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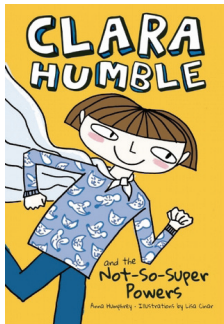
The Ontario Library Association is excited to announce
the 2018 Kid Committee Summer Reading List
in the Forest of Reading program!

These are the books that you should be reading over the
summer - as recommended by seventeen avid readers!

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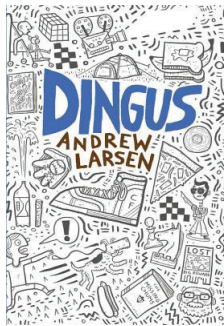
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SILVER BIRCH READERS (GRADES 3-6)



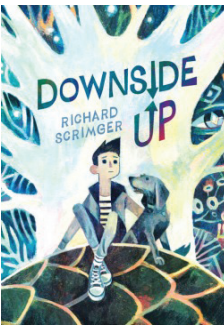
Clara Humble and the Not-So-Super Powers by Anna Humphrey (Owlkids Books)

Clara Humble may seem like your average fourth-grader who doesn't look before she leaps, but she has a secret: she thinks she might have superpowers. Which is convenient, because things aren't going so well for Clara. Students from rival R. R. Reginald are moving into her school for the term, and Clara's favorite neighbor, Momo, is moving to a faraway retirement home. Together with her best friend, Bradley, the winsome and overconfident Clara becomes convinced that her knack for making liquids spill, overhearing her parents' conversations, communicating with her pet chinchilla, and maybe even mind-controlling teachers could be used to put a stop to these injustices. Told in Clara's clever, funny, and strikingly authentic voice, this novel kicks off a new series by inviting readers into this memorable character's inventive mind to share in her misadventures.



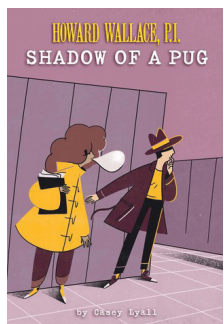
Dingus by Andrew Larsen (Kid Can Press)

Summer vacation is starting, and soon-to-be-sixth-grader Henry is facing two months with nothing to do. He can sadly feel himself being pulled by the gravitational force of nothingness. His best friend, Max, who may not even be his best friend anymore, is going away to chess camp. And all Henry's stay-at-home father has planned for him and his toddler brother, Sam, is something called a staycation. Things start looking up, however, when he finds out they'll be dog-sitting his grandfather's dog, Rupert. That is, until the day they bring Rupert to the park, where Henry does something irresponsible. Something with real consequences. And suddenly Henry would give anything to go back to the nothingness. Can Henry make things right? Or has he turned into the dingus Max said he shouldn't be?



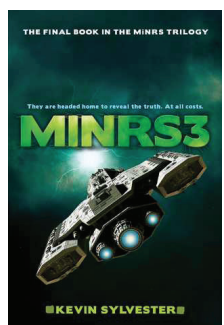
Downside Up by Richard Scrimger (Tundra Books)

Fred is a sixth-grader reeling from the loss of his beloved dog, Casey. Every day he walks home from school bouncing Casey's old worn-out tennis ball. One day, the ball falls down a sewer grate, and Fred can't bear to leave it down there. He pries open the grate and stumbles down. Through the sewer, Fred enters a parallel universe: Casey is alive, his mom and sister are happier, and there's a version of Fred who's happier too. Spending time with Casey, Fred feels joy for the first time since his dog's death, but he slowly realizes that the loss of Casey is masking an even greater loss: the death of Fred's father. Fred brings his sister, Izzy, to this upside-down world of lost things in the hope of finding their father and bringing him back. Can "everything" that is lost be found again?



Howard Wallace PI: Shadow of a Pug by Casey Lyall (Sterling Children's Books)

Middle-school detectives Howard Wallace and Ivy Mason are itching for a juicy case. But when their friend and cohort Marvin hires them to prove his nephew—über-bully Carl Dean—didn't pugnab the school mascot, they're less than thrilled. To succeed, not only must Howard and Ivy play nice with Carl, they'll have to dodge a scrappy, snoopy reporter and come face-to-face with Howard's worst enemy, his ex-best friend Miles Fletcher. Can Howard deal with all these complications and still be there for Ivy when her life is turned upside down? Or will he once again find himself a friendless P.I.?



MiNRS 3 by Kevin Sylvester (Simon & Schuster)

The children of Perses must return to Earth. They defeated Major Kirk Thatcher on their adopted planet, but his evil plans are still unfolding. People need to know the truth. Christopher has a video of Thatcher killing an injured grinder in cold blood. If they can show that to the people of Earth, they might just turn the tide. The MiNRs need to bear witness. A transport ship might get them back home, or it might send them spinning off into the deepest recesses of space. Is it worth the risk? Cracks begin to appear in the group. Darcy refuses to leave Perses, the only home she's ever known. And Pavel's mistrust of the grinders threatens to destroy them all. Once again, Christopher has to make tough choices, choices that will cost them dearly. And even when things seem to be going well, there are hidden dangers. A strange noise on their transport ship signals the return of their worst nightmare. And the Earth they left years before is not the Earth they will return to now. Can Christopher and his friends win the race to reveal the truth? Or will they escape one dangerous planet for one far worse?

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Missing Mike by Shari Green (Pajama Press)

He's a rescue, a mutt. Maybe there's a little golden retriever in him, although he's not exactly pretty. He's had a run-in with coyotes and he's missing an eye. But Mike is eleven-year-old Cara Donovan's dog, and they love each other absolutely. Usually her pet follows Cara everywhere, but on the day the family first smells smoke in the air, Mike becomes anxious. Pine Grove is in the path of a wildfire, and the family is ordered to evacuate. In the ensuing chaos, Mike runs off. And then the unthinkable happens; there is no time to search for Mike. They are forced to leave him behind. Once in the city far from the burn zone, the Donovans are housed with a volunteer host family. Jewel, the hosts' daughter, is nice, but Cara can only think about what she may have lost. What will happen if nothing is left? But as she reflects on what "home" means to her, Cara knows only one thing. She is not going to lose Mike. She will do what it takes to find him, even if it means going back to Pine Grove on her own.



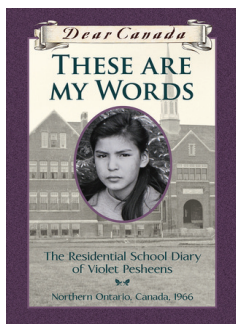
Seeking Refuge by Irene N. Watts (Tradewind Books)

Eleven-year-old Marianne is fortunate. She is one of the first two hundred Jewish children on the heroic rescue operation known as the Kindertransport, which arrived in London, England in December, 1938. Life in the new country seems strange, her few words of English and her attempts to become an ordinary English girl are not enough to please her foster mother, who wanted a girl as a domestic servant. Marianne misses her family, whom she had to leave behind. With the outbreak of World War II in 1939 Marianne finds herself being evacuated to Wales. She is shuffled from one unsuitable home to another, but there is a surprise in store and Marianne's courage and resilience are finally rewarded. The Kindertransport ultimately saved almost 10,000 children from Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia in the nine months preceding World War II, which was a unique and triumphant human effort. Marianne's story is based on the kind of events that were actually experienced by the children.



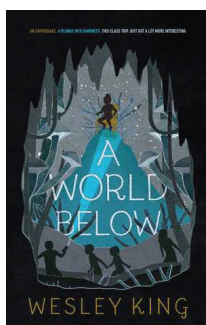
Supergifted by Gordon Korman (Scholastic Canada)

Donovan Curtis has never been what anyone would call "gifted." But his genius friend Noah Youkilis is actually supergifted, with one of the highest IQs around. After years at the Academy for Scholastic Distinction, all Noah dreams of is the opportunity to fail if he wants to. And he's landed in the perfect place to do it—Donovan's school. Almost immediately, Noah finds himself on the wrong side of cheerleading captain Megan Mercury and alpha jock Hash "Hashtag" Taggart. Sticking up for Noah lands Donovan in the middle of a huge feud with Hashtag. He's told to stay away from the sports star—or else. That should be the end of it, but when a freak incident suddenly makes Donovan a hero, he can't tell anyone about it since Hashtag is involved. So Noah steps in and becomes "Superkid." Now he's gone from nerd to titan at school. This funny and heartwarming sequel to *Ungifted*, which has become a word-of-mouth hit, cleverly sends up our ideas about intelligence, heroism, and popularity.



These Are My Words: The Residential School Diary of Violet Pesheens, Northern, 1966 by Ruby Slipperjack (Scholastic Canada)

Violet Pesheen is struggling to adjust to her new life at Residential School. She misses her Grandma; she has run-ins with Cree girls; at her "white" school, everyone just stares; and everything she brought has been taken from her, including her name—she is now just a number. But worst of all, she has a fear. A fear of forgetting the things she treasures most: her Anishnabe language; the names of those she knew before; and her traditional customs. A fear of forgetting who she was. Her notebook is the one place she can record all of her worries, and heartbreaks, and memories. And maybe, just maybe there will be hope at the end of the tunnel. Drawing from her own experiences at Residential School, Ruby Slipperjack creates a brave, yet heartbreaking heroine in Violet, and lets young readers glimpse into an all-too important chapter in our nation's history.

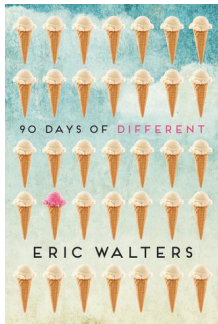


A World Below by Wesley King (Simon & Schuster)

A class field trip turns into an underground quest for survival. Mr. Baker's eighth grade class thought they were in for a normal field trip to Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico. But when an earthquake hits, their field trip takes a terrifying turn. The students are plunged into an underground lake, and their teacher goes missing. They have no choice but to try and make their way back above ground, even though no one can agree on the best course of action. The darkness brings out everyone's true self. Supplies dwindle and tensions mount. Pretty and popular Silvia does everything she can to hide her panic attacks, even as she tries to step up and be a leader. But the longer she's underground, the more frequent and debilitating they become. Meanwhile, Eric has always been a social no one, preferring to sit at the back of the class and spend evenings alone. Now, he finds himself separated from his class, totally by himself underground. That is, until he meets an unexpected stranger. Do the students of Mr. Baker's class really know each other at all? Or do they just think they do?

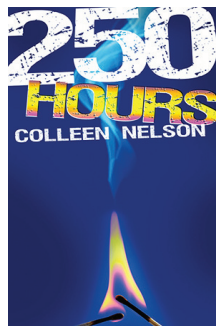
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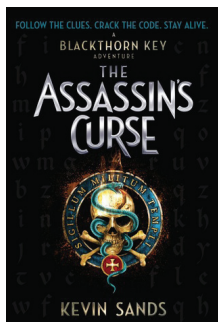
90 Days of Different by Eric Walters (Orca Book Publishers)

On the last day of high school, Sophie's boyfriend breaks up with her. It turns out he thinks she is too predictable, too responsible, too mature...too boring. When Sophie turns to her best friend, Ella, for comfort and reassurance, Ella just confirms what her boyfriend has said. And that hurts even more. Then Ella comes up with a plan to help Sophie find her wilder side before college. In the ninety days between the end of high school and the start of university, she is going to arrange for Sophie to do amazing, new, different and sometimes scary things. Sophie has to agree to everything no matter what. And she has to share her adventures through social media. Can ninety days of different create a different life? Can stepping outside your comfort zone help you find yourself?



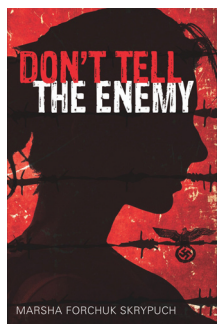
250 Hours by Colleen Nelson (Coteau Books)

Jess and Sara Jean couldn't be more different. He's a loner with a criminal record; a Métis raised on the Reserve; the son of a residential school survivor. His time, when not spent with his mother and grandmother, is spent lighting fires to help him deal with the feelings he has over his father's abandonment. She's from nearby Edelburg, a small, conservative town. Abandoned by her mother, Sara Jean cares for her obese grandmother and writes to escape. She has been accepted to the University of Manitoba, but her obligation to her grandmother leaves her wondering what her future will hold. When Jess is found guilty of arson after lighting an abandoned building on fire, he's ordered to complete 250 hours of community service. His first assignment? Cleaning out Sara Jean's neglected garage. Sorting through boxes left by her grandfather, they discover that the secrets keeping their communities apart are the very things that may well bring them together.



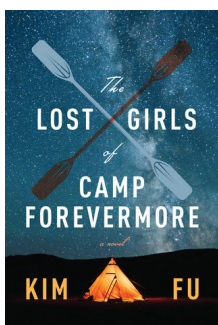
The Assassin's Curse by Kevin Sands (Simon & Schuster Canada)

Christopher Rowe is back and there are more puzzles, riddles, and secrets to uncover in this third novel of the award-winning Blackthorn Key series. Wherever Christopher Rowe goes, adventure—and murder—follows. Even a chance to meet King Charles ends in a brush with an assassin. All that's recovered from the killer is a coded message with an ominous sign-off: more attempts are coming. So when Christopher's code-breaking discovers the attack's true target, he and his friends are ordered to Paris to investigate a centuries-old curse on the French throne. And when they learn an ancient treasure is promised to any assassin who succeeds, they realize the entire royal family is at stake—as well as their own lives.



Don't Tell the Enemy by Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch (Scholastic Canada)

With the closing of the ghetto gate, the Commandant decreed that any Jew found outside the ghetto without permission would be shot on sight. Slavs who gave Jews food would be shot. And as if that wasn't enough of a deterrent, the Nazis posted signs all over town claiming that contact with Jews could spread disease. War is raging around Krystia's town. Her uncle and cousin have already died at the hands of the Soviet and Nazi invaders. Now her Jewish friends face starvation in the ghetto, or death in the camps, unless she can find a way to help them.



The Lost Girls of Camp Forevermore by Kim Fu (HarperCollins Canada)

A group of young girls descends on Camp Forevermore, a sleepaway camp in the Pacific Northwest, where their days are filled with swimming lessons, friendship bracelets and camp songs by the fire. Bursting with excitement and nervous energy, they set off on an overnight kayaking trip to a nearby island. But before the night is over, they find themselves stranded, with no adults to help them survive or guide them home. The Lost Girls of Camp Forevermore follows these five girls—Nita, Kayla, Isabel, Dina and Siobhan—through and beyond this fateful trip. We see the survivors through the successes and failures, loves and heartbreaks of their teen and adult years, and we come to understand how a tragedy can alter the lives it touches in innumerable ways. In diamond-sharp prose, Kim Fu gives us a portrait of friendship and of the families we build for ourselves—and the pasts we can't escape.

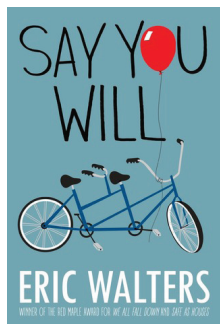
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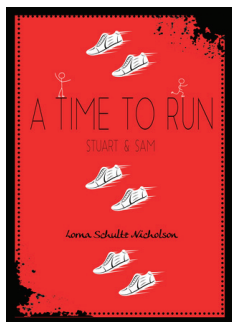
The Painting by Charis Cotter (Tundra)

Annie and her mother don't see eye to eye. When Annie finds a painting of a lonely lighthouse in their home, she is immediately drawn to it—and her mother wishes it would stay banished in the attic. To her, art has no interest, but Annie loves drawing and painting. When Annie's mother slips into a coma following a car accident, strange things begin to happen to Annie. She finds herself falling into the painting and meeting Claire, a girl her own age living at the lighthouse. Claire's mother Maisie is the artist behind the painting, and like Annie, Claire's relationship with her mother is fraught. Annie thinks she can help them find their way back to each other, and in so doing, help mend her relationship with her own mother. But who is Claire? Why can Annie travel through the painting? And can Annie help her mother wake up from her coma? *The Painting* is a touching, evocative story with a hint of mystery and suspense to keep readers hooked.



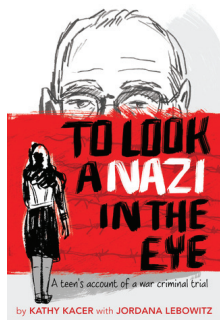
Say You Will by Eric Walters (Doubleday Canada)

Sam is not exactly what you'd call a regular guy: while his IQ is stratospheric, his social skills don't rank nearly as high, and his dating history—well, there's no history to speak of ... yet. But in his junior year of high school, Sam has set out to finally fit in. He's resolved to get some answers wrong in class, to stop getting perfect marks on his assignments; and to get to know some people other than Ian and Brooke, his two closest (okay, only) friends. But with the prom on everyone's mind, his biggest challenge will be to find himself a date for the dance. Sam's school has become swept up by promposals—in other words, very elaborate, very public scenes in which someone is asked to the prom. And Sam thinks he might just have found the inspiration he needs to ask the girl of his dreams out for the perfect night—as well as the unforgettable way to do it.



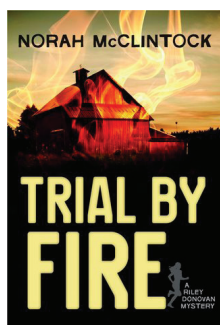
A Time to Run by Lorna Schultz Nicholson (Clockwise Press)

Stuart can run like the wind. It's a skill that has come in handy for him all his life. Born with fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD), Stuart has learned to run away from all kinds of trouble – at least, if he can recognize it. Sometimes it's hard for him to know when a friend really is a friend or when he's just bad news. Sam is a basketball player destined to play on a university varsity team until he is sidelined by a dangerous heart condition. After losing the one thing that centres his world, Sam focuses his energy on helping his Best Buddy, Stuart, make the school track-and-field team. But first, both Stuart and Sam must come to understand that there is a time to run and a time to stay where they belong.



To Look a Nazi in the Eye by Kathy Kacer with Jordana Lebowitz (Second Story Press)

The true story of nineteen-year-old Jordana Lebowitz's time at the trial of Oskar Groening, known as the bookkeeper of Auschwitz, a man charged with being complicit in the death of more than 300,000 Jews. A granddaughter of Holocaust survivors, Jordana was still not prepared for what she would see and hear. Listening to Groening's testimony and to the Holocaust survivors who came to testify against him, Jordana came to understand that by witnessing history she gained the knowledge and legitimacy to be able to stand in the footsteps of the survivors who went before her and pass their history—her history—on to the next generation.



Trial by Fire: A Riley Donovan mystery by Norah McClintock (Orca Book Publishers)

Riley Donovan is the new kid in a small town where her aunt (and guardian) has just started a job as a detective on the town's police force. Riley is home alone when a neighbor's barn catches on fire; when she realizes that he is trapped in the barn, she calls 9-1-1 and then tries to save him. But instead of being hailed as a hero, Riley finds herself the target of vandalism and violence. Never one to back away from a confrontation, Riley discovers that her neighbor, Mr. Goran is an immigrant from Kurdistan who is hated by most of the townspeople. When he is accused of arson, Riley is positive he's innocent. In her determination to get to the truth, she makes some powerful enemies, uncovers the depth of the town's prejudice and corruption, and figures out who is targeting Mr. Goran—and why.

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