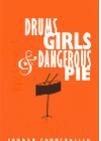


## Summer Reading Suggestions for incoming 8<sup>th</sup> Graders

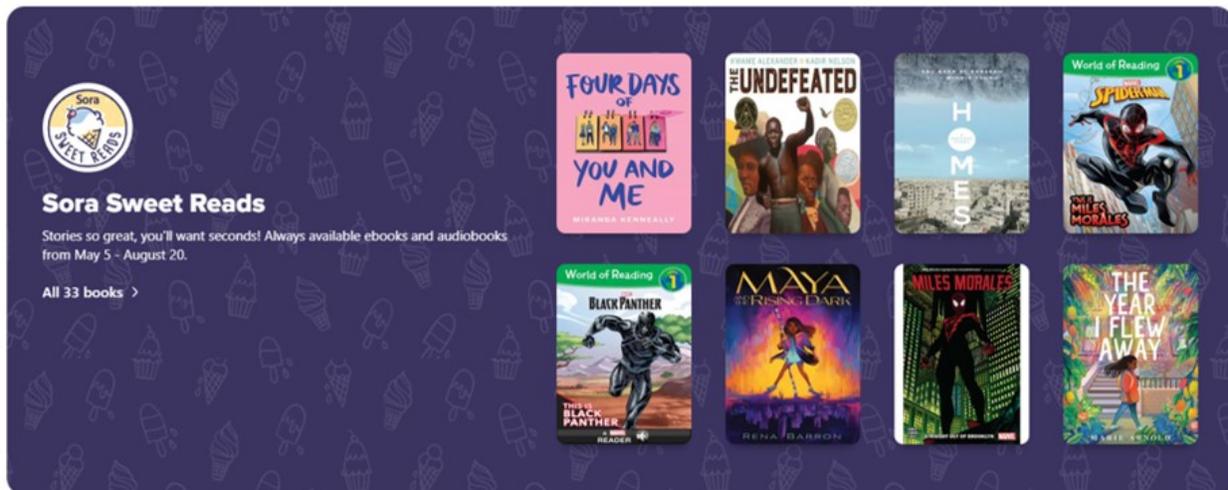
Enjoy the summer and pick up a good book either in print or as an e-book or audiobook. The books below are only **suggestions**.

Try other books by these authors also.

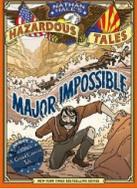
See the library webpage, the public library and Sora for more titles.

Title/Author	Summary	Available
	<p><b>Dear Martin by Nic Stone</b> Writing letters to the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., seventeen-year-old college-bound Justyce McAllister struggles to face the reality of race relations today and how they are shaping him.</p>	<p>Sora WPPL</p>
	<p><b>Other Words for Home by Jasmine Warga (written in verse)</b> Jude never thought she'd be leaving her beloved older brother and father behind, all the way across the ocean in Syria. But when things in her hometown start becoming volatile, Jude and her mother are sent to live in Cincinnati with relatives. At first, everything in America seems too fast and too loud. The American movies that Jude has always loved haven't quite prepared her for starting school in the US --and her new label of 'Middle Eastern,' an identity she's never known before.</p>	<p>Sora WPPL Hoopla (WPPL)</p>
	<p><b>Hidden Figures: Young Readers' Edition by Margot Lee Shetterly</b> Before John Glenn orbited the earth, or Neil Armstrong walked on the moon, a group of dedicated female mathematicians known as "human computers" used pencils, slide rules, and adding machines to calculate the numbers that would launch rockets, and astronauts, into space.</p>	<p>Sora WPPL</p>
	<p><b>Hey Kiddo by Jarrett Krosoczka (Graphic Novel)</b> In graphic novel format author and illustrator Jarrett J. Krosoczka discusses growing up in a family grappling with addiction. National Book Award Finalist and ALA 2020 Odyssey Award for audiobooks.</p>	<p>Sora WPPL Tales2Go (audio)</p>
	<p><b>Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie by Jordan Sonnenblick</b> Narrated by Steven Alper, a thirteen-year-old whose life is turned upside down when his five-year-old brother, Jeffrey, is diagnosed with leukemia. Before his brother's diagnosis, Steven is a wisecracking 8<sup>th</sup>-grader attempting to navigate the trials of early adolescence.</p>	<p>Sora WPPL</p>
	<p><b>Class Act by Jerry Craft</b> Eighth grader Drew Ellis recognizes that he isn't afforded the same opportunities, no matter how hard he works, that his privileged classmates at the Riverdale Academy Day School take for granted, and to make matters worse, Drew begins to feel as if his good friend Liam might be one of those privileged kids and is finding it hard not to withdraw, even as their mutual friend Jordan tries to keep their group of friends together</p>	<p>Sora WPPL</p>
	<p><b>Spirit Hunters by Ellen Oh</b> Harper doesn't trust her new home from the moment she steps inside, and the rumors are that the Raine family's new house is haunted. Harper isn't sure she believes those rumors, until her younger brother, Michael, starts acting strangely. The whole atmosphere gives Harper a sense of déjà vu, but she can't remember why. She knows that the memories she's blocking will help make sense of her brother's behavior and the strange and threatening sensations she feels in this house, but will she be able to put the pieces together in time</p>	<p>Sora (Hoopla) WPPL</p>

Summer Sweet Reads by Sora is a great way to explore new titles. All the books in Sweet Reads are available for multiple readers from May until August 20. Check out all the Sweet Reads titles on your Highlands' Sora account.



### Sweet Reads Suggestions:

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	<p><b><i>We Are Not Free</i> by Traci Chee</b></p> <p>For fourteen-year-old budding artist Minoru Ito, her two brothers, her friends, and the other members of the Japanese-American community in southern California, the three months since Pearl Harbor was attacked have become a waking nightmare: attacked, spat on, and abused with no way to retaliate--and now things are about to get worse, their lives forever changed by the mass incarcerations in the relocation camps.</p>	<p>Sora Sweet Reads</p>
	<p><b><i>Major Impossible</i> by Nathan Hale</b></p> <p>The ninth book in the bestselling series tells the story of John Wesley Powell, the one-armed geologist who explored the Grand Canyon John Wesley Powell (1834&amp;1902) always had the spirit of adventure in him. As a young man, he traveled all over the United States exploring. When the Civil War began, Powell went to fight for the Union, and even after he lost most of his right arm, he continued to fight until the war was over. In 1869 he embarked with the Colorado River Exploring Expedition, ten men in four boats, to float through Grand Canyon. Over the course of three months, the explorers lost their boats and supplies, nearly drowned, and were in peril on multiple occasions. Ten explorers went in, only six came out. Powell would come to be known as one of the most epic explorers in history!</p>	<p>Sora Sweet Reads</p>