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Every year, libraries across the country encourage youth to continue reading during the summer break. Daily reading is good for everyone, but is especially important for young people who are learning to read and developing critical thinking skills. Whether you're a book-lover or reluctant reader, a kid or grown-up, NOLS is here to help you achieve your summer reading goals, and have fun doing it!

A Universe of Stories Summer Reading Program includes a reading challenge with incentives to earn a free book and T-shirt, chances to win awesome grand prizes, and a range of events for all ages. From music to magic, virtual reality to ventriloquism, storytimes to science experiments – there's something for everyone! The 2019 Summer Reading Program kicks off on June 15 and runs through Saturday, August 17. Find out more at www.nols.org/srp.

After signing up for the Summer Reading Challenge, take a step in finding your next great read. Ask NOLS staff for recommendations at your local branch, get a customized booklist sent straight to you at www.nols.org/bookmatch, or consider one of the following summer-themed titles.

The Summer Guests by Mary Alice Monroe. From the *New York Times* bestselling author of the Beach House series comes a heartwarming and evocative novel about the bonds and new beginnings that are born from natural disasters and how, even during the worst of

circumstances—or perhaps because of them—we discover what is most important in life. *From the publisher.* To be released June 11.

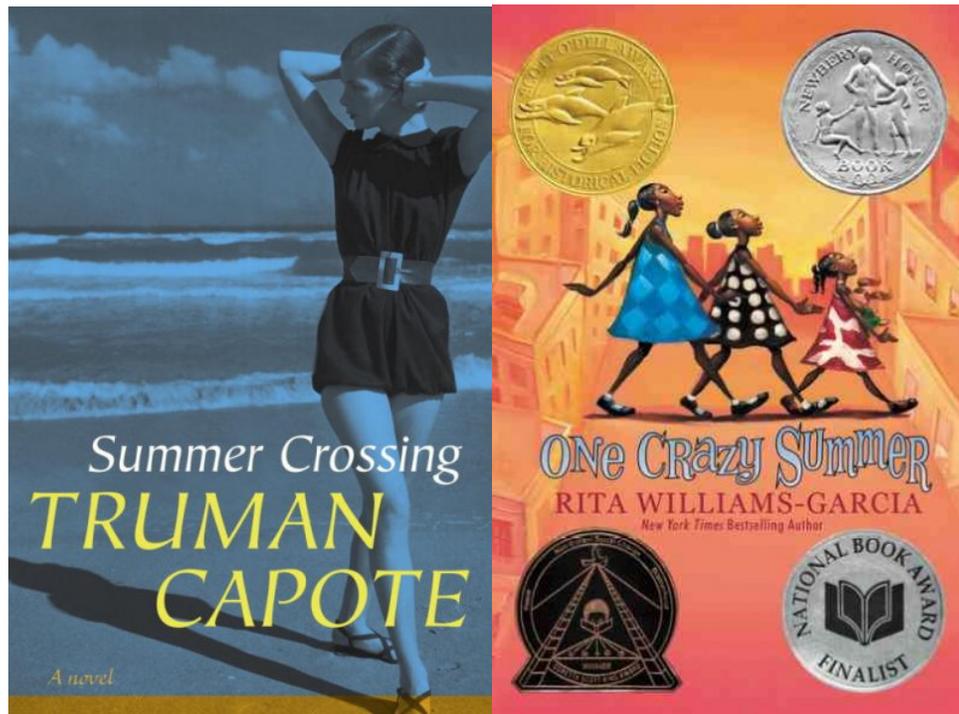
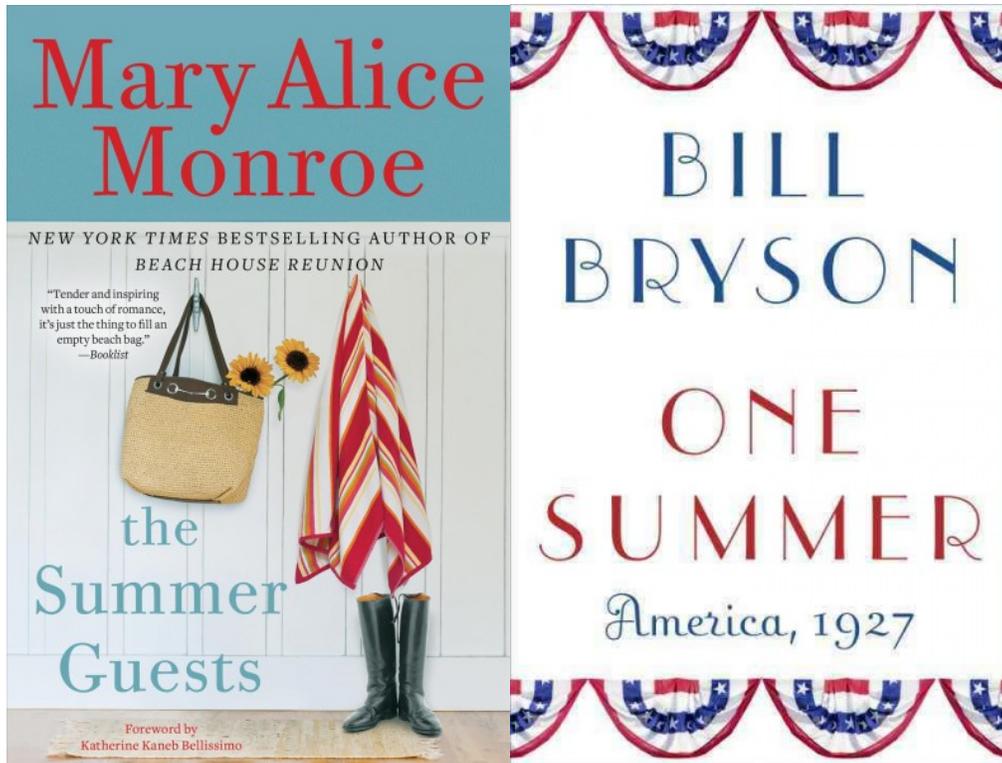
Bad Call: A Summer Job On a New York Ambulance by Mike Scardino. *Bad Call* is a visceral, fast-moving, and mordantly funny account of summers spent working as an ambulance attendant on the mean streets of late-1960s New York. – *From the publisher.*

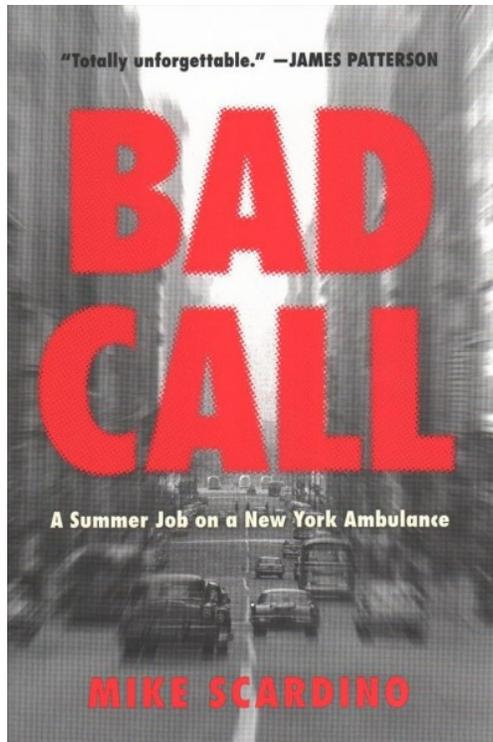
One Summer: America 1927 by Bill Bryson. The summer of 1927 began with Charles Lindbergh crossing the Atlantic. Meanwhile, Babe Ruth was closing in on the home run record. The first true “talking picture,” Al Jolson’s *The Jazz Singer*, was filmed. All this and much more transpired in the year Americans attempted and accomplished outsized things—and when the twentieth century truly became the American century. – *From the publisher.*

Summer Crossing by Truman Capote. Set in New York just after World War II, the story follows a young carefree socialite, Grady McNeil, whose parents leave her alone in their Fifth Avenue penthouse for the summer. Grady turns up the heat on the secret affair she's been having with a Brooklyn-born Jewish war veteran. As the season passes, the romance turns more serious and morally ambiguous, and Grady must eventually make a series of decisions that will forever affect her life and the lives of everyone around her. – *From the publisher.*

One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia. In this Newbery Honor novel, three sisters travel to Oakland, California, in 1968 to meet the mother who abandoned them. – *From the publisher.*

Whatever your plans this summer, NOLS can help connect you with your next favorite read. Don't forget to stop in to sign up for the Summer Reading Program - it's free and it's fun! See the friendly staff at the Sequim Branch Library, located at 630 N. Sequim Avenue, call 360.683.1161, or visit www.nols.org.





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