

**SWIFTIE SOIRÉE** Wednesday | June 26 | 3:00 PM

Calling all Swifties! Join us for a chill afternoon of coloring, bracelet making, and of course, singing along to your favorite Taylor Swift songs.

## **TIE DYE** Friday | June 28 | 1:00 PM

Unleash your artistic vision on a white T-shirt, pair of socks, scrunchie, bag or whatever white or light-colored fabric item you have lying around! Learn some classic shirt ties or just freehand to your heart's content.

### **TERRARIUMS** Friday | July 12 | 1:00 PM

Bring your own jar, cup, or other clear container (under a quart) and make it come alive with a little ecosystem of your creation! We'll provide fillers, plants and decorations.

## DRAWING WORKSHOP Thursday | July 18 | 2:30 PM

Learn some techniques to improve - or even start - drawing for fun! We'll cover simple exercises to get you in full control of your pencil as well as expressive figure sketching.

## **CAMP HALF-BLOOD** Thursday | July 25 | 11:00 AM

Camp Half Blood is back! Join us at Marylhurst Heights Park for a Percy Jackson-themed celebration! Earn your beads in all sorts of camp activities from javelin-throwing to shield decorating. We'll end with a friendly battle at 11: 45.

## MINECRAFT CLUB Thursday | August 15 | 4:30 PM

Join us for Minecraft gaming at the library! We provide the computers and server to play on, you bring the creativity and building skills.



## Summer Reading Program June 15 - August 15

Remember to turn in your Summer Reading Program log by THURSDAY, AUGUST 15 to claim your prizes including a free book, a \$5 off your fines token and a raffle ticket!













## We have what you need!

## A Place Just For You

Our Teen Room is reserved for students in Grades 6-12 (no adults allowed!)

- Tables for studying
- Comfy couches
- Take and Make kits
- Rotating games and Maker supplies
- Charging stations

#### Looking for your next read? We can help with that:

#### <u>Booklists</u>

Print lists are available in the Young Teen and Teen rooms. Scan the QR Code to view up-todate booklists on our website.

#### **Book Recommendations**

Fill out an online form with a few details of what you are looking for. We will reply back with several suggestions. OR stop in and ask us in person!



#### <u>Teen Book Boxes</u>

Starting in 7th Grade, you can sign up for our Teen Book Boxes service and receive mystery boxes filled with 2 personalized fiction selections.



## <u>Earn a Prize!</u>

Every other month, there is a scavenger hunt in the Youth Services section of the library. On the opposite months, you can come in to guess our Book In A Jar book.

## **Research & Homework**

Our website has resources to help you succeed. A couple of easy clicks will take you to credible articles and databases, newspapers and magazines, and our library catalog.

## SCHEDULED CLOSURES

Wednesday, June 19, 2024 Thursday, July 4, 2024





# Middle School Must-Reads: Discover New & Old Favorites!





#### THE MOSTLY TRUE STORY OF CLEOPATRA'S NEEDLE Dan Gutman

What is an obelisk commissioned by an ancient Egyptian pharaoh doing in Central Park? History and adventure blend together across the centuries to tell a fascinating tale of this remarkable monument.

**Read-Alikes:** Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales The I Survived series



TREE, TABLE, BOOK Lois Lowry

11-year-old Sophia's best friend is her 88-year-old neighbor, Sophie. When Sophia learns that Sophie's family wants to move Sophie to a dementia facility, she is determined to prove that her BFF can live on her own. Filled with heart and humor, this story will stay with you long after you finish.

> **Read-Alikes:** Ferris Ruby Lost and Found



CURVEBALL Pablo Cartaya

Don't let the cover of this graphic novel fool you - it is about so much more than baseball. Elena is the only girl on her baseball team and hasn't had many experiences outside of this setting. Due to an injury and her overbearing mom, Elena is questioning if baseball should really be her everything.

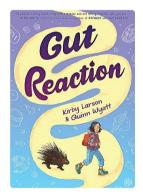
> **Read Alikes:** Roller Girl Swim Team



GREENWILD: THE CITY BEYOND THE SEA Pari Thomson

The 2nd book in this series is just as magical and full of adventure as the 1st! Daisy and her friends join forces with the water magic folk to stand up to the Grim Reapers who are wreaking havoc on the environment. Come for the plot and stay for the world-building and imagery!

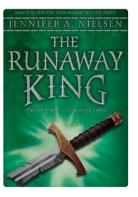
> **Read-Alikes:** The Bookwanderers The Unwanteds



GUT REACTION Kirby Lawson

Tess is going through all of the middle school things, and then some. Tess is embarrassed about "The Knife" - an intense pain in her stomach that just keeps coming back. Will The Knife keep her from participating in a reality cooking competition? Not if Tess has anything to say about it!

> **Read-Alikes:** Measuring Up Starfish



**THE RUNAWAY KING** Jennifer Nielsen The sequel to *The False* 

*Prince* is finally here! A kingdom teetering on the brink of extinction and a king missing. Who will survive in this epic, fast-paced fantasy?

**Read-Alikes:** Eragon Ranger's Apprentice



MID-AIR Alicia D. Williams Isaiah is not like other boys that he knows and sometimes he has to hide parts of himself from others. When his best friend dies in a tragic accident, Isaiah is left trying to put the pieces back together and find where he belongs. This novel in verse is full of heart - both the breaking and healing kind.

> **Read-Alikes:** The Crossover The Track series



LUNAR BOY Jes & Cin Wibowo

A child found living alone on the Moon is brought to live among humans but struggles with his identity. Indu feels hopelessly alone, and then the moon offers him a chance to return to his home. Indu's decision does not come easy and is told through art that feels like a hug.

> **Read-Alikes:** Squished The Witch Boy

