

**SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2025
BOOKS FOR YA GRADES 9-12**



Rebound by Kwame Alexander

YA F ALE (book) e-book, e-audiobook, audiobook

In the summer of 1988, twelve-year-old Chuck Bell is sent to stay with his grandparents, where he discovers jazz and basketball and learns more about his family's past.

Would You Rather? Teen Challenge Edition: Funny Questions & Lively Competition for Original Thinkers by Lindsey Daly

e-book

Help your teen take a break from social media, school, and everyday teen stress with this super fun game of 160+ hilarious “Would You Rather?” questions designed specifically for them. Covering topics teens care about and contemplate—from technology to entertainment to adventure.

Twelfth Knight by Alexene Follmuth

YA F FOL (book)

Vi's favorite escape from the world is the MMORPG Twelfth Knight, but online spaces aren't exactly kind to girls like her--girls who are extremely competent and have the swagger to prove it. So Vi creates a masculine alter ego, choosing to play as a knight named Cesario to create a safe haven for herself. But when a football injury leads Jack Orsino to the world of Twelfth Knight, Vi is alarmed to discover their online alter egos--Cesario and Duke Orsino--are surprisingly well-matched.

Girl Code: Gaming, Going Viral, and Getting It Done by Andrea Gonzales and Sophie Houser

005.1 GON YA non-fiction (book), e-book

The teenage phenoms behind the viral video game Tampon Run share the story of their experience at Girls Who Code and their rise to fame, plus a look at starts-ups, women in tech, and the power of coding. This book includes bonus content to help you get started coding.

Epic by Conor Kostick

YA F KOS (book)

On New Earth, a world based on a video role-playing game, fourteen-year-old Erik persuades his friends to aid him in some unusual gambits in order to save Erik's father from exile and safeguard the futures of each of their families.

Warcross by Marie Lu

YA F LU (book)

When teenage coder Emika Chen hacks her way into the opening tournament of the Warcross Championships, she glitches herself into the game as well as a sinister plot with major consequences for the entire Warcross empire

Analee, In Real Life by Janelle Milanes

YA F MIL (book)

Anxious, awkward Analee Echevarria only feels confident playing her favorite online game, but with a potential real-world romance and her father's remarriage looming, she begins to rediscover herself.

The Mary Shelley Club by Goldy Moldavsky

e-book, e-audiobook

New girl Rachel Chavez turns to horror movies for comfort, preferring stabby serial killers and homicidal dolls to the bored rich kids of Manhattan Prep...and to certain memories she'd preferred to keep buried. Then Rachel is recruited by the Mary Shelley Club, a mysterious society of students who orchestrate Fear Tests, elaborate pranks inspired by urban legends and movie tropes. At first, Rachel embraces the power that comes with reckless

pranking. But as the Fear Tests escalate, the competition turns deadly, and it's clear Rachel is playing a game she can't afford to lose.

Slay by Brittney Morris

YA F MOR (book), e-book

An honors student at Jefferson Academy, seventeen-year-old Keira enjoys developing and playing Slay, a secret, multiplayer online role-playing game celebrating black culture, until the two worlds collide.

Undeclared: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team by Steve Sheinkin

YA B THO (book), e-book, e-audiobook

Native American Jim Thorpe became a super athlete and Olympic gold medalist. Indomitable coach Pop Warner was a football mastermind. In 1907 at the Carlisle Indian Industrial School in Pennsylvania, they forged one of the winningest teams in American football history. Called "the team that invented football," they took on the best opponents of their day, defeating much more privileged schools in a series of breathtakingly close calls, genius plays, and bone-crushing hard work. Sheinkin provides a true underdog sports story -- and an unflinching look at the U.S. government's violent persecution of Native Americans and the school that was designed to erase Indian cultures.

Victory. Stand! by Tommie Smith

YA 741.5 SMI (book), e-book

On October 16, 1968, during the medal ceremony at the Mexico City Olympics, Tommie Smith, the gold medal winner in the 200-meter sprint, and John Carlos, the bronze medal winner, stood on the podium in black socks and raised their black-gloved fists to protest racial injustice inflicted upon African Americans. Both men were forced to leave the Olympics, received death threats, and faced ostracism and continuing economic hardships.

Burn Down, Rise Up by Vincent Tirado

e-book, e-audiobook

For over a year, the Bronx has been plagued by sudden disappearances that no one can explain. Sixteen-year-old Raquel does her best to ignore it. After all, the police only look for the white kids. But when her crush Charli's cousin goes missing, Raquel starts to pay attention--especially when her own mom comes down with a mysterious illness that seems linked to the disappearances.

Check, Please! by Ngozi Ukazu

YA 741.5 UKA (book)

Eric Bittle may be a former junior figure skating champion, vlogger extraordinaire, and *very* talented amateur pâtissier, but being a freshman on the Samwell University hockey team is a whole new challenge. It is nothing like co-ed club hockey back in Georgia! First of all? There's *checking* (anything that hinders the player with possession of the puck, ranging from a stick check all the way to a physical sweep). And then, there is *Jack*-- his very attractive but moody captain.

The Daughters of Oduma by Moses Ose Utomi

YA F UTO (book)

Sixteen-year-old Dirt, a retired elite female fighter, must enter the South God Bow tournament to protect her found family of younger sisters and their beloved Mud Fam.

Eat. Dance. Fight. This is the life of the girls who compete in the Isle's elite, all-female fighting sport of Bowling.

The Summer of Broken Rules by K.L. Walther

YA F WAL (book)

Even though she is still grieving over her sister's death, eighteen-year-old Meredith Fox plans to reconnect with family and friends when they gather on Martha's Vineyard for her cousin's big wedding--unless she gets distracted by a week-long game of Assassin and a handsome groomsman.