

Guy Reads



The following books are located in the Youth Services Department. Fiction titles are shelved alphabetically by the author's last name. Non-fiction books can be found by their Dewey Decimal Number.

Picture Books

<u>Author:</u>	<u>Title:</u>
Crew	Freight Train Brief text and illustrations trace the journey of a colorful train as it goes through tunnels, by cities, and over trestles.
Giff	Ronald Morgan Goes to Camp Ronald Morgan is afraid he won't get a medal at camp because he's not especially good at swimming or running or singing, but on Medal Day he discovers what he is really good at.
McMullen	I Stink A big city garbage truck makes its rounds, consuming everything from apple cores and banana peels to leftover ziti with zucchini.
McPhail	Edward and the Pirates Once Edward has learned to read, books and his vivid imagination provide him with great adventures.
Soto	Big Bushy Mustache In order to look more like his father, Ricky borrows a mustache from a school costume, but when he loses it on the way home his father comes up with a replacement.
Stevenson	Worse than the Worst When he comes for a brief visit, Warren proves to be just as difficult to get along with as his great-uncle Worst.

Juvenile Fiction

<u>Author:</u>	<u>Title:</u>
Alexander	Book of Three Taran, assistant pig-keeper to a famous oracular sow, sets out on a hazardous mission to save Prydain from the forces of evil
Avi	S.O.R. Losers Each member of the South Orange River seventh-grade soccer team has qualities of excellence, but not on the soccer field.
Avi	Who Was That Masked Man Anyway? In the early forties when nearly everyone else is thinking about World War II, sixth-grader Frankie Wattleson gets in trouble at home and at school because of his preoccupation with his favorite radio programs.
Barron	Lost Years of Merlin A young boy who has no identity nor memory of his past washes ashore on the coast of Wales and finds his true name after a series of fantastic adventures.
Bellairs	Chessman of Doom Johnny Dixon, Fergie and Professor Childermass comply with a strange will left by the Professor's brother, which requires them to spend the summer at a desolate estate where they encounter a madman bent on destroying the world.
Blackwood	Shakespeare Stealer A young orphan boy is ordered by his master to infiltrate Shakespeare's acting troupe in order to steal the script of "Hamlet," but he discovers instead the meaning of friendship and loyalty.
Blume	Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing Peter finds his demanding two-year-old brother an ever increasing problem.
Brown	Flat Stanley (series) After a bulletin board falls on Stanley while he's sleeping, he finds that being flat has its advantages.

- Christopher** **Dirt Bike Runaway**
A shy, unhappy sixteen-year-old with a talent for working with motorcycles runs away from his foster home and gets involved with a variety of people, both bad and good.
- Cleary** **Mouse and the Motorcycle**
A reckless young mouse named Ralph makes friends with a boy in room 215 of the Mountain View Inn and discovers the joys of motorcycling.
- Clements** **Week in the Woods**
The fifth grade's annual camping trip in the woods tests Mark's survival skills and his ability to relate to a teacher who seems out to get him.
- Colfer** **Artemis Fowl (and sequels)**
When a twelve-year-old evil genius tries to restore his family fortune by capturing a fairy and demanding a ransom in gold, the fairies fight back with magic, technology, and a particularly nasty troll.
- Collins** **Gregor the Overlander**
When eleven-year-old Gregor and his two-year-old sister are pulled into a strange underground world, they trigger an epic battle involving men, bats, rats, cockroaches, and spiders while on a quest foretold by ancient prophecy.
- Conford** **Diary of a Monster's Son**
Bradley Fentriss keeps an account of life with his loving, if somewhat unusual father.
- Conrad** **Pedro's Journal: a Voyage with Christopher Columbus, August 3, 1492**
Written as a diary by the ship's boy, this story presents a personal view of Columbus's first trip across the Atlantic and of his discovery of America.
- Coville** **Monsters of Morley Manor**
Anthony and his younger sister discover that the monster figures he got in an unusual box at an estate sale are alive, but they have no way of knowing that the "monsters" will lead them on fantastical adventures to other worlds in an effort to try to save Earth.

- Creech** **Love that Dog**
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.
- Curtis** **Bud, Not Buddy**
Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the *Great Depression*, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father--the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids.
- De Guzman** **Melonhead**
Tired of living with his uncaring, divorced parents, Sidney, a twelve-year-old boy with an unusually large head, takes a bus trip across the United States which becomes a journey of self-discovery.
- DiTerlizzi** **Spiderwick Chronicles (series)**
When the *Grace* children go to stay at their Great Aunt Lucinda's worn Victorian house, they discover a field guide to fairies and other creatures and begin to have some unusual experiences.
- DuPrau** **City of Ember**
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.
- Farmer** **House of the Scorpion**
In a future where humans despise clones, Matt enjoys special status as the young clone of El Patron, the 142-year-old leader of a corrupt drug empire nestled between Mexico and the United States.
- Forbes** **Johnny Tremain**
After injuring his hand, a silversmith's apprentice in Boston becomes a messenger for the Sons of Liberty in the days before the American Revolution.
- Funke** **Thief Lord**
Two brothers, having run away from the aunt who plans to adopt the younger one, are sought by a detective hired by their aunt, but they have found shelter with--and protection from--Venice's "Thief Lord."

- Gannett** **My Father's Dragon**
A young boy determines to rescue a poor baby dragon who is being used by a group of lazy wild animals to ferry them across the river on Wild Island.
- Gantos** **Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key (and sequels)**
To the constant disappointment of his mother and his teachers, Joey has trouble paying attention or controlling his mood swings when his prescription meds wear off and he starts getting worked up and acting wired.
- George** **My Side of the Mountain**
A young boy relates his adventures during the year he spends living alone in the Catskill Mountains including his struggle for survival, his dependence on nature, his animal friends, and his ultimate realization that he needs human
- Gilson** **13 Ways to Sink a Sub**
The boys and girls in the fourth grade devise a contest to "sink their substitute teacher by making her cry.
- Haddix** **Among the Hidden (and sequels)**
In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, Luke has lived all his twelve years in isolation and fear on his family's farm, until another "third" convinces him that the government is wrong.
- Hamilton** **House of Dies Drear**
A family of five moves into an enormous house once used as a hiding place for runaway slaves. Mysterious sounds and events and discoveries of secret passageways make the family believe they are in grave danger.
- Hershenhorn** **Confe\$\$ion\$ and \$ecret\$ of Howard J. Fingerhut**
Fourth grade entrepreneur Howard J. Fingerhut competes with his classmates to win the H. Marion Muckley Junior Businessperson of the Year Contest and writes a book about the experience.
- Hesse** **Stowaway**
A fictionalized journal relates the experiences of a young stowaway from 1768 to 1771 aboard the Endeavor which sailed around the world under Captain James Cook.

- Hiassen** **Hoot**
 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.
- Howe** **Bunnica: a Rabbit Tale of Mystery**
 Though scoffed at by Harold the dog, Chester the cat tries to warn his human family that their foundling baby bunny must be a vampire.
- Jarvis** **Dark Portal**
 While on a rescue mission, a few daring mice journey below to the sewers to an evil world populated by rats who peel mice before eating them and worship the Dark Lord.
- Joose** **Lewis and Papa: Adventure on the Santa Fe Trail**
 While accompanying his father on the wagon train along the Santa Fe Trail, Lewis discovers what it is to be a man.
- Korman** **Toilet paper Tigers**
 When his Little League team gets a coach who knows nothing about baseball, seventh grader Corey is dismayed to see the team taken over by the coach's pushy twelve-year-old granddaughter.
- Lawrence** **Dolphins of Laurentum**
 A ragged stranger and the prospect of losing her family's fortune lead Flavia Gemina and her friends, Jonathan, Lupus, and Nubia to a seaside villa where possible danger and treasure are close at hand.
- Lawrence** **Toilet of Doom**
 While playing a computer game, Jiggy McCue and his friend Angie find their identities switched, causing great confusion for everyone.
- Lowry** **Giver**
 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.
- Manes** **Be a Perfect Person in Just Three Days**
 Milo, tired of problems with his sister, parents, and classmates, finds a book in the library which promises to make him perfect in just three days.

- McNamee** **Nothing Wrong with a Three-Legged Dog**
 With the help of his good friend and her three-legged dog, Leftovers, ten-year-old Keath learns how to handle the class bully and deal with being the only white boy in his class.
- Morey** **Gentle Ben**
 Traces the friendship between a boy and a bear in the rugged Alaskan Territory.
- Moss** **Galen: My Life in Imperial Rome**
 Twelve-year-old Galen describes his life as a slave in Rome under the Emperor Augustus. Features hand-printed text, drawings, and marginal notes.
- Moss** **Max's Logbook**
 Max's log book of observations, drawings, experiments, and inventions reveals the rich world of his imagination and his feelings about his parents' divorce.
- Naylor** **Shiloh**
 When he finds a lost beagle in the hills behind his West Virginia home, Marty tries to hide it from his family and the dog's real owner, a mean-spirited man known to shoot deer out of season and to mistreat his dogs.
- Nimmo** **Midnight for Charlie Bone**
 Charlie Bone's life with his widowed mother and two grandmothers undergoes a dramatic change when he discovers that he can hear people in photographs talking.
- Olsson** **In Ned's Head**
 Eleven-year-old Ned, who prefers the name Treb, uses his diary to record his wild thoughts about romance, school, and the rest of his eventful life.
- Oppel** **Silverwing (and Sunwing and Firewing)**
 When a newborn bat named Shade but sometimes called "Runt" becomes separated from his colony during migration, he grows in ways that prepare him for even greater journeys.
- Paulsen** **Harris and Me: A Summer Remembered**
 Sent to live with relatives on their farm because of his unhappy home life, an eleven-year-old city boy meets his distant cousin Harris and is given an introduction to a whole new world.

- Peck** **Long Way from Chicago**
A boy recounts his annual summer trips to rural Illinois with his sister during the Great Depression to visit their larger-than-life grandmother.
- Pilkey** **Adventures of Captain Underpants (and sequels)**
When George and Harold hypnotize their principal into thinking that he is the superhero Captain Underpants, he leads them to the lair of the nefarious Dr. Diaper, where they must defeat his evil robot henchmen.
- Pinkwater** **Lizard Music**
When left to take care of himself, a young boy becomes involved with a community of intelligent lizards who tell him of a little known invasion from outer space.
- Platt** **Pirate Diary: the Journal of Jake Carpenter**
The fictional diary of a ten-year-old boy who, in 1716 sets off from North Carolina to become a sailor, but ends up a pirate instead.
- Pullman** **I Was a Rat**
A little boy turns life in London upside down when he appears at the house of a lonely old couple and insists he was a rat.
- Raskin** **Westing Game**
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.
- Rawls** **Where the Red Fern Grows**
The story of a young boy's love for two hunting dogs and his coming of age in Oklahoma in the 1930's.
- Rockwell** **How to Eat Fried Worms**
Two boys set out to prove that worms can make a delicious meal.
- Sachar** **Holes**
As further evidence of his family's bad fortune which they attribute to a curse on a distant relative, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a hellish correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself.

- Sachar** **There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom**
An unmanageable, but lovable, eleven-year-old misfit learns to believe in himself when he gets to know the new school counselor, who is a sort of misfit too.
- Salisbury** **Shark Bait**
Twelve-year-old Mokes is torn between obeying his father, the police chief in the small town of Kailua, Hawaii, and being with his friends who plan to go see a fight between an island boy and a sailor.
- Scieszka** **Time Warp Trio (series)**
Joe receives a magic book for his birthday present from his uncle that transports he and his friends, Fred and Sam back in time
- Seidler** **Brainboy and the Death Master**
When Darryl, a twelve-year-old orphan, is adopted by a technology genius, he finds himself the star of his very own life-threatening video game.
- Snicket** **Series of Unfortunate Events (series)**
After the sudden death of their parents, the three Baudelaire children must depend on each other and their wits when it turns out that the distant relative who is appointed their guardian is determined to use any means necessary to get their fortune.
- Snyder** **Egypt Game**
A group of children, entranced with the study of Egypt, play their own Egypt game, are visited by a secret oracle, become involved in a murder, and befriend the Professor before they move on to new interests, such as Gypsies.
- Spear** **Sign of the Beaver**
Left alone to guard the family's wilderness home in eighteenth-century Maine, a boy is hard-pressed to survive until local Indians teach him their skills.
- Spinelli** **Maniac McGee**
After his parents die, Jeffrey Lionel Magee's life becomes legendary, as he accomplishes athletic and other feats which awe his contemporaries.

- Stauffacher** **Donuthead**
Franklin Delano Donuthead, a fifth-grader obsessed with hygiene and safety, finds an unlikely friend and protector in Sarah Kervick, the tough new student who lives in a dirty trailer, bonds with his mother, and is as "irregular" as he is.
- Van Allsburg** **Jumanji**
Left on their own for an afternoon, two bored and restless children find more excitement than they bargained for in a mysterious and mystical jungle adventure board game.
- Whitmore** **Trapped Between the Lash and the Gun: A Boy's Journey**
Twelve-year-old Jordan is becoming dangerously involved with a street gang when he is suddenly transported through time to become a slave on the plantation of his ancestors.
- Whybrow** **Little Wolf's Book of Badness**
Little Wolf has been behaving too courteously, so his parents send him to his uncle's Big Bad Wolf school to learn to be a proper wolf.

Teen Fiction

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| Almond | Kit's Wilderness
Thirteen-year-old Kit goes to live with his grandfather in the decaying coal mining town of Stoneygate, England, and finds both the old man and the town haunted by ghosts of the past. |
| Anderson | Feed
In a future where most people have computer implants in their heads to control their environment, a boy meets an unusual girl who is in serious trouble. |
| Bennett | Coverup
Even though his friend Alden insists that nothing happened the night before, when Brad awakens with a staggering hangover, he can't shake the feeling that something has gone terribly wrong. And when a young woman comes to town, seeking her missing father, Brad is forced to choose between protecting a friend and facing the truth. |

- Bloor** **Tangerine**
 Twelve-year-old Paul, who lives in the shadow of his football hero brother Erik, fights for the right to play soccer despite his near blindness and slowly begins to remember the incident that damaged his eyesight.
- Brooks** **Martyn Pig**
 Faced with the possibility of living with a dreadful aunt, fifteen-year-old Martyn Pig decides not to tell authorities when his alcoholic father dies accidentally, instead asking a friend for her help in disposing of the body.
- Brooks** **Moves Make the Man**
 A Black boy and an emotionally troubled white boy in North Carolina form a precarious friendship.
- Bunting** **Someone is Hiding on Alcatraz Island**
 When he offends the toughest gang in his San Francisco school, Danny tries to elude them by going to Alcatraz only to find himself and a Park Service employee trapped by the gang in an old prison cell block.
- Choldenko** **Al Capone Does My Shirts**
 A twelve-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards' families were housed there, and has to contend with his extraordinary new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister.
- Cooper** **Dark is Rising (and sequels)**
 On his eleventh birthday Will Stanton discovers that he is the last of the Old Ones, destined to seek the six magical Signs that will enable the Old Ones to triumph over the evil forces of the Dark.
- Cormier** **Chocolate War**
 A high school freshman discovers the devastating consequences of refusing to join in the school's annual fund raising drive and arousing the wrath of the school bullies.
- Crutcher** **Stotan!**
 A high school coach invites members of his swimming team to a memorable week of rigorous training that tests their moral fiber as well as their physical stamina.

- Duncan** **Killing Mr. Griffin**
A teenager casually suggests playing a cruel trick on the English teacher, but did he intend it to end with murder?
- Foon** **Dirt Eaters**
16-year-old Roan is forced to discover a terrible truth in a war-torn world.
- Going** **Fat Kid Rules the World**
Seventeen-year-old Troy, depressed, suicidal, and weighing nearly 300 pounds, gets a new perspective on life when a homeless teenager who is a genius on guitar wants Troy to be the drummer in his rock band.
- Griffith** **Journal of a Teenage Genius**
In a series of journal entries, a young scientist describes his less-than-successful experiments and trips into the past using his neighbor's time machine.
- Hausman** **Tom Cringle: Battle on the High Seas**
During the War of 1812, a thirteen-year-old officer in the British navy records in his logbook his capture by pirates off the coast of Jamaica.
- Hautman** **Godless**
When sixteen-year-old Jason Bock and his friends create their own religion to worship the town's water tower, what started out as a joke begins to take on a power of its own.
- Hinton** **Outsiders**
The struggle of three brothers to stay together after their parent's death and their quest for identity among the conflicting values of their adolescent society.
- Klass** **You Don't Know Me**
Fourteen-year-old John creates alternative realities in his mind as he tries to deal with his mother's abusive boyfriend, his crush on a beautiful, but shallow classmate and other problems at school.
- Korman** **Son of the Mob**
Seventeen-year-old Vince's life is constantly complicated by the fact that he is the son of a powerful Mafia boss, a relationship that threatens to destroy his romance with the daughter of an FBI agent.

- Lynch** **Extreme Elvin**
As he enters high school, fourteen-year-old Elvin continues to deal with his weight problem as he tries to find his place among his peers.
- Marsden** **Tomorrow, When the War Began**
Seven Australian teenagers return from a camping trip in the bush to discover that their country has been invaded and they must hide to stay alive.
- McNamee** **Acceleration**
Stuck working in the Lost and Found of the Toronto Transit Authority for the summer, seventeen-year-old Duncan finds the diary of a serial killer and sets out to stop him.
- Mikaelsen** **Touching Spirit Bear**
After his anger erupts into violence, Cole, in order to avoid going to prison, agrees to participate in a sentencing alternative based on the native American Circle Justice, and he is sent to a remote Alaskan Island where an encounter with a huge Spirit Bear changes his life.
- Myers** **Handbook for Boys**
Sixteen-year-old Jimmy, on probation for assault, talks about life with three old men in a Harlem barbershop and hears about the tools he can use to get what he wants.
- Myers** **Monster**
While on trial as an accomplice to a murder, sixteen-year-old Steve Harmon records his experiences in prison and in the courtroom in the form of a film script as he tries to come to terms with the course his life has taken.
- Myers** **Scorpions**
After reluctantly taking on the leadership of the Harlem gang, the Scorpions, Jamal finds that his enemies treat him with respect when he acquires a gun--until a tragedy occurs.
- Nix** **Shade's Children**
In a savage postnuclear world, four young fugitives attempt to overthrow the bloodthirsty rule of the Overlords with the help of Shade, their mysterious mentor.

- Paolini** **Eragon**
In Alagaesia, a fifteen-year-old boy of unknown lineage called Eragon finds a mysterious stone that weaves his life into an intricate tapestry of destiny, magic, and power, peopled with dragons, elves, and monsters.
- Paulsen** **Hatchet**
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 him by his mother, and learning also to survive his parents' divorce.
- Prose** **After**
In the aftermath of a nearby school shooting, a grief and crisis counselor takes over Central High School and enacts increasingly harsh measures to control students, while those who do not comply disappear.
- Rodbrick** **Max the Mighty**
Fourteen-year-old Max helps a younger girl escape from her abusive stepfather by running away with her to the distant town of Chivalry, Montana, searching for her real father.
- Smith** **Sasquatch**
Thirteen-year-old Dylan follows his father into the woods on the slopes of Mount St. Helens, which is on the brink of another eruption, in an attempt to protect the resident Sasquatch from ruthless hunters.
- Springer** **Blood Trail**
After his best friend is murdered, seventeen-year-old Booger realizes he is the only one who has any idea who might have committed the crime--but he doesn't dare tell anyone.
- Stroud** **Amulet of Samarkand**
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.
- Tashjian** **Gospel According to Larry**
Seventeen-year-old Josh, a loner-philosopher who wants to make a difference in the world, tries to maintain his secret identity as the author of a web site that is receiving national attention.

- Trueman** **Stuck in Neutral**
 Fourteen-year-old Shawn McDaniel, who suffers from severe cerebral palsy and cannot function, relates his perceptions of his life, his family, and his condition, especially as he believes his father is planning to kill him.
- White** **Deathwatch**
 Needing money for school, a college boy accepts a job as guide on a desert hunting trip and nearly loses his life.

Non-Fiction

- | <u>Author:</u> | <u>Title:</u> | <u>Call Number</u> |
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| Bruchac | Flying With the Eagle, Racing With the Bear: Stories From Native North America | 398 BRU |
| | A collection of traditional tales which present the heritage of various Indian nations, including the Wampanoag, Cherokee, Osage, Lakota, and Tlingit. | |
| Freedman | Indian Chiefs | 970.004 FRE |
| | Biographies of six Western Indian chiefs who led their people in a historic moment of crisis, when a decision had to be made about fighting or cooperating with the white pioneers encroaching on their grounds. | |
| Giblin | When Plague Strikes: The Black Death, Smallpox and AIDS | 614.49 GIB |
| | When Plague Strikes tells the stories of three of the most serious and damaging diseases: the Black Death, smallpox, and AIDS. All three have had disastrous impacts on the affected populations, killing hundreds of thousands and leaving lasting social, economic, and political consequences in their wake. Each plague increased our knowledge of the human body and led to advances in medicine. Each also set in motion the unfortunate tendency to blame and punish scapegoats when things happen that we can't comprehend. | |
| Griffey | Secrets of the Mummies | 393.3 GRI |
| | Discusses the Egyptian preservation of dead bodies, stories associated with mummies, and mummies from different cultures, including Incan and Sicilian. | |

- Jurman** **Freedom's Son's: The True Story of the Amistad Mutiny** **973.0496 JUR**
 Dr. Boas, who was born in the very camp that housed Anne Frank, has gathered together the diaries of five young people who recorded the passage from child to adult in the poisonous years of the Nazi terror. Read alongside the famous work by Anne Frank, they truly are a "witness" to the worst human evil of all time--and a "sign of peace" for readers to follow.
- Krull** **Lives of the Musicians: Good Times, Bad Times (And What the Neighbors Thought)** **920 KRU**
 Here are the life stories of such diverse figures as Vivaldi, Mozart, Scott Joplin, Nadia Boulanger, and Woody Guthrie. Readers will learn of both their musical natures and the personal, humorous characteristics that make their lives so fascinating. Living, breathing anecdotes--the stuff of which the best biography is made.
- Llewellyn** **Best Book of Bugs** **595.7 LLE**
 Describes the habits and life cycles of various insects and provides clues for identifying them in their natural habitats.
- Maurer** **Rocket: How a Toy Launched the Space Age** **621.43 MAU**
 An interesting and informative introduction to the history of modern rocketry. The book traces the development of rocket research and its eventual absorption by governments interested in military applications. The achievements of manned space flight are briefly noted, primarily insofar as they relate to the development of the rockets needed to boost capsules into orbit.
- Murphy** **Great Fire** **977.311 MUR**
 A vertible cinematic account of the catastrophe that decimated much of Chicago in 1871, forcing more than 100,000 people from their homes. Jim Murphy tells the story through the eyes of several survivors. These characters serve as dramatic focal points as the fire sweeps across the city, their stories illuminated by fascinating archival photos and maps outlining the spread of fire.
- Warren** **Orphan Train Rider: One Boy's True Story** **921 NAILLING**
 Discusses the placement of over 200,000 orphaned or abandoned children in homes throughout the Midwest from 1854 to 1929 by recounting the story of one boy and his brothers.