



# Reading in the Land of Heroes

## Teens



The theme this week for our Summer Reading Program is The Land of Heroes!!! We are featuring books this week that include characters such as traditional and non-traditional superheroes, animals, first responders, and more. The titles featured below are geared toward young adult and teen readers and can be found on Hoopla or Libby either as an audiobook, eBook, or both. To find more titles, please search the Handley Regional Library System catalog using the search term #yalandofheroes or go to [bit.ly/yalandofheroes](http://bit.ly/yalandofheroes)--many of the titles listed can also be found on Libby and/or Hoopla as well!

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**Dreadnought** by April Daniels--Daniel Tozer is struggling to keep people from knowing she's transgender when the superhero Dreadnought is fatally injured in a fight with a supervillain and passes his powers onto Danny, transforming Danny physically into the girl she's always wanted to be. However, now Danny's father wants to cure her body, her best friend wants to date her, and other superheroes are arguing about her place in their ranks. Before Danny can adjust, Dreadnought's cyborg killer, Utopia, returns. Danny must deal with coming out, master her powers, and stop Utopia before humanity is destroyed. This book can be found on **Hoopla** as an eBook.

**Hero-Type** by Barry Lyga--Everyone is treating Kevin as a hero. He was in the right place and the right time and he saved a girl from being murdered. Only Kevin knows though, why he was able to save her. Things get even more complicated when Kevin is seen removing two patriotic "Support the Troops" ribbons from his car bumper. Now the town that lauded him as a hero turns on him, calling him unpatriotic. Kevin, who hadn't thought much about it up to then, becomes politically engaged, suddenly questioning what exactly supporting the troops or even saying the pledge of allegiance every day means. This book can be found on **Hoopla** as an eBook.

**Wonder Woman: Warbringer** by Leigh Bardugo--Desperate to prove herself to her Amazon warrior sisters, Princess Diana sees an opportunity at last to do so, but throws it all away when she rescues a mortal girl lost at sea—a breach of Amazonian law. Worse, Alia Keralis turns out to be a Warbringer, a direct descendant of Helen of Troy, whose appearance always accompanies an age of bloodshed and misery. Diana is unwilling to let Alia's fate take hold, so together the two girls face human and divine enemies determined to use Alia for their own purposes. This book can be found on **Libby** as an eBook.

**Choosing Courage** by Peter Collier--Presents true accounts of the heroic actions of men and women who have been recognized by the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation. This book can be found on **Hoopla** as an eBook.

**Zeroes** by Scott Westerfeld--Told from separate viewpoints, teens Scam, Crash, Flicker, Anonymous, Bellwether, and Kelsie, all born in the year 2000 and living in Cambria, California, have superhuman abilities that give them interesting but not heroic lives until they must work as a community to respond to a high stakes crisis. This book is found on **Libby** as an eBook.

**Renegades** by Marissa Meyer--Renegades are prodigies with extraordinary abilities who've established peace in the city. But Nova hates the Renegades for what happened to her family ten years earlier, and now, at sixteen-years-old, Nova befriends a Renegade boy named Adrian with the intention of infiltrating the Renegades and exacting her revenge. This book can be found on **Libby** as an audiobook and an eBook.

**The Shadow Hero** by Gene Luen Yang--During the boom of American superhero comics in the 1940s, a Chinese American named Chu Hing created the Green Turtle, a superhero who protected China from the Japanese. The comic ran only briefly, but it featured the first Asian superhero in comic book lore. Now the Green Turtle's story has been adapted and updated, complete with an origin story provided by author Yang: In the 1930s, a young man named Hank Chu inherits the spirit of a turtle that had been present with his father. He becomes the Green Turtle! This book can be found on **Libby** as an eBook.