

### *The Way to Stay in Destiny*

Scattergood, Augusta (2015)

Theo leaves everything behind to live with his veteran uncle in Florida. While there, he is drawn to play the piano and soon makes a friend as they work together to solve a mystery.

### *I Heart Band Series*

Schusterman, Michelle (2014)

Holly Mead's first day of seventh grade isn't going as planned; her new band director has some surprisingly strict rules. Her best friend has also replaced her with the new French horn player, so Holly is determined to get first chair. Band might be a competition, but friendship isn't—will Holly lose her seat and her best friend?

### *Lug: Dawn of the Ice Age*

Zelstser, David (2014)

An amusing tale of a caveboy who gets kicked out of his clan for not catching a jungle llama. His banishment happens to coincide with massive global cooling and all sorts of hijinks ensue.

## Young Adult



### *The Haters*

Andrews, Jesse (2016)

When two best friends, Wes and Corey, go to jazz camp, they are surrounded by a bunch of dudes who only want to talk about jazz. They think camp is totally lame until they meet Ash, the only girl who has a cool musical vibe. These three decide to take a spontaneous road trip and before you know it, The Haters Summer of Hate Tour has formed.

### *Nick & Norah's Infinite Playlist*

Cohn, Rachel and Leviathan, David (2007)

This high-energy romance is for mature readers as it explores a musical, romantic night in Manhattan, where two high school seniors confront past hurts as they hurtle towards a relationship.

### *Dangerous Creatures*

Garcia, Kami and Stohl, Margaret (2014)

This spin-off of the "Beautiful Creatures" series takes us into NYC where Link wants to make it big as a punk rock drummer but doesn't realize that Ridley is using him to pay off a debt to a menacing underground club owner.

### *Rolling Stone Encyclopedia of Rock and Roll*

Rolling Stone, Editor (2001)

This book covers major rock 'n' roll players, from the 1950s to the present; great for readers who love rock & roll!

### *The Bad Decisions Playlist*

Rubens, Michael (2016)

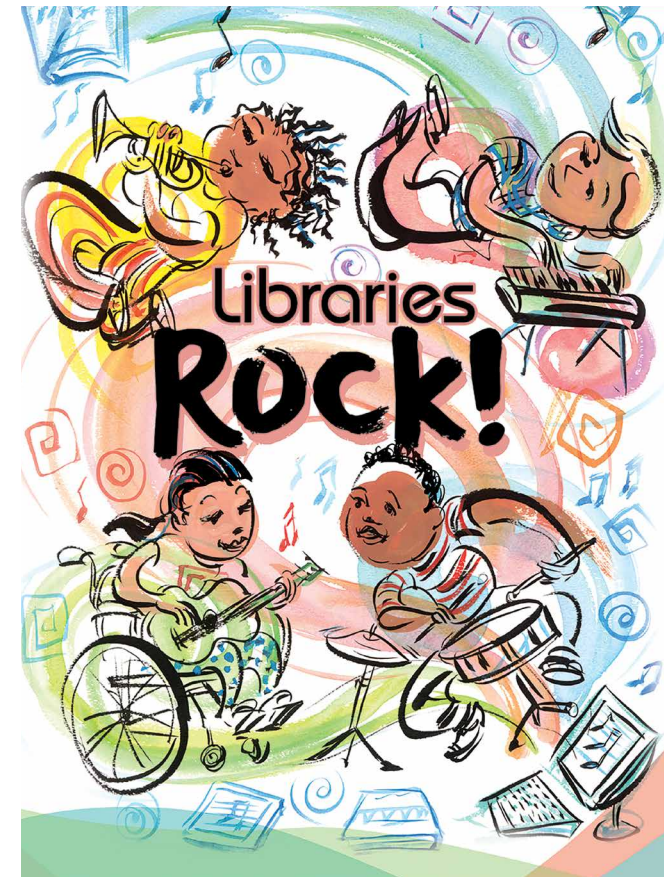
Austin Methune is known for making bad decisions and for trying to impress girls. When he ruins a borrowed vintage mandolin from his mother's boyfriend, Rick, she gives him an ultimatum: go to summer school and work for Rick's landscape company or go to military school. But then, Austin's father, a famous musician, shows up and Austin tries to get his life back on the right track.

### *Three Day Summer*

Tash, Sarvenaz (2015)

It's 1969 and Michael is excited to go to Woodstock, the biggest music festival in New York, with his girlfriend and friends. When Michael ends up in a medical tent at the festival, he meets Cora. The two have an instant connection and as their relationship forms, they learn more about themselves and their plans for the future.

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**SUMMER  
READING 2018**  
**BOOKS THAT ROCK  
FOR ALL AGES**



## Early Literacy

### *Giraffes Can't Dance*

Andreae, Giles (2012)

Gerald the giraffe wants nothing more than to dance, but his clumsiness makes him stand out at the Jungle Dance. After some encouraging words from a friend, Gerald is finally able to dance to his own tune.



### *Barnyard Dance!*

Boynton, Sandra (1993)

Everybody sing along—because it's time to do-si-do in the barnyard with a high-spirited animal crew! Lively rhyming text is guaranteed to get kids and adults stomping their feet to this classic board book.

### *Moo, Baa, La La La*

Boynton, Sandra (1982)

Have a blast reading this excellent book from a master of animal stories. Silly, fun, and filled with animal sounds, this book is sure to delight all 0-5 year olds.

### *Farmyard Beat*

Craig, Lindsey (2012)

A barnyard full of animals who just can't seem to get to sleep because they "got that beat." Full of fun repetition and rhythm.

### *Pepi Sings a New Song*

Ljungkvist, Laura (2010)

Pepi the parrot is ready for a new song and goes on a neighborhood adventure to find one, creating a song everyone can join in on!

### *Hand Hand Fingers Thumb*

Perkins, Al (1998)

A band of drumming monkeys explaining hands, fingers, and thumbs to beginning readers. Rhythm and repetition make this a fun read for young kids.

### *Max Found Two Sticks*

Pinkey, Brian (1997)

Young Max begins to explore the rhythm of the city when he finds two sticks to beat, slowly creating a world of music around him.

### *I Got the Rhythm*

Schofield-Morrison, Connie (2014)

The 2018 Ready to Read Michigan selection is full of rhythm & rhyme as we join a young girl in a journey of senses as she discovers music. She's got the rhythm and you can, too!

## Music Is...

Stosuy, Brandon (2016)

A wide variety of moods, senses, and styles of music are introduced to the youngest of children in this vibrant, diverse board book.

### *Tanka Tanka Skunk*

Webb, Steve (2004)

A fun, interactive book that uses the names of animals (both familiar and unusual) to introduce rhythm! Perfect to read aloud with maracas or rhythm sticks.

### *Jazz Baby*

Wheeler, Lisa (2007)

You can't resist boppin' along with this "itty-bitty" baby as she gets a smooth jazzy lullaby. The whole family gets in on the music, snapping, clapping, and be-bopping along with the talented baby.



## Elementary

### *Acoustic Rooster and His Barnyard Band*

Alexander, Kwame (2011)

When a jazz-loving rooster sets his sights on winning a barnyard talent show, he realizes he can't do it as a solo act. Acoustic Rooster calls on friends and together the foursome makes beautiful music as they rock the barnyard.

### *Cha Cha Chimps*

Durango, Julia (2006)

10 little chimps are dancing the night away and their numbers dwindle as different African animals come to join in the fun. Lots of movement involved and rhyming text in this perfect storytime book.

### *Punk Farm*

Krosoczka, Jarrett (2005)

This book just begs to be read out loud! Little does Farmer Joe suspect that when he goes to bed at night, his farm animals are practicing for their big rock concert. Their version of Old MacDonald Had a Farm will delight the little ones.

### *Pete the Cat: Rocking in my School Shoes*

Litwin, Eric (2011)

Rock out with Pete the Cat as he visits all the areas in his school while singing. Pete is always a hit with kids and you could easily pair this with other Pete the Cat books.

### *The Nuts: Sing and Dance in Your Polka-Dot Pants*

Litwin, Eric (2015)

Hazel Nut can't get anyone in her family to sing and dance along with her—until Grandma Nut shows up! By the end of the story, all the Nuts are dancing, and audiences will be too.

### *Playing from the Heart*

Reynolds, Peter H. (2016)

A young boy learns to play on his family's piano; first he learns notes, then scales, then songs, and finally classical pieces. However, the more he practices, the less he enjoys playing, and eventually he stops. But when his ailing father asks him to play, will he remember how to play from the heart?

### *Little Melba and Her Big Trombone*

Russell-Brown, Katheryn (2014)

A biography of a young girl and her passion for jazz in the 1920s. This is a great non-fiction read that celebrates diversity and music.



## Tween

### *Boy Seeking Band*

Brezenoff, Steven (2017)

Terence Kato is not having a good year – his mother died and there is no money for his private school tuition. Now at a public school, Terence forms his own band and they enter a battle of the bands contest where his new band goes up against classmates from his former school.

### *VIP: I'm With the Band*

Calonita, Jen (2015)

Told in journal style writing, twelve-year-old Mackenzie is living out her dreams of touring with her favorite boy band, Perfect Storm. When the band members get into a disagreement, it is up to Mackenzie to help keep the band together. This book is the first of the VIP series.

### *Blackbird Fly*

Kelly, Erin (2015)

Apple and her mother moved from the Philippines to Louisiana when she was four years old. Now in the eighth grade, Apple is struggling to fit in because she hates that she looks different and her classmates put her on the "Dog Log," a list of the ugliest girls in school. When Apple uses music as an escape from reality, she learns to appreciate herself.