Hartford Summer Reading List 9-12

**Binti**
Nnedi Okorafor
*Available in Spanish & Portuguese*
Binti is the first of the Himba people ever to be accepted at Oomza University. She must go on an interstellar journey to claim her place in the universe.

**Dating Makes Perfect**
Pintip Dunn
The Tech sisters aren’t allowed to date in high school. When the eldest challenges this, their parents agree to bend the rules…sort of.

**Firekeeper’s Daughter***
Angeline Boulley
18 year old Ojibwe teen, Daunis has never quite fit in. Then she meets Jamie and is suddenly swept up in an FBI investigation to uncover corruption in her community.

**Here the Whole Time**
Victor Martins
Felipe can’t wait for winter break until he discovers his secret crush will be staying with his family for 15 days! Will winter break be a total disaster?

**The Sound of Stars**
Alechia Dow
A third of the planet is wiped out when aliens invaded Earth. Can a rebel librarian and an alien who loves pop music work together to save humanity?

**Graphic Public Health: A Comics Anthology & Roadmap**
Meredith Li-Vollmer
An introduction to the graphic medical genre as a tool to communicate, teach and advocate around issues that impact public health.

**All Boys Aren’t Blue***
George M. Johnson
A young adult memoir of LGBTQ journalist and activist, George M. Johnson that addresses gender identity, toxic masculinity, family and Black joy.

**Galaxy Girls: 50 Amazing Stories of Women in Space**
Libby Jackson
The inspiring true stories of 50 women who helped fuel some of the greatest achievements in space exploration.

**Somebody Give This Heart A Pen***
Sophia Thakur
A collection of poems exploring identity, difference, perseverance, relationships, fear, loss and joy.

**Your Illustrated Guide to Becoming One with the Universe**
Yumi Sakugawa
An illustrated guide to self discovery and inner peace with intricate ink illustrations. What is your true path?

**Hidden Figures*** **
Margot Lee Shetterly
The true story of the Black female mathematicians at NASA whose calculations launched rockets and astronauts into space.

**Mission to Mars: A New Era of Rover and Spacecraft Discovery on the Red Planet **
Larry Crumpler
A chronicle of the exciting missions to Mars, scientific discoveries and the search for evidence of life on Mars.

**What We See in the Stars: An Illustrated Tour of the Night Sky **
Kelsey Oseid
An illustrated guide to the myths, histories, and science of celestial bodies in our solar system.

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<td>Piece by Piece: The Story of Nisrin's Hijab</td>
<td>Priya Huq</td>
<td>Nisrin, a Bangladeshi-American teen is the subject of a hate crime on the way home from school one day.</td>
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<td>Caraval</td>
<td>Stephanie Garber</td>
<td>Scarlett dreams of attending the invitation-only, annual magical performance party, Caraval. When she receives an invitation, the adventure begins.</td>
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<td>Hunting By Stars</td>
<td>Cherie Demaline</td>
<td>17 year old French is from the Indigenous People of North America known as dreamers. As the government tries to control his people, he goes on the run, trying to survive and evade capture.</td>
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<td>The Astonishing Color of After</td>
<td>Emily X.R. Pan</td>
<td>When Leigh Chen Sander’s mom dies by suicide, she believes she turned into a bird. Leigh is determined to find her mother, the bird. Where will her search take her and will she ever be happy again?</td>
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<td>Dakwákáda Warriors</td>
<td>Cole Pauls</td>
<td>A bilingual comic about two earth protectors saving the world from evil pioneers and cyborg sasquatches.</td>
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<td>Boys Run the Riot</td>
<td>Keito Gaku</td>
<td>A transgender teen named Ryo finds an escape from the expectations and anxieties of his daily life in the world of street fashion.</td>
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<td>Astra Lost in Space</td>
<td>Kenta Shinohohara</td>
<td>Aries is so excited for the first day of space camp until she and her fellow campers are mysteriously transported 5,000 light years away in the middle of nowhere!</td>
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<td>Komi Can't Communicate</td>
<td>Tomohito Oda</td>
<td>Shoko Komi’s greatest dream is to make some friends but her social anxiety always gets in the way. Is there anyone who can relate to her?</td>
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<td>How Moon Fuentez Fell in Love with the Universe</td>
<td>Raquel Vasquez Gilliland</td>
<td>Moon Fuentez is used to feeling like a wallflower in the shadow of her twin sister. Then she gets a summer job on a tour bus of influencers and life gets more exciting.</td>
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<td>Concrete Rose*</td>
<td>Angie Thomas</td>
<td>The story of Maverick Carter before The Hate U Give. When 17 year old Mav discovers he is going to be a dad, he wants to make changes. He struggles with how to walk away from his past to become a good father.</td>
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<td>What Goes Up**</td>
<td>Katie Kennedy</td>
<td>Rosie and Eddie are applying to the top-secret NASA Interworlds Agency. Will they make it through the competitive testing?</td>
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<td>Mirror in the Sky**</td>
<td>Aditi Khorana</td>
<td>When a mirror planet to Earth is discovered, Tara’s world starts to shift little by little.</td>
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