### OC Public Libraries Presents **2024 Summer Reading** Grades 6 to 8: Read. Renew. Repeat.



Lucy was seven when her marine biologist mother died researching sharks. A new tragedy inspires Lucy to begin her own research off the coast of her Rockport, Massachussets home.

#### DOGS OF THE DEADLANDS ANTHONY MCGOWAN XFICU MCGOWAN A

The 1986 Chernobyl nuclear plant meltdown caused families to flee their homes, leaving their pets behind. How will Zoya and her pups survive as wild beasts emerge from the surrounding forest to reclaim the area?

#### EVERY BIRD A PRINCE JENN REESE XFICU REESE J

While her friends are busy with crushes, seventh-grader Erin is decidedly not interested. She rescues a bird prince and helps him defeat creatures that feed on selfdoubt in this eco-fantasy about being true to yourself.

#### SAVI AND THE MEMORY KEEPER BIJAL VACHHARAJANI XFICU VACHHARAJANI B

After the sudden death of her father, Savi and her family move from big city Delhi to rural Shajarpur. There she bonds with an ancient tree in her backyard, joins the local environmental club, and tries to avoid bullying by the "cool kids" at her new school.

#### THE YEAR WITHOUT A SUMMER: A NOVEL ARLENE MARK XFICU MARK A

Two disasters bring together teens Clara and Jamie, first as enemies and eventually as friends. A volcanic eruption brings snow in June, and Hurricane Maria brings mass destruction to Puerto Rico.













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#### <u>GLOBAL</u>

#### EOIN COLFER XU 741.5973 GLOBAL

Sami lives by the Bay of Bengal, and Yuki resides in Northern Canada. Despite the distance, both teens' lives are affected by climate change in this graphic novel told in alternating voices.

#### SKY WOLF'S CALL: THE GIFT OF INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE

#### ELDON YELLOWHORN XU 500.8997 YEL

Learn how Indigenous Peoples have used oral traditions to pass down knowledge about plants, animals, the sky, and the land for thousands of years.

#### RESTORING PRAIRIE, WOODS, AND POND: HOW A TRAIL CHANGED A SCHOOL AND A SMALL TOWN

#### LAURIE LAWLOR XU 333.72097 LAW

A small Wisconsin community restores public land that had become a dump. They create a trail between a school and library that traverses three ecosystems and provides a model for others.

#### CHANGING WORLD: COLD DATA FOR A WARMING PLANET

#### DAVID GIBSON XU 363.73874 GIB

This book uses bold infographics to provide a comprehensive overview of climate change and suggests effective ways in which individuals can help make a difference.

#### BUSHCRAFT KID: SURVIVE IN THE WILD AND HAVE FUN DOING IT! DAN WOWAK XU 613.69 WOW

Learn to build a fire, make a shelter, tie knots, cook an outdoor meal, and more from expert survivalist Dan Wowak.













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#### SOMETHING LIKE HOME

#### ANDREA BEATRIZ ARANGO XFICU ARANGO A

Laura blames herself for the 911 call that landed her in foster care and her parents in rehab. She hatches a plan to visit them by training a stray dog to become a certified therapy dog.

#### **STRANGE BIRDS: A FIELD GUIDE TO RUFFLING** FEATHERS

#### CELIA C PÉREZ XFICU PÉREZ C

Four very different girls band together to form their own club in protest of a local group's tradition of using unethically sourced feathers in its pageant.

#### HAMRA AND THE JUNGLE OF MEMORIES HANNA ALKAF XFICU HANNA ALKAF

After Hamra steals fruit from the jungle to treat her ailing grandmother, she must restore balance in this Malaysian folktale version of Little Red Riding Hood.

#### **ONCE THERE WAS**

#### KIYASH MONSEF XFICU MONSEF K

Iranian American Marjan finds out her deceased father was a vet for magical creatures when the secret society he worked for contacts her to take his place.

#### AN ELEPHANT IN THE GARDEN MICHAEL MORPURGO XFICU MORPURGO M

Elizabeth's zookeeper mother smuggles home an elephant named Marlene after being told to shoot the animal before the bombing of Dresden in 1944 Germany.













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#### <u>THE AMERICAN BISON: THE BUFFALO'S SURVIVAL</u> TALE

#### ANDY HIRSCH XU 599.643 HIR

History Comics present the epic tale of the American bison, from a species near extinction to its hard earned comeback on the American prairie.

#### RIDE ON

#### FAITH ERIN HICKS XU 741.5971 RIDE

Victoria has been horseback riding competitively so long she has completely lost sight of why she started in the first place. Can she ever capture the love of riding again?

#### FROGS: AWESOME AMPHIBIANS

#### LIZ PRINCE XU 597.8 PRI

This latest installment of Science Comics dives into all kinds of amazing frog facts, from teeny tadpoles to lily pad leapers and everything in between.

#### THE LADY AND THE OCTOPUS DANNA STAAF XU 92 VILLEPREUX-POWER J

Discover the remarkable story of how Jeanne Villepreux-Power, born in a rural French village during the French Revolution invented the aquarium and made a huge impact on marine biology.

#### WHAT THE DOG KNOWS CAT WARREN XU 636.70886 WAR

Solo, a puppy, is aggressive towards other dogs but displays incredible sniffing abilities in the young reader's adaptation of the 2013 book about a puppy trained as a cadaver search-and-rescue dog.













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#### <u>A PLACE AT THE TABLE</u>

#### SAADIA FARUQI XFICU FARUQI S

Two sixth-graders, one Pakistani American and the other Jewish, meet in cooking club and collaborate to create a new recipe while facing xenophobia from classmates.

#### <u>SLIDER</u>

#### PETE HAUTMAN XFICU HAUTMAN P

David is training to compete in the Super Pigerino pizza eating contest to earn back the money he accidently spent on his mom's credit card while navigating the weirdness growing between his two best friends.

#### KRISTA KIM-BAP

#### ANGELA AHN XFICU AHN A

Krista and Jason have been friends forever, but that is changing as fifth grade comes to a close. Becoming the class unofficial "Korean Ambassador" for their Heritage Month assignment is making Krista uncomfortable.



#### THE TRUTH ABOUT TWINKIE PIE

#### KAT YEH XFICU YEH K

GiGi has been raised by her older sister DiDi since her mother died. Their fortune starts looking up when her sister wins \$1 million in a cooking contest in this recipefilled story about family.

#### OUTSIDE NOWHERE ADAM BORBA XFICU BORBA A

After yet another prank gone wrong, Parker/is sent to work on an unusual farm that grows radishes that are not to be eaten and raises goats that can float. After finding a cow on the roof, he suspects there is magic at work.













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#### PAUL TOBIN XU 741.5973 VOYAGE

In this graphic novel, two former best friends are paired together to compete in a TV cooking reality show called "Voyage de Gourmet" that takes them across the globe.

#### FOOD FIGHT! A MOUTHWATERING HISTORY OF WHO ATE WHAT AND WHY THROUGH THE AGES

#### TANYA WENMAN STEEL XU 641.3009 STE

Use this guide to take a historical food tour complete with recipes which span from prehistoric and ancient cultures of Egypt, Greece, and Rome all the way into...the future!

#### AROUND THE WORLD VEGAN COOKBOOK

#### NIKI WEBSTER XU 641.5636 WEB

"Rebel Recipes" food blogger Niki Webster collects 75 international vegan recipes for teens. From no-meat chili nachos to truffles, there is something new to try.

#### GARBAGE NIGHT

#### JEN LEE XU 741.5973 GARBAGE

Three unlikely animal friends - a dog, a deer and a racoon - scavenge for food in an abandoned neighborhood hoping against hope that the legendary "garbage night" will once again occur.

#### BAKE IT: 150 FAVORITE RECIPES FROM BEST-LOVED DK COOKBOOKS

#### DK PUBLISHING XU 641.5123

Novice to expert teen bakers will find something new to learn in this collection of over 150 recipes for sweet and savory treats.

















