

2024 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.

Starting on Tuesday, June 17, you can stop by the Youth Desk at Beebe Library and sign up for Summer at the Library 2024. It's FREE to sign up and to participate in all of the summer programs and activities at the library. To learn more, you can inquire at the Youth Desk or visit www.wakefieldlibrary.org/satl-kids-2024/. Want to get involved? Just visit the Youth Desk and tell a librarian you want to be a part of Summer at the Library!

Happy reading! Your friends in the Youth Room,
Casey, Annie, Ariel, Heidi, & Holly

REALISTIC FICTION

***Ready, Set, Dough!* by Kelly J. Baptist**

Spunky sixth-grader Zoe Sparks has discovered a unique way to get the laptop of her dreams—to win it! If Zoe can sell more tubs of cookie dough than anyone in her school, the laptop is hers. But her win-at-all-costs attitude is starting to drive a wedge between Zoe, her best friend Felix, and her family. Zoe may be a top cookie-dough seller in her class, but is winning the prize really worth it?

Call #: *Children's Fiction Baptist*

***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 to finally win 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

***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

***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*

***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*

***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*

***The List of Things That Will Not Change* by Rebecca Stead**

Despite her parents' divorce, her father's coming out as gay, and his plans to marry his boyfriend, ten-year-old Bea is reassured by her parents' unconditional love, excited about getting a stepsister, and haunted by something she did last summer at her father's lake house.

Call #: *Children's Fiction Stead*

***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*

Finally Seen by Kelly Yang

Lina Gao has waited five years to move from Beijing to LA where her parents and sister live. But when she arrives in America, Lina is made fun of for mispronouncing English words (while her little sister excels) and her parents are struggling to pay rent on their apartment. School is hard too, but Lina tries to keep all of her feelings inside. But when her teacher faces challenges for her latest book selection, a book that deeply resonates with Lina, it will take all of Lina's courage and resilience to get over her fear in order to choose a future where she's finally seen.

Call #: *Children's Fiction Yang*

ADVENTURE & MYSTERY

Drew Leclair Gets a Clue by Katryn Bury

When a cyberbully posts embarrassing rumors about other students at school, Drew, protecting her own secret, puts her sleuthing skills to good use to find the culprit, who just might be one of her closest friends.

Call #: *Children's Fiction Bury*

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*

Space Case by Stuart Gibbs

Dashiell Gibson, who lives on Moon Base Alpha, has to solve a murder of one of the moon's most prominent doctors,

Call #: *Children's Fiction Gibbs*



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

Chester Keene Cracks the Code by Kekla Magoon

Eleven-year-old Chester and his classmate Skye, tasked with a complex puzzle-solving mission, discover that the key to their spy assignment is to stop a heist, but cracking the code could mean finding out things are not always what they seem.

Call #: Children's Fiction Magoon

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, he uncovers 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

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. Thirty-nine 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

Wretched Waterpark: Sinister Summer series by Kiersten White

Twins Theo and Alexander and their sister Wil are abruptly dropped off at their Aunt Saffronia's house, where they learn they must complete a series of tasks in order to see their parents again—and their first assignment is at a waterpark.

Call #: Children's Fiction White



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*

***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*

***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*

***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*

***Onyeka and the Academy of the Sun* by Tola Okogwu**

When twelve-year-old Onyeka discovers that she has psychokinetic powers, her mother reveals that she is Solari, part of a secret group of Nigerian mutants that trains at the Academy of the Sun.

Call #: *Children's Fiction Okogwu*

***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 witchling. 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*

***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 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*

***Theo Tan and the Fox Spirit* by Jesse Q. Sutanto**

A twelve-year-old Chinese-American boy must learn to embrace his heritage and accept his beloved older brother's spirit companion—a mystical fox named Kai—to solve the mystery of Jamie's death.

Call #: *Children's Fiction Sutanto*

ANIMAL (& TREE & ROBOT) STORIES

***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*



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 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*

Dog Squad by Chris Grabenstein

Fred, a scrappy and lovable dog, gets cast as a stand-in for the lead role in Dog Squad, a show about crime-fighting dogs, and he soon finds out the action doesn't always stop on screen.

Call #: *Children's Fiction Grabenstein*

Bunnicle by Deborah Howe

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 Howe*

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 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*

Always, Clementine by Carlie Sorosiak

Clementine is a genius lab mouse, but she's lonely. Her only snatches of friendship occur during her late-night visits with a chimpanzee named Rosie. When a compassionate lab technician frees Clementine, the mouse discovers an outside world full of wonders: Brussels sprouts, games of speed chess, television fame, and a chance for a real home. But for Clementine, it's not enough to be free when she knows that Rosie and the other mice are not.

Call #: *Children's Fiction Sorosiak*

A Rover's Story by Jasmine Warga

Built to explore Mars, Resilience begins to develop human-like feelings as he learns from the NASA scientists who assembled him and, as he blasts off and explores Mars, Resilience must overcome different obstacles as he explores the red planet.

Call #: *Children's Fiction Warga*



HISTORICAL FICTION

***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*

***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*

***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*

***Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry**

In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.

Call #: *Children's Fiction Lowry*

***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*

***Prairie Lotus* by Linda Sue Park**

In Dakota Territory in the 1880's, half-Chinese Hanna and her white father face racism and resistance to change as they try to make a home for themselves.

Call #: *Children's Fiction Park*

***The Nerviest Girl in the World* by Melissa Wiley**

Pearl lives on a ranch where her chores include collecting eggs and feeding ostriches. And she knows a thing or two about horses, too. One day, Pearl's older brothers get jobs doing stunts for this new form of entertainment called "moving pictures." They're the Daredevil Donnelly Brothers, a Death-Defying Cowboy Trio. Before she knows it, Pearl has stumbled into being a stunt girl herself—and dreams of becoming a star. The only problem is, her mother has no idea what she's up to.

Call #: *Children's Fiction Wiley*



GRAPHIC NOVELS

***Big Apple Diaries* by Alyssa Bermudez**

It's the year 2000 in New York City. For twelve-year old Alyssa, this means splitting time between her Puerto Rican dad's apartment in Manhattan and her white mom's new place in Queens, navigating the trials and tribulations of middle school, and an epic crush on a new classmate. The only way to make sense of it all is to capture the highs and lows in doodles and hilarious comics. Then life abruptly changes on September 11, 2001. Alyssa must find a new sense of self and purpose amidst all of the chaos and find the strength to move forward with hope.

Call #: *Children's Comics Bermudez*

***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 potential in Roan that he can't see 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*

***The Witches of Brooklyn* by Sophie Escabasse**

Effie moves to Brooklyn to live with her strange aunt and soon discovers that she might be a witch.

Call #: *Children's Comics Escabasse*

***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*

Squished by Megan Wagner Lloyd

Eleven-year-old Avery Lee is tired of feeling squished by her six siblings. They're noisy and chaotic and the younger kids love her a little too much. All Avery wants is her own room — her own space to be alone and make art. So she's furious when Theo, her grumpy older brother, gets his own room instead, and her wild baby brother, Max, moves into the room she already shares with her clinging sister Pearl!

Call #: *Children's Comics Lloyd*

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*

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*

The Tryout by Christina Soontornvat

As one of the only Asian Americans in her school, Christina confronts both well-meaning ignorance and cruel racism, but, in middle school, fitting in is important, which is why she and her best friend Megan are both excited and nervous to try out for the popular cheerleading squad.

Call #: *Children's Comics Soontornvat*

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*



BIOGRAPHIES & NONFICTION

***The Big Book of Mysteries* by Tom Adams**

Get ready to be amazed as you uncover the world's greatest mysteries, from Bigfoot to the Bermuda Triangle. This book will explain the extraordinary —unless the extraordinary can't be explained, of course. Then you'll just have to make up your own mind...

Call #: Children's 001.94 Adams

***Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales* series by Nathan Hale**

Nathan Hale, the author's namesake, was a Revolutionary War hero. In this series, author Nathan Hale channels his namesake to present history's roughest, toughest, and craziest stories.

Call #: Children's Comics Nathan

***We Rise, We Resist, We Raise Our Voices* edited by Wade Hudson and Cheryl Willis Hudson**

50 children's authors and illustrators answer the question, "In this divisive world, what shall we tell our children?" Featuring poems, letters, personal essays, art, and more, this anthology empowers the nation's youth to listen, learn, and build a better tomorrow.

Call #: Children's 810.803 We

***Ken Jennings' Junior Genius Guides* by Ken Jennings**

In this interactive, trivia series, *Jeopardy* champion Ken Jennings makes you an expert on geography, U.S. presidents, outer space, the human body, Greek mythology, Ancient Egypt, and dinosaurs.

Call #: Children's various Dewey numbers Jennings

***Explore! The Most Dangerous Journeys of All Time* by Deborah Kespert**

History, adventure, and survival combine in this book about the most daring voyages made from the golden age of discovery to recent times. Meet the passionate and headstrong explorers who undertook these dangerous journeys and the challenges they faced.

Call #: Children's 910.4 Kespert

***History Smashers* series by Kate Messner**

With a mix of sidebars, illustrations, photos, and graphic panels, acclaimed author Kate Messner delivers the whole truth about tons of topics, from the Underground Railroad to Pearl Harbor, from the Black Plague to COVID-19. This series smashes everything you thought you knew about history!

Call #: Children's various Dewey numbers Messner

***Our World Out of Balance: Understanding Climate Change and What We Can Do* by Andrea Minoglio**

An encouraging and comprehensive illustrated nonfiction guide introducing children to the important topic of climate change with clear facts and positive solutions. Easy-to-follow "Before" and "After" segments help children understand complex topics like: air pollution, rising seas, plastics and increased waste, wildfires, and more.

Call #: Children's 363.73 Minoglio

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***The Manatee Scientists: Saving Vulnerable Species* by Peter Lourie**

Meet three scientists working in different parts of the world to save the manatee. Get an eye-opening, close-up view of their far-flung expeditions to Brazil, Senegal, and Florida.

Call #: Children's 599.55 Lourie

***Engineering for Curious Kids* by Chris Oxlade**

Engineering makes the world go round. Through its innovations we can power cities, design medicines, and create self-driving cars. Discover vital breakthroughs in engineering history, the scientific principles behind these technologies, and how engineers work today.

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