**Mini Weapons of Mass Destruction** series by John Austin (nonfiction)
This humorous MacGyver-inspired tactical guide illustrates the full potential of everyday items and their potential to be transformed into a mini arsenal. Learn to build Shoelace Darts, a Clothespin Catapult, Penny Bombs, Airsoft Pen Poppers, Ping Pong Zookas, and more inexpensive Mini Weapons of Mass Destruction.

**The Finisher** by David Baldacci (fantasy, dystopian, mystery)
Vega Jane has never left the village of Wormwood. But this isn't unusual-- nobody has ever left the village of Wormwood. At least not until Quentin Herms vanishes into the unknown. Vega knows Quentin didn't just leave, he was chased. And he's left behind a very dangerous trail of clues that only she can decode.

**To Stay Alive** by Skila Brown (historical fiction, verse)
A young survivor of the infamous and tragic Donner Party of 1846 describes how her family and others became victims of freezing temperatures and starvation.

**Awkward** by Svetlana Chmakova (graphic novel, realistic)
After shunning Jaime, the school nerd, on her first day at a new middle school, Penelope Torres tries to blend in with her new friends in the art club, until the art club goes to war with the science club, of which Jaime is a member.

**Better Nate Than Ever** by Tim Federle (humor, realistic)
An eighth-grader who dreams of performing in a Broadway musical concocts a plan to run away to New York and audition for the role of Elliot in the musical version of "E.T."
A Dog in the Cave: The Wolves Who Made Us Human by Kay Frydenborg (nonfiction, science)
Explores the connection between dogs and humans from hunter-gatherer partners to modern-day pets, focusing on how humans have influenced dogs' evolution and raising new questions about the species' shared future.

Lily and Dunkin by Donna Gephart (realistic)
Lily Jo McGrother, born Timothy McGrother, is a girl. But being a girl is not so easy when you look like a boy. Norbert Dorfman, nicknamed Dunkin, is bipolar and has just moved from the New Jersey town he's called home for the past thirteen years. This would be hard enough, but the fact that he is also hiding from a painful secret makes it even worse. One summer morning, Lily Jo McGrother meets Dunkin Dorfman, and their lives forever change.

Ruby Red by Kerstin Gier (science fiction, time travel)
Sixteen-year-old Gwyneth discovers that she, rather than her well-prepared cousin, carries a time-travel gene, and soon she is journeying with Gideon, who shares the gift, through historical London trying to discover whom they can trust.

Code of Honor by Alan Gratz (action/thriller, realistic)
When Iranian-American Kamran Smith learns that his big brother, Darius, has been labeled a terrorist, he sets out to piece together the codes and clues that will save his brother's life and his country from a deadly terrorist attack.

When Friendship Followed Me Home by Paul Griffin (realistic)
Seventh-grader Ben, always an outsider, is led into a deep friendship with Halley, who is being treated for cancer, by the special dog he and his adoptive mother take in.

Every Falling Star by Sungju Lee (nonfiction, memoir)
The intense memoir of a North Korean boy named Sungju who is forced at age twelve to live on the streets and fend for himself. To survive, Sungju creates a gang and lives by thieving, fighting, begging, and stealing rides on cargo trains. Sungju richly re-creates his story about life in a country where freedoms Americans take for granted do not exist.
I Am a Genius of Unspeakable Evil and I Want to Be Your Class President by Josh Lieb (humor)
Omaha, Nebraska twelve-year-old Oliver Watson has everyone convinced that he is extremely stupid and lazy, but he is actually a very wealthy, evil genius, and when he decides to run for seventh-grade class president, nothing will stand in his way.

Click Here to Start by Denis Markell (mystery, adventure)
When Ted inherits his uncle's apartment "and all the treasure within," he realizes the apartment is set up like a real-life video game and must solve the puzzles with his friends to discover the treasure.

The Haunting of Sunshine Girl by Paige McKenzie (horror)
From the moment Sunshine Griffith and her mother Kat arrive at their new home in Ridgemont, Washington, she feels her world darken with an eeriness she cannot place. When the ghost of a little girl appears in her house and her mother begins acting strange, Sunshine teams up with classmate Nolan to stop the haunting.

The Apothecary by Maile Meloy (fantasy, historical fiction)
Follows a fourteen-year-old American girl whose life unexpectedly transforms when she moves to London in 1952 and gets swept up in a race to save the world from nuclear war.

Beyonders: A World Without Heroes by Brandon Mull (fantasy)
Fourteen-year-old Jason Walker is transported to a strange world called Lyrian, where he joins Rachel, who was also drawn there from our world, and a few rebels, to piece together the Word that can destroy the malicious wizard emperor.

A Night Divided by Jennifer A. Nielsen (historical fiction)
When the Berlin Wall goes up, Gerta, her mother, and her brother Fritz are trapped on the eastern side where they live, while her father and her other brother Dominic are in the West. Four years later, Gerta sees her father on a viewing platform on the western side and realizes he wants her to risk her life trying to tunnel to freedom.
**The Nest by Kenneth Oppel (horror)**
When wasps come to Steve in a dream offering to fix his sick baby brother, he thinks all he has to do is say yes. But yes may not mean what Steve thinks it means.

**Maximum Ride: The Angel Experiment by James Patterson (science fiction, action)**
After the mutant Erasers abduct the youngest member of their group, the "birdkids," who are the result of genetic experimentation, take off in pursuit and find themselves struggling to understand their own origins and purpose.

**Ghost by James Reynolds (realistic)**
Aspiring to be the fastest sprinter on an elite track team, gifted runner Ghost finds his goal challenged by a tragic past with a violent father.

Geneva Public Library Summer Reading Program 2017

**ADVENTURE by DESIGN**
May 24-August 2

Reach your reading goals to earn prizes!

**Incoming 7th and 8th graders:** Sign up downstairs in the Youth Services department.

**Incoming freshmen:** Sign up upstairs in the Information and Reader Services department.

Middle and high school Summer Reading participants are invited to attend the Color Tag party on August 2 at the Library’s property located at 210 S. Sixth Street. Students entering grades 6-8 will play at 2 p.m., and students entering grades 9-12 will play at 3 p.m.