



2026 Summer Reading Students Entering Grade 8

- **Students entering Grade 8 are expected to read 1 book over the summer.**
- **The choice of books is listed below.**
- **August 28, 2026: Students will turn in their Book Report to their English teachers and will be counted as a formative assessment.**

Summer Reading 2026:

- **Each grade level has a selection of books assigned, and students can choose a book from the selection that they feel most interesting.**
- **The books assigned can be obtained from the Fall River library and other public libraries located either in/near the town you live in.**

Access to Summer Reading Books:

- **Summer Reading books are available through the Fall River Public Library, Learning Ally or by purchasing from Amazon.**

Learning Ally Access:

Learning Ally is a school-based website that allows students to access audio books.

Students that have access to these books on Learning Ally have been pre-determined by their teachers based on student needs. Parents/guardians will receive a letter from the Dean of Humanities at Atlantis indicating if your student has access to Learning Ally.

All other students can access the same assigned Summer Reading assignments through the Fall River Library or purchasing them through Amazon.

Fall River Public Library Card

- **We are advocating that you obtain a library card if you don't already have one.**
- **Having a library card will give you the opportunity to check online if the book you want to read is available and even allow you to place a hold on the book at the library of your choice.**

Important Considerations: Searching the SAILS Library Network Catalog:

- **You may need to sign in to the SAILS or Commonwealth catalog with your library card and PIN to place holds or requests.**
- **Check the library's website or catalog for specific instructions on requesting items and setting up notifications for availability.**

To check the availability of a book at the Fall River Public Library, start by searching the SAILS Library Network catalog. You can find this catalog on the library's website or by visiting a library computer. If the book isn't available in SAILS, check the Commonwealth Catalog for a wider statewide search. You can also request interlibrary loans if the book isn't in either catalog.

Here's a more detailed breakdown:

1. Search the SAILS Library Network catalog:

- Go to the SAILS Library Network website or access it via a library computer.
- Search for the book title.
- The search results will show if the book is available at any libraries in the SAILS network, including the Fall River Public Library.
- If available, you can usually place a hold or request the item for pickup at a convenient location. (Picture below)



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SAILS
LIBRARY NETWORK
e-catalog
connecting you to your library

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Everything | Title | The adventures of Tom Sawyer | SEARCH | Advanced Search

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Upper Grades (9-12) (1) | All (109) | Books | Downloadables | DVDs/VHS | Audio Books | Music CDs | Kids Downloadables

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- Dartmouth - Southw... (8)
- Berkley Public Library (7)
- Fairhaven-Millicent (7)
- Fall River Main (7)
- Attleboro Public Lib... (6)
- Lakeville Public Libr... (6)
- Plainville Public Libr... (5)
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- Mansfield Public Lib... (4)
- Norfolk Public Library (4)
- Norton Public Library (4)
- Richards Memorial L... (4)
- Pembroke Public Lib... (4)
- Wareham Free Library (4)
- West Bridgewater PL (4)
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109 Results Found searching All
(Some may be grouped)

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 **The adventures of Tom Sawyer**
Author Twain, Mark, 1835-1910

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Book

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2. If not in SAILS, check the Commonwealth Catalog:

- Go to the Commonwealth Catalog website or access it via a library computer.
- Search for the book title.

- The Commonwealth Catalog includes holdings from many Massachusetts public and academic libraries.
- If available, you can place a hold or request the item.

3. If not in either catalog, request an interlibrary loan:

- If the book is not found in either the SAILS or Commonwealth catalog, you can request it through interlibrary loan.
- Contact the Fall River Public Library via email (illfrm@sailsinc.org) with the book's information to submit an interlibrary loan request.

Learning Ally Access to Audio Books as noted below by a  .

Learning Ally books provide students who have access to listen to books on audio.

⇒ **Student/Parent Slideshow on How to Access Learning Ally:**

⇒ **[Learning Ally - Student- Summer Reading](#)** (click on this link)

⇒ **Teacher Slideshow on How to Access Learning Ally:**

⇒ **[Learning Ally - Teacher- Summer Reading](#)** (click on this link)

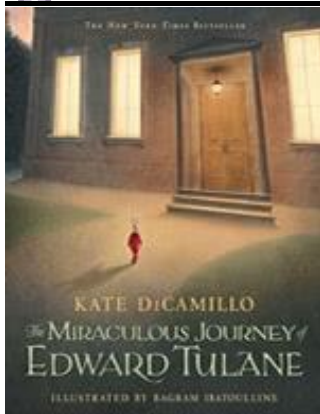
Grade Level Book Choices:

7th Grade to 8th Grade:

Kate DiCamillo Collection of Books:



The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo (Learning Ally)

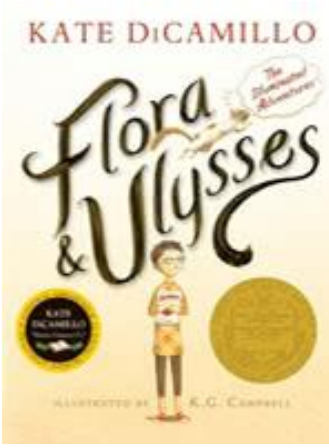


A New York Times bestseller!

A classic tale by Newbery Medalist Kate DiCamillo, America's beloved storyteller.

Once, in a house on Egypt Street, there lived a china rabbit named Edward Tulane. The rabbit was very pleased with himself, and for good reason: he was owned by a girl named Abilene, who adored him completely. And then, one day, he was lost. . . . Kate DiCamillo takes us on an extraordinary journey, from the depths of the ocean to the net of a fisherman, from the bedside of an ailing child to the bustling streets of Memphis. Along the way, we are shown a miracle — that even a heart of the most breakable kind can learn to love, to lose, and to love again.

Flora & Ulysses by Kate DiCamillo (Learning Ally)

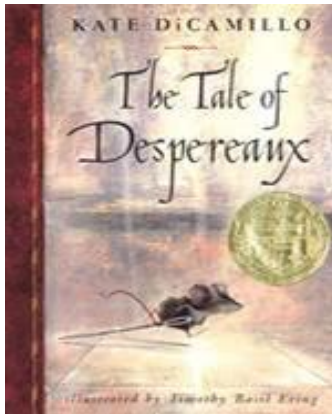


Winner of the 2014 Newbery Medal

A New York Times bestseller!

Holy unanticipated occurrences! A cynic meets an unlikely superhero in a genre-breaking novel by master storyteller Kate DiCamillo. It begins, as the best superhero stories do, with a tragic accident that has unexpected consequences. The squirrel never saw the vacuum cleaner coming, but self-described cynic Flora Belle Buckman, who has read every issue of the comic book *Terrible Things Can Happen to You!*, is the just the right person to step in and save him. What neither can predict is that Ulysses (the squirrel) has been born anew, with powers of strength, flight, and misspelled poetry — and that Flora will be changed too, as she discovers the possibility of hope and the promise of a capacious heart. From #1 *New York Times* best-selling author Kate DiCamillo comes a laugh-out-loud story filled with eccentric, endearing characters and featuring an exciting format — a novel interspersed with comic-style graphic sequences and full-page illustrations, all rendered in black-and-white by artist K.G. Campbell.

The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo (on Learning Ally)

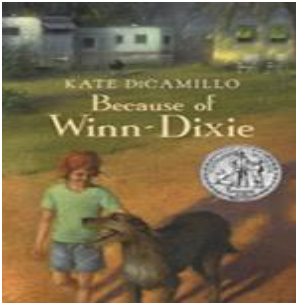


A #1 *New York Times* bestseller!

A brave mouse, a covetous rat, a wishful serving girl, and a princess named Pea come together in Kate DiCamillo's Newbery Medal-winning tale.

Welcome to the story of Despereaux Tilling, a mouse who is in love with music, stories, and a princess named Pea. It is also the story of a rat called Roscuro, who lives in the darkness and covets a world filled with light. And it is the story of Miggery Sow, a slow-witted serving girl who harbors a simple, impossible wish. These three characters are about to embark on a journey that will lead them down into a horrible dungeon, up into a glittering castle, and, ultimately, into each other's lives. What happens then? As Kate DiCamillo would say: Reader, it is your destiny to find out.

Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo (Learning Ally)

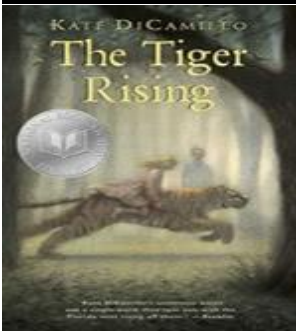


The #1 *New York Times* bestseller and beloved classic includes an afterword from the author and an introduction by Ann Patchett.

One summer's day, ten-year-old India Opal Buloni goes down to the local supermarket for some groceries—and comes home with a dog. But Winn-Dixie is no ordinary dog. It's because of Winn-Dixie that Opal begins to make friends. And it's because of Winn-Dixie that she finally dares to ask her father about her mother, who left when Opal was three. In fact, as Opal admits, just about *everything* that happens that summer is because of Winn-Dixie.

“This book is (I hope) a hymn of praise to dogs, friendship, and the South,” Kate DiCamillo said of her best-selling debut novel, which has been awarded a Newbery Honor, translated into nearly thirty languages, and turned into a major motion picture. The story of a preacher's daughter named Opal whose life is transformed by a scruffy dog named Winn-Dixie continues to touch the hearts of readers of all ages.

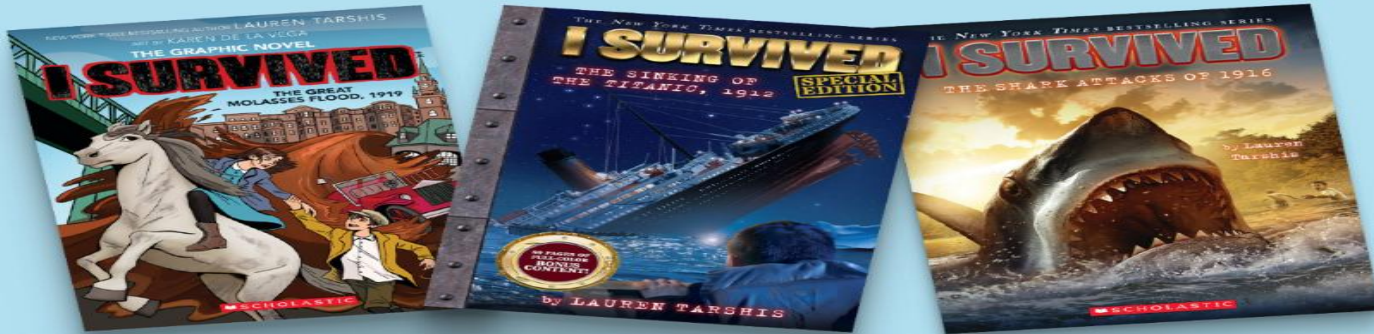
The Tiger Rising by Kate DiCamillo (Learning Ally)



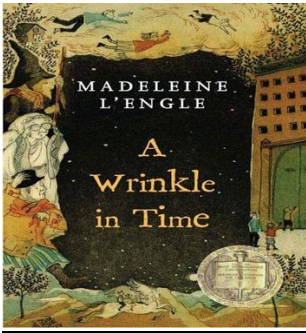
A National Book Award finalist by Newbery Medalist Kate DiCamillo. Walking through the misty Florida woods one morning, twelve-year-old Rob Horton is stunned to encounter a tiger—a real-life, very large tiger—pacing back and forth in a cage. What's more, on the same extraordinary day, he meets Sistine Bailey, a girl who shows her feelings as readily as Rob hides his. As they learn to trust each other, and ultimately, to be friends, Rob

and Sistine prove that some things—like memories, heartache, and tigers—can't be locked up forever. Featuring a cover illustration by Stephen Walton.

 **Any Book from the I Survived Series: Located on Learning Alley for Audio Version**



A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle (Learning Ally)



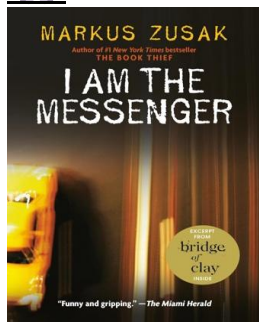
This is Book 1 of the Time Quintet Series

It was a dark and stormy night; Meg Murry, her small brother Charles Wallace, and her mother had come down to the kitchen for a midnight snack when they were upset by the arrival of a most disturbing stranger.

"Wild nights are my glory," the unearthly stranger told them. "I just got caught in a downdraft and blown off course. Let me sit down for a moment, and then I'll be on my way. Speaking of ways, by the way, there is such a thing as a tesseract."

A tesseract (in case the reader doesn't know) is a wrinkle in time. To tell more would rob the reader of the enjoyment of Miss L'Engle's unusual book. *A Wrinkle in Time*, winner of the Newbery Medal in 1963, is the story of the adventures in space and time of Meg, Charles Wallace, and Calvin O'Keefe (athlete, student, and one of the most popular boys in high school).

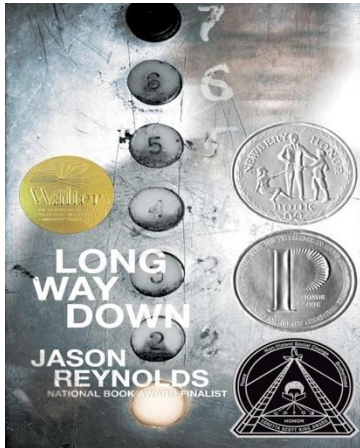
I Am The Messenger by Markus Zusak (Author) (Learning Ally)



From the author of the extraordinary #1 *New York Times* bestseller *The Book Thief*, *I Am the Messenger* is an acclaimed novel filled with laughter, fists, and love.

Ed Kennedy is an underage cabdriver without much of a future. He's pathetic at playing cards, hopelessly in love with his best friend, Audrey, and utterly devoted to his coffee-drinking dog, the Doorman. His life is one of peaceful routine and incompetence until he inadvertently stops a bank robbery.

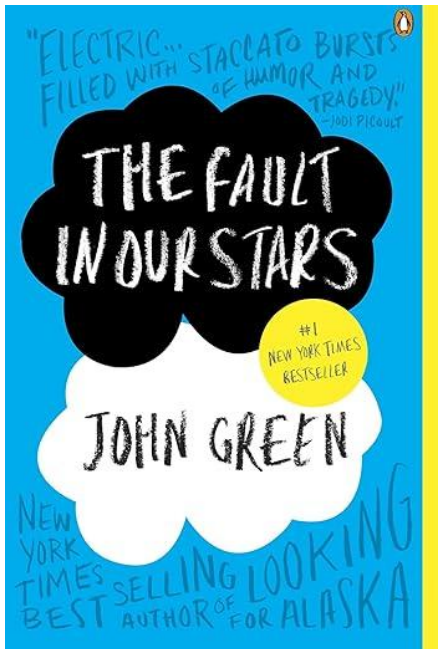
🎧 Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds (Learning Ally)



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Jason Reynolds's 2017 novel is told entirely in verse and takes place over the course of a single minute. Fifteen-year-old Will Holloman is riding the elevator from the seventh floor to the first, ready to kill the person who murdered his older brother. On each floor, a ghost from his neighborhood tells the story of their own demise—many of them killed in a vicious cycle of revenge. "So many of my students say, 'I don't like to read, but that was a GREAT book,'" writes Koty Zelinka Cole. "You can't go wrong with anything by Jason Reynolds," adds another educator. While some of Reynolds's themes skew older, more mature middle school students will find it a very engaging read.

 **The Fault in Our Stars by John Green (Learning Ally)**



The beloved, #1 global bestseller by John Green, author of *The Anthropocene Reviewed* and *Turtles All the Way Down*

“John Green is one of the best writers alive.” –E. Lockhart, #1 bestselling author of *We Were Liars*

“The greatest romance story of this decade.” –Entertainment Weekly

#1 New York Times Bestseller • #1 Wall Street Journal Bestseller • #1 USA Today Bestseller • #1 International Bestseller