

WPL ReadingRep Recommendation List

What's a ReadingRep?

Here at Waterbury Public Library, our ReadingReps are kids of all ages who love to read and are willing to share that interest with other kids. The process is simple: ReadingReps read books, and then they recommend the books they love to other kids!

Who can be a Reading Rep?

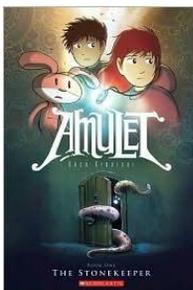
Anyone! If you like to read books, and want to share your reading ideas with other kids, you are ReadingRep material! Interested? Contact Maggie at maggie@waterburypubliclibrary.com.

Check out some of our ReadingReps' recent picks...

Lenaya, age 12

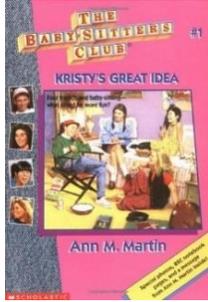
Lenaya likes: *"Scary books and movies! I also love music and art. I love graphic novels and DCF (now Golden Dome) award books. My favorite type of books are ones with sequels!"*

Lenaya's Picks...



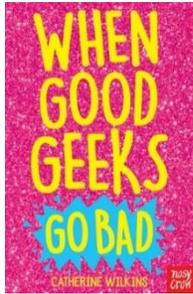
[Amulet series](#) by Kazu Kibishi

A graphic novel series featuring a world of terrible, man-eating demons, a mechanical rabbit, a giant robot---and two ordinary children on a life-or-death mission.



[Babysitters Club series](#) by Ann M. Martin

The classic series about a group of middle school girls who join together to form “The Babysitters Club”. Lenaya also loves the new [Babysitters Club graphic novels](#) created by Raina Telgemeier and Gale Galligan.



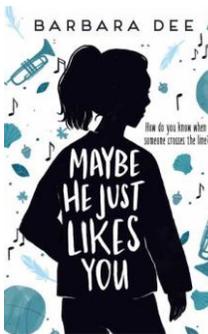
[When Good Geeks Go Bad](#) by Cathrine Wilkins

Being good hasn't got Ella anywhere, so why not try being bad for a while? But going bad is a slippery slope and soon things start to spiral out of control. Can Ella get things back on track?



[Making Friends](#) by Kristen Gudsnuck

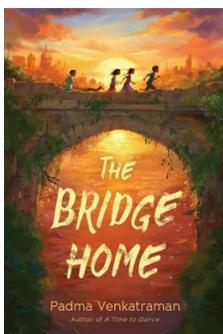
When Danielle inherits a magical sketchbook from her eccentric great aunt Elma, she draws Madison, an ideal best friend that springs to life right off the page! But even when you create a best friend, it's not easy navigating the ups and downs...



[Maybe He Just Likes You](#) by Barbra Dee

Lenaya says: *“This book talks about things that every girl can relate to...A great book for girls 11 and older because it talks about ‘older girl stuff’.”*

A nominee for this year's VT Golden Dome Middle Grade Book Award, this book explores the subject of #MeToo for the middle grade audience.



[Bridge Home](#) by Padma Venkatraman

Lenaya says: *“It makes you laugh and cry at the same time. I would say it's great for anyone age 8+.”*

Another VT Golden Dome nominee, this book follows four kids in their struggle to live on the streets of Chennai, India.

Beacan, age 11

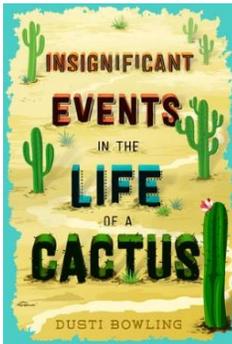
Beacan likes: “*Soccer, violin, basketball, acting, reading, seeing friends, eating, baking, dogs, biking, skateboarding, snowboarding, and swimming.*”

Beacan’s Picks...



[Refugee](#) by Alan Gratz

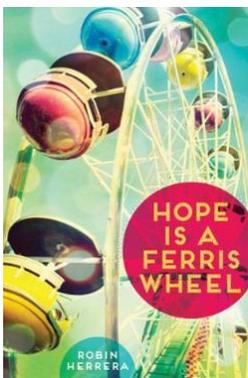
The 2019 winner of the VT Middle Grade Book Award. This book shows the refugee experience from the point of view of three kids from three different countries and three different decades.



[Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus](#) by Dusti Bowling

Aven Green loves to tell people that she lost her arms in an alligator wrestling match, or a wildfire in Tanzania, but the truth is she was born without them. And when Aven moves across the country, she knows she'll have to answer the question over and over again...

Beacan also recommends the sequel, [Momentous Events in the Life of a Cactus](#).



[Hope is a Ferris Wheel](#) by Robin Herrera

Ten-year-old Star Mackie lives in a trailer park with her flaky mom and her melancholy older sister, Winter, whom Star idolizes.

Beacan says: “*I recommend this book because it’s a really thought out story about finding your true friends.*”



Love Stargirl by Jerry Spinelli

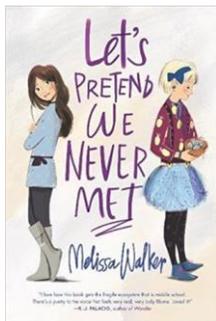
The second in a 3 book series, this novel takes the form of "the world's longest letter," in diary form, going from date to date through a little more than a year's time.

Beacan says: *"It is such a heartfelt story and you can really feel for the characters."*



Look Both Ways by Jason Reynolds

Beacan says: *"This is a really unique story told by ten different people and they all connect somehow and I think that's really cool."*



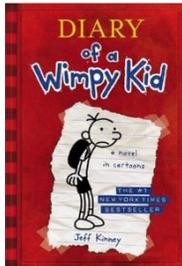
Let's Pretend We Never Met by Melissa Walker

Beacan says: *"This is a book about moving and growing up and being your true self."*

Killian, age practically 10

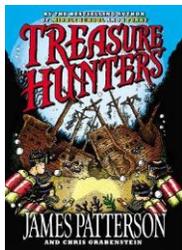
Killian likes: *“Skiing, dirt biking, reading, mountain biking, and doodling.”*

Killian’s Picks...



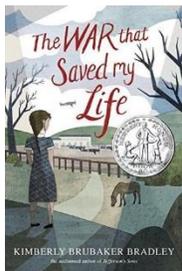
[Diary of a Wimpy Kid series](#) by Jeff Kinney

The well-loved “novels in cartoon” about a boy named Greg Heffley and his struggles to fit in as he begins middle school.



[Treasure Hunters series](#) by James Patterson and Chris Grabenstein

Follow the Kidd siblings as they search for their parents, hunt treasure and travel the world in this fun adventure series!



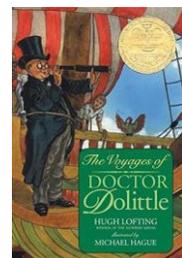
[The War That Saved My Life](#) by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

Killian says: *“It teaches you from a kid’s perspective of WWII.”*



[The Snowy](#) by Dave Schneider

Skiing, snowboarding, jungles, mountains, creatures from another world...this adventure story has it all! Killian says: *“I recommend this book because I love the winter and ski racing...plus its fiction!”*



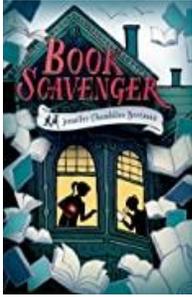
[The Voyages of Doctor Dolittle](#) by Hugh Lofting

The second in a series about the doctor who can understand the language of animals. Killian says: *“Anybody that loves animals will enjoy this book!”*

Beckett, age 9

Beckett likes: “Frisbee, kickball, and skiing.”

Beckett’s Picks...



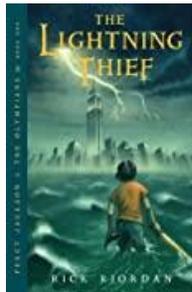
[Book Scavenger series](#) by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman

The two heroes of this series explore San Francisco, solving puzzles and finding clues to uncover the whereabouts of hidden books. But there are those who play the Book Scavenger game for higher stakes, drawing the young heroes into dangerous mysteries they must use all their wits to solve...



[The Dragonet Prophecy](#) by Tui T. Sutherland

The seven dragon tribes have been at war for generations, locked in an endless battle over an ancient, lost treasure. Now a secret movement called the Talons of Peace is determined to bring an end to the fighting.... This book is the first in the [Wings of Fire series](#).



[Percy Jackson and the Olympians series](#) by Rick Riordan

Join the adventures of Percy Jackson and his demigod friends as they fight mythological monsters and the forces of the titan lord Kronos.

Beckett says: “It is good!”



[The Lost Hero](#) by Rick Riordan

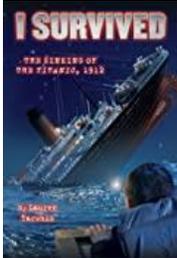
The first in Rick Riordan’s [Heroes of Olympus series](#).

A new Great Prophecy, a new generation of demigods- if you like Percy Jackson and the Olympians, you’ll love this spin-off series!

Henry, age 8

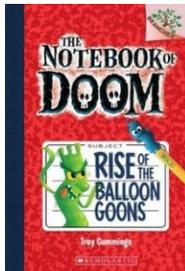
Henry likes: “Baseball cards, collecting coins, camping, and climbing trees.”

Henry’s Picks...



[I Survived](#) series by Lauren Tarshis

The most terrifying events in history are brought vividly to life in this fictional series!



[Notebook of Doom](#) series by Troy Cummings

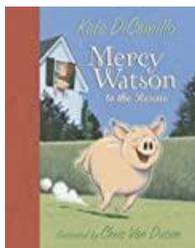
Monsters + Humor + Fun = THE NOTEBOOK OF DOOM!

A great early chapter book series for newly independent readers. Henry says: “It is really funny.”



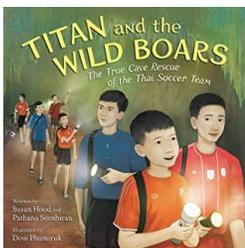
[Ranger in Time](#) series by Kate Messner

Ranger is a time traveling golden retriever who has a nose for trouble...and always saves the day! Join Ranger on his adventures through history.



[Mercy Watson series](#) by Kate DiCamillo

To Mr. and Mrs. Watson, Mercy is not just a pig — she's a porcine wonder. Join Mercy and her humans on countless adventures in this award winning early chapter book series.



[Titan and the Wild Boars](#)

by Susan Hood and Patthana Sornhiran

Henry recommends this book because “it is a true story”: the illustrated story of the cave rescue of the Thai soccer team.

Emaline, age 8

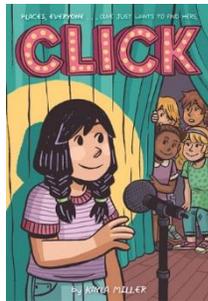
Emmy likes: “Books 😊, soccer, skiing, snowboarding, sewing, baking, crafting, building, nice animals, math, spelling and biking.”

Emmy’s picks...



[Smile](#) series by Raina Telgemeier

Emmy loves this graphic novel series that chronicles the life and challenges of the author and illustrator in her pre-teen years. Emmy says to check it out because: “She goes through a lot of challenges, and it is a true story.”



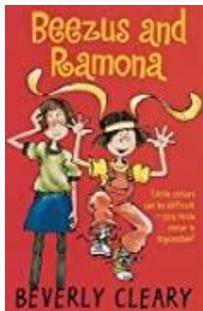
[Click](#) series by Kayla Miller

A graphic novel series about friendship and finding where you "click" in school.



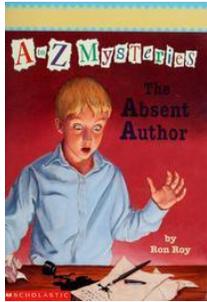
[Ranger in Time](#) series by Kate Messner

Yup, like Henry, Emmy loves this series about a time traveling golden retriever. Must be an 8 year old thing...



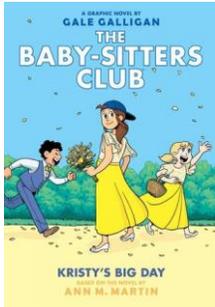
[Ramona](#) series by Beverly Cleary

Kids still love this classic series! Emmy recommends it because “there is a book at almost every age”. Get to know Ramona as a pesky little sister in [Beezus and Ramona](#), and then follow her as she grows.



[A to Z Mysteries](#) by Ron Roy

This transitional reader series is filled with mystery and adventure. Emmy says of these mysteries: *“They are not too scary, and they are exciting.”*



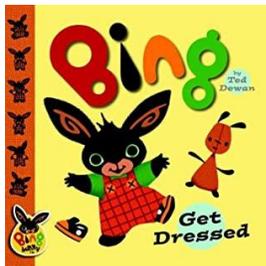
[The Babysitters Club Graphic Novels](#) series

Based on the original Babysitters Club series by Ann M. Martin, these graphic novels by Raina Telgemeier and Gale Galligan are getting a whole new generation hooked on the babysitters. Emmy says, *“Even though they still have fights, they are still friends.”*

Rosie, Age 5

Rosie likes: *“Playing with my dolls and pets, dancing, climbing trees and playing computer games.”*

Rosie’s Picks...



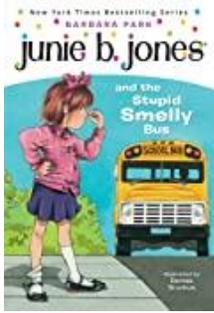
[Bing Gets Dressed](#) by Ted Dewan

Bing Bunny tackles preschool challenges such as getting dressed, eating breakfast, and going to the park in his own charming style—and always with a sense of humor.



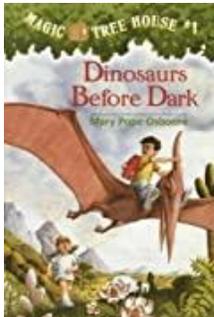
[The Creepy Pair of Underwear](#) by Aaron Reynolds

The title pretty much says it all...



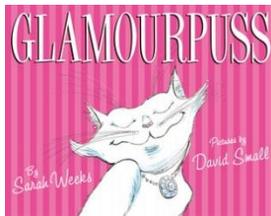
[Junie B. Jones](#) series by Barbara Park

Junie B. Jones is a kindergartener with attitude! This transitional reader series gets kids laughing as they follow the misadventures of Junie B.



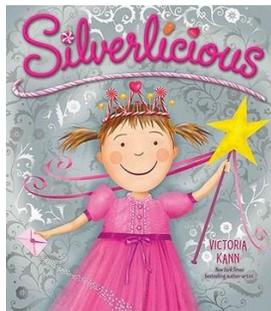
[Magic Treehouse](#) series by Mary Pope Osborne

One of the first fantasy series kids can read themselves, but also stories they love hearing aloud. The series follow a time traveling brother and sister through countless adventures.



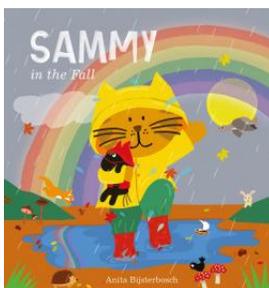
[Glamourpuss](#) by Sarah Weeks

Glamourpuss has it all. She has style. She has charm. And she knows how to strike a pose. Rosie says this is a good one if you like books about cats.



[Silverlicious](#) by Victoria Kann

For all fans of the original [Pinkalicious](#). Rosie says: *“The tooth fairy keeps sending notes to Pinkalicious, which is very funny!”*



[Sammy in the Fall](#) by Anita Bijsterbosch

Rosie recommends this book because *“it’s about fall and the pictures are nice.”*