

2018 ASFMS Summer Reading

Rhode Island Children's Book Award Nominations

2018

Wild Robot Peter Brown

When robot Roz wakes up for the first time alone on an island, she must adjust her programming to help her live among wild animals and other threats. But can technology and nature survive together?

Brave Like My Brother Marc Tyler Nobleman

Join Charlie and his brother Joe as they exchange letters during WWII. Charlie needs to confront bullies without the physical help of his deployed, hero brother. Can he do this on his own?

FRAMED! A T.O.A.S.T. Mystery James Ponti

Meet Florian, the only kid on the FBI's speed dial and criminals' most wanted lists all because of his Theory of All Small Things (T.O.A.S.T.). Can Florian decipher the clues and finish his homework in time to help the FBI solve the case?

Towers Falling Jewell Parker Rhodes

Deja doesn't know what happened to the Twin Towers or what it means to her own family. Join her and her new friends on a journey to understand her home and community.

2017

Took Mary Downing Hahn

Daniel and his sister move to a new house and are told stories about a ghost witch who lives nearby. Daniel doesn't believe in the stories until his sister gets a doll and her behavior changes. One day she disappears and Daniel must face the ghost.

Full Cicada Moon Marilyn Hilton

It's 1969, and the Apollo 11 mission is ready to go to the moon. But for half-black, half-Japanese Mimi, moving to a predominantly white Vermont town is enough to make her feel alien. Mimi's appearance is all anyone notices. She struggles to fit in even as she fights for her right to stand out.

Ellie's Story W. Bruce Cameron

From the time she was a puppy, Ellie has been trained as a search and-rescue dog. She soon learns, though, that her job isn't just to save missing or hurt people.

Masterminds Gordon Korman

Eli and the other kids in Serenity, New Mexico are told they're lucky to be living in the most perfect town in America. But when Eli and his friends discover the connection between Serenity and the greatest criminal masterminds in history, they must make a daring escape.

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Paper Things Jennifer Richard Jacobson

When forced to choose between staying with her guardian and being with her big brother, Ari chooses her big brother Gage. There's just one problem—Gage doesn't have a place to live.

2016

Mockingbird Kathryn Erskine

Caitlin is a bright fifth grader and gifted artist. She also has Asperger's syndrome. Her brother, Devon, was the one who helped her get by. But a middle-school shooting took his life. Now she has only her widowed father to rely on, and he has problems of his own. With Devon gone, will she have the courage to live fully on her own?

Absolutely Almost Lisa Graff

It's hard not to be good at anything. Just ask ten-year-old Albie, who is failing math and is the target of the school bully. Albie learns to cope with the stress of a new school while learning to stand up to the bully and make new friends.

Rain Reign Ann M. Martin

Rose is a special 12 year-old year who is obsessed with homophones and prime numbers. During a terrible storm, her dog goes missing and it is up to her to find him. When she finds her dog, her reunion does not go exactly as planned.

2015

Athlete vs. Mathlete W.C. Mack

When their two worlds collide in seventh grade, fraternal twins and opposites Owen and Russell find themselves in direct competition at school, on the court, and at home.



SUMMER MATTERS

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Rhode Island Teen Book Nominations

2018

The Sun is Also a Star Nicola Yoon

Natasha is a girl who believes in science and facts. Daniel has always been a good son and good student. But when he sees Natasha he forgets all that and believes there is something extraordinary in store for both of them.**

2017

All American Boys Brendan Kiely & Jason Reynolds

Rashad and Quinn—one black, one white, both American—face the unspeakable truth that racism and prejudice didn't die after the civil rights movement. This is a multi-faceted look at race relations in America.**

The Crossover Kwame Alexander

Josh and his twin brother Jordan are awesome on the court. But Josh has more than basketball in his blood; he's got mad beats, too, and tells his family's story in verse. This is a fast and furious novel of family and brotherhood.

The Boys Who Challenged Hitler: Knud Pedersen and the Churchill Club Phillip Hoose

At the outset of World War II, Denmark did not resist German occupation. Deeply ashamed, fifteen-year-old Knud Pedersen resolved to take action against the Nazis. With his brother and friends, he formed a secret club and named it after the British leader, Winston Churchill. The Churchill Club committed countless acts of sabotage, infuriating the Germans, who eventually had the boys tracked down and arrested.

2016

Brown Girl Dreaming Jacqueline Woodson

In this verse memoir, Woodson describes how the love and support of her family, during the turbulent time of the civil rights movement, helped her to "hold fast" to her dreams.

2015

Eleanor & Park Rainbow Rowell

Set over the course of one school year in 1986, this is the story of two star-crossed misfits--smart enough to know that first love almost never lasts, but brave and desperate enough to try.**

Steelheart Brandon Sanderson

At age eight, David watched as his father was killed by an Epic, a human with superhuman powers, and now, ten years later, he joins the Reckoners-- the only people who are trying to kill the Epics and end their tyranny.

Rhode Island Middle School Book Award Nominations

2019

Restart Gordon Korman

Eighth grader Chase Andrews fell off of his roof and suffered total amnesia. When Chase goes back to school, he is torn between old football loyalties and new video club friends. Is once a bully always a bully or can he truly RESTART his life?

2018

Lily and Dunkin Donna Gephart

This is the story of a transgender girl named Lily, a bipolar boy named Dunkin, and a tree named Bob. It's about finding out who you're meant to be and finding the people who will encourage you to reach for the sky, not chop you down.**

Orbiting Jupiter Gary D. Schmidt

Joseph, a father at age 13, has never seen his daughter, Jupiter. He is placed in a foster home in rural Maine where he meets 12-year-old Jack. Together, they discover the true meaning of family and sacrifice. **

Falling Over Sideways Jordan Sonnenblick

Claire has high expectations for her last year of middle school, which are quickly dashed by a series of disappointing setbacks. Then a true tragedy occurs when her father has a stroke, and Claire struggles to find her footing in a life she no longer recognizes.

Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom Lynda Blackmon Lowery

Lynda Blackmon Lowery was 15 years old when she participated in the 1965 civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery. Her strength shows how one voice is able to make a difference.

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The Hate U Give Donna Gephart

Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer. Now, facing pressures from all sides of the community, Starr must find her voice and stand up for what's right.**

****Mature Themes: not all books are suitable for all readers**