What Do I Read Next?

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Collection Development Librarian
Children and Teens
Phoenix Public Library
Comics and Manga

- The Bunker: Volume 1
- Fialkov, Joshua Hale (Author), Infurnari, Joe (Illustrator)
- Oni Press
- August 2014

- On their way to bury a time capsule, five friends — Grady, Heidi, Natasha, Daniel, and Billy — uncover a metal bunker buried deep in the woods. Inside, they discover letters addressed to each of them... from their future selves!
Favorites to read together

- So You Want to Be a Wizard by Diane Duane
- Howl's Moving Castle by Diana Wynne Jones
Comics and Manga

• Black Science: Volume 1
• Remender, Rick (Author), Scalera, Matteo (Illustrator), White, Dean (Illustrator)
• Image Comics
• June 2014

• Grant McKay, former member of The Anarchistic Order of Scientists, has finally done the impossible: He has deciphered Black Science and punched through the barriers of reality. But what lies beyond the veil is not epiphany, but chaos.
Novels

- Star Wars: Jedi Academy  Return of the Padawan
  - Brown, Jeffrey
  - July 2014

- It's time to return to middle school in a galaxy far, far away. . .
  After surviving his first year at Jedi Academy, Roan Novachez thought his second year would be a breeze. He couldn't have been more wrong.

- Jedi Academy
- Origami Yoda series-Tom Angleberger
Comics and Manga

- Superman/Wonder Woman Vol. 1: Power Couple (the New 52)
- Soule, Charles (Author), Daniel, Tony (Illustrator)
- DC Comics
- September 2014

- These two super-beings love each other, but not everyone shares their joy. Some fear it, some test it--and some will try to kill for it. Some say love is a battlefield, but where Superman and Wonder Woman are concerned it spells Doomsday!
Novels

- Lockwood & Co., Book 2 The Whispering Skull
- Stroud, Jonathan
- Disney Press
- September 2014

In the six months since Anthony, Lucy, and George survived a night in the most haunted house in England, Lockwood & Co. hasn't made much progress. Quill Kipps and his team of Fittes agents keep swooping in on Lockwood's investigations. Finally, in a fit of anger, Anthony challenges his rival to a contest: the next time the two agencies compete on a job, the losing side will have to admit defeat in the Times newspaper.

- Lockwood & Co., Book 1 The Screaming Staircase
- Bartimaeus Series
Lowriders in Space
Camper, Cathy (Author), Gonzalez, Raul (Illustrator)
Chronicle Books
November 2014

Lupe Impala, El Chavo Flapjack, and Elirio Malaria love working with cars. You name it, they can fix it. But the team's favorite cars of all are lowriders—cars that hip and hop, dip and drop, go low and slow, bajito y suavecito. The stars align when a contest for the best car around offers a prize of a trunkful of cash—just what the team needs to open their own shop! ¡Ay chihuahua! What will it take to transform a junker into the best car in the universe?
Hidden Gems

A College of Magics

The Owl Service
Novels

- Clariel: The Lost Abhorsen
- Nix, Garth
- HarperCollins
- October 2014

Clariel is the daughter of one of the most notable families in the Old Kingdom. There are rumors that her mother is next in line for the throne, but Clariel wants no part of it.

- Sabriel
- Lirael
- Abhorsen
- Seventh Tower series
- Keys to the Kingdom series

You might like
- Artemis Fowl series – Eoin Colfer
The Justice League is DEAD! And the villains shall INHERIT the Earth! In a flash of light, the world's most powerful heroes vanish as the Crime Syndicate arrives from Earth-3! As this evil version of the Justice League takes over the DC Universe, no one stands in the way of them and complete domination...no one except for Lex Luthor.
Novels

- Mortal Gods: Goddess War #2
  - Blake, Kendare
  - Tor Books
  - October 2014

- Old gods never die…. Or so Athena thought. As horrific afflictions bring the ancient immortals to their knees, a thoroughly modern Athena and Hermes travel the world searching for answers. What they find is Cassandra, the ordinary girl who can’t remember her extraordinary past life.

- Antigoddess: Goddess War #1

- Anna Dressed in Blood
  - Girl Of Nightmares
Comics and Manga

- My Love Story!!, Vol. 1
- Kawahara, Kazune (Author), Aruko (Illustrator)
- Viz Media
- July 2014

- Takeo Goda is a giant guy with a giant heart. Too bad the girls don’t want him! (They want his good-looking best friend, Sunakawa.) Used to being on the sidelines, Takeo simply stands tall and accepts his fate. But one day when he saves a girl named Yamato from a harasser on the train, his (love!) life suddenly takes an incredible turn!
In the late 26th century, overpopulation on Earth is reaching the breaking point, and humanity must find new frontiers. The terraforming of Mars has taken centuries but is now complete. The colonization of Mars by humanity is an epoch-making event, but an unintended side effect of the terraforming process unleashes a horror no one could ever have imagined...
Novels

- Life of Zarf: The Trouble with Weasels
- Harrell, Rob
- Dial Books
- September 2014

- It's not easy being Zarf. As a troll, he's stuck at the bottom of the middle school hierarchy, way below the prince and knights (populars), ogres and giants (jocks), and even the lowly minstrels (band geeks). Plus, trolls aren't exactly known for their brain power or cool demeanor. But wait, it gets worse.
My favorite graphic novels

- I Kill Giants
- Darker Than Black
Comics and Manga

- Urasawa, Naoki
- Viz Media
- July 2014

- Johan is a cold and calculating killer with a mysterious past, and brilliant Dr. Kenzo Tenma is the only one who can stop him! Conspiracy and serial murder open the door to a compelling, intricately woven plot in this masterwork of suspense.

- Pluto: Urasawa X Tezuka
- 20th Century Boys, Volume 1
Comics and Manga

- Satan's Prep: A Graphic Novel
- Guarente, Gabe (Author), Fox, Dave (Illustrator)
- Sky Pony Press
- August 2014

- Seventeen-year-old Trevor Loomis's high school is literally Hell. In an unfortunate theological snafu, Trevor dies and finds himself in the afterlife at Satan's Prep, a Dante-inspired private school for lost souls. From science class (where he's the experiment) to gym class (involving deadly games of dodgeball), Trevor just wants to pass the semester with a 61 percent humanity level and transfer to Purgatory. When the beautiful Persephone Plumm shows up, Trevor begins to see a glimmer of hope. But is Persephone really what she seems? And will Trevor ever be able to transfer out of school? Or is he stuck for all eternity?
Comics and Manga

- Seraph of the End, Volume 1: Vampire Reign
- Kagami, Takaya (Author), Furuya, Daisuke (Author), Yamamoto, Yamato (Illustrator)
- Viz Media
- June 2014

After a catastrophic epidemic kills every adult on earth, vampires arise from the shadows to enslave the remaining human population. Yuichiro escapes from captivity and joins the Japanese Imperial Demon Army. But before he’s allowed to fight vampires, he has to complete his first, terrifying mission—make new friends with his fellow aspiring monster slayers!
My favorite graphic novels

- Agatha Heterodyne
- Trigun
Comics and Manga

- Lucifer and the Biscuit Hammer Vol. 1-2
- Mizukami, Satoshi (Author)
- Seven Seas
- November 2014

- Everything about college student Amamiya Yuuki is average: grades, looks, and his blasé outlook on life. So what happens when he awakens one day to a talking lizard, who informs him that there is a gigantic hammer in outer space that is poised to split the Earth into pieces and requests his allegiance in the fight against the forces of evil? Pretend it never happened? Unfortunately for Yuuki, a bit of coercion in the form of a super-powered princess prevents him from returning to his mediocre life-as-usual.
Comics and Manga

• Accel World, Vol. 1: Kuroyukihime's Return
• Kawahara, Reki
• Yen
• July 2014

• Even in the future, all the advances and innovation in the world can't change the dynamics of the school playground. And for Haruyuki Arita, a fat kid in junior high, that means he's destined to always be at the bottom of the food chain, prime pickings for the school bullies. But when he encounters the beautiful Kuroyukihime, an avatar in the virtual world where he relaxes, Haruyuki's life is turned on its head as he dives into Brain Burst, a mysterious computer program, and the Accelerated World with her help. And it's in the Accel World that Haruyuki casts off his depressing reality and takes hold of the chance to become a Burst Linker, a knight to protect his princess!

• Ready Player One, Ernest Cline
What if your greatest wish could be granted?

The enigmatic mansion on 6 Roland Street belongs to one Mr. Void, who resides on the seventh floor. Unbeknownst to the rest of the tenants in Void's mansion, their greatest wishes could be granted. And as the stories of the residents intertwine, they soon learn that what they desire is not always what is best...

Black Butler - Yana Toboso
Godchild - Kaori Yuki
Pet Shop of Horror - Matsuri Akino
Comics and Manga

- The Way of Shadows: The Graphic Novel (Night Angel Trilogy #1)
- Weeks, Brent (Author), MacDonald, Andy (Illustrator), Brandon, Ivan (Adapted by)
- Yen Press
- October 2014

For Durzo Blint, assassination is an art - and he is the city's most accomplished artist. For Azoth, survival is precarious. Something you never take for granted. As a guild rat, he's grown up in the slums, and learned to judge people quickly - and to take risks. Risks like apprenticing himself to Durzo Blint. But to be accepted, Azoth must turn his back on his old life and embrace a new identity and name. As Kylar Stern, he must learn to navigate the assassins' world of dangerous politics and strange magics - and cultivate a flair for death.
Comics and Manga

- FBP: Federal Bureau of Physics, Volume 1: The Paradigm Shift
- Oliver, Simon (Author), Rodriguez, Robbi (Illustrator)
- Vertigo
- February 2014

- Wormholes in your kitchen. Gravity failures at school. Quantum tornadoes tearing through the Midwest. As with all natural disasters, people do what they always do: they adapt and survive. And if things get really bad, the Federal Bureau of Physics (FBP) is only a call away.
Favorites to read together for littler kids

- Tib and Tumtum
Comics and Manga

- *Hinterkind, Volume 1: The Waking World*
- Edginton, Ian (Author), Trifogli, Francesco (Illustrator)
- Vertigo
- April 2014

- Fifty-seven years after an unspecified biological event has all but wiped out the human race, a green hand has moved over the face of the Earth. The Hinterkind have returned. They come from hiding places in the lost corners of the world: Centaurs, Satyrs, Elves, Dwarves, Ogres, Trolls, Werewolves, Vampires....But these aren't fairy tale creatures, they are flesh, blood and passion, and they have a long simmering hatred of humanity.
Novels

- The Girl from the Well
- Chupeco, Rin
- Sourcebooks Fire
- August 2014

Okiku wants vengeance...and she gets it. Whenever there's a monster hurting a child—the same way she was hurt 300 years ago in Japan—her spirit is there to deliver punishment. But one American boy draws her like no other. The boy is not a monster, but something evil writhes beneath his skin, trapped by a series of intricate tattoos. Can Okiku protect him? Or is her presence only bringing more harm?
Comics and Manga

- The Authority Vol. 1
- Ellis, Warren (Author), Hitch, Bryan (Illustrator), Neary, Paul (Illustrator)
- DC Comics
- May 2014

- After witnessing the demise of most of her StormWatch teammates, Jenny Sparks wants to create a new super hero team dedicated to protecting Earth against threats of a global scale.
Comics and Manga

- Dead Boy Detectives Vol. 1: Schoolboy Terrors
- Toby Litt, Mark Buckingham (Illustrated by)
- Neil Gaiman's intrepid dead schoolboys head back to the horror that is St. Hilarions School; the place where they both were murdered.
Non-fiction

- The Science of Superheroes and Space Warriors: Lightsabers, Batmobiles, Kryptonite, and More
- Sourcebooks
- October 2014

This sensational book reveals the science behind your favorite superheroes and supervillains and their ultracool devices and weapons, as well as other awesome technologies from the science-fiction realm. Discover:

- Ten Star Trek technologies that actually came true
- Whether Superman would win against Harry Potter
- How new liquid body armor can make us superhuman...and more!
Comics and Manga

• Afterlife with Archie: Escape from Riverdale
• Aguirre-Sacasa, Roberto (Author), Francavilla, Francesco (Illustrator)
• Archie Comic Publications
• June 2014

• When Jughead's beloved pet Hot Dog is killed in a hit and run, Jughead turns to the only person he knows who can help bring back his canine companion—Sabrina the Teenage Witch.
Cool Stuff at the Library

• Hoopla
  • Available now
  • Anime
  • Streaming movies

• Comics Plus
  • Coming soon
  • Comics
  • Manga
  • Downloadable
My life is richer because I read this book...

- Wizard of Earthsea
- At the Mountains of Madness