

The Story That Cannot Be Told

J. Kasper Kramer · *J Kra*

In Communist Romania, no one is ever safe from the secret police. Ileana's parents send her to live in a remote mountain village—but danger follows. To save her family and the village, Ileana will have to become like "Cunning Ileana," the fairytale princess for whom she is named.

Shiloh

Phyllis Reynolds Naylor · *J Nay Shiloh #1*

When Marty Preston finds a young beagle in the hills behind his West Virginia home, it's love at first sight. He knows the dog isn't really his, and his family absolutely can't afford a pet. How far will Marty go to save Shiloh when the dog's rightful owner is abusive and frightening?

Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves, Deputy U.S. Marshal

Vaunda Micheaux Nelson · *J 363.28 Nel*

The first African American Deputy U.S. Marshal west of the Mississippi, Bass Reeves, was the most feared and respected lawman in the Indian Territories for three decades. This is the story of a true hero of the Old West.



Flying Lessons & Other Stories

Ellen Oh · *J Oh*

This short story collection features 10 stellar stories highlighting the importance of perspective, perseverance, wonder, courage, and creativity.

As Brave as You

Jason Reynolds · *J Rey*

Eleven-year-old Genie has "worry issues." While his parents figure out their frayed marriage, Genie and his big brother have to spend the summer in rural Virginia with their grandparents. There, Genie finds plenty to worry about: no Internet, no TV—and Grandpop is blind!

Good Masters! Sweet Ladies!: Voices From a Medieval Village

Laura Amy Schlitz · *J 812.6 Sch*

This unique book features first-person character sketches of young people living in and around an English manor in the year 1255. Perfect for readers who dream of distant lands and long-ago times, this story provides an entertaining glimpse into real medieval life.

Frank Einstein and the Antimatter Motor

Jon Scieszka · *J Sci Frank #1*

Kid-genius and inventor Frank Einstein creates household contraptions that are part science and part imagination. Crazy experiments, funny jokes, and silly shenanigans ensue when robots Klink and Klank come to life.



Cardboard Kingdom

Chad Sell · *Youth - Graphic Novel Car*

Welcome to the neighborhood where kids use imagination to transform ordinary cardboard boxes into colorful costumes and sets for their epic adventures. In the Cardboard Kingdom, you can be anything you want to be!

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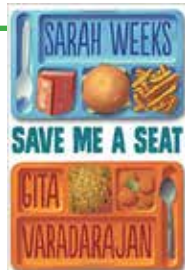
Holly Goldberg Sloan · *J Slo*

Julia is very short for her age. She hasn't ever thought of herself as a performer, but when the "wonderful director of Oz" casts her as a Munchkin, she begins to see herself in a new way. Soon, Julia doesn't want to fade into the background, she wants to shine!

The Menagerie

Tui T. Sutherland · *J Sut Menager #1*

Hidden in the small town of Xanadu, Wyoming is the Menagerie, a facility filled with unicorns, dragons, phoenixes, and other fairy tale creatures. For centuries, Zoe Kahn's family has been responsible for keeping the Menagerie secret. But one day six griffin cubs escape!



Save Me a Seat

Sarah Weeks & Gita Varadarajan
J Wee

Joe is a small town kid who is a frequent target for bullies. Ravi's family just moved to America from India. The two boys don't have anything in common, but soon they have a common enemy: the biggest bully in their class.

Hilo: The Boy Who Crashed to Earth #1

Judd Winick · *Youth - Graphic Novel Hil v. 1*

Gina and D.J. are totally ordinary kids, but Hilo just fell out of the sky and doesn't know where he came from or what he's doing on Earth. Can the trio unlock the secrets of Hilo's past? Can Hilo survive a day at SCHOOL? A laugh-out-loud, epic story of friendship and adventure!

FOURTH GRADE

SUGGESTED READING

- Look for these books in the following sections:
 - Juvenile Fiction
 - Juvenile Nonfiction
 - Youth Graphic Novels
- Other titles by these authors are also great options

Contact our Youth Services staff with any questions:

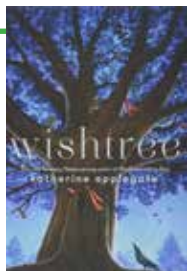
(712) 255-2933 ext. 2231



Bugged: How Insects Changed History

Sarah Albee • *J 595.7 Alb*

There are about ten quintillion insects in the world, and some of them have affected human history in tremendous ways. When you look at world history through fly-specked glasses, you begin to see the mark of these minute life forms at every turn.



Wishtree

Katherine Applegate • *J App*

Red is a “wishtree”—people write their wishes on pieces of cloth and tie them to Red’s branches. When a new family moves in, Red’s experience as a wishtree is more important than ever.

El Deafo

Cece Bell • *Youth - Graphic Novel El*

Going to school and making friends can be tough. But, doing it while wearing a hearing aid strapped to your chest—that requires superpowers! This book chronicles Cece Bell’s hearing loss at age 4 and her experiences with the “Phonic Ear,” a powerful (and awkward!) hearing aid.

The World According to Humphry

Betty G. Birney • *J Bir Humphrey #1*

In addition to having FUN-FUN-FUN in class, each weekend Humphrey hamster gets to sleep over with a different student. With lots of friends to help and adventures to enjoy, Humphrey’s life in room 26 is almost perfect.

The Bad Guys: #1 The Bad Guys

Aaron Blabey • *J Bla Bad Guys #1*

Mr. Wolf, Mr. Piranha, Mr. Snake, and Mr. Shark want to change their bad guy reputations with their first good mission: breaking 200 dogs out of the Maximum Security City Dog Pound. Will the Bad Guys become the Good Guys?

The Wild Robot

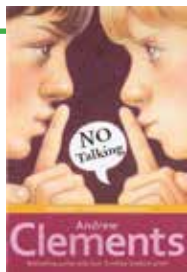
Peter Brown • *J Bro Wild #1*

Robot Roz discovers she is on a wild, remote island. Initially viewed with suspicion by the island’s animals, she soon fits in by parenting an orphaned gosling and providing shelter for the animals. But is there really a place for her in this ecosystem?

The Mouse and the Motorcycle

Beverly Cleary • *J Cle Mouse #1*

Ralph S. Mouse has always wanted to ride a motorcycle. He can’t believe his luck when a boy and his shiny toy motorcycle check in to the Mountain View Inn!



No Talking

Andrew Clements • *J Cle*

It’s boys versus girls when the noisiest, most talkative, and most competitive fifth graders in history challenge one another to see who can go longer without talking. Suddenly the class that teachers call “the Unhushables” has become silent! But will it last?

The BFG

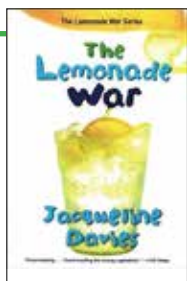
Roald Dahl • *J Dah*

A giant carries Sophie away from her orphanage in the middle of the night! Lucky for her, the BFG is nice and jumbly—not like those other bone-crunching giants. When the bad giants go to England to swollomp a few nice little chiddlers, Sophie and the BFG must stop them!

School of Fear

Gitty Daneshvari • *J Dan School #1*

The School of Fear is chaotic and secretive with strange doors and rooms, including a “Fearnasium.” If the kids don’t conquer their fears by the end of the summer, they’ll find out just how frightening failing can be!



The Lemonade War

Jacqueline Davies • *J Dav Lemonade #1*

Fourth-grader Evan Treski is “people-smart.” His younger sister, Jessie, is “math-smart.” Their summertime bickering takes a turn when they start up competing lemonade stands. Will their fight ever end?

Escape From Mr. Lemoncello’s Library

Chris Grabenstein • *J Gra Mr.Lemon #1*

Luigi Lemoncello, the world’s most famous game maker, designed the town’s new Library. Kyle is one of the lucky few invited to a lock-in on opening night. However, in the morning everyone must work together to solve the secret puzzles and escape the Library!

Mighty Jack, #1

Ben Hatke • *Youth - Graphic Novel Mig v.1*

One day at the flea market, Jack’s sister Maddy convinces him to trade their mom’s car for a box of mysterious seeds. Suddenly, their backyard is a magical jungle with onion babies running amok, pink pumpkins that bite, and on one moonlit night that changes everything—a dragon!



Lifeboat 12

Susan Hood • *J Hood*

Ken is one of ninety kids who escape the bombing of London during WWII by leaving on the ship SS City of Benares for Canada. They think they are finally safe, until a German submarine torpedoes the ship! Terrified, Ken scrambles aboard Lifeboat 12 with five other boys. Based on true events and real people.

Top Secret: A Handbook of Codes, Ciphers and Secret Writing

Paul B. Janeczko • *J 652 Jan*

This practical and entertaining field guide contains everything you need to know about the art of clandestine communication—making and breaking codes, mastering cipher systems, and experimenting with secret writing.

The Parker Inheritance

Varian Johnson • *J Joh*

Abigail Caldwell was the town’s first African American City Manager until she was forced to resign because of her secret search for buried treasure. A decade later, Abigail’s granddaughter Candice finds a mysterious letter addressed to her grandmother and begins following the same strange clues. Will Candice find the Parker inheritance?

The Green Glass Sea

Ellen Klages • *J Kla*

In 1943, eleven-year-old “misfit” Dewey Kerrigan leaves Chicago for New Mexico to live with her father in Los Alamos, a town that officially doesn’t exist. The town is abuzz with activity as scientists, physicists, and mathematicians work on the biggest secret of all—“the gadget.”