**2022 Suggested Reading for Students Entering   
Grade 4**

This recommended reading list provides a wide array of reading choices for students. The books on this list do not indicate reading level or achievement, but will hopefully spark discussion between you and your children and inspire an interest in stories and reading.

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Happy reading! Your Youth Librarians,

*Casey, Amanda, Annie, Heidi, & Holl*y

### **Realistic Fiction**

***The Best of Iggy* by Annie Barrows**

Meet 9-year-old Iggy Frangi. He's not a bad kid, he's really not. Okay, so he's done a few (a few is anything up to 100) bad things. And okay, he's not very sorry about most of them. People make a big deal about nothing. What's a little pancake here and there? Is that something to get mad about? Iggy doesn't think so. No one got hurt, so there's no problem. No one got hurt except for that one time, that one time when the Best Idea Ever turned into the Worst Idea of All Time.

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Barrows*

***Falling Short*****by Ernesto Cisneros**

This year, star basketball player Isaac plans on finally keeping up with his schoolwork. Better grades will surely stop Isaac’s parents from arguing all the time. Meanwhile, straight-A Marco vows on finally winning his father’s approval by earning a spot on the school’s basketball team. But will their friendship and support for each other be enough to keep the two boys from falling short?

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Cisneros*

#### *The Lemonade War* by Jacqueline Davis

Siblings Evan and Jesse face off at opposing lemonade stands, as each tries to earn $100 before the other. Includes mathematical calculations and tips for running a successful lemonade stand.

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Davis*

#### *When Life Gives Your Mangos* by Kereen Getten

A small village on a Jamaican island. A girl who doesn't remember the previous summer. A best friend who is no longer acting like one; a new girl who fills that hole in her heart. A summer of finding fallen mangos, creating made up games and dancing in the rain. Secrets she keeps from others...and herself. The courage to face the truth even in the toughest of storms.

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Getten*

#### *You Don’t Know Everything, Jilly P.* by Alex Gino

When her new baby sister is born deaf, Jilly makes an online connection with a fellow fantasy fan, who is Black and deaf, and begins to learn about the many obstacles that exist in the world for people who are different from her.

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Gino*

#### *Ahmed Aziz’s Epic Year* by Nina Hamza

Ahmed is having an epic year—epically *bad*. His dad is sick, his family moved from Hawaii to Minnesota, he’s one of the only brown kids in school, and he’s got bullies to deal with. On the flip side, Ahmed is—for once—actually enjoying reading and he’s slowly unraveling his family’s history. But will he ever warm to Minnesota?

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Hamza*

#### *The Losers at the Center of the Galaxy* by Mary Winn Heider

After their father disappears, Winston throws himself into playing the tuba, and Louise starts secret experiments to find a cure for brain injuries, and they're each *fine*. That is, until the investigation of some eccentric teacher behavior and the discovery of a real live bear paraded as the Horribles' new mascot make it clear that things are very much Not Fine. The siblings may just need each other, after all in this hilarious and moving tale.

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Heider*

#### *The Boys in the Back Row* by Mike Jung

Best friends Matt and Eric are hatching a plan for one big final adventure together before Eric moves away: during the marching band competition, they will sneak away to a comics convention and meet their favorite comic creator. Without cell phones. Or transportation. Or permission.

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Jung*

#### *Those Kids from Fawn Creek* by Erin Entrada Kelly

There are twelve kids in the seventh grade at Fawn Creek Middle School. They’ve been together all their lives. And in this small factory town where everyone knows everything about everyone, that’s not necessarily a great thing. Every day in Fawn Creek, Louisiana, is exactly the same—until Orchid Mason arrives. This school might be small, but it has its tightly knit groups—the self-proclaimed “God Squad,” the jocks, the outsiders—just like anyplace else. Who will claim Orchid Mason? Who will save Orchid Mason? Or will Orchid Mason save them?

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Kelly*

#### *Stand Up, Yumi Chung!* by Jessica Kim

When eleven-year-old Yumi Chung stumbles into a kids’ comedy camp she is mistaken for another student, so she decides to play the part, but how long can she keep up the act?

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Kim*

#### *Book Uncle and Me* by Uma Krishnaswami

Every day, nine-year-old Yasmin borrows a book from Book Uncle, a retired teacher who set up a free, lending library next to her apartment building. So when the mayor orders Book Uncle to shut down his stand, Yasmin rallies her classmates and neighbors to help save Book Uncle’s library.

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Krishnaswami*

#### *Rules* by Cynthia Lord

Twelve-year-old Catherine shares her experience of growing up with an autistic sibling and wishing for a “normal” life, but two new friendships makes Catherine begin to question what “normal” even is anyway.

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Lord*

#### *What Lane?* by Torrey Maldonado

Biracial sixth-grader Stephen questions the limitations society puts on him after he notices the way strangers treat him when he hangs out with his white friends.

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Maldonado*

#### *Honestly Elliott* by Gillian McDunn

Elliott’s grades aren’t great, he’s not into sports, and he’s always forgetting things. Except when it comes to baking, that is. When he’s paired with the super smart and popular Maribel for a school-wide project, Elliott worries they won't see eye to eye. But sometimes the least likely people help you see a new side to things…and sometimes you have to make a few mistakes before you figure out what’s right.

*Call #: Children’s Fiction McDunn*

#### *Shiloh* by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

When he finds a lost beagle in the hills behind his West Virginia home, Marty tries to hide it from his family and the dog’s real owner, a mean-spirited man known to shoot deer out of season and to mistreat his dogs.

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Naylor*

#### *The One Thing You’d Save* by Linda Sue Park

When a teacher asks her class what one thing they would save in an emergency, some students know the answer right away. Others come to their decisions more slowly. And some change their minds when they hear their classmates’ responses. A lively dialog ignites as the students discover unexpected facets of one another—and themselves.

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Day*

#### *Liar, Liar* by Gary Paulsen

Kevin doesn't mean to make trouble when he lies. He's just really good at it, and it makes life so much easier. But as his lies pile up, he finds himself in big—and funny—trouble with his friends, family, and teachers. He's got to find a way to end his lying streak—forever.

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Paulsen*

#### *Simon B. Rhymin’* by Dwayne Reed

Fifth-grader Simon, an aspiring rapper who lacks self-confidence, discovers ways he can use his rhymes to bring his community together.

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Reed*

#### *Stuntboy, in the Meantime* by Jason Reynolds

Portico Reeves’s secret superpower is making sure all the other superheroes stay super safe. No one in his civilian life knows he’s actually…Stuntboy! But Portico has another secret too: his parents are fighting all the time. They’re trying to hide it by repeatedly telling Portico to go check on a neighbor “in the meantime.” Portico’s superhero responsibility is to save them, too—as soon as he figures out how.

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Reynolds*

#### *How to Eat Fried Worms* by Thomas Rockwell

People are always daring Billy to do zany things. But Billy may have bitten off more than he can chew when he takes his friend Alan's bet that Billy can't eat fifteen worms in fifteen days.

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Rockwell*

#### *Sideways Stories from Wayside School* by Louis Sachar

Humorous episodes from the classroom on the thirtieth floor of Wayside School, which was accidentally built sideways with one classroom on each story.

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Sachar*

#### *Erik vs. Everything* by Christina Uss

Each member of Erik Sheepflattener’s modern-day Viking-heritage family has a motto to live by. His parents have Family and Pride. His sisters have Conquer and Win. But Erik is developing a motto he can truly believe in: Avoid Stuff. Until his sister, Brunhilde, has an idea: name and conquer all of Erik’s fears. Will anyone hear him say no before it’s too late? And will Erik end up defined by his fears, or by his fearless family?

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Uss*

#### *Ways to Make Sunshine* by Renée Watson

The Hart family faces setbacks after Ryan's father loses his job, but, no matter what, Ryan is determined to bring sunshine to her loved ones.

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Watson*

#### *Save Me a Seat* by Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan

Ravi has just moved to the United States from India and has always been at the top of his class; Joe has lived in the same town his whole life and has learning problems. In the first week of fifth grade, Joe and Ravi are brought together by a common enemy (the biggest bully in their class) and the need to take control of their lives.

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Weeks*

### **Adventure & Mystery**

#### *The Great Shelby Holmes* by Elizabeth Eulberg

Shelby Holmes is the best detective her Harlem neighborhood has ever seen. When eleven-year-old John Watson moves downstairs, Shelby finds something that’s eluded her up till now: a friend. The easy-going John isn’t sure of what to make of Shelby, but he soon finds himself her most-trusted (read: only) partner in a dog-napping case that’ll take both of their talents to crack.

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Eulberg*

#### *Harriet the Spy* by Louise Fitzhugh

Eleven-year-old Harriet keeps notes on her classmates and neighbors in a secret notebook, but when some of the students read her notebook, they seek revenge.

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Fitzhugh*

#### *Super Puzzletastic Mysteries: Short Stories for Young Sleuths…* by Chris Grabenstein

From tales of hapless superheroes and stolen squirrel monkeys to murderous triplets and haunted basements, these thrilling, puzzling, and hilarious cases have one thing in common—YOU get a chance to be the detective before the author reveals the solution.

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Grabenstein*

#### *The Genius Files* series by Dan Gutman

A summer road trip takes a turn for the weird when twins Coke and Pepsi McDonald suddenly find themselves under attack.

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Gutman*

#### *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E.L. Konigsburg

Seeking answers about a mysterious statue in their new home (the Metropolitan Museum), Claudia and Jamie search for the statue’s former owner: the reclusive and mischievous Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler.

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Konigsburg*

#### *Framed!* by James Ponti

So you’re only halfway through your homework and the Director of the FBI keeps texting you for help…What do you do? Save your grade? Or save the country? If you’re Florian Bates, you figure out a way to do both. With the help of his new friend Margaret, they uncover a mystery that isn’t little. In fact, it’s HUGE, and it involves the National Gallery, the FBI, and a notorious crime syndicate known as EEL. Can Florian decipher the clues and finish his homework in time to help the FBI solve the case?

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Ponti*

#### *The Real McCoys* series by Matthew Swanson

Loud, outgoing fourth grader Moxie McCoy and her quiet and cautious little brother Milton must put aside their differences and work together to figure out who kidnapped their school mascot, Eddie the Owl.

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Swanson*

#### *Explorers Academy* series by Trudi Trueit

Twelve-year-old Cruz Coronado has been invited to become part of an elite group of young explorers in Washington, D.C. Yet even before Cruz can leave his home in Hawaii, an attempt is made on his life. Things only get more dangerous when Cruz arrives in the nation's capital. Join Cruz and his fellow explorers as they travel the globe, following clues to unlock a mystery that could change their world, and ours, forever. Be sure to look for the hidden codes throughout the book!

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Trueit*

#### *The 39 Clues* series by various authors

Before she died, Grace Cahill was the last matriarch of the Cahills, the world’s most powerful family. Everyone from Napoleon to Houdini is related to the Cahills, yet the source of the family power has been lost. 39 clues hidden around the world will reveal the family’s secret, but no one has been able to assemble them. Now the clues race is on, and young Amy and Dan Cahill must decide what’s important: hunting clues or uncovering what really happened to their parents.

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Thirty-Nine*

### **Fantasy, Science Fiction, & Horror**

#### *Stowaway* by John David Anderson

When scientists discover a mysterious mineral buried in the Earth’s crust, they have no idea that it’s the most valuable substance in the entire *universe*. And alien forces are willing to start a war over it. Leo and his father depart Earth, fleeing the war. But when their spaceship is attacked and his father is kidnapped, Leo must stow away on a ship of space pirates and convince them—if he can—to help him find his father.

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Anderson*

#### *Wishtree* by Katherine Applegate

An old red oak tree and Bongo the crow help their human neighbors get along after a threat against an immigrant family is carved into the tree’s trunk.

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Applegate*

#### *Freddie vs. the Family Curse* by Tracy Badua

While other people may have bad days, Freddie and his family have had bad generations: from bird poop splatting on him to the many tumbles and trips that earned him the nickname Faceplant Freddie. He’s learned to lay low and keep himself out of trouble. But trouble finds Freddie when he stumbles across a cursed family heirloom and awakens evil spirits with a vengeance.

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Badua*

#### *The Jumbies* by Tracey Baptiste

Eleven-year-old Corinne must call on her courage and an ancient magic to stop an evil spirit and save her island home as the spine-tingling Haitian folklore of “the jumbies” comes to life.

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Baptiste*

#### *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown

Roz the robot discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island with no memory of where she is from or why she is there. Her only hope of survival is to try to learn about her new environment from the island’s hostile inhabitants.

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Brown*

#### *The Marvellers* by Dhonielle Clayton

Eleven-year-old Ella Durand is the first Conjuror to attend the Arcanum Training Institute, a magic school in the clouds. When a dangerous criminal escapes prison, supposedly with a Conjuror’s aid, tensions grow in the Marvellian world and Ella becomes the target of suspicion. Ella must find a way to clear her family’s name before it’s too late.

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Clayton*

#### *The Way to Rio Luna* by Zoraida Córdova

When siblings Danny and Pili were placed in separate foster homes, Pili promised that she'd come back for Danny and they’d build a new life together in the enchanted land of Rio Luna. When Danny finds a collection of stories that contain hints about how to reach Rio Luna, nothing will stop him from finding his sister…even if it means standing up to the greatest threat the magical realm has ever known.

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Córdova*

#### *The Mouse and the Motorcycle* by Beverly Cleary

A reckless young mouse named Ralph makes friends with a boy in room 215 of the Mountain View Inn and discovers the joys of motorcycling.

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Cleary*

#### *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl

Five lucky kids will win the chance to go inside of Willy Wonka’s mysterious, magical chocolate factory. But Wonka’s wacky workshop has some unexpected surprises in store…especially for spoiled children…!

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Dahl*

#### *Dragons in a Bag* by Zetta Elliott

Jaxon’s neighbor is a witch and she needs his help delivering baby dragons to a magical world where they’ll be safe. There are two rules when it comes to the dragons: don’t let them out of the bag, and don’t feed them. Before he knows it, Jax and his friends Vikram and Kavita have broken both rules! Will Jax get the baby dragons delivered safe and sound? Or will they be lost in Brooklyn forever?

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Elliott*

#### *The Last Last-Day-of-Summer* by Lamar Giles

When adventurous cousins Otto and Sheed Alston accidentally extend the last day of summer by freezing time, they find the secrets between the unmoving seconds are not as much fun as they expected.

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Giles*

#### *Why I Was Late for School Again* by Dan Greenburg

Though scoffed at by Harold the dog, Chester the cat tries to warn his human family that their foundling baby bunny must be a vampire.

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Greenburg*

#### *Bunnicula* by Deborah Howe

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*Call #: Children’s Fiction Howe*

#### *Warriors* series by Erin Hunter

For generations, four Clans of wild cats have shared the forest, but the warrior code has been threatened, and the ThunderClan cats are in grave danger. In the midst of turmoil appears an ordinary house cat named Rusty…who may turn out to be the bravest warrior of them all.

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Hunter*

#### *The Twelve* by Cindy Lin

When her sister Uma is captured by the wicked Dragonlord, Usagi must journey to Mount Jade with the fabled Heirs of the Twelve, a mystical group of warriors who once protected the land. As new mysteries unfold, Usagi must decide who she stands with, and who she trusts, as she takes on deadly foes on her path to the elusive, dangerous Dragonlord himself.

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Lin*

#### *Kiki Kallira Breaks a Kingdom* by Sangu Mandanna

Kiki Kallira worries nonstop. The only thing that stops her from worrying is doodling Indian myths and legends. But when mythological characters leap off the pages of her sketchbook, Kiki falls into the mystical world she’s drawn, full of wonderful characters—and some not-so-wonderful ones, like an evil god bent on total destruction. Armed only with her pencil, can Kiki defeat him?

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Mandanna*

#### *Last Gate of the Emperor* by Kwame Mbalia

Yared is a star player of the underground augmented reality game, The Hunt for Kaleb’s Obelisk. But when a change in the game rules prompts Yared to log in with his real name, it triggers an attack that rocks his city. In the chaos, Yared’s uncle disappears. Suddenly, all the stories Yared’s uncle told him as a young boy are coming to life, of kingdoms in the sky and city-razing monsters. And somehow Yared is at the center of them.

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Mbalia*

#### *Whatever After* series by Sarah Mlynowski

Siblings Abby and Jonah have a magic mirror that leads them into different fairy tales, from Snow White to Rapunzel to the Little Mermaid. In each fairy tale, Abby and Jonah accidentally mess up the story — and hilarity and hijinks ensue!

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Mlynowski*

#### *Witchlings* by Claribel A. Ortega

Seven can’t wait to be sorted into a coven in the magical town of Ravenskill, where she’ll learn to be a real witch, not just a wichling. But when Seven isn’t sorted into *any* coven, she and two other Spares must work together to prove their worth as witches and show that they’re more than just Spares.

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Ortega*

#### *The Incredibly Dead Pets of Rex Dexter* by Aaron Reynolds

Rex Dexter wanted a dog, but he got…a chicken. One hour and fourteen minutes later, the chicken is dead (by a steamroller), Rex is cursed (by the Grim Reaper), and wild animals are haunting Rex’s room (hounding him for answers). They need Rex to solve their mysterious deadly departures from the Middling Falls Zoo before it happens again. But how?

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Reynolds*

#### *We’re Not From Here* by Geoff Rodkey

Imagine being forced to move to a new planet where YOU are the alien! Lan is a refugee from an Earth, which was devastated by nuclear war. Lan’s family is selected to represent humankind on an alien planet that is reluctant to take them in. Can Lan prove that humans and aliens *can* live together in peace?

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Rodkey*

#### *Zachary Ying and the Dragon Emperor* by Xiran Jay Zhao

Zachary Ying never had many opportunities to learn about his Chinese heritage. So Zack is woefully unprepared when he discovers he was born to host the spirit of the First Emperor of China for a vital mission: sealing the leaking portal to the Chinese underworld before the upcoming Ghost Month blows it wide open.

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Zhao*

### **Historical Fiction**

#### *Finding Langston* by Lesa Cline-Ransome

Discovering a book of Langston Hughes’ poetry in the library helps Langston cope with the loss of his mother, relocating from Alabama to Chicago as part of the Great Migration, and being bullied.

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Cline-Ransome*

#### *Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis

In the midst of the Great Depression, ten-year-old Bud escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father—the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway.

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Curtis*

#### *Dear America / My Name is America* series by various authors

History comes alive in these diaries chronicling the lives of children through a variety of historical events and experiences, including the Civil War, the sinking of the Titanic, the Long Walk of the Navajo, the Salem Witch Trials, the Battle of the Alamo, the fight for women’s suffrage, the Great Migration, World Wars I and II, and more.

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Dear*

#### *Louisiana’s Way Home* by Kate DiCamillo

After leaving her Florida home in the middle of the night like eccentric Granny insisted on doing, Louisiana finds herself in a small Georgia town, seeking a way home. As her life becomes entwined with the townsfolk, she starts to worry that she is destined only for good-byes.

*Call #: Children’s Fiction DiCamillo*

#### *What Elephants Know* by Eric Dinnerstein

Abandoned in the jungle at two years old, Nandu falls into the care of two elephants, Subba-Sahib and Devi Kali. When the government threatens to close the elephant stable, Nandu makes a risky plan to save his unusual family.

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Dinnerstein*

#### *Stella by Starlight* by Sharon Draper

When a burning cross set by the Klan causes panic and fear in 1932 Bumblebee, North Carolina, fifth-grader Stella must face prejudice and find the strength to demand change.

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Draper*

#### *It Ain’t So Awful, Falafel* by Firoozeh Dumas

Eleven-year-old Zomorod, originally from Iran, tells her story of growing up Iranian in Southern California during the Iranian Revolution and hostage crisis of the late 1970s.

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Dumas*

#### *Turtle in Paradise* by Jennifer L. Holm

Jobs are scarce in 1935, so when Turtle’s mama is hired as a housekeeper for a lady who doesn't like kids, Turtle is sent to Florida to stay with relatives she’s never met. In a new world full of ragtag cousins, family secrets, scams, and even buried pirate treasure, Turtle finds herself coming out of her shell.

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Holm*

#### *The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate* by Jacqueline Kelly

In central Texas in 1899, eleven-year-old Callie Vee Tate is instructed to be a lady by her mother, learns about love from the older three of her six brothers, and studies the natural world with her grandfather, the latter of which leads to an important discovery.

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Kelly*

#### *Sarah, Plain and Tall* by Patricia MacLachlan

Their mother died the day after Caleb was born. Their house on the prairie is quiet now, and Papa doesn't sing anymore. Then Papa puts an ad in the paper, asking for a wife, and he receives a letter from one Sarah Elisabeth Wheaton, of Maine. Papa, Anna, and Caleb write back. Caleb asks if she sings. Sarah decides to come for a month. Anna and Caleb wait and wonder. Will Sarah be nice? Will she like them? Will she stay?

*Call #: Children’s Fiction MacLachlan*

#### *Planet Earth is Blue* by Nicole Panteleakos

Autistic and nearly nonverbal, twelve-year-old Nova is happy in her new foster home and school, but eagerly anticipates the 1986 Challenger launch, for which her sister, Bridget, promised to return.

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Panteleakos*

#### *Paper Wishes* by Lois Sepahban

After the attack on Pearl Harbor, the US government ordered all families of Japanese heritage to be sent to internment camps. Forced into a camp, Manami lost her home, her friends, and her freedom, but the most difficult loss was her beloved dog, Yujuin.

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Sepahban*

#### *I Survived…* series by Lauren Tarshis

In these fictional accounts, kids survive different disasters throughout history including the destruction of Pompeii, the San Francisco Earthquake, the Japanese Tsunami, 9/11, and the sinking of the Titanic.

*Call #: Children’s Fiction Tarshis*

### **Graphic Novels**

#### *Sanity and Tallulah* by Molly Brooks

Living inside a beat-up space station, science prodigy Sanity Jones, creates a three-headed cat

named Princess Sparkle Destroyer of Worlds, and enlists her friend Tallulah Vega to help hide PSDW from her mom. What could go wrong?

*Call #: Children’s Comics Sanity*

#### *Star Wars Jedi Academy* series by Jeffrey Brown

Roan ends up in the Jedi Academy as a student of Master Yoda. All the other students have been practicing Jedi skills for years and Roan, who cannot master “Using the Force” questions why he was chosen to attend. Does Master Yoda see more than Roan can see about himself?

*Call #: Children’s Comics Star*

#### *Rutabaga the Adventure Chef* by Eric Colossal

Bored of cooking with ordinary ingredients, Rutabaga sets off to travel the world in search of unusual and magical ingredients to add to his cookbook.

*Call #: Children’s Comics Rutabaga*

#### *Mighty Jack* by Ben Hatke

Jack dreads summer; his single mom takes a second job and Jack has to watch his non-verbal autistic sister, Maddy. But summer takes a turn when Maddy suddenly speaks up, encouraging Jack to get a mysterious box of beans at the market.

*Call #: Children’s Comics Mighty*

#### *Twins* by Varian Johnson

Twins and best friends Maureen and Francine Carter participate in the same clubs, enjoy the same foods, and are partners on all their school projects. But when the girls start sixth grade, Francine becomes Fran and wants to do things solo. Are sisters really forever? Or will middle school change things for good?

*Call #: Children’s Comics Twins*

#### *Measuring Up* by Lily LaMotte

Twelve-year-old Cici has just moved from Taiwan to Seattle, and the only thing she wants more than to fit in at her new school is to celebrate her grandmother, A-má’s, seventieth birthday together. Since she can’t go to A-má, Cici cooks up a plan to bring A-má to her by winning the grand prize in a kids’ cooking contest to pay for A-má’s plane ticket! Can Cici find a winning recipe to reunite with A-má, a way to fit in with her new friends, and somehow find herself too?

*Call #: Children’s Comics LaMotte*

#### *Anne of Green Gables: A Graphic Novel* by Mariah Marsden

A graphic novel retelling of L.M. Montgomery’s classic tale of smart, imaginative, and very talkative orphan Anne Shirley, as she finds family, friends, plenty of misadventures, and a home at Green Gables.

*Call #: Children’s Comics Montgomery*

#### *Camp* by Kayla Miller

Olive makes friends easily at summer camp, but, to Olive’s dismay, her best friend, Willow, latches onto Olive, refusing to make other friends. Will they end the summer as best friends or new enemies?

*Call #: Children’s Comics Miller*

#### *Max and the Midknights* by Lincoln Pierce

Max wants to be a knight! Too bad that dream is about as likely as finding a friendly dragon. But when Max's uncle Budrick is kidnapped by the cruel King Gastley, Max has to act...and fast! Joined by a band of brave adventurers—the Midknights—Max sets out on a thrilling quest: to save Uncle Budrick and restore the realm of Byjovia to its former high spirits!

*Call #: Children’s Comics Max*

#### *The Pathfinders Society* by Francesco Sedita

Summer camp just became a whole lot more interesting when five curious kids accept a mysterious project: uncover a series of strange clues, reveal a secret path--and follow its twists and turns to a legendary treasure!

*Call #: Children’s Comics Pathfinders*

#### *Cardboard Kingdom* by Chad Sell

Welcome to a neighborhood of kids who transform ordinary boxes into colorful costumes, and their ordinary block into cardboard kingdom. This is the summer when sixteen kids encounter knights and rogues, robots and monsters—and their own inner demons—on one last quest before school starts again.

*Call #: Children’s Comics Sell*

#### *The Okay Witch* by Emma Steinkellner

When some eighth-grade bullies try to ruin Moth’s Halloween, something really strange happens. It turns out that Founder’s Bluff, Massachusetts, has a centuries-old history of witch drama. And, surprise: Moth’s family is at the center of it all! When Moth’s new powers show up, things get totally out-of-control. She meets a talking cat, falls into an enchanted diary, and unlocks a hidden witch world. Secrets surface from generations past as Moth unravels the complicated legacy at the heart of her town, her family, and herself.

*Call #: Children’s Comics Steinkellner*

#### *Wings of Fire* seriesby Tui Sutherland

The story of Clay, a young dragonet, is retold as a graphic novel. Clay is chosen with three others to fulfill a mysterious prophecy to end war between the dragons of Pyrrhia and must leave the mountain that has been his home to fulfill his destiny.

*Call #: Children’s Comics Wings*

#### *Ghosts* by Raina Telgemeier

Catrina and her family have moved homes for the sake of her little sister, Maya, who has cystic fibrosis. Cat is even less happy about moving when she is told that her new town is inhabited by ghosts, but Maya sets her heart on meeting one.

*Call #: Children’s Comics Telgemeier*

#### *Stargazing* by Jen Wang

Moon is everything Christine isn't. She’s confident, impulsive, artistic . . . and though they both grew up in the same Chinese-American suburb, Moon is somehow unlike anyone Christine has ever known. Moon also has visions, sometimes, of celestial beings who speak to her from the stars. Who reassure her that earth isn't where she really belongs…

*Call #: Children’s Comics Wang*

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