

More Ideas... Hampton Academy Suggested Summer Reading

Art

Edwards, Betty. Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain

This is a book for people at all levels of skill who want to learn to draw.

Thomson, Dr. David. Visual Magic

Non-Fiction

This is a short book with pictures of optical illusions.

Social Studies

Ellis, Deborah. The Breadwinner

Realistic Fiction 630 L

A young girl must disguise herself as a boy to earn money after her father is arrested by the Taliban in Kabul, Afghanistan.

Spinelli, Jerry. Milkweed

Historical Fiction 510 L

A young, impetuous smuggler with an upbeat attitude and strong will to live survives in the Warsaw Ghetto.

Steinbeck, John. Of Mice and Men

Historical Fiction

This classic novella tells the tale of two migrant workers during the Great Depression. Of Mice and Men teaches lessons of tolerance and understanding.

Math

Balliet, Blue. The Wright 3

Mystery

This is a sequel to the best seller Chasing Vermeer. 12 year olds Calder, Petra, and Tommy work to save the real life Robie House in Chicago from demolition. This house was designed by the famous architect Frank Lloyd Wright who used patterns based on the Fibonacci Sequence in the architecture.

Enzensberger, Hans Magnus. The Number Devil, A Mathematical Adventure

Fantasy 580 L

In twelve dreams a boy who hates math encounters a sly, clever number devil who introduces him to the wonders of numbers.

Juster, Norton. The Phantom Tollbooth

Fantasy 1000 L

A tollbooth mysteriously arrives in a boy's room. He enters and suddenly finds himself in a strange "mathematical" land.

Pearsall, Shelley. All of the Above

Realistic Fiction 1000 L

This novel follows a group of inner-city seventh graders trying to build the world's largest tetrahedron.

Stewart, Ian. Letters to a Young Mathematician

Realistic Fiction

Mathematician Ian Stewart writes a series of letters about what it is like to make a career of studying math.

Tahan, Malba. The Man Who Counted (A Collection of Mathematical Adventures)

This book describes the adventures of Beremiz Samir who must use his mathematical powers to settle disputes, give advice, overcome enemies, and win fame.

Science

Bloor, Edward. Tangerine

Realistic Fiction 680 L

This is a multi-layered story with the underlying theme of humans interfering with nature, and that the outcome will require a price.

George, Jean Craighead. There's an Owl in the Shower

Realistic Fiction 670 L

An orphaned owl changes a logger's mind about endangered species.