

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

This is a short book with pictures of optical illusions.

Non-Fiction

Social Studies

Ellis, Deborah. The Breadwinner

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

Realistic Fiction 630 L

Spinelli, Jerry. Milkweed

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

Historical Fiction 510 L

Steinbeck, John. Of Mice and Men

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

Historical Fiction

Math

Balliet, Blue. The Wright 3

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.

Mystery

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

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

Fantasy 580 L

Juster, Norton. The Phantom Tollbooth

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

Fantasy 1000 L

Pearsall, Shelley. All of the Above

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

Realistic Fiction 1000 L

Stewart, Ian. Letters to a Young Mathematician

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

Realistic Fiction

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

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

Realistic Fiction 680 L

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

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

Realistic Fiction 670 L