

100+ GREAT READS



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Children and Family Services

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These titles have recently been added to the library's collection.
Other thematic, classic, and seasonal booklists are also available.



PICTURE BOOKS

- JP Ashman, Linda. ***Fire Chief Fran***
ASH It's a busy day at this small-town fire department! Watch as Fire Chief Fran leads her crew to save a puppy, fight fires, and help her community.
- JP Bahrapour, Ali. ***Monsters in the Fog***
BAH In this clever story about first impressions, Hakim treks up the mountain to deliver a gift to his friend Daisy and has some very interesting encounters along the way.
- JP Barnett, Mac. ***The Great Zapfino***
BAR Afraid of heights, Zapfino runs away from his high-diving circus performance to start a quiet, new life, but he gets a second chance to prove himself when disaster strikes.
- JP Blackall, Sophie. ***Farmhouse***
BLA Explore the intricate details of a farmhouse where twelve children are growing up and waiting to see what the future brings.
- JP Bolling, Valerie. ***Together We Ride***
BOL Learning to ride a bike is no easy task, but with the support of her dad, a young girl gains the confidence to pedal and fly!
- JP Denise, Christopher. ***Knight Owl***
DEN Owl always dreamed of being a knight, and while he may not be the biggest or strongest, he has the cleverness to deal with a frightening intruder. *Caldecott Honor*

- JP EAD Eady, Antwan. ***Nigel and the Moon***
When looking up at the moon, Nigel imagines he is a dancer or an astronaut, but can he find the courage to share his dreams during career week at school?
- JP ERI Ericson, Nora. ***Too Early***
With glowing illustrations and melodic verse, this book follows a family's morning routine from the perspective of its earliest riser.
- JP FAL Falatko, Julie. ***Rick: The Rock of Room 214***
Rick, a rock, leaves the safety of the "Nature Finds" shelf in his classroom hoping to find a life of excitement, like the outdoor rocks he learned about in class.
- JP FRE Freedman, Deborah. ***Tiny Dino***
A tiny bird declares that it is in fact a dinosaur and goes on to explain all the similarities they share.
- JP GOA Goade, Michaela. ***Berry Song***
A young Tlingit girl collects wild berries with her grandmother on the coast of an Alaskan island, learning about the land and all it provides. *Caldecott Honor*
- JP GOU Gourley, Kshelle. ***I'm Not Missing***
Tired of the pressures of pet life, a dog escapes to fulfill his "lone wolf" destiny, but feels unexpectedly jealous when he sees his owner with a new dog.
- JP GRI Grimes, Nikki. ***Playtime for Restless Rascals***
A mother wakes up her child, whose job is to play, and there is so much to do in every fun-filled day, from dancing in puddles to jumping in leaves.
- JP KAR Karsten, Guilherme. ***Run!***
The animals in the jungle are on the run! One by one, they try to hide themselves from the threat that approaches—but what could it be?
- JP KIM Kim, Jihyun. ***The Depth of the Lake and the Height of the Sky***
In this wordless celebration of the beauty of nature, a boy and his family leave the busy city to visit his grandparents' home in the countryside.

- JP Kirk, Daniel. ***The Big Slide***
 KIR Little Pup is old enough to go down the big slide, but he is scared. Could the help of a friend give him the courage to try it?
- JP Kraegel, Kenneth. ***Mushroom Lullaby***
 KRA Prepare to dream sweet dreams in your soft mushroom bed after exploring high and low, discovering a multitude of mushrooms.
- JP Lee, Su Youn. ***Have You Eaten? A Story of Food, Friendship, and Kindness***
 LEE Coco the chipmunk is always sharing her sweet potatoes and spreading kindness in this heartwarming book inspired by a Korean greeting.
- JP MacLeod, Mrs. & Mr. ***How to Eat a Book***
 MAC One by one, the Grunion cousins are gobbled up by the books they are reading and transported into strange and whimsical worlds.
- JP Maynor, Megan. ***Not Enough Lollipops***
 MAY Alice is thrilled to win a giant basket of lollipops in the school raffle, but the big question is—will there be enough for everyone?
- JP Meyers, Seth. ***I'm Not Scared, YOU'RE Scared!***
 MEY When Rabbit urges Bear, who is easily scared, to face his fears and go on an adventure together, chaos ensues as they learn the true meaning of bravery.
- JP Rothman, Scott. ***Blue Bison Needs a Haircut***
 ROT Blue Bison is getting hairier and hairier, and with his favorite barber shop closed, he grows more and more frustrated!
- JP Salati, Doug. ***Hot Dog***
 SAL When the heat and noise of the city becomes too much, a woman and her pup escape to a place with more room to run and breathe. *Caldecott Award Winner*
- JP Schwartz, Amy. ***13 Stories About Ayana***
 SCH In this companion to *13 Stories About Harris*, preschooler Ayana has many fun adventures at home, in the community garden, and around her city neighborhood.

JP Snyder, Laurel. ***Endlessly Ever After: Pick Your Path to***
SNY ***Countless Fairy Tale Endings!***
You're invited to follow Rosie down many possible fairy tale paths in this laugh-out-loud, ever-changing adventure.

JP Stead, Philip Christian. ***Every Dog in the Neighborhood***
STE Louis really wants a dog of his own, but when his grandmother says there are already enough dogs in their community, he decides to count them all.

JP Van Dusen, Chris. ***Big Truck, Little Island***
VAN When a big rig gets stuck and blocks the road, the local kids come together to find a way to go about their busy day in this book based on a true story.

JP von Innerebner, Jessika. ***That's My Sweater!***
VON Olivia does everything in her favorite sweater, but when she starts to outgrow it, she comes to the tough realization that maybe sharing is caring.

JP Woodson, Jacqueline. ***The World Belonged to Us***
WOO A group of kids celebrate the joy and freedom of summer on their Brooklyn block in this nostalgic picture book memoir.



EARLY READERS

JE Applegate, Katherine. ***Doggo and Pupper Save the World***
APP Even though they do not know how to fly, Doggo and Pupper help rescue a distressed baby bird, becoming heroes in the process.

JE Burnell, Heather Ayris. ***Unicorn and Yeti: Together***
BUR In three laugh-out-loud stories, two magical friends love using their imaginations and spending time together, whether it is watching clouds or having a fancy tea party.

- JE BUT Butler, Dori Hillestad. **King & Kayla and the Case of the Lost Library Book**
 Kayla needs to return her library books, but one is missing and King knows that means no more books if it is not found. Can King and Kayla crack the case?
- JE ILI Emberley, Michael. **I Did It!**
 A little creature tries over and over to learn to ride a bike while all of her friends provide words of encouragement. *Geisel Award Winner*
- JE FEN Fenske, Jonathan. **Get Well, Crabby!**
 When Crabby gets sick, Plankton is determined to play doctor and take care of his friend, even if Crabby is cranky and does not want the help.
- JE FEU Feuti, Norman. **Happy Birthday, Hedgehog!**
 Harry arrives at Hedgehog's birthday party with the coolest gift for his best friend, but worries that Hedgehog will not like it anymore after discovering someone else gave him the same thing.
- JE IWA Iwai, Melissa. **Gigi and Ojiji**
 Gigi cannot wait for her Ojiji—Japanese grandpa—to move in and plans activities for them to do together, but things do not work out quite as she hoped. *Geisel Honor*
- JE LAM Lambert, Megan Dowd. **April & Mae and the Tea Party**
 April and Mae are having their weekly tea party when April tries to juggle and accidentally breaks Mae's favorite teacup. Can these friends reconcile and save their friendship?
- JE LYO Lyons, Kelly Starling. **Ty's Travels: Lab Magic**
 Ty and Corey become scientists once they step into the museum, but when Ty cannot participate in a lab activity because of his age, he uses his imagination at home instead.
- J GN MAD Madan, Vikram. **Owl and Penguin**
 Two feathered friends embrace their differences and solve their problems in creative ways. *Geisel Honor*
- J581.467 POR Portis, Antoinette. **A Seed Grows**
 Discover close-up views of each step as a seed becomes a sunflower in this educational picture book. *Geisel Honor*

JE Pumphrey, Jarrett. ***It's a Sign!: An Elephant & Piggie Like Reading! Book***

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Endorsed by Elephant and Piggie, four friends want to form a club, but what should it be called? If only there was a sign to help decide.

J Ruzzier, Sergio. ***Fish and Wave***

GN When a tiny wave grows bigger and bigger, what is a fish to
RUZ do? Just go with the flow! *Geisel Honor*

J Shaskan, Stephen. ***Pizza and Taco: Too Cool for School***

GN Pizza and Taco get lessons on being cool from watching the
SHA new kid, B.L.T., but this could spell trouble for the dynamic duo
with Mr. Apple.

JE Snyder, Laurel. ***Charlie & Mouse Are Magic***

SNY While mixing up a potion in the kitchen, brothers Charlie and
Mouse put drops on their nose and make a wish. See if their
wishes come true in these silly stories, with sweet and
surprising results.

J Thomas, Jan. ***Even Robots Aren't Perfect***

GN In this silly and sweet trio of stories, best friends Red and Blue
THO Robot learn from their mistakes, discovering they are not perfect.



TRANSITIONAL

J Brockington, Drew. ***Waffles and Pancake: Flight or Fright***

GN Waffles and Pancake take an early flight to maximize the fun
BRO times while visiting Gramps and Grammers, but will their first time
on a plane be exciting or scary?

- JE Cordell, Matthew. ***Cornbread & Poppy***
 COR Cautious Cornbread and carefree Poppy are the best of friends, so with winter approaching and Poppy unprepared, Cornbread offers to explore the uninhabited Holler Mountain with her.
- J Ferry, Beth. ***Crab & Snail: The Invisible Whale***
 GN Best beach buddies, Crab and Snail discover that it is only
 FER raining on them, so they consult a know-it-all gull to get to the bottom of things.
- J Feuti, Norman. ***Beak & Ally: The Big Storm***
 GN Ally is enjoying a peaceful, rainy day in the swamp until Beak
 FEU tells her there is a big storm brewing. Fortunately, these pals have each other's backs—rain or shine.
- J Hale, Shannon. ***The Princess in Black and the Mermaid Princess***
 HAL The Princess in Black and her friends come to the rescue when a mermaid princess needs their help protecting her sea goats from being eaten by a kraken.
- J Heuer, Lourdes. ***Esme's Birthday Conga Line***
 HEU It is Esme's birthday and her grandparents gifted her a guitar, but no birthday party. With the help of the eclectic neighbors from their apartment building, Esme plans her own party.
- J Lyons, Kelly Starling. ***King of the Ice***
 LYO Miles, who loves both science and sports, is nervous for a field trip to the ice rink to learn physics because he has never skated before.
- J Pizzoli, Greg. ***Baloney and Friends: Dream Big!***
 GN Baloney and friends continue to dream big with their amusing
 PIZ antics which include a birthday cake mishap, a tricky bargain, and a discovery that the best moments are shared with friends.
- J641. Pizzoli, Greg. ***Pizza!: A Slice of History***
 8248 Bursting with flavor and fun facts, readers will enjoy a
 PIZ delicious piece of mouth-watering history about the world's favorite food—pizza!

- J599. Sayre, April Pulley. ***Happy Sloth Day***
 313 Take a sloth's-eye view of the world in this beautiful and
 SAY informative photographic picture book.
- J Song, Mika. ***Pizza My Heart***
 GN Two troublemaking squirrels will do anything to get some hot,
 SON cheesy pizza, even if it means taking on a wild beast to nab a
 slice.
- J Tabor, Corey R. ***Sir Ladybug***
 GN Sir Ladybug never turns down a quest, even when he would
 TAB rather be playing a video game or baking a cake, so he responds
 when a caterpillar needs rescuing.
- J Tharp, Jason. ***Nugget and Dog: S'more Than Meets the Eye!***
 GN Nugget, Dog and their friends are excited for summer camp,
 THA but things get sticky when Dijon and his cousin Honey Mustard
 come up with an evil plan.
- J Watt, Mélanie. ***Scaredy Squirrel Gets a Surprise***
 GN Scaredy Squirrel likes predictability and nothing unexpected.
 WAT When a mysterious crate arrives, he is hesitant to open it, but
 with the help of friends he discovers what is inside.



INTERMEDIATE

- J Bates, Janet Costa. ***Rica Baptista: Llamas, Iguanas, and My***
 BAT ***Very Best Friend***
 Rica Baptista has desperately wanted a pet ever since she
 found out her best friend was moving away. Can she convince her
 naysaying parents that she needs a pet so she is not alone?

- J Beckerman, Nell Cross. **Caves**
551. Caves are one of nature's most curious ecosystems. Enjoy
447 this fascinating journey below ground and learn about these
BEC natural wonders.
- J Bowling, Dusti. **Aven Green Music Machine**
BOW Aven Green, who was born without arms, is determined to
play an instrument. With inspiration and a special gift from her
great-grandmother, Aven is ready to take on the talent show.
- J Brady, Dustin. **Who Stole Mr. T?**
BRA A pet is missing! Leila and Nugget change their plans to help
solve the mystery before the turtlenapper can strike again.
- J Dickerson, Mason. **Housecat Trouble**
GN When timid housecat Buster discovers monsters in his home,
DIC he receives help from two street cats, Chauncey and Nova, to get
them out before his owner returns from work.
- J Faruqi, Saadia. **Marya Khan and the Incredible Henna Party**
FAR Marya wants an epic henna party for her eighth birthday. Can
she persuade her parents to have the party, even though she has
a track record of everything ending in disaster?
- J Fullerton, Alma. **Flipping Forward Twisting Backward**
FUL Claire is a shining star at gymnastics but in school she tries
to hide the fact that she cannot read. When she gets a
recommendation to be evaluated for a learning disability, she
must convince her mother to support her.
- J Gibbs, Stuart. **Once Upon a Tim**
GIB Tim, who is just a peasant, volunteers to help when a
neighboring Princess is abducted in hopes of improving his
station in life.
- J Gifford, Clive. **Land of Giants: The Biggest Beasts that Ever**
591. **Roamed the Earth**
41 In this illuminating book, meet the biggest creatures, from
GIF both the past and present, that have dwelled on Earth.

- J Guojing. ***The Flamingo***
 GN This nearly wordless graphic novel begins with sepia
 GUO illustrations and explodes into color as Lao Lao tells her
 granddaughter the story of a girl who raises a baby flamingo.
- JB Gutman, Dan. ***Teddy Roosevelt Was a Moose?***
 ROO Learn all about Teddy Roosevelt in this fun, silly and
 informative biography narrated by siblings Paige and Turner.
- J Ito, Hiroshi. ***Free Kid to Good Home***
 ITO A young girl decides she needs a new family when her baby
 brother is born, so she writes "free kid" on a box and waits in the
 street for some better parents to choose her.
- J James, Laura. ***The Puppy Problem***
 JAM City dog Gizmo moves to the country with his journalist
 human and helps his new neighbor Jilly find homes for her
 puppies by starting a newspaper.
- J Kelly, Erin Entrada. ***Surely Surely Marisol Rainey***
 KEL When Marisol, who despises gym, finds out the class is
 learning kickball, she and her best friend decide to get help from
 the most annoying athlete in the world—her big brother, Oz.
- J MacLachlan, Patricia. ***My Life Begins!***
 MAC Jacob really wanted puppies, but ended up with triplet sisters
 who he calls "the Trips." While studying them for a science
 project, he grows to love them for their individuality.
- J Maguire, Gregory. ***Cress Watercress***
 MAG Cress hangs on to hope when her Papa rabbit doesn't return
 home from a honey-gathering expedition.
- J Mang, Veronica. ***The Case of the Curious Scouts***
 MAN The Fashion Twins have been robbed and the Petite Private
 Eyes are back to solve the case with the help of the Lady Spies
 and a feisty pet cheetah.
- J Manley, Curtis. ***Just Right: Searching for the Goldilocks***
 523. ***Planet***
 24 Follow a young girl as she explores the universe in this
 MAN gorgeous book about the wondrous search for another planet
 that could support life.

- J PHE Phelan, Matt. ***Leave it to Plum!***
 Peacocks roam free as ambassadors at the Athensville Zoo. Marsupial ITCH is very jealous and will stop at nothing to bring them down.
- JB COH Robinson, Lisa. ***The Sweetest Scoop: Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream Revolution***
 Chock-full of facts and humor, this entertaining biography about two groovy, hardworking partners living their "Americone" Dream gives readers plenty to chew on.
- J 577. Romero, Libby. ***Nature's Wonderland: Animals and Plants from the US and Canada***
 097 Explore the regions of North America's biggest countries, the ROM United States and Canada, and discover their amazing natural landmarks, beautiful plants, and incredible animals.
- JB CLE Romo Edelman, Claudia. ***Roberto Clemente***
 Learn about Puerto Rican Baseball Hall of Famer Roberto Clemente, whose life was cut tragically short when his plane crashed while bringing earthquake relief supplies to Nicaragua.
- J RYL Rylant, Cynthia. ***A Kitten in Gooseberry Park***
 A group of kind animal friends come up with a daring plan to return a bobcat kitten back to his home after he was swept down a mountain in the rain.
- JB GLE Stocker, Shannon. ***Listen: How Evelyn Glennie, A Deaf Girl, Changed Percussion***
 When Evelyn Glennie was told she would need to wear hearing aids for the rest of her life, she was determined to keep playing music and follow her dreams.
- J PBOOK TARNowska, Wafa'. ***Nour's Secret Library***
 Nour and her cousin bravely create a secret underground library in wartime Syria to help heal, and succeed in designing a safe space during trying times.



OLDER READERS

- J
ADA Adam, Jennifer. ***Lark and the Wild Hunt***
In this fantasy adventure, Lark must learn to trust a new friend after her brother disappears into the fae realm during the Wild Hunt.
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APP Applegate, Katherine. ***Odder***
This novel in verse follows an adventurous otter's life in the ocean and eventual rehabilitation in Monterey Bay, California.
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BAK Bakewell, Catherine. ***We Are the Song***
Raised in seclusion, Elissa is blessed with a voice that can heal wounds, cure hunger, and even end wars, but she realizes some want to use her gift to harm others.
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COL Collier, Nicole D. ***The Many Fortunes of Maya***
Maya is navigating her parents' trial separation while finding courage to try things outside her comfort zone.
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CON Connor, Leslie. ***Anybody Here Seen Frenchie?***
When her best friend Frenchie, who is autistic and does not speak, disappears, Aurora feels that she is to blame and does everything she can to find him.
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EAR Earle, Phil. ***When the Sky Falls***
Joseph forms a special bond with a silverback gorilla named Adonis while caring for the animals that remain in London's zoo during World War II.
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ELL Ellis, Deborah. ***Step***
In this powerful collection of short stories, children around the world turn eleven and take a step into their futures.
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FAR Farook, Nizrana. ***The Boy Who Met a Whale***
Raz and his sister are swept into a high-seas adventure when they meet Zheng, who has escaped a shipwreck and is full of tales of sea monsters and missing treasure.

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001. Fleming, Candace. ***Crash from Outer Space***
942 Find out what really happened in Roswell, New Mexico, in
FLE this electrifying exploration of one of the most thrilling mysteries
in recent history.
- J Grabenstein, Chris. ***Mr. Lemoncello's Very First Game***
GRA Thirteen-year-old Luigi Lemoncello discovers his talent for
creating and solving puzzles in this prequel to the popular series.
- J Haddix, Margaret Peterson. ***The School for Whatnots***
HAD At the end of fifth grade, Max discovers all his classmates are
actually robots, except his best friend Josie, who has
mysteriously gone missing.
- J Korman, Gordon. ***Operation Do-Over***
KOR Ty and Mason are best friends until a new girl comes
between them. Can Mason make things right by going back in
time?
- J Medina, Meg. ***Merci Suarez Plays It Cool***
MED Merci must decide where her loyalty stands, with her current
friends or new ones, as she enters into an eighth-grade year
filled with changes.
- J Ortega, Claribel A. ***Frizzy***
GN Tired of going to the salon to have her curls straightened
ORT every weekend, Marlene slowly learns to embrace her natural
hair with the help of her best friend and favorite aunt.
- J Schrempp, Skyler. ***Three Strike Summer***
SCH Baseball-loving Gloria May and her family must start anew on
a farm in California as a result of the Dust Bowl.
- J Smith, Amber. ***Code Name: Serendipity***
SMI After the stray dog with whom Sadie has a telepathic
connection is caught and sent to a shelter, she and her
grandfather hatch a rescue plan.
- J Warga, Jasmine. ***A Rover's Story***
WAR Resilience was built to explore Mars but begins to develop
human emotions as he learns new things from the scientists who
assemble him. Will he have the determination to survive?

J Weir, Ivy Noelle. ***Anne of West Philly***
GN In this modern retelling of Anne of Green Gables, Anne takes
WEI her new foster home and town by storm and finds the one thing
she wasn't looking for – a family.

J Yee, Lisa. ***Maizy Chen's Last Chance***
YEE Upon visiting her Grandparents in Minnesota, eleven-year-old
Maizy discovers many hidden secrets about her family and her
ancestry. *Newbery Honor*



TWEEN

J Arango, Andrea Beatriz. ***Iveliz Explains it All***
ARA Iveliz is trying to manage her mental health and advocate for
the help and understanding she deserves, but her new friend
calls her crazy and her abuela Mimi dismisses the therapy and
medicine she needs to feel like herself. *Newbery Honor*

J Barnhill, Kelly Regan. ***The Ogress and the Orphans***
BAR When a child goes missing from the Orphan House, the
mayor suggests the kindly Ogress is responsible. Can the
orphans make their neighbors see the real villain among them?

J Baskin, Nora Raleigh. ***Consider the Octopus***
BAS JB is tasked with inviting renowned scientist Sidney Miller to
his mother's research ship, but mistakenly invites a girl with the
same name who will do anything to get out of summer camp.

J Christmas, Johnnie. ***Swim Team***
GN Forced to take Swim 101, Bree faces one of her greatest
CHR fears and becomes her school's best hope to beat their rival.

J Keller, Tae. ***Jennifer Chan Is Not Alone***
KEL Mallory is determined to find Jennifer, a new girl who believes
she can contact aliens, and figure out why she ran away.

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KEL Kelly, Erin Entrada. ***Those Kids from Fawn Creek***
Every seventh grader in the small town of Fawn Creek, Louisiana has a story to be told, including newcomer Orchid.
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LOW Lowe, Mari. ***Aviva vs. the Dybbuk***
In this tender story about friendship, community, and grief, a ghostly dybbuk that only Aviva can see causes mayhem and mischief that everyone blames on her.
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LUQ Luqman-Dawson, Amina. ***Freewater***
After fleeing the plantation where they were enslaved, siblings Ada and Homer discover the secret community of Freewater hidden deep within the swamp. *Newbery Medal Winner*
- J
PER Pérez, Celia C. ***Tumble***
Before she decides whether to accept her stepfather's proposal of adoption, Adela reaches out to her biological father and meets her eccentric extended family of famous luchadores.
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SOO Soontornvat, Christina. ***The Last Mapmaker***
Sai poses as a well-bred young lady on an expedition to chart the southern seas and soon realizes she is not the only one on board harboring secrets. *Newbery Honor*
- J
WOO Woods, Brenda. ***When Winter Robeson Came***
Cousins, Winter and Eden, team up to find Winter's missing father in the midst of chaos in 1960s Los Angeles.



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