Recommended Reading

All of the books below are owned by the Fair Lawn Public Library. Check out other books by the authors listed below for further suggestions! Age levels and guided reading levels are generalized. Try higher or lower categories according to the child’s maturity, interests, and abilities.

Terrific Toddler Titles!

All books are located in the picture book section under the 1st three letters of the author’s last name unless otherwise noted.

(Ages 0-3)

*Bark, George* By Jules Feiffer
George says, “Meow,” which is puzzling, since George is a puppy. George’s frustrated mother takes him to the vet and the vet soon finds the problem, or so they think.

*Be Who You Are* By Todd Parr
Picture book encouraging kids to be proud of what makes them unique, where they come from, and how they express themselves and see the world.

*Bear and Bee* By Sergio Ruzzier
A hungry bear discovers that bees are not terrible monsters who never share their honey.

*Boo Hoo Bird* By Jeremy Tankard
When Bird gets hit on the head while playing ball, his friends have many suggestions to try to make him feel better.

*Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do You See?* By Bill Martin
Children see a variety of animals, each one a different color, and a teacher looking at them.
**Chugga-Chugga Choo-Choo** By Kevin Lewis
A rhyming story about a toy freight train's day, from loading freight in the morning to retiring to the roundhouse after the day's work is done.

**Counting Kisses** By Karen Katz
How many kisses does a tired baby need to change her crying into sleeping?

**The Cow Who Clucked** By Denise Fleming
When a cow loses her moo, she searches to see if another animal in the barn has it.

**Dear Zoo: a Lift the Flap Book** By Rod Campbell
Which animal makes the best pet? Lift the flaps to find out!

**Dinosaurs, Dinosaurs** By Byron Barton
In prehistoric days, there were many different kinds of dinosaurs, big and small, those with spikes and those with long, sharp teeth.

**Dinosaur vs. Bedtime** By Bob Shea
Oh no! Its bedtime and Dinosaur is fighting it. Who will win?

**Do Crocodiles Moo?** By Amanda Leslie
With humorous and improbable situations, children will want to shout, “noooo!” to the hilarious question: do crocodiles moo?

**Does a Cow Say Boo?** By Judy Hindley
Children on a farm want to know which creature says "boo" and learn about animal sounds as they search.
Finger Rhymes  By Marc Brown
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Presents 14 rhymes with instructions for accompanying finger plays.

Flora and the Flamingo  By Molly Idle
In this wordless book, a friendship develops between a girl named Flora and a graceful flamingo as they learn to dance together.

Found  By Salina Yoon
Upon finding a toy rabbit in the forest, Bear tries his very best to return it to its home, but by the time its owner appears, Bear has become attached to Bunny.

Freight Train  By Donald Crews
Traces the journey of a colorful train as it goes through tunnels, by cities, and over trestles.

Go Away Big Green Monster  By Ed Emberley
Dye-cut pages through which bits of a monster are revealed are designed to help a child control his or her nighttime fear of monsters.

Good Night Moon  By Margaret W. Brown
Goodnight to each of the objects in the great green room: goodnight chairs, goodnight comb, goodnight air.

“Hi, Pizza Man!”  By Virginia Walter
While a young girl waits for the delivery of a hot pizza, she provides the appropriate animal sounds for a variety of pretend animal pizza deliverers.

I Kissed the Baby  By Mary Murphy
Various animals tell how they saw, fed, sang to, tickled, and kissed the new duckling.
**In the Rain with Baby Duck** By Amy Hest

Although her parents love walking in the rain, Baby Duck does not—until Grandpa shares a secret with her.

**It Looked Like Spilt Milk** By Charles Shaw

Is it a rabbit, a bird, or just spilt milk? This beloved classic picture book teaches that, with a little imagination, something ordinary can become something extraordinary.

**Jamberry** By Bruce Degen

A little boy walking in the forest meets a big, lovable bear that takes him on a delicious berry-picking adventure in the magical world of Berryland.

**Jesse Bear…What Will You Wear?** By Nancy White Carlstrom

Rhymed text and illustrations describe Jesse Bear's activities from morning to bedtime.

**Kitten’s First Full Moon** By Kevin Henkes

When Kitten mistakes the full moon for a bowl of milk, she ends up tired, wet, and hungry while trying to reach it.

**The Lion and the Mouse** By Jerry Pinkney

In this wordless retelling of an Aesop fable, an adventuresome mouse proves that even small creatures are capable of great deeds when he rescues the King of the Jungle.

**Little Owl Lost** By Chris Haughton

While his mother is away finding food, a newborn owl falls out of his nest and anxiously tries to find her, receiving help from various forest animals.
**Llama, Llama, Red Pajama** By Anna Dewdney
At bedtime a little llama worries after his mother puts him to bed and goes downstairs.

**LMNO Peas** By Keith Baker
Busy little peas introduce their favorite occupations, from astronaut to zoologist.

**“More, More, More,” Said the Baby** By Vera Williams
Three babies are caught in the air and given loving attention from a father, a grandmother, and a mother.

**Mouse Paint** By Ellen Stoll Walsh
Three white mice discover jars of red, blue, and yellow paint and explore the world of color.

**My Heart is Like a Zoo** By Michael Hall
Depicts in rhyming text how love can be many different things, such as eager as a beaver, steady as a yak, or silly as a seal.

**My Truck is Stuck** By Kevin Lewis
When a dump truck "haulin' a great big load" gets stuck in the mud, progressively larger vehicles try to pull it out.

**My Very First Mother Goose** By Iona Opie
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A collection of more than sixty nursery rhymes including, "Hey Diddle, Diddle," "Pat-a-Cake," "Little Jack Horner," and "Pussycat, Pussycat."

**On the Go! (DC Super heroes)** By Julie Merberg
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This awesome board book shows little ones how super heroes--and regular people--get from place to place.
Press Here By Herve Tullet

Instructs the reader on how to interact with the illustrations to create imaginative images.

Silly Sally By Audrey Wood

A rhyming story of Silly Sally, who makes many friends as she travels to town backward and upside down.

Smash! Crash! (Trucktown series) By Jon Scieszka

Jack Truck and his best friend Dump Truck Dan are spending the day doing their favorite thing...smashing and crashing throughout the whole town!

Still Stuck By Shinsuke Yoshitake

At bath time, a boy who believes he is ready to dress and undress himself gets stuck in his clothes, then imagines what life will be like if he remains that way forever.

Supertruck By Stephen Savage

When the city is hit by a colossal snowstorm, only one superhero can save the day. But who is this mysterious hero and why does he disappear once his job is done?

Ten, Nine, Eight By Molly Bang

Numbers from ten to one are part of this lullaby, which observes the room of a little girl while she is going to bed.

Thank You, Bear By Greg Foley

Despite the criticism of others, a bear finds the perfect gift for his mouse friend.
This is the House That Jack Built By Simms Taback

It all started with the cheese that lay in the house that Jack built. And then came the rat that ate the cheese and the cat that killed the rat. What will happen next?

The Three Little Kittens By Paul Galdone

Three little kittens misplace, find, soil, and wash their mittens.

Time for Bed By Mem Fox

As darkness falls parents everywhere try to get their children ready for sleep.

The Very Hungry Caterpillar By Eric Carle

A hungry little caterpillar eats his way through a large quantity of food until, full at last, he forms a cocoon around himself and goes to sleep.

We’re Going on a Bear Hunt By Michael Rosen

Brave bear hunters go through grass, a river, mud, and other obstacles before the inevitable encounter with the bear forces a headlong retreat.

Where’s My Teddy? By Jez Alborough

When a small boy named Eddie goes searching for his lost teddy in the dark woods, he comes across a gigantic bear with a similar problem.
Poppin’ Picture Books

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(ages 3-7)

**Actual Size** By Steve Jenkins

Discusses and gives examples of the size and weight of various animals and their parts.

**After the Fall (How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again)** by Dan Santant

After falling off the wall, Humpty Dumpty is very afraid of climbing up again, but is determined not to let fear stop him from being close to the birds.

**Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible…Day** By Judith Viost

On a day when everything goes wrong for him, Alexander is consoled by the thought that other people have bad days too.

**Bear’s Scare** By Jacob Grant

Bear cares about keeping his house clean and tidy almost as much as he cares about his stuffed friend, Ursa, so he is determined to find the spider building messy webs there.

**Best Pet of All** By David LaRochelle

A young boy enlists the help of a dragon to persuade his mother to let him have a dog as a pet.

**Betty Bunny Wants Everything** by Michael Kaplan

Betty Bunny’s mother takes her and her siblings to a toy store where each is allowed to pick out one item, but Betty refuses to choose just one and throws a tantrum when she learns the alternative is to get nothing.
**Blackout** By John Rocco

When a busy family's activities come to a halt because of a blackout, they find that they enjoy spending time together not being too busy for once.

**The Book with No Pictures** By B.J. Novak

You might think a book with no pictures seems boring and serious. Except . . . here's how books work. Everything written on the page has to be said by the person reading it aloud. Even if the words are a preposterous song about eating ants for breakfast.

**Boss Baby** By Marla Frazee

From the moment he arrives, it is obvious that the new baby is boss and he gets whatever he wants, from drinks made-to-order around the clock to his executive gym.

**Bread and Jam for Frances** By Russell Hoban

Frances decides she likes to eat only bread and jam at every meal, until to her surprise, her parents grant her wish.

**Building Our House** By Jonathan Bean

A young girl narrates her family's move from the city to the country, where they have bought a piece of land and live in a trailer while they build a house from the ground up with help from relatives and friends.

**Building with Dad** By Carol Nevius

A father and his young child watch the construction of a new school, from the bulldozing of the earth and the mixing of the concrete for the foundation to the hanging of the new sign.

**Caps for Sale** By Esphyr Slobodkina

A band of mischievous monkeys steals every one of a peddler's caps, while he takes a nap under a tree.
Chicka Chicka Boom Boom  By Bill Martin
An alphabet rhyme/chant that relates what happens when the whole alphabet tries to climb a coconut tree.

Chickens to the Rescue  By John Himmelman
Six days a week the chickens help the Greenstalk family and their animals recover from mishaps that occur on the farm, but they need one day to rest.

Click Clack Moo: Cows that Type  By Doreen Cronin
When Farmer Brown's cows find a typewriter in the barn, they start making demands and go on a strike when the farmer refuses to give them what they want.

Children Make Terrible Pets  By Peter Brown
When Lucy, a young bear, discovers a boy lost in the woods, she asks her mother if she can have him as a pet, only to find him impossible to train.

Corduroy  By Donald Freeman
A toy bear in a department store wants a number of things, but when a little girl finally buys him, he finds what he has always wanted most of all.

Crafty Chloe  By Kelly DiPucchio
Chloe is very good at sewing and crafts. When her best friend's birthday approaches, she creates a fabulous gift while also saving the day for a classmate who had been unkind to her.

Curious George  By Margret Rey
The original adventures of the ingenious, little monkey who left the jungle to live with the man in the yellow hat.

Crunch, the Shy Dinosaur  By Cirocco Dunlap
Advises the reader on how to interact with a very shy dinosaur.
**The Day the Crayons Quit** By Drew Daywalt

When Duncan arrives at school one morning, he finds a stack of letters, one from each of his crayons, complaining about how he uses them.

**Don’t Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!** By Mo Willems

When a bus driver takes a break from his route, a very unlikely volunteer springs up to take his place - a pigeon! But you've never met one like this before.

**Dragons Love Tacos** by Adam Rubin

Explores the love dragons have for tacos, and the dangers of feeding them anything with spicy salsa.

**Eloise** By Kay Thompson

Eloise is a little girl who lives at The Plaza Hotel in New York. She knows everything about The Plaza. She is interested in people when they are not boring. If you take her home with you, you will always be glad you did.

**Extra Yarn** By Mac Barnett

With a supply of yarn that never runs out, Annabelle knits for everyone and everything in town until an evil archduke decides he wants the yarn for himself.

**Falling for Rapunzel** By Leah Wilcox

A prince tries to get Rapunzel to throw her hair down so he can rescue her, but she mishears him and throws down random objects from her room instead.

**Fancy Nancy** By Jane O’Connor

A young girl who loves fancy things helps her family to be fancy for one special night.

**Froggy Gets Dressed** By Jonathan London

Rambunctious Froggy hops out into the snow for a winter frolic, but is called back by his mother to put on some necessary articles of clothing.
Funny Bones: Posada...Calavaras By Duncan Tonatiuh

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Funny Bones relates the story of how the amusing Calaveras — skeletons performing various every day or festive activities — came to be.

George and Martha By James Marshall

Two lovable hippos teach the meaning of friendship in five separate stories.

The Gift of Nothing By Patrick McDonald

Mooch the Cat tries to think of a gift to give his friend, Earl the Dog.

The Giving Tree By Shel Silverstein

A young boy grows to manhood and old age, experiencing the love and generosity of a tree, which gives without expecting anything in return.

Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site By Sherri Duskey Rinker

At sunset, when their work is done for the day, a crane truck, a cement mixer, and other pieces of construction equipment make their way to their resting places and go to sleep.

Harold and the Purple Crayon By Crockett Johnson

Harold goes for an adventurous walk in the moonlight with his purple crayon.

Harry the Dirty Dog By Gene Zion

When a white dog with black spots runs away from home, he gets so dirty that his family doesn't recognize him as a black dog with white spots.

The Hello, Goodbye Window By Norton Juster

The kitchen window at Nanna and Poppy's house is, for one little girl, a magic gateway. Everything important happens near it, through it, or beyond it.
**Horton Hatches the Egg**  By Dr. Seuss

When a lazy bird hatching an egg wants a vacation, she asks Horton, the elephant, to sit on her egg. He sits on her egg through all sorts of hazards and is rewarded for doing what he said he would.

**I Want My Hat Back**  By Jon Klassen

A bear almost gives up his search for his missing hat until he remembers something important.

**If You Give a Mouse a Cookie**  By Laura Numeroff

Relating the cycle of requests a mouse is likely to make after you give him a cookie takes the reader through a young child's day.

**I'm Bored**  By Michael Ian Black

When a bored girl meets a potato who finds children tedious, she tries to prove him wrong by demonstrating all of the things that children can do, from turning cartwheels to using their imaginations.

**Insectlopedia: Poems and Paintings**  By Douglas Florian

Presents twenty-one short poems about such insects as the inchworm, termite, cricket, and ladybug.

**Interrupting Chicken**  By David Stein

Little Red Chicken wants Papa to read her a bedtime story, but interrupts him almost as soon as he begins each tale.

**Kitten Construction Company**  By John Patrick Green

Marmalade, a trained architect who also happens to be an adorable kitten, finds allies in other construction-trade cats when her plans for the new mayor's mansion are rejected by the city planner.

**Ladybug Girl**  By David Soman

After her brother tells her she is too little to play with him, Lulu, dressed as Ladybug Girl, makes her own fun.
Lily's Purple Plastic Purse By Kevin Henkes
Lilly loves everything about school, especially her teacher. But when he asks her to wait a while before showing her new purse, she does something later that she is very sorry for.

Little Elliot, Big City By Mike Curato
Elliot the little elephant has a hard time with a lot of things in the city he loves until he meets Mouse, who is even smaller --and hungrier.

The Little Engine that Could By Watty Piper
The Little Blue Engine agrees to try to pull a stranded train full of toys over the mountain.

The Little Old Lady…Anything By Linda Williams
A little old lady who is not afraid of anything must deal with a pumpkin head, a tall black hat, and other spooky objects that follow her through the dark woods and try to scare her.

Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile By Bernard Waber
Lyle is perfectly happy living with the Primms on East 88th St. until irritable Mr. Grumps next door changes all of that.

Madeline By Ludwig Bemelmans
In an old, vine-covered house in Paris live 12 little girls. They wear wide-brimmed hats and matching yellow outfits and walk in two perfect rows. Madeline is the smallest girl, but the most daring, and that tends to get her into trouble.

Make Way for Ducklings By Robert McCloskey
Mr. and Mrs. Mallard proudly return to their home in the Boston Public Garden with their eight offspring with help from a friendly police officer.
**Math-terpieces** By Greg Tang
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A series of rhymes about artists and their works introduce counting and grouping numbers, as well as such artistic styles as cubism, pointillism, and surrealism.

**Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel** By Virginia Burton
Mike Mulligan proves that, although dated, his steam shovel is still useful.

**Miss Lina’s Ballerinas** By Grace Maccarone
Ballet instructor Miss Lina has a solution when her eight students, who always dance in pairs, are distraught when a ninth girl joins the class.

**Miss Nelson is Missing** By Harry Allard
The kids in Room 207 take advantage of their teacher's good nature until she disappears and they are faced with a vile substitute.

**The Mitten** By Jan Brett
Several animals sleep snugly in Nicki’s lost mitten until the bear sneezes.

**The Monster at the End of This Book** By Sesame Street
Grover worries page by page about meeting the monster at the end of the book.

**Mother Bruce** By Ryan Higgins
Bruce is a grumpy bear who likes no one and nothing except cooked eggs, but when some eggs he was planning to boil hatch and the goslings believe he is their mother, he must try to make the best of the situation.

**My Pen** By Christopher Myers
An artist celebrates the many things he can do with a simple pen, and encourages the reader to do the same.
**Mysterious Tadpole** By Steven Kellogg

It soon becomes clear that Louis's pet tadpole is not turning into an ordinary frog.

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**The Night Gardener** By Terry Fan

Everyone on Grimloch Lane enjoys the trees and shrubs that are clipped into animal masterpieces after dark by the Night Gardener. William, a lonely boy, spots the artist, follows him, and helps with his special work.

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**No, David!** By David Shannon

A young boy is depicted doing a variety of naughty things for which he is repeatedly reprimanded, until he finally gets a hug.

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**Noisy Nora** By Rosemary Wells

Feeling neglected, Nora makes more and more noise to attract her parents' attention.

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**Olivia** By Ian Falconer

Whether at home getting ready for the day, enjoying the beach, or at bedtime, Olivia is a feisty pig who has too much energy for her own good.

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**Peanut Butter & Cupcake** By Terry Border

Peanut Butter sets out with his soccer ball to find a friend after moving to a new town, but everyone from Hamburger to Soup seems to be too busy to play.

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**Pete the Cat: I Love my White Shoes** By Eric Litwin

Pete the Cat gets into colorful adventures while out walking in his new white shoes.
**Piggie Pie** By Margie Palatini

Gritch the witch flies to Old MacDonald's farm for some pigs to make a piggie pie, but when she arrives she can't find a single porker.

**Pinkalicious**  By Victoria Kann

A little girl who is obsessed with the color pink eats so many pink cupcakes that she turns her favorite color!

**The Princess and the Pony** By Kate Beaton

Princess Pinecone would like a real war horse for her birthday. Instead, she receives a plump, cute pony -- but sometimes cuteness can be a weapon, especially in a fight with dodgeballs and spitballs and hairballs and squareballs.

**The Quiet Book** By Deborah Underwood

From the quiet of being the first one awake in the morning to "sweet dreams quiet" when the last light is turned off, simple text explores the many kinds of quiet that can exist during the day.

**Raindrops Roll** By April Sayre

This book sheds new light on the wonders of rain, from the beauty of a raindrop balanced on a leaf to the amazing, never-ending water cycle.

**The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus** By Melissa Sweet

For shy, young Peter Mark Roget, books were the best companions -- and it wasn't long before Peter began writing his own book. But he didn't write stories; he wrote lists. Peter took his love for words and turned it into organizing ideas and finding exactly the right word to express just what he thought.

**Rosie Revere Engineer** By Andrea Beaty

A young aspiring engineer must first conquer her fear of failure
**The Sandwich Swap** By Queen Rania

Best friends Lily and Salma disagree over their preferred foods, but after trading sandwiches to see how they taste, the girls change their minds.

**Scaredy Squirrel** By Melanie Watt

Scaredy Squirrel never leaves his nut tree. It's way too dangerous out there. Day after day he watches and waits, and waits and watches, until one day ... his worst nightmare comes true! Scaredy suddenly finds himself out of his tree, where germs, poison ivy, and sharks lurk.

**Sleeping Cinderella and…Mix-Ups** By Stephanie Clarkson

Cinderella, Snow White, Sleeping Beauty, and Rapunzel are all unhappy. When they decide to switch places for a day, each discovers what she likes -- and what she can change -- about her own life.

**The Snowy Day** By Ezra Jack Keats

The adventures of a little boy in the city on a very snowy day.

**Splat the Cat** By Rob Scotton

It's Splat's first day of school and he's worried. What if he doesn't make any new friends? Join Splat the Cat and his pet mouse Seymour in their story about the first day of school.

**The Stinky Cheese Man** By Jon Scieszka

Silly retellings of familiar fairy tales, including "Jack and the Bean Soup," "Goldilocks and the Three Elephants," and "Cinderumplestilskin."

**The Story of Babar** By Jean Brunhoff

An orphaned baby elephant goes to live in the city with an old lady who gives him everything he wants, but eventually returns to the forest where he is crowned king of the elephants.
The Story of Ferdinand  By  Munro Leaf
Ferdinand likes to sit quietly and smell the flowers, but one day he gets stung by a bee and his snorting and stomping convince everyone that he is the fiercest of bulls.

Strega Nona  By  Tomie DePaola
When Strega Nona leaves him alone with her magic pasta pot, Big Anthony is determined to show the townspeople how it works.

Surfer Chick  By  Kristy Dempsey
The story of a little chick and her dad who go to the beach, where he teaches her how to surf.

The Sweetest Fig  By  Chris Van Allsburg
After being given two magical figs that make his dreams come true, Monsieur Bibot sees his plans for future wealth upset by his long-suffering dog.

Sylvester and the Magic Pebble  By  William Steig
In a moment of fright, Sylvester the donkey asks his magic pebble to turn him into a rock, but then he cannot hold the pebble to wish himself back to normal again.

Tap the Magic Tree  By  Christie Matheson
Invites the reader to tap, rub, touch, and wiggle illustrations to make an apple tree bloom, produce fruit, and lose its leaves.

Thomas’ Snowsuit  By  Robert Munsch
His mother, teacher, and principal have a hard time trying to convince Thomas to wear his snowsuit.
The Three Billy Goats Gruff By Paul Galdone

To reach a fine meadow of grass and daisies, three hungry billy goats must first cross a bridge over the troll's home.

The Three Pigs By David Weisner

The three pigs escape the wolf by going into another world, where they meet the cat and the fiddle, the cow that jumped over the moon, and a dragon.

Those Darn Squirrels! By Adam Rubin

When grumpy Old Man Fookwire builds feeders to try to keep birds -- the only creatures he likes -- from leaving for the winter, he finds himself in a battle with clever, crafty squirrels who want a share of the abundant food.

Thundercake By Patricia Polacco

Grandma finds a way to dispel her grandchild's fear of thunderstorms.

Tikki Tikki Tembo By Arlene Mosel

When the eldest son fell in the well and getting help was mostly spent pronouncing the name of the one in trouble, the Chinese, according to legend, decided to give all their children short names.

The Very Fairy Princess By Julie Andrews

Despite her scabby knees and dirty fingernails, Geraldine knows that she is a princess inside and shows it through her behavior at home and in school.

When’s My Birthday? By Julie Fogliano

Children excitedly discuss the details of their upcoming birthdays.

Where the Wild Things Are By Maurice Sendak

A naughty little boy, sent to bed without his supper, sails to the land of the wild things where he becomes their king.
The Wolf’s Chicken Stew  By Keiko Kasza
A hungry wolf’s attempts to fatten a chicken for his stewpot have unexpected results.

Zen Shorts  By Jon Muth
When Stillwater the bear moves into the neighborhood, the stories he tells to three siblings teach them to look at the world in new ways.

Zin! Zin! Zin! A Violin  By Lloyd Moss
Ten instruments take their parts one-by-one in a musical performance.

Rockin’ Readers
All books located in the Easy Reader Section by the author’s last name unless otherwise noted.
(Grades K-2)

Amelia Bedelia (series)  By Peggy Parish  Level L
From dressing the chicken to dusting the furniture, Amelia Bedelia does exactly what Mr. and Mrs. Rogers tell her. ...But somehow things never turn out quite right.

Are You My Mother?  By P.D. Eastman  Level I
While out getting food for her baby who is about to hatch, a mother bird misses his arrival, forcing her baby goes to look for her.

Baby Monkey, Private Eye  by Brian Selznick
Baby Monkey, private eye, will investigate stolen jewels, missing pizzas, and other mysteries--if he can manage to figure out how to put his pants on.
**Benny and Penny (series)** By Geoffrey Hayes  
At bedtime, two mouse siblings take turns telling stories and calming night fears.

**Biscuit (series) By** Alyssa Capucilli  
Woof! Woof! It's time for bed, but Biscuit wants to have a snack, and play, and hear stories. Will he ever go to sleep?

**Cat in the Hat** By Dr. Seuss  
Two children sitting at home on a rainy day are visited by the Cat in the Hat who shows them some tricks and games.

**Danny and the Dinosaur** By Syd Hoff  
Danny spends an unforgettable day in the city with his friend, the museum dinosaur.

**Elephant and Piggie (series) By Mo Williams**  
Meet Elephant and Piggie as they share hilarious adventures and navigate the seas of friendship.

**Hi Fly Guy (series)** By Tedd Arnold  
When Buzz captures a fly to enter in The Amazing Pet Show, his parents and the judges tell him that a fly cannot be a pet, but Fly Guy proves them wrong.

**Frog and Toad (series) By Arnold Lobel**  
Separate chapters relate the quiet adventures of two best friends in this classic series.
Good Night, Good Knight  By Shelley Thomas  Level I
A Good Knight helps three little dragons who are having trouble falling asleep.

Henry and Mudge (series)  By Cynthia Rylant  Level J
Henry, feeling lonely on a street without any other children, finds companionship and love in a big dog named Mudge.

I Am Jane Goodall (series)  By Brad Meltzer  Level O
Each picture book in this series is a biography of a significant historical figure, told in a simple, conversational, vivacious way, and always focusing on a character trait that makes the person a role model for kids.

I Like Bugs  By Margaret Wise Brown  Level E
In brief rhyming text, lists all the types of insects the narrator likes.

Katie Woo has the Flu (series)  By Fran Manushkin
Katie misses school while she is home with the flu.

Ling and Ting: Not Exactly the Same!  By Grace Lin  Level K
Ling and Ting are identical twins that people think are exactly the same, but time and time again, they prove to be different.

Mac and Cheese  By Sarah Weeks  Level J
Two cats that are as different as night and day are nevertheless best friends.
My Parents Think I'm Sleeping  By Jack Prelutsky  Level L
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A collection of lighthearted bedtime poems for young children explores what goes on when the lights go out.

Nate the Great (series) By Marjorie Sharmat  Level K
Super-detective Nate tracks down Annie's missing picture and finds a lost cat in the bargain.

Judy Moody & Friends: Not-So-Lucky Lefty (series) By Megan McDonald  Level L
Part of the Judy Moody and Friends series. Left-handers are creative. Left-handers are geniuses. Half of all cats are lefties! (Or so says Stink.) But Judy is a righty... and Judy is feeling left out. Tomorrow is Left Handers Day, and Stink and Dad, the southpaws in the Moody family, are celebrating at the pretzel factory. Judy is allowed to come along on one condition: she has to be left-handed the whole entire day. It's on!

Pedro’s Mystery Club (series) By Fran Manushkin
Pedro forms a new club with his friends dedicated to solving mysteries--and the first two assignments are finding his mother’s locket and his father’s cell phone

Penny and Her Song (series) By Kevin Henkes  Level L
Penny the mouse comes home from school eager to share her very own song, but must wait until the time is right to teach it to her parents and the babies.

Pig Wig (Flip-a-Word series) By Harriet Ziefert  Level A
Combines simple rhymes with anime-style illustrations in a series of skill-building stories that invite young readers to become familiar with word families that share similar long- and short-vowel sounds.

You Read to Me, I’ll Read to You By Mary Ann Hoberman  Level M
A collection of 12 rhyming and heavily repetitious dialogues, each one ending with an emphasis on reading.
All of a Kind Family (series) By Sydney Taylor Level Q
Five girls have simple, but happy times with parents rich in kindness but poor in money.

Babe the Gallant Pig By Dick King Smith Level Q
When Babe, the piglet, was purchased by Farmer Hogget, it was with bacon and sausage in mind, until Babe displays a special talent.

The Bad Guys (series) By Aaron Blabey Level P
The Bad Guys, Mr. Wolf, Mr. Shark, Mr. Snake, and Mr. Piranha, want to be heroes, and they decide that the way to do it is free the 200 dogs in the city dog pound--but their plan soon goes awry.

Because of Winn Dixie By Kate DiCamillo Level R
Ten-year-old India Opal describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie.

Dragon Masters (series) By Tracey West Level P
J Series Branches
Dragon Masters has it all! Dragons, a Dragon Stone, a king, a wizard, and magic! Branches books contain short chapters, controlled vocabulary, and colorful pictures that entice new readers to move up to chapter books. Other series include: The Owl Diaries and The Notebook of Doom.

Bunnicula By James Howe Level Q
Harold, a dog, and Chester, a cat, resort to hilarious antics to alert their family that the newly adopted bunny may actually be a vegetable vampire!
Cam Jansen Mysteries (series) By David Adler Level L
Meet Cam Jansen, a young girl with a photographic memory who solves mysteries in her hometown.

Captain Awesome (series) By Stan Kirby Level P
When second-grader Eugene and his family move to a new neighborhood and he starts at a new school, he has a chance to bring out his superhero alter ego, Captain Awesome, to help solve mysteries.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory By Roald Dahl Level R
Delicious adventures ensue as Charlie Bucket finds the golden ticket to explore the mouth-watering wonders of Mr. Willy Wonka’s chocolate factory.

Charlotte’s Webb By E.B. White Level R
Wilbur, a pig, will become Christmas dinner unless his friend Charlotte, a spider, can find a way to help.

The Chicken Squad: The First Misadventure (series) By Doreen Cronin Level N
When the squirrel, Tail, comes barreling into the chicken coop ranting about a round, shiny, green, big, scary thing in the yard, Dirt, Sweetie, Poppy, and Sugar investigate this strange object.

The Chocolate Touch By Patrick Catlin Level N
Instead of gold, everything John Midas touches turns to precious chocolate!

Clementine (series) By Sara Pennypacker Level O
While sorting through difficulties in her friendship with her neighbor Margaret, eight-year-old Clementine gains several unique hairstyles while also helping her father in his efforts to banish pigeons from the front of their apartment building.
**Unicorn Rescue Society: Creature of the Pine (series)** By Adam Gidwitz  
Level Q  
Part of the Unicorn Rescue series. After encountering a Jersey Devil while on a field trip to the Pine Barrens, Elliot and his new friend Uchenna help their weird teacher Professor Fauna rescue the mythological creature from a pair of greedy billionaire brothers.

**The Cricket in Times Square** By George Selden  
Level S  
A cricket from Connecticut finds himself in a New York subway station, where he meets a boy, a mouse and a cat.

**Diary of a Mad Brownie** By Bruce Coville  
Level T  
In a story presented through diary entries and creative documents, Angus the magical brownie inherits a particularly messy human to look after and resolves to break the curse that binds them together.

**Dragon Breath (series)** By Ursula Vernon  
Level O  
J Series Branches  
Danny Dragonbreath and his friend Wendell get an up-close underwater tour of the Sargasso Sea from Danny's sea-serpent cousin, encountering giant squid and mako sharks, and learn about standing up to bullies in the process.

**El Deafo** By Cece Bell  
J COMIC Bell  
The author recounts in graphic novel format her experiences with hearing loss at a young age, including using a bulky hearing aid, learning how to lip read, and determining her "superpower."

**Encyclopedia Brown (series)** By Donald Sobol  
Level P  
Presents ten baffling mysteries for the boy detective and the reader, with Encyclopedia's solutions included at the end of the book.

**Flat Stanley (series)** By Jeff Brown  
Level M  
J Series Flat  
Follow the humorous adventures of Stanley after he is flattened by a bulletin board!
Frindle By Andrew Clements  Level R
An imaginative tale about creative thought, a boy, his teacher, his classmates and the power of words.

Hamster Princess (series) By Ursula Vernon  Level Q
J Series Hamster
Princess Harriet becomes an adventurer after learning she is cursed to fall into a deep sleep on her 12th birthday. After 2 years of slaying ogres and more, she must seek a prince to set things right.

Her Right Foot By Dave Eggers  Level Q
J 917.471 Egg
In this fascinating, fun approach to nonfiction, the authors examine the placement of the Statue of Liberty's right foot--and in the process, reveal interesting historical information and important truths about the meaning of America.

How to Train Your Dragon (series) By Cressida Cowell  Level T
Follow the adventures (and misadventures) of Hiccup Horrendous Haddock the Third as he tries to pass the important initiation test of his Viking clan, the Tribe of the Hairy Hooligans, by catching and training a dragon.

The Hundred Dresses By Eleanor Estes  Level P
In winning a medal she is no longer there to receive, a little Polish girl teaches her classmates a lesson.

The Indian in the Cupboard (series) By Lynne Banks  Level R
A nine-year-old boy receives a plastic Indian, a cupboard, and a little key for his birthday and finds himself involved in adventure when the Indian comes to life in the cupboard and befriends him.

Ivy and Bean (series) By Annie Barrows  Level M
When seven-year-old Bean plays a mean trick on her sister, she finds unexpected support from Ivy, the new neighbor, who is more fun than Bean first suspected.
The Lemonade War By Jacqueline Davies Level S
Evan and his younger sister, Jesse, react very differently to the news that they will be in the same class for fourth grade and as the end of summer approaches, they battle it out through lemonade stands, each trying to be the first to earn 100 dollars.

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe (series) By C.S. Lewis Level T
Four children travel to Narnia through a wardrobe, and while there, they meet Aslan, a great lion, and help in his battle with the evil White Witch.

The Magic Tree House: Dinosaurs Before Dark (series) By Mary Pope Osborne Level M
Eight-year-old Jack and his younger sister Annie find a magic tree house, which whisks them back to the time of dinosaurs.

Mercy Watson to the rescue (series) By Kate DiCamillo Level K
After Mercy the pig snuggles to sleep with the Watsons all three awaken with the bed teetering on the edge of a big hole in the floor.

Mr. Popper’s Penguins By Richard & Florence Atwater Level Q
Mr. Popper trains his band of penguins to star in a vaudeville tour.

My Father’s Dragon (series) By Ruth Gannett Level N
Elmer Elevator rescues a baby dragon.

The New Kids on the Block By Jack Prelutsky Level P
Humorous poems about such strange creatures and people as Baloney Belly Billy and the Gloopy Gloppers.
The New Way Things Work  By David Macaulay  Level X
J 600
Text and numerous detailed illustrations introduce and explain the scientific principles and workings of hundreds of machines. Includes new material about digital technology.

Penelope Crumb  By Shawn Stout  Level R
Fourth-grader Penelope Crumb's large nose leads to a family discovery.

Pippi Longstocking (series)  By Astrid Lindgren  Level O
Escapades of a lucky little girl who lives with a horse and a monkey--but without any parents--at the edge of a Swedish village.

Poppy (series)  By Avi  Level S
An animal fable that reflects on human life, whether at home or on the playground, where the bullies and the brave take their turns and rules and free spirits often tangle.

Princess in black (series)  By Shannon Hale  Level M
Who says princesses don't wear black? When trouble raises its blue monster head, Princess Magnolia ditches her flouncy dresses and becomes the Princess in Black!

Beezus & Ramona (series)  By Beverly Cleary  Level O
Nine-year-old Beezus finds it difficult to love her troublesome sister all the time--but her mother explains why that's all right.

Ready Freddy: Tooth Trouble (series)  By Abby Klein  Level L
J Series Ready
Unhappy to be the only one in his class who still has not lost a tooth, first-grader Freddy tries to find a way to expedite matters but then is faced with another problem.
Riding Freedom By Pam Ryan Muñoz Level P
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.

Rowan of Rin (series) By Emily Rodda Level T
Because only he can read the magical map, young, weak, and timid Rowan joins six other villagers to climb a mountain and try to restore their water supply, as fears of a dragon and other horrors threaten to drive them back.

Sadako & the 1,000 Paper Cranes By Eleanor Coerr Level R
Hospitalized with the dreaded atom bomb disease, Leukemia, a child in Hiroshima races against time to fold one thousand paper cranes to verify the legend that by doing so a sick person will become healthy.

Sarah, Plain and Tall (series) By Patricia MacLachlan Level R
When their father invites a mail-order bride to come to live with them in their prairie home, Caleb and Anna are captivated by her and hope that she will stay.

Secret Coders, Get with the Program (series) By Gene Luen Lee Level V
Welcome to Stately Academy, a school which is just crawling with mysteries to be solved! 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.

Stick Dog (series) By Tom Watson Level P
Stick Dog, the heroic, hungry hound, goes on an epic quest in search of the perfect burger.

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing (series) By Judy Blume Level Q
Fourth-grader Peter finds his demanding two-year-old brother to be an ever-increasing problem.
The Terrible Two  By Mac Barnett Level R

When master prankster Miles Murphy moves to sleepy Yawnee Valley, he challenges the local mystery prankster in an epic battle of tricks. Soon, however, the two join forces to pull off the biggest prank ever seen.

Toys: Amazing Stories Behind...Inventions  By Don Wulffson Level U

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Describes the creation of a variety of toys and games, from seesaws to Silly Putty and toy soldiers to Trivial Pursuit.

The Toys Go Out (series)  By Emily Jenkins Level N

Six stories relate the adventures of three best friends, who happen to be toys.

Wayside School is Falling Down (series)  By Louis Sachar Level P

Humorous episodes from the classroom on the thirteenth floor of Wayside School featuring a colorful cast of characters and their wacky teacher.

Where the Sidewalk Ends  By Shel Silverstein Level Q

J 811 Sil

A boy who turns into a TV set and a girl who eats a whale are only two of the characters in a collection of humorous poetry illustrated with the author's own drawings.

The Whipping Boy  By Sid Fleischman Level R

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

Who Was Series  By Various Authors Levels Vary

J Series Who Was

Simple and factual biographies illustrated by cartoon-like drawings expose children to famous people from both the past and the present.
The Wild Robot By Peter Brown Level R
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.

The Wish Giver: Three Tales of Coven Tree By Bill Britain Level T
When a strange little man comes to the Coven Tree Church Social promising he can give people exactly what they ask for, three young believers in magic each make a wish that comes true in the most unexpected way.

The Year of Billy Miller By Kevin Henkes Level P
Seven-year-old Billy Miller starts second grade with a bump on his head and a lot of worries--but by the end of the year, he has learned many lessons and developed good relationships with his teacher, his little sister, and his parents.

Fab Fiction
All books are located in the fiction section by the author’s last name unless otherwise noted.
(Grades 4-Up)

Abner and Me (series) By Dan Gutman Level T
With his ability to travel through time using baseball cards and photographs, thirteen-year-old Joe and his mother go back to 1863 to ask Abner Doubleday whether he invented baseball, but instead find themselves in the middle of the Battle of Gettysburg.

Amelia Lost: The Life …Earhart By Candace Fleming Level U
JBio Earhart
A look at the life of Amelia Earhart and the exhaustive search for her missing plane.

Amulet (series) By Kazu Kibuishi
J Comic Amulet
After the tragic death of their father, Emily and Navin move with their mother to their ancestral home, but the strange house proves to be dangerous. Before long, a sinister creature lures the kids' through a door in the basement to an underground world inhabited by demons, robots, and talking animals.
Amulet of Samarkand (series) By Jonathan Stroud
Level Y
Nathaniel, a magician's apprentice, summons up the djinni Bartimaeus and instructs him to steal the Amulet of Samarkand from the powerful magician Simon Lovelace.

The Series of Unfortunate Events: The Bad Beginning (series) By Lemony Snicket
Level V
After the sudden death of their parents, the three Baudelaire children must depend on each other and their wits when they are sent to live with the dreaded Count Olaf.

Blackbird Fly By Erin Kelly
Level Y
Bullied at school, eighth-grader Apple, a Filipino American who loves the music of the Beatles, decides to change her life by learning how to play the guitar.

Blackthorn Key By Kevin Sands
Level X
In 1665 London, fourteen-year-old apothecary's apprentice Christopher Rowe works with his best friend, Tom, to uncover the truth behind a mysterious cult, following a trail of clues toward an unearthly secret that could tear the world apart.

Book Scavenger By Jennifer Bertman
Level V
Just after twelve-year-old Emily and her family move to San Francisco, she teams up with a new friend to follow clues in an odd book they find, hoping to figure out its secrets before it's too late.

Bridge to Terabithia By Katherine Paterson
Level T
The life of a ten-year-old boy in rural Virginia expands when he becomes friends with a newcomer, who subsequently meets an untimely death trying to reach their hideaway, Terabithia, during a storm.

Brown Girl Dreaming By Jacqueline Woodson
Level U
Vivid poems share what it was like to grow up as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s, living with the remnants of Jim Crow and the growing awareness of the Civil Rights movement.
Chasing Vermeer By Blue Balliett Level T
When seemingly unrelated and strange events start to happen and a precious Vermeer painting disappears, eleven-year-olds Petra and Calder combine their talents to solve an international art scandal.

City of Ember (series) By Jeanne DuPrau Level W
In the year 241, twelve-year-old Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a Messenger to run to new places in her decaying but beloved city, perhaps even to glimpse Unknown Regions.

Coraline By Neil Gaiman Level W
When Coraline steps through a door in her family's new house, she finds another house, strangely similar to her own (only better). But there's another mother there and another father, and they want her to stay and be their little girl.

Counting by 7's By Holly Sloan Level X
Twelve-year-old genius and outsider Willow Chance must figure out how to connect with other people and find a surrogate family for herself after her parents are killed in a car accident.

Crash By Jerry Spinelli Level V
Seventh-grader John "Crash" Coogan has always been comfortable with his tough, aggressive behavior, until his relationship with an unusual Quaker boy and his grandfather's stroke make him consider the meaning of friendship and the importance of family.

The Crossover By Alexander Kwame Level X
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.

Dead End in Norvelt By Jack Gantos Level Y
In the historic town of Norvelt, Pennsylvania, twelve-year-old Jack Gantos spends the summer of 1962 grounded for various offenses until he is assigned to help an elderly neighbor with a most unusual chore.
Dealing with Dragons (series) By Patricia Wrede Level U
Bored with traditional palace life, a princess goes off to live with a group of dragons and soon becomes involved with fighting against some disreputable wizards who want to steal away the dragons' kingdom.

The Devil’s Arithmetic By Jane Yolen Level Y
Hannah resents the traditions of her Jewish heritage until time travel places her in the middle of a small Jewish village in Nazi-occupied Poland.

The Diary of a Young Girl By Anne Frank Level Y
A precocious young girl is obliged by the encroaching Nazi regime to live in enforced seclusion with family and friends.

Echo By Pam Ryan Level Y
Decades after a man is entwined in a prophecy-based quest involving three mysterious sisters and a harmonica, three individuals from different areas of the world confront daunting challenges involving the same harmonica.

11 Birthdays By Wendy Mass Level S
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, but peculiar things begin to happen as the day of their birthday begins to repeat itself over and over again.

Ella Enchanted By Gail Levine Level U
In this novel based on the story of Cinderella, Ella struggles against the childhood curse that forces her to obey any order given to her.

The Emerald Atlas (series) By John Stephens Level W
Kate, Michael, and Emma have passed from one orphanage to another in the ten years since their parents disappeared to protect them, but now they learn that they have special powers, a prophesied quest to find a magical book, and a fearsome enemy.
Escape from Mr. Lemoncello’s Library (series) By Chris Grabenstein  Level T

Twelve-year-old Kyle gets to stay overnight in the new town library, designed by his hero, the famous game maker Luigi Lemoncello, with other students, but finds that come morning he must work with friends to solve puzzles in order to escape.

Flipped By Wendelin Van Draanen  Level U

In alternating chapters, two tweens describe how their feelings about themselves, each other, and their families have changed over the years.

The Fourth Stall By Chris Rylander  Level U

Sixth-graders Mac and Vince operate a business charging schoolmates for protection from bullies and for help to negotiate conflicts peacefully, with amazing challenges and results.

Freak the Mighty By Rodman Philbrick  Level W

A brilliant, emotionally-charged novel about a friendship so powerful, it shatters the walls a boy has built around himself since the murder of his mother.

From the Mixed Up….Frankweiler By E.L. Koinburg  Level S

Claudia and her brother Jamie run away from home and take up residence in the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

George By Alex Gino  Level U

Knowing herself to be a girl despite her outwardly male appearance, George is denied a female role in the class play before teaming up with a friend to reveal her true self.

Ghost By Jason Reynolds  Level Y

First in the quartet. 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.
Ghosts By Raina Telgemeier
J Comic Telgemeier
Catrina is already unhappy that she and her family have to move to Northern California for the sake of her little sister, Maya, who is sick with cystic fibrosis. But Cat becomes even more upset when she learns that the town is inhabited by ghosts.

The Giver Lois Lowry
Given his lifetime assignment at the Ceremony of Twelve, Jonas becomes the receiver of memories shared by only one other in his community and discovers the terrible truth about the society in which he lives.

The Golden Compass (series) By Philip Pullman
Accompanied by her daemon, Lyra Belacqua sets out to prevent her best friend and other kidnapped children from becoming the subjects of gruesome experiments in the Far North.

Half Magic By Edward Eager
Four siblings find a magic coin that grants wishes: at least half of the way.

Harry Potter (Series) By J.K. Rowling
Rescued from the outrageous neglect of his aunt and uncle, a young boy with a great destiny proves his worth while attending Hogwarts School for Wizards and Witches.

Hatchet By Gary Paulsen
After a plane crash, thirteen-year-old Brian spends fifty-four days in the wilderness, learning to survive initially with only the aid of a hatchet, given to him by his mother, while also learning also to survive his parents' divorce.

H.I.V.E: Higher Institute for Villainous Education By Mark Walden
Swept away to a hidden academy for training budding evil geniuses, Otto, a brilliant orphan, Wing, a sensitive warrior, Laura, a shy computer specialist, and Shelby, an infamous jewel thief, plot to beat the odds and escape the prison known as H.I.V.E.
The Hobbit  By J.R.R Tolkien  Level Z

The delightful tale which first creates the fantasy called Middle Earth and its charming dwarf-like creatures, the Hobbits.

Holes  By Louis Sachar  Level V

After being sent to a hellish correctional camp in the Texas desert as a result of the family curse, young Stanley Yelnats finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself.

Hoot  By Carl Hiassen  Level W

Roy, who is new to his small Florida community, becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site.

Inkheart (series)  By Cornelia Funke  Level W

Twelve-year-old Meggie learns that her father, who repairs and binds books for a living, can "read" fictional characters to life when one of those characters abducts them and tries to force him into service.

Inside Out and Back Again  By Thanhha Lai  Level U

Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, and her brothers leave Vietnam and resettle in Alabama.

Warriors: Into the Wild (series)  By Erin Hunter  Level S

When Rusty, an ordinary housecat, becomes ThunderClan's new apprentice, he realizes that his past life has not prepared him for the hardships he now faces and so must work extra hard to prove he can be a true warrior.

The Invention of Hugo Cabret  By Brian Selznick  Level W

Hugo, an orphaned clock keeper living in a Paris train station, finds his secret life jeopardized when he meets an old toyseller and his goddaughter.
**The Lightning Thief (series)** By Rick Riordan

Twelve-year-old Percy Jackson learns he is a demigod, the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea. His mother sends him to a summer camp for demigods where he and his new friends set out on a quest to prevent a war between the gods.

**Lost in the Sun** By Lisa Graff

As Trent Zimmerman struggles to move past a traumatic event that took place several months earlier, he befriends class outcast Fallon Little, who helps him understand that he can move on.

**Mayday** By Karen Harrington

Twelve-year-old Wayne Kovok loses his uncle to war and his voice to a plane crash in the same year and must learn to speak up as he navigates relationships with his father, grandfather, and new friend, Denny Rosenblatt.

**Mirror, Mirror** By Marilyn Singer

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

**The Music of Dolphins** By Karen Hesse

Raised by a marine family of dolphins, a feral girl, reintroduced into human society, tells this thought-provoking tale.

**The Mysterious Benedict Society** By Trenton Stewart

After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules.

**Notes from a Liar and Her Dog** By Gennifer Choldenko

Eleven-year-old Ant, stuck in a family that she does not like, copes by pretending that her "real" parents are coming to rescue her, by loving her dog Pistachio, by volunteering at the zoo, and by bending the truth and telling lies.

**Out of My Mind** By Sharon Draper

Considered by many to be mentally retarded, a brilliant, impatient fifth-grader with cerebral palsy discovers a technological device that will allow her to speak for the first time.

**The Parker Inheritance** By Varian Johnson

Candice Miller is spending the summer in the old house that belonged to her grandmother, and finds herself caught up in a mystery to win an inheritance, clear her family name, and expose an injustice once committed against an African-American family.
Phineas Gage...Brain Science  
By John Fleischman  
Level X

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Phineas Gage had a thirteen-pound iron rod shoot through his brain and lived to tell about it.

Redwall (series)  
By Brian Jacques  
Level Z

When the peaceful life of ancient Redwall Abbey is shattered by the arrival of the evil rat Cluny and his villainous hordes, Matthias, a young mouse, determines to find the legendary sword of Martin the Warrior which, he is convinced, will help Redwall's inhabitants destroy the enemy.

Refugee  
By Alan Gratz  
Level Y

Although separated by continents and decades, Josef, a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany; Isabel, a Cuban girl trying to escape the riots and unrest plaguing her country in 1994; and Mahmoud, a Syrian boy in 2015 whose homeland is torn apart by violence and destruction, embark on harrowing journeys in search of refuge, discovering shocking connections that tie their stories together.

Regarding the Fountain...Leaks (series)  
By Kate Klise  
Level U

When the principal asks a fifth-grader to write a letter regarding the purchase of a new drinking fountain for their school, he finds that all sorts of chaos results.

Rules  
By Cynthia Lord  
Level R

Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, twelve-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence but her world is further complicated by a friendship with a young paraplegic.

Running Out of Time  
By Margart Haddix  
Level W

When a diphtheria epidemic hits her 1840 village, thirteen-year-old Jessie discovers it is actually a 1995 tourist site under unseen observation by heartless scientists, and it's up to Jessie to escape the village and save the lives of the dying children.

The Secret Garden  
By Frances Burnett  
Level U

Ten-year-old Mary comes to live in a lonely house on the Yorkshire moors and discovers an invalid cousin and the mysteries of a locked garden.

The Secret of Platform 13  
By Eva Ibbotson  
Level U

Odge Gribble, a young hag, accompanies an old wizard, a gentle fey, and a giant ogre on their mission through a magical tunnel from their Island to London to rescue their King and Queen's son, who had been stolen as an infant.
See You at Harry's  By Johanna Knowles  Level Y

Twelve-year-old Fern feels invisible in her family, with grumpy eighteen-year-old Sarah, struggling fourteen-year-old Holden, and adorable Charlie, and when tragedy strikes, the fragile bond holding the family together is stretched to the breaking point.

The Sisters Grimm (series)  By Michael Buckley  Level U

Orphans Sabrina and Daphne Grimm are sent to live with an eccentric grandmother that they have always believed to be dead.

The Stars Beneath Our Feet  By David Barclay Moore  Level R

Unable to celebrate the holidays in the wake of his older brother’s death in a gang-related shooting, Lolly Rachpaul struggles to avoid being forced into a gang himself while constructing a fantastically creative LEGO city at the Harlem community center.

Strange Case of Origami Yoda (series)  By Tom Angleberger  Level T

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.

Surviving the Applewhites  By Stephanie Tolan  Level T

Jake, a budding juvenile delinquent, is sent for home schooling to the arty and eccentric Applewhite family’s Creative Academy, where he discovers talents and interests he never knew he had.

Swindle  By Gordon Korman  Level S

After unscrupulous collector S. Wendell Palamino cons him out of a valuable baseball card, sixth-grader Griffin Bing puts together a band of misfits to break into Palomino’s heavily guarded store and steal the card back.

Tapper Twins (series)  By Geoff Rodkey  Level T

An oral history that reports, through transcribed recordings, text messages, photographs, illustrations, and screenshots, an epic prank war between twelve-year-old twins Reese and Claudia Tapper of New York City.
The Tail of Emily Windsnap (series) By Liz Kessler Level S
After finally convincing her mother that she should take swimming lessons, twelve-year-old Emily discovers a terrible and wonderful secret about herself that opens up a whole new world.

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

The Thing about Jellyfish By Ali Benjamin Level Y
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.

Thornhill By Pam Smy Level S
Parallel plotlines set in different times, one told in text and one in art, inform each other as a young girl unravels the mystery of a ghost next door.

Thirty-Nine Clues: Maze of Bones (series) By Rick Riordan Level T
At the reading of their grandmother's will, Dan and Amy Cahill are given the choice of receiving a million dollars or uncovering the 39 clues hidden around the world that will lead to the source of the family's power.

Travel Team By Mike Lupica Level X
After he is cut from his travel basketball team--the very same team that his father once led to national prominence--twelve-year-old Danny Walker forms his own team of cast-offs that might have a shot at victory.

The Truth about Twinkie Pie By Kat Yeh Level R
12 year old GiGi and her big sister DiDi move to Long Island from South Carolina for GiGi to attend a fancy new private school. GiGi has a new recipe for success and makes new friends, but then discovers a family secret that turns her life around.
**Tuck Everlasting**  By Natalie Babbitt  
*Level* W

The Tuck family is confronted with an agonizing situation when they discover that a ten-year-old girl and a malicious stranger now share their secret about a spring whose water prevents one from ever growing any older.

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**Under the Egg**  By Laura Fitzgerald  
*Level* Y

Her grandfather's dying words lead thirteen-year-old Theodora Tenpenny to a valuable, hidden painting she fears may be stolen, but it is her search for answers in her Greenwich Village neighborhood that brings a real treasure.

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**Voice That Challenged a Nation**  By Russell Freedom  
*Level* Y

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An account of the great African American vocalist considers her life and musical career in the context of the history of civil rights in this country.

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**The War That Saved My Life**  By Kimberly Bradley  
*Level* X

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.

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**The Watson's go to Birmingham-1963**  By Christopher Curtis  
*Level* U

The ordinary interactions and everyday routines of the Watsons, an African American family living in Flint, Michigan, are drastically changed after they go to visit Grandma in Alabama in the summer of 1963.

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**The Westing Game**  By Ellen Raskin  
*Level* V

The mysterious death of an eccentric millionaire brings together an unlikely assortment of heirs who must uncover the circumstances of his death before they can claim their inheritance.

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**When Friendship Followed Me Home**  By Paul Griffin  
*Level* Y

When former foster kid Ben rescues an abandoned mutt from the alley next to the Coney Island Library, he is led into a life-altering friendship with fellow book-lover Halley.
When You Reach Me By Rebecca Stead Level W
As her mother prepares to be a contestant on a television game show, a twelve-year-old New York City girl tries to make sense of a series of mysterious notes received from an anonymous source that seem to defy the laws of time and space.

Wings of Fire: Dragonet Prophecy (series) By Tui Sutherland Level X
Determined to end a long war among the seven dragon tribes, the Talons of Peace draws on a prophecy calling for a great sacrifice, compelling five dragonets to fulfill a painful destiny against their will.

The Witches By Roald Dahl Level R
In spite of everything his grandmother has taught him about witches, a young boy gets turned into a mouse but does manage to interrupt the discovered witches’ plans.

Wolf's Hollow By Lauren Wolk Level T
Growing up in the shadow of two world wars, Annabelle lives a quiet life in her small Pennsylvania town--until a new student begins a bullying campaign against reclusive World War I veteran Toby, forcing Annabelle to stand up for justice.

Wonder By R.J Palacio Level V
Ten-year-old Auggie, born with extreme facial abnormalities, must struggle with the taunting and fear of classmates as he enters a private school in Manhattan in an attempt to live a normal life.

A Wrinkle in Time (series) By Madeline L'Engle Level W
Meg Murry and her friends become involved with unearthly strangers and a search for Meg's father, who has disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government.

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