

JTL Nutmeg Book Club

The JTL Nutmeg Book Club is a discussion group for kids in grades 4-6 (ages 8-12).
The club meets **monthly** on a **Wednesday at 4:00 pm**.

Each meeting will include lively discussion, activities, and a delicious book-related treat.
Amy Witherell has generously offered to lead discussions and provide treats. Thank you, Amy!

Books will be available to borrow the month prior to each event.
Registration is required. See reverse for schedule.



We'll be reading all of the 2020 Intermediate Nutmeg Nominees throughout the year. One of the criteria for choosing nominees is the book must be well-written, with strong characterization, vivid setting, striking language, a well-constructed plot, and plausible conclusion. Read more about these titles at <https://www.nutmegaward.org/about/faqs>.

Readers vote in April in their school or public library for their favorite book from the current year's nominees to determine the Nutmeg Book Award winner. On May 15th, the winning titles for the current year's Nutmeg Award is announced. Make your vote count!



The JTL Nutmeg Book Club Schedule for 2019-2020

All Meetings are at 4:00 pm.

Wed., August 21, 2019 — [All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook](#) by Leslie Connor

Perry T. Cook is being raised in a minimum security prison with his mother. When there is a “changing of the guard”, Perry is forced to live outside for the first time. Perry soon discovers that home is where you are loved, even if it is behind bars.

(snack: pudding dirt cups with gummy “bookworms”)

Wed., September 18, 2019 — [Ban This Book](#) by Alan Gratz

When Amy Anne discovers her favorite book is missing from her elementary school library because a parent thought it was inappropriate, she fights back by starting an illegal locker library, which turns into a battle over book banning and censorship in her school.

(snack: forbidden chocolate cake)

Wed., October 23, 2019 — [The Dreadful Tale of Prosper Redding](#) by Alexandra Bracken

From an extraordinary, popular, and powerful family, Prosper Redding is woefully ordinary—until he discovers that a demon coexists inside him and reveals that the Redding family’s wealth and influence is due to a contract with this demon.

(snack: edible books)

Wed., November 20, 2019 — [The Jumbies](#) by Tracey Baptiste

Corrine LaMer is smart, fast, and fearless. It’s no surprise she entered the nearby forest to retrieve a cherished item, despite warnings never to enter. Soon a stranger appears in her loving and close knit community, changing her life forever.

(snack: apple cake)

Wed., December 18, 2019 — [Estranged](#) by Ethan M. Aldrige

Two babies were switched at birth. Now Childe and his fae double Edmund live in a world where they don’t belong. When the fae underworld is taken over by an evil sorceress, Childe and Edmund must go on a quest to restore balance. But in which world will they end up?

(snack: holiday cookies)

Wed., January 22, 2020 — [The Van Gogh Deception](#) by Deron R. Hicks

A boy named “Art” is found with amnesia in the National Gallery in Washington D.C. With help from his friend Camille, Art seeks to solve two mysteries at the same time - who he is and why somebody doesn’t want him to remember.

(snack: Starry Night cake)

Wed., February 19, 2020 — [Unbound: A Novel in Verse](#) by Ann E. Burg

Grace is called from the slave cabins to the big house to work for the Master. Grace’s Mama warned her to keep her questions to herself. When Grace is unable to take the injustice, she is forced to run away to the safety of the Great Dismal Swamp.

(snack: kitchen sink cookies)

Wed., March 25, 2020 — [Save Me A Seat](#) by Sarah Weeks

Ravi has only just moved to America from India. Joe has been here his whole life. They are two outcasts who don’t agree on anything, until they’re shoved together by the universe (and their teacher), and continue to... not get along. Will they ever overcome their differences?

(snack: lunch lady brownies)

Wed., April 29, 2020 — [Fuzzy](#) by Tom Angleberger & Paul Dellinger

Understanding middle school is hard for humans but for robot, Fuzzy, it’s impossible! Vice Principal Barbara is determined to weed out all students who don’t measure up and Fuzzy is her number one target. Can Maxine help Fuzzy survive VP Barbara when he can barely navigate the hallways?

(snack: robot rice krispie treats)

Wed., May 20, 2020 — *Book discussion & Red Carpet Reveal Party [Greetings from Witness Protection!](#) by Jake Burt

An expert pickpocket and orphan in foster care, Nicki Demere is placed with a family hiding in Witness Protection where she must learn to fit in as a daughter and sister while protecting her new family.

The winning titles for the 2020 Nutmeg Award will be revealed!

(snack: decorate your own cupcake)