

# WBPL Middle School Summer 2019

Check out all the activities, contests and events for teens at the West Bridgewater Public Library



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- Sign up for the **Beanstack app** on your phone to track your reading and win prizes.
- Join the **Advance Readers Club** – read pre-published books and review. You get to keep the books!
- Enter the summer **“This I Believe “ Essay Contest**. Deadline: Friday, August 16 5 p.m. Judging August 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Enter the summer **“Then and Now” Goofy Photography Contest**. Bring in throughout the summer, Judging: Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Sign up for an **Escape Room** experience on Friday, July 12 either 1 – 2 p.m. OR 3 – 4 p.m.
- Join us for the **Moon and Star-gazing** event on Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup> 9 – 11 p.m. on the Friendship Park field.

## REALISM & HISTORY:

Sheinkin, Steve, **The Notorious Benedict Arnold** introduces you to the real Arnold: reckless, heroic, and driven. Packed with first-person accounts, astonishing American Revolution battle scenes, and surprising twists, this is a gripping and true adventure tale from history.

Edsel, Robert M., **The Greatest Treasure hunt in the World** As the most destructive war in history ravaged Europe, many of the world's most cherished cultural objects were in harm's way. *The Greatest Treasure Hunt in History* recounts the astonishing true story of 11 men and one woman who risked their lives amidst the bloodshed of World War II to preserve churches, libraries, monuments, and works of art that for centuries defined the heritage of Western civilization.

Sepetys, Ruta, **Out of the Easy** Josie Moraine wants more out of life than the Big Easy has to offer. She devises a plan get out, but a mysterious death in the Quarter leaves Josie tangled in an investigation that will challenge her allegiance to her mother, her conscience, and Willie Woodley, the brusque madam on Conti Street.

Reynolds, Jason, **Track series: Ghost** Ghost. Lu. Patina. Sunny. Four kids from wildly different backgrounds with personalities that are explosive when they clash. But they are also four kids chosen for an elite middle school track team—a team that could qualify them for the Junior Olympics if they can get their acts together. They all have a lot to lose, but they also have a lot to prove, not only to each other, but to themselves.

Kinsella, Sophie, **Finding Audrey** Audrey wears dark glasses all the time, even in the house. She almost never goes out, doesn't talk to new people, and finds making eye contact to be nearly impossible. But then one day she meets Linus. Linus is her brother's friend and a sensitive spirit with whom she can talk through her fears. He makes her laugh and doesn't leave her feeling like she's being judged. As their friendship deepens, Audrey's recovery gains momentum, and she and Linus begin to develop feelings for each other. But how can they have a future together when Audrey hasn't dealt with her past? And how could anyone ever love her once they've seen her at her worst?

Alexie, Sherman, **The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian** This is the story of Junior, a budding cartoonist growing up on the Spokane Indian Reservation. Determined to take his future into his own hands, Junior leaves his troubled school on the rez to attend an all-white farm town high school where the only other Indian is the school mascot.

Zoboi, Ibi, **Pride** *Pride and Prejudice* gets remixed in this smart, funny, gorgeous retelling of the classic, starring all characters of color. Zuri Benitez has pride. Brooklyn pride, family pride, and pride in her Afro-Latino roots. But pride might not be enough to save her rapidly gentrifying neighborhood from becoming unrecognizable.

## SCI-FI & FANTASY:

Grant, Michael, **The Gone series** In the blink of an eye, everyone disappears - except for the young. There are teens, but not one single adult. Just as suddenly, there are no phones, no internet, no television. No way to get help. And no way to figure out what's happened. Hunger threatens. Bullies rule. A sinister creature lurks and the teens themselves are growing new talents—unimaginable, dangerous, deadly powers—that grow stronger by the day

Mull, Brandon, and others, **Spirit Animals: Wild born** Four children separated by vast distances all undergo the same ritual, watched by cloaked strangers. Four flashes of light erupt, and from them emerge the unmistakable shapes of incredible beasts -- a wolf, a leopard, a panda, a falcon. Suddenly the paths of these children -- and the world -- have been changed forever.

Meloy, Maile, **The Apothecary series** It's 1952 and the Scott family has just moved from Los Angeles to London. Here, fourteen-year-old Janie meets a mysterious apothecary and his son, Benjamin Burrows - a fascinating boy who's not afraid to stand up to authority and dreams of becoming a spy. When Benjamin's father is kidnapped, Janie and Benjamin must uncover the secrets of the apothecary's sacred book, the *Pharmacopoeia*, in order to find him, all while keeping it out of the hands of their enemies.

Nix, Garth, **Keys to the Kingdom series: Mister Monday** Seven days. Seven keys. Seven virtues. Seven sins. One mysterious house is the doorway to a very mysterious world -- where one boy is about to venture and unlock a number of fantastical secrets.

Hunter, Erin, **Warriors series: Into the Wild** For generations, four Clans of wild cats have shared the forest according to the laws laid down by their ancestors. But the warrior code has been threatened, and the ThunderClan cats are in grave danger. The sinister ShadowClan grows stronger every day. Noble warriors are dying—and some deaths are more mysterious than others. In the midst of this turmoil appears an ordinary housecat named Rusty... who may turn out to be the bravest warrior of them all.

## COMICS & GRAPHIC NOVELS:

Aldrich, Ethan, **Estranged** Edmund and the Childe were swapped at birth. Now Edmund lives in secret as a changeling in the World Above, his fae powers hidden from his unsuspecting parents and his older sister, Alexis. The Childe lives among the fae in the World Below, where being a human makes him a curiosity at the royal palace. But when the cruel sorceress Hawthorne seizes the throne, the Childe and Edmund must unite on a dangerous quest to save both worlds—even if they're not sure which world they belong to.

Hinds, Gareth, **The Odyssey & The Iliad** In these stunning graphic novel adaptations — thoroughly researched and artfully rendered masterworks — renowned illustrator Gareth Hinds captures all the grim glory and fantastic creatures of Homer's epics.

Watterson, Bill, **The Authoritative Calvin and Hobbes** *Calvin and Hobbes* follows the humorous antics of Calvin, a precocious, mischievous, and adventurous six-year-old boy, and Hobbes, his stuffed tiger. Set in the contemporary suburban United States, the strip depicts Calvin's frequent flights of fancy and his friendship with Hobbes. It also examines Calvin's relationships with family and classmates.

Yang, Gene, **American Born Chinese** Jin Wang starts at a new school where he's the only Chinese-American student. When a boy from Taiwan joins his class, Jin doesn't want to be associated with him. Danny is an all-American boy: great at basketball, popular with the girls. But his obnoxious Chinese cousin Chin-Kee's annual visit is such a disaster that it ruins Danny's reputation at school, leaving him with no choice but to transfer somewhere he can start all over again. The Monkey King has lived for thousands of years and mastered the arts of kung fu and the heavenly disciplines. He's ready to join the ranks of the immortal gods in heaven. But there's no place in heaven for a monkey. Each of these characters cannot help himself alone, but how can they possibly help each other? They're going to have to find a way—if they want fix the disasters their lives have become.