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POLK COUNTY LIBRARY'S SUMMER READING PROGRAM MAY 31 - JULY 26

RECOMMENDED SUMMER READING LIST

You can read whatever you would like to during the Summer Reading Program. This list just gives you books that will match our colorful theme!

CHILDREN'S BOOKS (AGES 0-12)

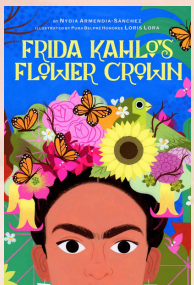
I AIN'T GONNA PAINT NO MORE!
KAREN BEAUMONT

THE REEL WISH
YAMILE SAIED MENDEZ

SOUNDS LIKE JOY
YESENIA MOISES

PENCIL & ERASER: LOST AND FROWN!
JENNY ALVARADO

THE CRAYON STUB
MARCUS CUTLER



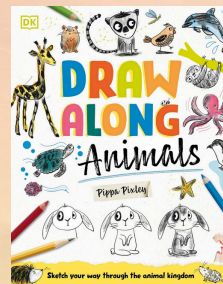
FRIDA KAHLO'S FLOWER CROWN
NYDIA ARMENDIA-SÁNCHEZ

A lyrical and inspiring picture book about the life of Frida Kahlo—told through the language of flowers—and how she blossomed into a celebrated, beloved artist.

JUST A BANANA
BARNEY SALTZERG

THE PLAYMAKERS
CHAD MORRIS

CHALK THE WALK
CHELSEA TORNETTO



DRAW ALONG ANIMALS: SKETCH YOUR WAY THROUGH THE ANIMAL KINGDOM

PIPPA PIXLEY

Author and artist, Pippa Pixley, teaches you how to draw animals of all shapes and sizes. From cheeky chickens to sleepy sloths, and brilliant bugs to little lambs.

THE MONA LISA VANISHES
NICHOLAS DAY

SKYLAR AND THE K-POP PRINCIPAL
LUAN GOLDIE

OPERATION SISTERHOOD: STEALING THE SHOW!

OLUGBEMISOLA RHUDAY-PERKOVICH

JULIE AND THE BLUE GUITAR

CASEY GILLY

PEANUT JONES AND THE ILLUSTRATED CITY

ROB BIDDULPH

THE MET: WHERE DID VAN GOGH GO?

DK

THE KITTY-CATWALK

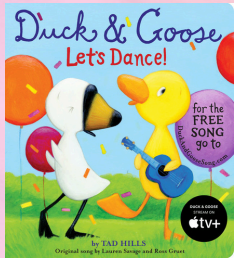
MELODY MEWS

ART OF PHOTOGRAPHY

DAVID J CLARKE

BACKSTAGE FRIGHT

ANDY NONAMUS



DUCK & GOOSE, LET'S DANCE!

TAD HILLS

Join Duck & Goose at their dance party! With easy-to-follow moves, like first jump forward and then jump back, Duck & Goose, Let's Dance! is sure to get little bodies wiggling.

BRUSH WITH GREATNESS: VINCENT VAN GOGH

MICHAEL DEMOCKER

BRUSH WITH GREATNESS: CLAUDE MONET

TAMRA B ORR

BRUSH WITH GREATNESS: LEONARDO DA VINCI

MICHAEL DEMOCKER

WEIRDLY WALTER

JULIA WALTON

BAND CAMP! 1: ALL TOGETHER NOW!

BRIAN SMITTY SMITH

I LIKE THE PERFORMING ARTS... WHAT JOBS ARE THERE?

STEVE MARTIN

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ANIMATE! A KIDS GUIDE TO BECOMING AN ANIMATOR

SARAH MICHAELS

THE ART LESSON

TOMIE DEPAOLA

BAD DRAWER

SETH FISHMAN

MIFFY AND THE ARTISTS

DICK BRUNA

HOW TO DRAW A BRAVE CHICKEN

ETHAN T BERLIN

THE MAGIC PAINTBRUSH

KAT ZHANG

TAKE IT FROM THE TOP

CLAIRE SWINARSKI

FLORA AND THE FLAMINGO

MOLLY IDLE



THE COLOR OF SOUND

EMILY BARTH ISLER

Twelve-year-old Rosie is a musical prodigy whose synesthesia allows her to see music in colors. Her mom has always pushed her to become a concert violinist, but this summer Rosie refuses to play, wanting a "normal" life.

DISCOVER SEWING

KATRINA STREZA

SKELEANOR THE DECOMPOSER

EMILY ETTLINGER

HOW TO BE A SUPER AWESOME ARTIST: 20 ART PROJECTS INSPIRED BY THE MASTERS

HENRY CARROLL

ART CLUB

RASHAD DOUCET

THE BOOK OF MISTAKES

CORINNA LUYKEN

THE DOT

PETER H REYNOLDS

THE ART THIEVES

ANDREA L ROGERS

DRAWING IS...YOUR GUIDE TO SCRIBBLED ADVENTURES

ELIZABETH HAIDLE



ART PLAY! ACTIVITIES FOR PRESCHOOLERS

MEREDITH MAGEE DONNELLY

Get ready for an art adventure! Using paint, colored paper, clay, and other basic art supplies, preschoolers learn to tap into their natural artistic abilities with fun-filled projects shown through easy-to-follow, colorful photos.

THE YOUNG ADVENTURER'S GUIDE TO (ALMOST) EVERYTHING

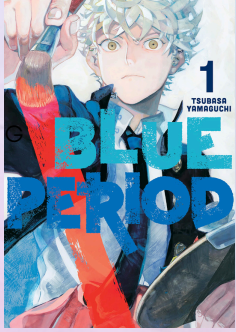
BEN HEWITT

YOUNG ADULT (AGES 13-18)

SONG OF A BLACKBIRD
MARIA VAN LIESHOUT

ICARUS
K ANCRUM

ARTIFICE
SHARON CAMERON



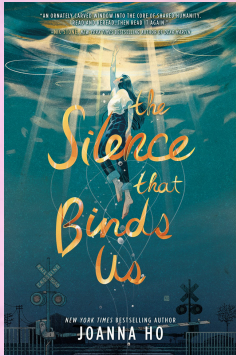
BLUE PERIOD 1
TSUBASA YAMAGUCHI
Yatora is the perfect high school student, with good grades and lots of friends. It's an effortless performance, and a dull one. He wanders into the art room, and a lone painting captures his eye, awakening him to a kind of beauty he never knew. Compelled and consumed, he's about to learn how savage and unforgiving art can be!

BLUE PERIOD 2
TSUBASA YAMAGUCHI

EVERY TIME YOU HEAR THAT SONG
JENNA VORIS

HAMLET IS NOT OK
RA SPRATT

RIOT ACT
SARAH LARIVIERE



THE SILENCE THAT BINDS US
JOANNA HO
Maybelline Chen isn't the Chinese Taiwanese American daughter her mother expects her to be. May prefers hoodies over dresses and wants to become a writer. When asked, her mom can't come up with one specific reason for why she's proud of her only daughter. Who gets to tell our stories, and who gets silenced? It's up to May to take back the narrative.

SPIN
REBECCA CAPRARA

WHEN IT ALL SYNC'S UP
MAYA AMEYAW

MAGIC ARTISAN DAHLIA WILTS NO MORE
HISAYA AMAGISHI

THE ART OF INSANITY
CHRISTINE WEBB

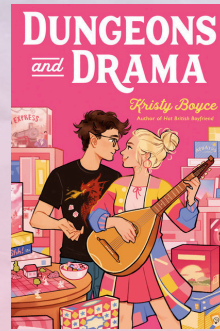
THE BEAUTY OF THE MOMENT
TANAZ BHATHENA

FIRE COLOR ONE
JENNY VALENTINE

GIRL, UNFRAMED
DEB CALETTI

WITH A LITTLE LUCK
MARISSA MEYER

BLOOD WATER PAINT
JOY MCCULLOUGH



DUNGEONS AND DRAMA
KRISTY BOYCE
Riley can't waste her time working when she has a musical to save, so she convinces Nathan to cover her shifts and, in exchange, she'll flirt with him to make his gamer-girl crush jealous. But Riley didn't realize that meant joining Nathan's Dungeons & Dragons game...or that role playing would be so fun. Soon, Riley starts to think that flirting with Nathan doesn't require as much acting as she would've thought...

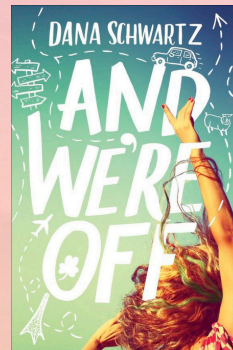
STAY WITH MY HEART
TASHIE BHUIYAN

LOVE, JACARANDA
ALEX FLINN

WITH THE FIRE ON HIGH
ELIZABETH ACEVEDO

SOMEWHERE BETWEEN BITTER AND SWEET
LAEGAN ZEA KEMP

THE DOS AND DONUTS OF LOVE
ADIBA JAIGIRDAR



AND WE'RE OFF
DANA SCHWARTZ
Seventeen-year-old Nora Holmes is an artist, a painter from the moment she could hold a brush. Her grandfather surprises her with an all-expenses-paid summer trip to Europe to immerse herself in the craft and to study history's most famous artists. The only catch? Nora has to create an original piece of artwork at every stop and send it back to her grandfather. It's a no-brainer: Nora is in!

ADULT (18+)

GIRL WITH A PEARL EARRING
TRACY CHEVALIER

THE QUEEN OF THE NIGHT
ALEXANDER CHEE

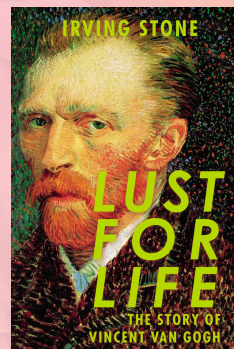
TAKE ME APART
SARA SLIGAR

JAZZ
TONI MORRISON

DAISY JONES AND THE SIX
TAYLOR JENKINS REID

AN ARTIST OF THE FLOATING WORLD
KAZUO ISHIGURO

THE SWAN THEIVES
ELIZABETH KOSTOVA



LUST FOR LIFE

IRVING STONE

Walking down the streets of Paris the young Vincent Van Gogh didn't feel like he belonged. Battling poverty, repeated heartbreak and familial obligation, Van Gogh was a man plagued by his own creative urge but with no outlet to express it. Until the day he picked up a paintbrush.

EXHIBIT: A NOVEL
R.O. KWON

AUDITION
KATIE KITAMURA

BITTER CROP: THE HEARTACHE AND TRIUMPH OF BILLIE HOLIDAY'S LAST YEAR
PAUL ALEXANDER

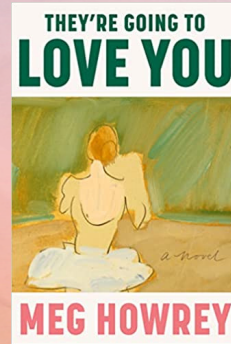
MONA ACTS OUT
MISCHA BERLINSKI

CITY OF NIGHT BIRDS
JUHEA KIM

THE COLLECTOR
JOHN FOWLES

THE GOLDFINCH
DONNA TARTT

RODIN'S LOVER
HEATHER MARIAH WEBB



THEY'RE GOING TO LOVE YOU
MEG HOWREY

Carlisle Martin dreams of becoming a professional ballet dancer just like her mother, Isabel, a former Balanchine ballerina. Nineteen years later, Carlisle receives a phone call which unravels the fateful events of her life, causing her to see with new eyes how her younger self has informed the woman she's become.

CON/ARTIST: THE LIFE AND CRIMES OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST ART FORGER
TONY TETRO

THE TIFFANY GIRLS
SHELLEY NOBLE

THE ART FORGER
B.A. SHAPIRO

THRONE OF THE FALLEN
KERRI MANISCALCO

THE SECRET LIFE OF SUNFLOWERS
MARTA MOLNAR

THE BEAUTIFUL ONES
PRINCE

THE FINAL ACT OF JULIETTE WILLOWGHBY
ELLERY LLOYD

BIG LIES IN A SMALL TOWN
DIANE CHAMBERLAIN

PORTRAIT OF AN UNKNOWN WOMAN
DANIEL SILVA



ORFEO

RICHARD POWERS

Composer Peter Els opens the door one evening to find the police on his doorstep. His home microbiology lab—the latest experiment in his lifelong attempt to find music in surprising patterns—has aroused the suspicions of Homeland Security. Panicked by the raid, Els turns fugitive and hatches a plan to transform this disastrous collision into an unforgettable work of art.

SYMPHONY OF SECRETS
BRENDAN SLOCUMB

A RIVER ENCHANTED
REBECCA ROSS