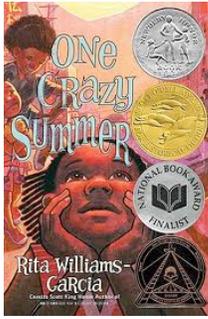
Geek out this summer with this awesome book to learn how things are made. Learn about the designers, scientists and engineers who created Hovercraft, Bounce Houses, and Robots.



**Kid Artists**  
by David Stabler

Before they were famous artists they were kids with kid problems. Learn about the childhoods of Picasso, Yoko Ono, Frida Kahlo, and many more.

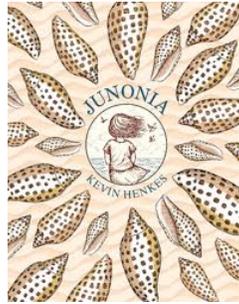
## SUMMER FICTION:



### ONE CRAZY SUMMER

by Rita Garcia-Williams.

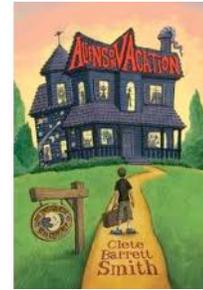
Three sisters go to California to spend time with a mother they do not know during the 1960's. Notice all the medals on the cover?



### JUNONIA

by Kevin Henkes.

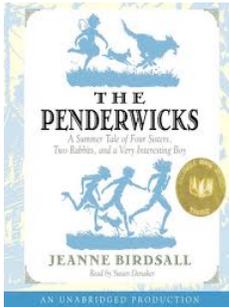
Every summer, Alice and her family spend time in Sanibel, Florida. This year things are different and Alice is not happy about it.



### ALIENS ON VACATION

by Clete Barrett Smith.

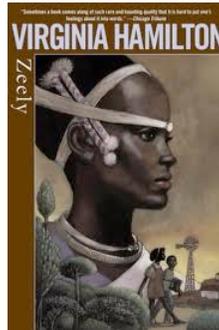
David is not thrilled to be spending the summer with his Grandmother, until he discovers that her Bed and Breakfast is a secret haven for vacationing aliens.



### THE PENDERWICKS

by Jeanne Birdsall.

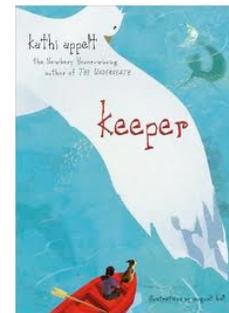
The Penderwick family consists of four sisters, an absent-minded professor father, and a dog. While on vacation the girls plot to save their new friend, Jeffrey from military school.



### ZEELY

by Virginia Hamilton.

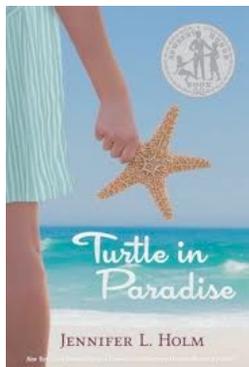
Elizabeth and her younger brother John are spending the summer on their uncle's farm. When they discover the portrait of a Watusi Queen, Elizabeth is amazed at her resemblance to royalty.



### KEEPER

Kathi Appelt

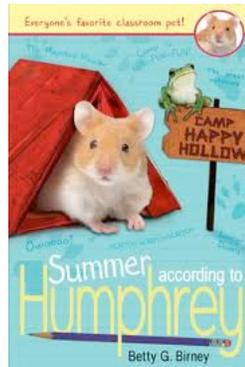
Keeper lives in a small Gulf community on the coast of Texas with her guardian. When she goes in search of her mother, whom she is convinced is a mermaid, Keeper finds herself in trouble.



### TURTLE IN PARADISE

by Jennifer L. Holm.

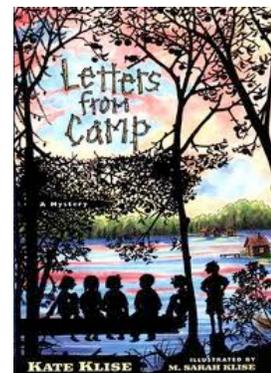
Turtle goes to live with some relatives in Key West when her mom finds a housekeeping job in 1935.



### SUMMER ACCORDING TO HUMPHREY

by Betty G. Birney

Humphrey the classroom hamster finds himself in Camp Happy Hollow with some of the students from school.



### LETTERS FROM CAMP

by Kate Klise.

Camp Happy Harmony prides itself on the ability to turn fighting siblings into cheerful brother-sister pairs. The story unfolds through the use of letters, cards and clippings.