

The Mini Page

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Next Week:
National
Rivers Month

Time to Read



When school's out and the days are long, there's no better place to escape to other worlds and adventures than in a good book!

• Author Lauren Abbey Greenberg takes readers to the beach in "The Battle of Junk Mountain." Shayne spends every summer in Maine with her grandmother, but this summer promises to be a little different from the ones before.

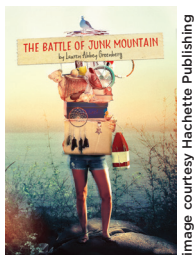


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• "The Confidence Code for Girls" by Katty Kay and Claire Shipman guides readers through the speed bumps of tween life with advice about how to take risks and accept both success and failure.

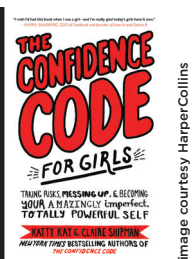
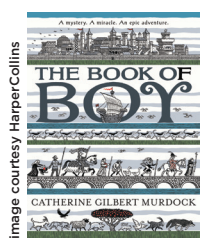


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• "The Book of Boy" by Catherine Gilbert Murdock invites readers along with Boy, a hump-backed outcast in medieval times who sets out on a journey across Europe with a mysterious stranger.



• "Two Truths and a Lie" by Ammi-Joan Paquette and Laurie Ann Thompson is nothing but fun, as readers try to identify the "fake" stories about historical people and events.

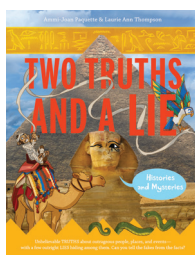


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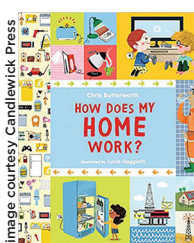
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• "The Treasure Box" by Margaret Wild lets beautiful illustrations by Freya Blackwood tell the story of Peter, whose father saves one book from a bombed library, and the lessons the book teaches Peter.



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• "How Does My Home Work?" by Chris Butterworth is an eye-opening, graphic explanation of all the systems in our homes and communities: plumbing, electrical, wastewater and more. Lucia Gaggiotti's illustrations show us how our "magical" homes function.



• When Colby Sharp asked 44 authors and illustrators to provide two idea "prompts" — questions, story starters, images — and then respond to one given to each of them, the result was "The Creativity Project." The inspiring works that resulted will light up readers' minds with new ideas.

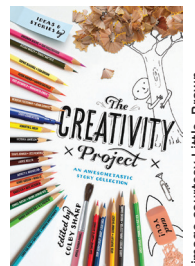


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• Imani is happy in her Jewish community in Baltimore, but she wants to find her birth family. "The Length of a String" by Elissa Brent Weissman tells the story of Imani finding her family and herself.



image courtesy Dial Books for Young Readers

• Award-winning author Gregory Zuckerman introduces women who have overcome poverty, racial bias and rejection to become sports heroes in "Rising Above: Inspiring Women in Sports."



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• In "Alabama Spitfire: The Story of Harper Lee and To Kill a Mockingbird," Bethany Hegedus and illustrator Erin McGuire show how a little girl who loved to write grew up to pen one of the most beloved books of all time.

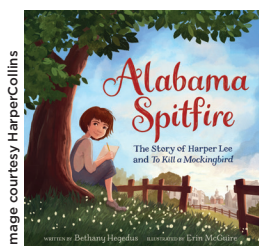


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• If you've ever wanted to know how your organs, skeleton, muscles and more work together inside your body, "The Human Body: A Lens Book" by Valentina Bonaguro will give you a close-up look.

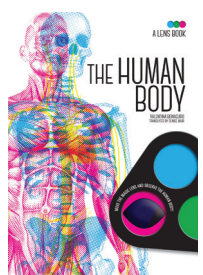


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• "Hero on a Bicycle" by Shirley Hughes is the story of Paolo, an Italian boy in wartime Florence who sees more action than he bargained for.



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Resources



On the Web:

• bit.ly/MPreadingchallenge

At the library:

• "Becoming Madeleine: A Biography of the Author of 'A Wrinkle in Time' by Her Granddaughters" by Charlotte Jones Voiklis and Lena Roy

Try 'n' Find

Words that remind us of summer reading are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward. See if you can find:

ADVENTURE,
BOOKS, CHALLENGE,
EXPLANATION, FAMILY,
GRAPHIC, HISTORICAL,
IDEAS, ILLUSTRATIONS,
INSPIRING, LESSONS,
MEDIEVAL, MYSTERIOUS,
READ, SUMMER,
WORLDS, WRITE.

E G N E L L A H C S D L R O W
D S U M M E R L A V E I D E M
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Cook's Corner

Grilled Banana Splits With Candied Peanuts

You'll need:

- 1/2 cup dry-roasted, salted peanuts
- 1 tablespoon light brown sugar
- cooking spray
- 4 medium bananas (slightly underripe)

- 2 cups light ice cream of your choice
- 1 cup whipped cream or whipped topping



What to do:

1. Combine peanuts and brown sugar in large skillet over medium heat. Cook for 3 to 5 minutes, stirring frequently, until sugar melts and coats peanuts. Remove from heat.
2. Coat stovetop grill pan with cooking spray and preheat over medium-high. Leaving skin on bananas, cut them in half lengthwise. Place bananas cut side down in hot pan. Grill for 30 seconds to 1 minute, until flesh is golden brown.
3. Peel bananas and transfer to dessert plates. Top with ice cream, peanuts and whipped cream. Serves 4.

Adapted from "The Robin Takes 5 Cookbook for Busy Families" with permission from Andrews McMeel Publishing (andrewsmcmeel.com).

* You'll need an adult's help with this recipe.

1. A short tale

(5 letter noun)

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2. An unusual time with risks and danger

(9 letter noun)

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3. A large building with high walls and towers

(6 letter noun)

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4. Something that can't be explained or that is strange

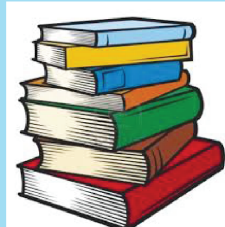
(7 letter noun)

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1. Donald read a _____ about a silly chipmunk who talked.
2. Mirabel and Jose had a long hiking _____ last week.
3. A king and queen lived in a huge _____ with 200 rooms.
4. Jim solved the _____ of the missing cookies!

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Study the definition. When you know the missing word, fill in the letter boxes and the sentence blanks.

Answers: Story, Adventure, Castle, Mystery.

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Mini Jokes



Reid: How does a book keep warm in the winter?
Rhoda: It puts on a jacket!

Eco Note



Several species of amphibians that were nearly sent into extinction by a killer fungus appear to have evolved to develop resistance to the pathogen. Their populations in Panama have now rebounded to previous levels. The deep croaks of frogs and toads are returning to some of the once-quiet streams in Panama, according to researchers from the University of Pittsburgh.

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For later:

Will you read any of these books this summer? Which one is at the top of your list? Compare your choice with a classmate's.

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