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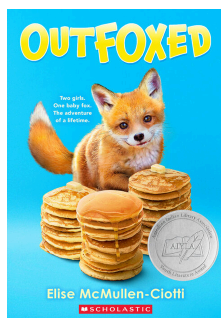
SUMMER READING CHOICES

CHOOSE ONE BOOK FROM THIS LIST TO READ THIS SUMMER. ARRIVE AT SCHOOL IN THE FALL READY TO DISCUSS YOUR BOOK! YOU CAN FIND THESE BOOKS AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY!

REALISTIC FICTION

Outfoxed by Elise McMullen-Ciotti

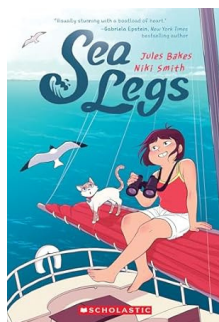
Twelve-year-old Skye has just rescued a baby fox she's named Kitkat, with the help of her Park Ranger cousin Braeden. Skye usually releases an animal back into the wild as soon as it's healed, but this baby fox was injured by a trap. No one hurts a baby animal and gets away with it as long as Skye's around, and now she's on a mission to find the poacher! When Skye takes Kitkat to the vet, she meets a quiet girl named Ivy. Ivy decides to join in on the investigation and a friendship starts to form between the girls. But will these new friends uncover the true identity of the poacher and safely release Kitkat back into the wild?



GRAPHIC NOVEL

Sea Legs by Jules Baker and illustrated by Nikki Smith

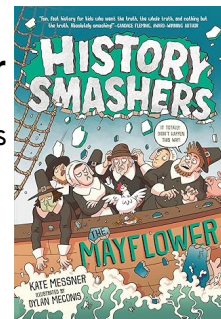
Janey's family is about to set sail for the adventure of a lifetime! The only problem? Janey must leave her school, her life, her best friend, the entire country behind for new adventures — coral reefs, colorful markets, and new cultures. Life at sea is exhilarating, but there's a major downside: when you're raising anchor every few days with sights on a new harbor, it's almost impossible to make new friends. Finally, Janey meets the cool and aloof Astrid — a fellow boat kid who's equally starved for friendship. But Astrid can be a challenging friend to navigate, and beyond that, hurricane season has only just begun...



NON FICTION

History Smashers: The Mayflower by Kate Messner

Myths! Lies! Secrets! Smash the stories behind famous moments in history and expose the hidden truth. Perfect for fans of I Survived and Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales. In 1620, the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock and made friends with Wampanoag people who gave them corn. RIGHT? WRONG! It was months before the Pilgrims met any Wampanoag people, and nobody gave anybody corn that day. Did you know that the Pilgrims didn't go straight from England to Plymouth? No, they made a stop along the way — and almost stayed forever! Did you know there was a second ship, called the Speedwell, that was too leaky to make the trip? No joke. And just wait until you learn the truth about Plymouth Rock. Through illustrations, graphic panels, photographs, sidebars, and more, acclaimed author Kate Messner smashes history by exploring the little-known details behind the legends of the Mayflower and the first Thanksgiving.



FANTASY

Legends of Lotus Island: The Guardian Test by Christina Soontornvat

Young Plum is shocked to discover that she's been accepted to the Guardian Academy on Lotus Island, an elite school where kids learn how to transform into Guardians, magical creatures who are sworn to protect the natural world. The Guardian masters teach Plum and her friends how to communicate with animals and how to use meditation to strengthen their minds and bodies. All the kids also learn to fight, so they can protect the defenseless if needed. To her dismay, Plum struggles at school. While her classmates begin to transform into amazing creatures, Plum can't even seem to magic up a single feather! If she can't embrace her inner animal form soon, she'll have to leave school — and lose the first group of real friends she's ever known.

