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Entering  
Grades  
4 - 5

**Wilmington Public Schools  
Recommended Reading**

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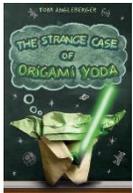


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## Realistic Fiction

Unless otherwise indicated, find these books in the *Fiction* section. The call numbers are Kids Fiction [Author's Last Name].

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### [The Strange Case of Origami Yoda](#)\*

**Angleberger, Tom**

Sixth-grader Tommy and his friends describe their interactions with a paper finger puppet of Yoda, worn by their weird classmate Dwight, as they try to figure out whether or not the puppet can really predict the future.

### [The Thing About Jellyfish](#)

**Benjamin, Ali**

Twelve-year-old Suzy Swanson wades through her intense grief over the loss of her best friend by investigating the rare jellyfish she is convinced was responsible for her friend's death.

### [The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy](#)\*

**Birdsall, Jeanne**

While vacationing with their widowed father in the Berkshire Mountains, four lovable sisters, ages four through twelve, share adventures with a local boy, much to the dismay of his snobbish mother.



### [Because of Mr. Terupt](#)\*

**Buyea, Rob**

Seven fifth-graders at Snow Hill School in Connecticut relate how their lives are changed for the better by "rookie teacher" Mr. Terupt.

### [Dear Mr. Henshaw](#)

**Cleary, Beverly**

In his letters to his favorite author, ten-year-old Leigh reveals his problems in coping with his parents' divorce, being the new boy in school, and generally finding his own place in the world.

### [The Last Holiday Concert](#)

**Clements, Andrew**

Life is usually easy for popular sixth grader Hart Evans, but when his music teacher puts him in charge of the holiday concert, Hart must use all of his leadership skills to unite the other students.

### [Love That Dog](#)

**Crech, Sharon**

A young student, who comes to love poetry through a personal understanding of what different famous poems mean to him, surprises himself by writing his own inspired poem.

### [The Gollywhopper Games](#)\*

**Feldman, Jody**

Twelve-year-old Gil Goodson competes against thousands of other children at extraordinary puzzles, stunts, and more in hopes of a fresh start for his family, which has been ostracized since his father was falsely accused of embezzling money.



### [Fish In a Tree](#)

**Hunt, Lynda**

Ally's greatest fear is that everyone will find out she is as dumb as they think she is because she still doesn't know how to read.

### [Hello, Universe](#)

**Kelly, Erin**

Lives of four misfits are intertwined when a bully's prank lands shy Virgil at the bottom of a well and Valencia, Kaori, and Gen band together in an epic quest to find and rescue him.

### [From The Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E.](#)

**Frankweiler**

**Konigsburg, E. L.**

Two suburban children run away from their Connecticut home and go to New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art, where their ingenuity enables them to live in luxury.



### [The View from Saturday](#)

**Konigsburg, E. L.**

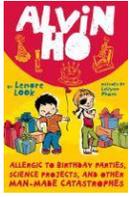
Four students, with their own individual stories, develop a special bond and attract the attention of their teacher, a paraplegic, who chooses them to represent their sixth-grade class in the Academic Bowl competition.

### [No More Dead Dogs](#)

**Korman, Gordon**

Eighth-grade football hero Wallace is sentenced to detention attending rehearsals of the school play where, in spite of himself, he becomes wrapped up in the production and begins to suggest changes that improve not only the play but his life as well.

## Realistic Fiction Books continued



[Alvin Ho](#)\*

**Look, Lenore**

Alvin Ho is afraid of everything-elevators, tunnels, girls, and, most of all, school. But at home he's a very loud superhero!

Location: Kids Younger Look

### [Hiding Out at the Pancake Palace](#)

**Marino, Nan**

When musical prodigy, Elvis Ruby, freezes up on television, he is forced to hide out in the Pinelands of New Jersey and try to find his way back to the music once again with the help of a new friend.

### [Summer of The Gypsy Moths](#)

**Pennypacker, Sara**

A foster child named Angel and twelve-year-old Stella, who are living with Stella's great-aunt Louise on Cape Cod, secretly assume responsibility for the vacation rentals when Louise unexpectedly dies.

### [Jake and Lily](#)

**Spinelli, Jerry**

Twins Jake and Lily have a very close relationship, but when they turn eleven, their parents give them separate bedrooms and Jake begins to spend time with a group of neighborhood boys. Lily is devastated as she struggles to make friends, and Jake is faced with a bully.

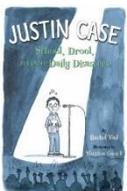
### [My Life as a Book](#)

**Tashjian, Janet**

Dubbed a "reluctant reader" by his teacher, twelve-year-old Derek spends summer vacation learning important lessons even though he does not complete his summer reading list.

### [Justin Case: School, Drool, and Other Daily Disasters](#)

**Vail, Rachel**

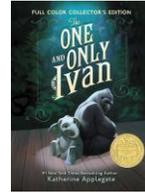


Justin is very nervous about starting third grade and must make the best of things when he does not get the teacher he wanted, his best friend is in another class, and his favorite stuffed animal disappears.

## Animal Tales

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[The One and Only Ivan](#)\*\*

**Applegate, Katherine**

When Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the mall, he decides that he must find her a better life.

### [The Mouse and the Motorcycle](#)

**Cleary, Beverly**

The adventures of a boy and a little mouse who wants to ride his toy motorcycle.

### [The Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread](#)\*\*

**DiCamillo, Kate**

The adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin.

### [Mr. and Mrs. Bunny – Detectives Extraordinaire!](#)

**Horvath, Polly**

Madeline's hippy parents are kidnapped from Hornby Island by foxes and Madeline, upon discovering that she can understand animal languages, hires two rabbit detectives to find them.

### [Lady Lollipop](#)

**King-Smith, Dick**

A quick-witted swineherd and a pig named Lollipop are royally rewarded after they reform a spoiled princess.

Locations: Kids Younger King-Smith



[Lone Wolf](#)

**Lasky, Kathryn**

Abandoned by his pack, a baby wolf with a mysterious mark on his deformed paw survives and embarks on a journey that will change the world of the wolves of the Beyond.

## Animal Tales continued

### [A Dog's Life: The Autobiography of a Stray](#)

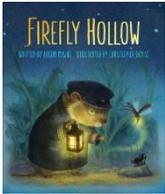
**Martin, Ann**

Squirrel, a stray puppy, tells her life story, from her nurturing mother and brother to making her own way in the world, facing busy highways, changing seasons, and humans both gentle and brutal.

### [Firefly Hollow](#)

**McGhee, Alison**

Because their dreams of daring adventures go against the cautious teachings of their nations, Firefly and Crick et set out on their own, find a home with kindly Vole, and together help a grieving "miniature giant" named Peter.



### [The Fantastic Secret of Owen Jester](#)

**O'Connor, Barbara**

After Owen captures an huge bullfrog, names it Tooley Graham, then has to release it, he and two friends try to use a small submarine that fell from a passing train to search for Tooley in the pond it came from, while avoiding nosy neighbor Viola.

### [Appleblossom the Possum](#)

**Sloan, Holly**

A young possum strikes out on her own and winds up trapped in a human house before her brothers can rescue her.

Location: Kids Younger Sloan

## Fantasy and Science Fiction Books

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### [Zombie Mommy](#)

**Anderson, M. T.**

Home from their latest Delaware crime-stopping adventures, Lily Gefelty and her friends Katie, Jasper, and Drgnan Pghlik face killer tarantulas and teenaged vampires when they try to rescue Lily's mother, who

has been possessed by a menacing zombie that wants to take over the world.



### [The Girl Who Drank the Moon](#)\*\*

**Barnhill, Kelly**

An epic fantasy about a young girl raised by a witch, a swamp monster, and a Perfectly Tiny Dragon, who must unlock the powerful magic buried deep inside her.

### [Jinx](#)

**Blackwood, Sage**

A young boy named Jinx encounters magic and danger as he grows up in the deep, dark forest known as the Urwald and discovers that the world beyond—and within—the Urwald is more complex than he could imagine.

### [The Firefly Code](#)

**Blakemore, Megan**

Mori and her friends live a normal life on Firefly Lane in Old Harmonie, a utopian community where every kid knows he or she is genetically engineered to be better and smarter, but when a strangely perfect new girl named Ilana moves in, the friends begin to question the only world they have ever known.

### [The Water Castle](#)

**Blakemore, Megan**

Moving into an inherited mansion in Maine with their mother and stroke-afflicted father, three siblings uncover a mystery involving hidden passageways, family rivalries, and healing waters.



### [The Last Kids on Earth](#)

**Brallier, Max**

After a monster apocalypse hits town, average thirteen-year-old Jack builds a team of friends to help slay the eerily intelligent monster known as Blarg.

### [The Land of Stories](#)\*

**Colfer, Chris**

Against the will of their grandmother, twins Alex and Conner must find their own way into the Land of Stories to rescue their mother and save the fairy tale world from the greatest threat it has ever faced—the return of the Enchantress who cursed Sleeping Beauty.

### [Gregor the Overlander](#)

**Collins, Suzanne**

When eleven-year-old Gregor and his two-year-old sister are pulled into a strange underground world, they trigger an epic battle involving humans, bats, rats, cockroaches, and spiders while on a quest foretold by ancient prophecy.

## Fantasy and Science Fiction continued

### [James and The Giant Peach](#)

**Dahl, Roald**

A young boy escapes from two wicked aunts and embarks on a series of adventures with six giant insects he meets inside a giant peach.

### [The Fourteenth Goldfish](#)

**Holm, Jennifer**

Ellie's scientist grandfather has discovered a way to reverse aging, and consequently has turned into a teenager—which makes things complicated when he moves in with Ellie and her mother, his daughter.

### [Where the Mountain Meets the Moon](#)\*

**Lin, Grace**

Minli buys a magical goldfish, and joins a dragon who cannot fly on a quest to find the Old Man of the Moon in hopes of bringing life to Fruitless Mountain.

### [A Snicker of Magic](#)



**Lloyd, Natalie**

The Pickles are new to Midnight Gulch, a town which legend says was once magic. Felicity is convinced the magic is still there and, with the help of a new friend, she hopes to bring the magic back.

### [Shadows of Sherwood](#)

**Magoon, Kekla**

When Nott City is taken over by a harsh governor and her parents disappear, twelve-year-old Robyn Loxley flees for her life and joins a group of children trying to take back what is rightfully theirs in this futuristic retelling of Robin Hood.

### [The Doll People](#)

**Martin, Ann**

A family of porcelain dolls that has lived in the same house for one hundred years is taken aback when a new family of plastic dolls arrives and doesn't follow The Doll Code of Honor.

### [11 Birthdays](#)

**Mass, Wendy**

After celebrating their first nine same-day birthdays together, Amanda and Leo, having fallen out on their tenth and not speaking to each other for the last year, prepare to celebrate their eleventh birthday separately.

### [The Flint Heart: A Fairy Story](#)

**Paterson, Katherine**

A magical amulet brings power and despair to those who touch it, and when the amulet reemerges, Charles

and his sister Unity must find a way to rescue the humans, fairies, and animals from the mysterious object.

### [The Gauntlet](#)

**Riazi, Karuna**

When twelve-year-old Farah and her two best friends get sucked into a mechanical board game called The Gauntlet of Blood and Sand, a puzzle game akin to a large Rubik's cube, they know it is up to them to defeat the game's diabolical architect.

### [The Night Fairy](#)

**Schlitz, Laura**

When Flory the night fairy's wings are accidentally broken and she cannot fly, she has to learn to do everything differently.

### [Drizzle](#)

**Van Cleve, Kathleen**

When a drought threatens her family's magical rhubarb farm, eleven-year-old Polly tries to find a way to make it rain again.

### [100 Cupboards](#)

**Wilson, Nathan**

Twelve-year-old Henry and his cousin Henrietta embark on a series of adventures after he discovers one hundred hidden portals to other worlds in the bedroom wall of his aunt and uncle's house.

## Funny Stories

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### [The Astounding Broccoli Boy](#)

**Cottrell Boyce, Frank**

Rory likes to be prepared for anything, but when he inexplicably turns green and finds himself in an experimental hospital ward with his nemesis, Tommy-Lee "Grim" Komissky, everyone is baffled. Rory believes he and Grim are now superheroes.

### [Matilda](#)

**Dahl, Roald**

Matilda applies her untapped mental powers to rid the school of the evil, child-hating headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, and restore her nice teacher, Miss Honey, to financial security.

## Funny Stories continued

### [My Weird School](#)\*

**Gutman, Dan**

Ella Mentry School sure is a peculiar place! Join wisecracking second-grader A.J., his loyal pals Ryan, Michael, and Neil (the nude kid), the crybaby Emily, and the goody-two-shoes Andrea as they encounter the antics of the zany faculty and staff!

Location: Kids Younger Gutman

### [The Trolls](#)

**Horvath, Polly**

Eccentric Aunt Sally comes from Canada to babysit the Anderson children while their parents are on a trip to Paris, and each night, the bedtime story adds another piece to a very suspicious family history.



### [Guinea Dog](#)\*

**Jennings, Patrick**

When his mother brings home a guinea pig instead of the dog he always wanted, Rufus is not happy until the rodent starts acting exactly like a dog.

### [Emmy and The Incredible Shrinking Rat](#)

**Jonell, Lynne**

When Emmy discovers that she and her formerly loving parents are being drugged their evil nanny with rodent potions that can change people in frightening ways, she and some new friends must try everything possible to return things to normal.

### [Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry](#)

**Farmer**

**Jones, Kelly**

Through a series of letters, Sophie, age twelve, tells of her family's move to Great Uncle Jim's farm, where she begins taking care of some unusual chickens with help from neighbors and friends.

### [The Day the Mustache Took Over](#)

**Katz, Alan**

David and Nathan are twins who just can't seem to keep a babysitter around for long. They've had 347 after all. Or is it 734? Either way, there's got to be someone who can handle them. Enter: Martin Healy Discount or 'Murray Poopins' as the boys dub him.

### [Dying to Meet You](#)\*

**Klise, Kate**

In this story told mostly through letters, children's book author, I. B. Grumply, gets more than he bargained for when he rents a quiet place to write for the summer.

### [Elvis and the Underdogs](#)

**Lee, Jenny**

All his life Benji, now ten, has been sickly and he has long been targeted by the school bully, but after a seizure Benji gets a therapy dog that is not only big enough to protect him, it can also talk.

### [Lawn Boy](#)

**Paulsen, Gary**

Things get out of hand for a twelve-year-old boy when a neighbor convinces him to expand his summer lawn mowing business.

### [Cold Cereal](#)\*

**Rex, Adam**

A boy who may be part changeling, twins involved in a bizarre secret experiment, and a clurichaun in a red tracksuit try to save the world from an evil cereal company aiming for world domination.



### [Wayside School](#)\*

**Sachar, Louis**

Unusual things happen in the classroom on the thirtieth floor of Wayside School, which was accidentally built sideways with one classroom on each story.

## Historical Fiction

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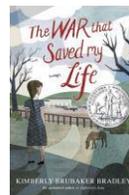
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### [The War That Saved My Life](#)\*

**Bradley, Kimberly**

A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother.



## Historical Fiction continued

### [Bronze and Sunflower](#)

**Cao, Wenxuan**

Taken in by a poor family in a rural village after the death of her father, Sunflower bonds with the family's only child, Bronze, who has not spoken since being traumatized by a terrible fire.

### [The Madman of Piney Woods](#)

**Curtis, Christopher**

Even though it is now 1901, the people of Buxton, Canada (originally a settlement of runaway slaves) and Chatham, Canada are still haunted by two events of half a century before--the American Civil War, and the Irish potato famine, and the lasting damage those events caused to the survivors.

### [Makoons](#)

**Erdrich, Louise**



Named for the Ojibwe word for little bear, Makoons and his twin, Chickadee, have traveled with their family to the Great Plains of 1860s Dakota Territory. There they must learn to become buffalo hunters and once again help their people make a home

in a new land. But Makoons has had a vision that foretells great challenges – challenges that his family may not be able to overcome. (Based on the author's own family history.)

### [The Whipping Boy](#)

**Fleischman, Sid**

A bratty prince and his whipping boy have many adventures when they inadvertently trade places after becoming involved with dangerous outlaws.

### [Riding Freedom](#)

**Ryan, Pam Munoz**

A fictionalized account of Charley (Charlotte) Parkhurst who ran away from an orphanage, posed as a boy, moved to California, and fooled everyone by her appearance.

### [Invention of Hugo Cabret](#)

**Selznick, Brian**

A cryptic drawing, a treasured notebook, a stolen key, a mechanical man, and a hidden message from Hugo's dead father form the backbone of this intricate, tender, and spellbinding mystery.

## [I Survived\\*](#)

**Tarshis, Lauren**

Each book in my series tells a terrifying and thrilling story from history, through the eyes of a kid who lived to tell the tale.

Location: Kids Younger Tarshis



### [Beyond the Bright Sea](#)

**Wolk, Lauren**

The moving story of an orphan, determined to know her own history, who discovers the true meaning of family.

## Mysteries

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### [The Case of the Case of Mistaken Identity\\*](#)

**Barnett, Mac**

Steve Brixton, a fan of Bailey Brothers detective novels, is mistaken for a real detective and must elude librarians, police, and Mr. E as he seeks a missing quilt containing coded information.

### [Room One: A Mystery or Two](#)

**Clements, Andrew**

Ted Hammond, the only sixth grader in his small Nebraska town's one-room schoolhouse, searches for clues to the disappearance of a homeless family.

### [The Legend of Diamond Lil: A J.J. Tully Mystery\\*](#)

**Cronin, Doreen**

A heavily illustrated, humorous chapter book series about the adventures of a dog detective.

### [Mr. Chickee's Funny Money](#)

**Curtis, Christopher**

Flint Future Detective Club members Steven Carter, his friend Russell, and Russell's dog Zoopy solve the mystery of a quadrillion-dollar bill with the image of James Brown on it.



### [Smashie McPetter\\*](#)

**Griffin, N.**

Starring a quirky and relatable heroine, a level-headed sidekick, and an appealing group of good kids, this lighthearted mystery may well have readers donning their own Investigator Suits.

## Mysteries continued

### [Detective Gordon: A Complicated Case](#)

**Nilsson, Ulf**

There is something going on among the forest animals that's making everyone unhappy. Detective Gordon and police assistant Paddy have a new case to investigate!

### [Timmy Failure\\*](#)

**Pastis, Stephan**

Meet Timmy Failure, the founder, president, and CEO of the best detective agency in town, probably the nation. And his lazy sidekick, Total, a 1,500-pound polar bear.

### [The Secret Tree](#)

**Standiford, Natalie**

Minty and her friend, Raymond, discover a tree with a hollow trunk that holds the secrets of the people in their neighborhood. They begin to watch their neighbors, to solve the mysteries of the secrets and to undo a curse.

### [Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief\\*](#)

**Van Draanen, Wendelin**

Thirteen-year-old Sammy's penchant for speaking her mind gets her in trouble when she involves herself in the investigation of a robbery at the "seedy" hotel across the street from the seniors' building where she is living with her grandmother.

Location: Kids Fiction Van Draanen

### [Boxcar Children\\*](#)

**Warner, Gertrude**

The Alden children travel around during vacations and solve mysteries as well as make new friends.

Location: Kids Younger Warner

## Sports and Games

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### [The Crossover](#)

**Alexander, Kwame**

Fourteen-year-old twin basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court as their father ignores his declining health.

### [Last Shot: A Final Four Mystery](#)

**Feinstein, John**

After winning a basketball reporting contest, eighth graders Stevie and Susan Carol are sent to cover the Final Four tournament, where they discover that a talented player is being blackmailed into throwing the final game.

### [Best of the Best: A Baseball Great Novel](#)

**Green, Tim**

Determined to play in the Little League World Series, twelve-year old Josh struggles to concentrate on his game and be the team's leader while also trying to cope with his parents' divorce.

### [Touchdown Kid](#)

**Green, Tim**

Leaning on their shared love of football to navigate the challenges of their rough neighborhood, Cory and his friend, Liam, are saddened when Liam sustains an injury that costs him a football scholarship, which turns complicated when Cory is offered his friend's scholarship and must learn how to fit in with his privileged new classmates.

### [Baseball Card Adventures\\*](#)

**Gutman, Dan**

Series featuring a boy, Joe Stoshack, who can travel through time when he touches old baseball cards. When he holds a baseball card, he is transported to the year that card was made and somewhere near the ballplayer on the card.

### [Checked](#)

**Kadohata, Cynthia**

To help his dog through cancer treatment, Conor gives up hockey and finds himself considering who he is without the sport that has defined him, and connecting more with his family and best friend.

### [The Only Game](#)

**Lupica, Mike**



Sixth grade is supposed to be the year that Jack Callahan would lead his team to a record-shattering season and the Little League World Series, but after the death of his brother he loses interest in baseball and only Cassie, star of the girls' softball team, seems to understand.

## Sports and Games continued

### [Plunked](#)

#### **Northrop, Michael**

Sixth-grader Jack Mogens loses his nerve after getting hit by a pitch, and has to dig deep within himself to avoid giving up the sport he loves.

### [Ghost\\*](#)

#### **Reynolds, Jason**

Ghost, a naturally talented runner and troublemaker, is recruited for an elite middle school track team. He must stay on track, literally and figuratively, to reach his full potential"--

### [Brothers at Bat: The True Story of an Amazing All-Brother Baseball Team](#)

#### **Vernick, Audrey**

Shares the story of the Acerras and their sixteen children, who had enough members to fill every position on a baseball team.

Location: Kids 796.357 Vernick

## Graphic Novels

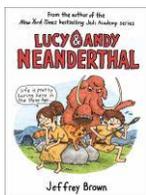
Find these books in the *Graphic Novels* section. The call numbers are Kids Graphic [Title].

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### [Giants Beware!\\*](#)

#### **Aguirre, Jorge**

Claudette wants nothing more than to slay a giant but her little village is too safe and quiet.



### [Lucy & Andy Neanderthal\\*](#)

#### **Brown, Jeffrey**

From the author of the Jedi Academy books comes a hilarious graphic novel series about two young cave kids living 40,000 years ago.

### [Pashmina](#)

#### **Chanani, Nidhi,**

Indian-American teen, Priyanka "Pri" Das, attempts to reconnect with her mother's homeland through a magical pashmina shawl.

### [Rutabaga The Adventure Chef\\*](#)

#### **Colossal, Eric**

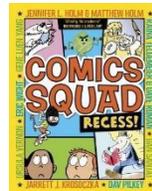
A fantasy graphic novel series follows an "adventure chef" named Rutabaga, who travels to a fantasy land to

find bizarre ingredients to cook in his enchanted cauldron. The books will include pages straight out of Rutabaga's cookbooks, with recipes that readers can make at home.

### [Mighty Jack\\*](#)

#### **Hatke, Ben**

Like a bolt from the blue, Jack's little sister Maddy is gone--carried into another realm by an ogre. When Jack and Lilly follow Maddy's captor through the portal, they are ready for anything . . . except what they find waiting for them in the floating crossroads between worlds.



### [Comics Squad: Recess!](#)

#### **Holm, Jennifer**

A collection of comics about every kid's favorite school subject: recess.

### [Roller Girl](#)

#### **Jamieson, Victoria**

A graphic novel adventure about a girl who discovers roller derby right as she and her best friend are growing apart.

### [Around The World: Three Remarkable Journeys](#)

#### **Phelan, Matt**

Challenged with circling the world at the end of the nineteenth century, three very different adventurers – avid bicyclist Thomas, fearless reporter Nellie, and retired sea captain Joshua Slocum – embark on epic journeys.

### [Bigfoot Boy: Into The Woods\\*](#)

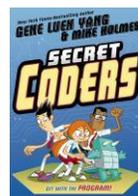
#### **Torres, J.**

Rufus is bored at his grandma's house in the country. But when he follows a girl into the woods and finds a totem in a hollowed-out tree, things become a whole lot more interesting. Especially when he reads the word etched into the magical talisman: "Sasquatch."

### [Secret Coders\\*](#)

#### **Yang, Gene**

Welcome to Stately Academy, a school which is just crawling with mysteries to be solved! The founder of the school left many clues and puzzles to challenge his enterprising students. Using their wits and their growing prowess with coding, Hopper and her friend Eni are going to solve the mystery of Stately Academy no matter what it takes!"



## Poetry

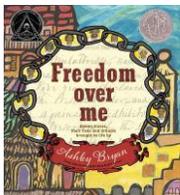
Find these books in the *Poetry* section. The call numbers are Kids Poetry [Author's Last Name].

### [Out of Wonder: Poems Celebrating Poets](#)

**Alexander, Kwame**

Presents a collection of twenty poems written in tribute to well-known poets from around the world.

### [Freedom Over Me: Eleven Slaves, Their Lives and Dreams Brought to Life](#)



**Bryan, Ashley**

Using original slave auction and plantation estate documents, contrasts the monetary value of a slave with the priceless value of life experiences and dreams that a slave owner could never take away

### [Poem Depot: Aisles of Smiles](#)

**Florian, Douglas**

An illustrated collection of silly nonsense poems about topics kids care about: talents, avoiding homework, friends and more.

### [I'm Just No Good at Rhyming and Other Nonsense For Mischievous Kids and Immature Grown-Ups](#)

**Harris, Chris**

An illustrated collection of comically irreverent rhyming poems for readers of all ages, ranging in topic from avocados and anacondas to zombies and zebras (dressed like ghosts).

### [One Minute Till Bedtime: 60-Second Poems to Send You Off to Sleep](#)

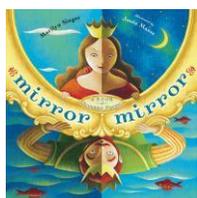
**Nesbitt, Kenn**

A collection of poems that can be read in sixty seconds features the work of celebrated writers, including Jon Scieszka, Nikki Grimes, and Lemony Snicket.

### [A Pizza The Size of The Sun: Poems](#)

**Prelutsky, Jack**

A collection of humorous poetry on a variety of topics.



### [Mirror Mirror: A Book of Reversible Verse](#)

**Singer, Marilyn**

A collection of short poems which, when reversed, provide new perspectives on the fairy tale characters they feature.

## Information Books

Find these books in the *Non-Fiction* section.

### [This Book Stinks!: Gross Garbage, Rotten Rubbish, and The Science of Trash](#)

**Flynn, Sarah**

Get up close and personal with a wonderful world of waste. From composting and recycling, to landfills and dumps, to how creative people are finding new ways to reuse rubbish. It's fun to talk trash when it's jam-packed with infographics, thematic spreads, photos, sidebars, stats, and facts. Also included are quizzes and activities to inspire kids to take action, be proactive, and rethink the things we throw away.

Location: Kids 363.72 Flynn

### [Titanic: Voices from the Disaster](#)

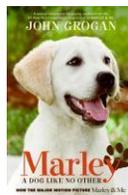
**Hopkinson, Deborah**

Draws on stories from survivors and archival photographs to describe the history of the "Titanic" from its launch to its sinking.

Location: Kids 910.9163 Hopkinson

### [Marley: A Dog Like No Other](#)

**Grogan, John**



A special adaptation of the author's book "Marley & Me" for young readers, in which he shares the story of his golden retriever Marley, and tells of the love his family has for the dog.

Location: Kids 636.7527 Grogan

### [How Machines Work: Zoo Break!](#)

**Macaulay, David**

Sloth and Sengi are friends. They have grown up together in the zoo, and know every bit of their enclosure. And, frankly, they are a little bored with it. So they begin to plan an escape, with the help of some simple machines. This book introduces such simple machines as levers, gears, planes, and pulleys.

Location: Kids 621.8 Macaulay

### [Oh, Rats!: The Story of Rats and People](#)

**Marrin, Albert**

Describes rat behavior and survival skills and aspects of their relationship with humans, including disease, rats as food, rats as pests, and the training of rats as rescuers.

Location: Kids 599.352 Marrin

## Information Books continued

### [The Great Fire](#)

**Murphy, Jim**

Photographs and text, along with personal accounts of actual survivors tell the story of the great fire of 1871 in Chicago. Location: Kids 977.3 Murphy

### [Treasury of Greek Mythology: Classic Stories of Gods, Goddesses, Heroes & Monsters](#)

**Napoli, Donna Jo**

Presents illustrated retellings of classic Greek myths, sharing the stories of Zeus, Aphrodite, Apollo, Athena, Helen of Troy, Perseus, and Medusa, with sidebars for each god, goddess, hero, and monster that link the tales to constellations, history, geography, and culture, and including profiles, a family tree, and other resources.

Location: Kids 292.13 Napoli

### [American Tall Tales](#)

**Osborne, Mary Pope**

A collection of tall tales about such American folk heroes as Sally Ann Thunder Ann Whirlwind, Pecos Bill, John Henry, and Paul Bunyan.

Location: Kids 398.20973 Osborne

### [Squirt!: The Most Interesting Book You'll Ever Read about Blood](#)

**Romanek, Trudee**

Provides information about the circulatory system, discussing what blood is made from, the role of the heart, how organs clean blood, and other related topics, and includes quick facts.

Location: Kids 612.1 Romanek

### [Neighborhood Sharks: Hunting With the Great Whites of California's Farallon Islands](#)

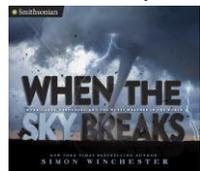
**Roy, Katherine**

An up-close look at the ocean's most fearsome and famous predator and the scientists who study them--just twenty-six miles from the Golden Gate Bridge.

Location: Kids 597.3 Roy

### [When The Sky Breaks: Hurricanes, Tornadoes, and The Worst Weather In The World](#)

**Winchester, Simon**



Hurricanes, typhoons, cyclones, tornadoes: when these giant storms hit, they are natural disasters with huge impact!

Location: Kids 551.55 Winchester

## Biographies

Find these books in the *Biography* section.

### [Whoosh!: Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions](#)

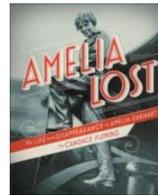
**Barton, Chris**

Chronicles the life and achievements of the NASA engineer and inventor, from his childhood to his accidental invention of the Super Soaker water gun.

Location: Kids 609.7 Barton

### [Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart](#)

**Fleming, Candace**

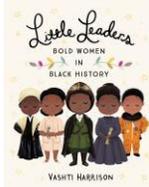


Traces the life of female aviator Amelia Earhart from her childhood to her final flight, discusses the extensive search for her and her missing plane. Includes photographs, maps, handwritten notes by Amelia, and sidebars.

Location: Kids Biography Earhart

### [Little Leaders: Bold Women In Black History](#)

**Harrison, Vashti**



Based on her popular Instagram posts, debut author/illustrator Vashti Harrison shares the stories of 40 bold African American women who shaped history. Locations: Kids Biography 920.72 Harrison

### [Lincoln Tells a Joke: How Laughter Saved the President \(and the Country\)](#)

**Krull, Kathleen**

Explores what made Abraham Lincoln's sense of humor so distinctive and how his ability to find humor in even the most-dire circumstances helped him survive his difficult life and helped the country cope with the Civil War.

Location: Kids Biography Lincoln

### [How Angel Peterson Got His Name: And Other Outrageous Tales About Extreme Sports](#)

**Paulsen, Gary**

Author Gary Paulsen relates tales from his youth in a small town in northwestern Minnesota in the late 1940s and early 1950s, such as skiing behind a souped-up car and imitating daredevil Evel Knievel.

Location: Kids Biography Paulsen

## Biographies continued

### [Abe's Honest Words: The Life of Abraham Lincoln](#)

**Rappaport, Doreen**

An illustrated biography of Abraham Lincoln, the sixteenth president of the United States and the man responsible for seeing the country through the Civil War.

Location: Kids Biography Lincoln

### [Ben Franklin's Big Splash: The Mostly True Story of His First Invention](#)

**Rosenstock, Barb**



Ben Franklin loved to swim and, at the age of eleven, he was determined to swim like a fish--fins and all. This account of young Ben's earliest invention follows the budding scientist's journey as he tests and retests his swim fins. That first big splash led Ben to even more innovations and inventions.

Location: Kids Biography Franklin

### [President of the Underground Railroad: A Story About Levi Coffin](#)

**Swain, Gwenyth**

A biography of a Quaker man from North Carolina whose fearless work on the Underground Railroad in Indiana and Ohio helped thousands of men and women escape the cruelty of slavery.

Location: Kids Biography Coffin

### [Some Writer!: The Story of E. B. White](#)

**Sweet, Melissa**



Budding young writers will be fascinated and inspired by the journalist, New Yorker contributor, and children's book author who loved words his whole life. This authorized tribute is the first fully illustrated biography of E. B. White and

includes an afterword by Martha White, E. B. White's granddaughter.

Location: Kids Biography White

### [Growing Up Pedro](#)

**Tavares, Matt**

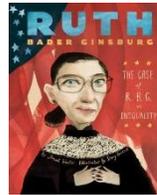
Before Pedro Martínez pitched the Red Sox to a World Series championship, before he was named to the All-Star team eight times, before he won the Cy Young Award three times, he was a kid from a place called Manoguayabo in the Dominican Republic. Pedro loved baseball more than anything, and his older brother Ramón was the best pitcher he'd ever seen. He dreamed

of the day he and his brother could play together in the major leagues. This is the story of how that dream came true.

Location: Kids 796.3571 Martinez

### [Ruth Bader Ginsburg: The Case of R.B.G. vs. Inequality](#)

**Winter, Jonah**



To become the first female Jewish Supreme Court Justice, the unsinkable Ruth Bader Ginsburg had to overcome countless injustices. Structured as a court case in which the reader is presented with evidence of the injustice that Ginsburg faced, Ruth Bader Ginsburg is the true story of how one of America's most 'notorious' women bravely persevered to become the remarkable symbol of justice she is today.

Location: Kids Biography Ginsburg