

# *Staff Picks*

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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.

## Beginning Readers

**Author:    Title:**

**Eastman**    **Go, Dog, Go!**

The lovable dogs in "Go, Dog, Go!" show babies & toddlers the many ways one can travel. Whether by foot, boat, car or unicycle, there's a mode of transport for all.

## Picture Books

**Author:    Title:**

**Anholt**    **Aren't You Lucky**

A big sister experiences the challenges and joys of preparing for and experiencing the arrival of a new baby.

**Aylesworth**    **Old Black Fly**

Rhyming text and illustrations follow a mischievous old black fly through the alphabet as he has a very busy bad day landing where he should not be.

**Burton**    **The Little House**

A country house is unhappy when the city, with all its buildings and traffic, grows up around her.

**Campbell**    **Dear Zoo**

Each animal arriving from the zoo as a possible pet fails to suit its prospective owner, until just the right one is found.

**Clements**    **Double Trouble in Walla Walla**

It's an ordinary morning in Walla Walla until Lulu, her teacher, the school nurse, and the principal are all infected by a word warp which makes them reduplicate everything they say.

- Cronin**      **Giggle, Giggle, Quack**  
Farmer Brown leaves his brother, Bob, in charge while he goes on vacation, not realizing the farm animals have special plans for Bob.
- Falconer**    **Olivia**  
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. Of course, it's another story for Olivia's exhausted mother.
- Hayes**        **The Grumpalump**  
All the animals try to get a reaction out of the mysterious lumpy grumpalump, but nothing happens until the gnu blows into it and gets an inflated surprise.
- Henkes**      **Chrysanthemum**  
Chrysanthemum loves her name, until she starts going to school and the other children make fun of it.
- Henkes**      **Owen**  
Owen's parents try to get him to give up his favorite blanket before he starts school, but when their efforts fail, they come up with a solution that makes everyone happy.
- Hutchins**    **The Doorbell Rang**  
Each time the doorbell rings, there are more people who have come to share Ma's wonderful cookies.
- Kellogg**     **Mysterious Tadpole**  
It soon becomes clear that Louis's pet tadpole is not turning into an ordinary frog.
- Kopper**      **Daisy's Babies**  
Every time Daisy's puppies and their friend, Baby, want to do something, the others have different ideas.
- Lum**         **What Cried Granny!**  
When her grandson Patrick arrives for his first sleepover, Granny's resourceful efforts to provide him with a bed, pillow, and other necessities result in a sleepless night for both of them.
- McBratney** **Guess How Much I Love You**  
During a bedtime game, every time Little Nutbrown Hare demonstrates how much he loves his father, Big Nutbrown Hare gently shows him that the love is returned even more.

- McGovern**     **Too Much Noise**  
Peter complains his house is too noisy so the wise man advises him to obtain some rather unusual house guests.
- McMullan**     **I Stink**  
A big city garbage truck makes its rounds, consuming everything from apple cores and banana peels to leftover ziti with zucchini.
- Noble**     **Meanwhile, Back at the Ranch**  
Looking for some diversion, a bored rancher drives to the town of Sleepy Gulch little knowing that some amazing things are happening to his wife and ranch during his absence.
- Opie**     **My Very First Mother Goose**  
A collection of more than sixty nursery rhymes including "Hey Diddle, Diddle," "Pat-a-Cake," "Little Jack Horner," and "Pussycat, Pussycat."
- Pinkwater**     **Big Orange Splot**  
When a seagull drops a can of orange paint on his neat house, Mr. Plumbean gets an idea that affects his entire neighborhood.
- Rathmann**     **Officer Buckle & Gloria**  
The children at Napville Elementary School always ignore Officer Buckle's safety tips, until a police dog named Gloria accompanies him when he gives his safety speeches.
- Seuss**     **I had Trouble Getting to Solla Sollew**  
Our hero has an innocent, carefree life, until it's ruined by minor problems. He sets out on an ill-fated journey to find a better, less troublesome place: the fabled city of Solla Sollew.
- Shannon**     **Duck on a Bike**  
A duck decides to ride a bike and soon influences all the other animals on the farm to ride bikes too.
- Shannon**     **Lizard's Song**  
Bear tries repeatedly to learn Lizard's song, but has trouble because the song is about Lizard's home, not Bear's.
- Silverstein**     **The Giving Tree**  
This story of a boy who grows to manhood, and of a tree that gives him her bounty through the years, is a moving parable about the gift of giving and the capacity to love.
- Siomades**     **A Place to Bloom**  
Colorful pictures and rhyming text explain that not everyone or everything sees the world around them in the same way.

- Slobodkina**    **Caps for Sale**  
A band of mischievous monkeys steals every one of a peddler's caps while he takes a nap under a tree.
- Small**        **Hoover's Bride**  
Hoover's house is overrun with dust until he marries a vacuum cleaner, but he soon discovers that humans and appliances are not meant to wed.
- Spinelli**      **Somebody Loves You, Mr. Hatch (Holiday Book)**  
An anonymous valentine changes the life of the unsociable Mr. Hatch, turning him into a laughing friend who helps and appreciates all his neighbors.
- Stanley**       **Woe is Moe**  
Moe's new job in advertising at the ice cream factory brings him money, travel, and prestige--so why is he lonely and miserable?
- Steig**         **Pete's a Pizza**  
What do you do when Pete's in a bad mood? When it is raining and he cannot go out and play? Turn him into a pizza, of course!
- Stevenson**    **Mr. Hacker**  
Mr. Hacker begins to regret his move from the noisy city to the quiet country, until he is befriended by a stray cat and dog.
- Tabacle**       **Joseph Had a Little Overcoat**  
When Joseph's overcoat got too shabby, he kept making a variety of garments from this one article of clothing. By flipping the pages, children can guess what Joseph will be making next.
- Walter**        **Hi, Pizza Man!**  
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.
- Willems**       **Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus**  
When the bus driver decides to take a break from driving, a wild and wacky pigeon pleads and begs to take his place.
- Wisniewski**    **Tough Cookie**  
When his friend Chips is snatched and chewed, Tough Cookie sets out to stop Fingers.
- Wood**          **The Napping House**  
In this cumulative tale, a wakeful flea atop a number of sleeping creatures causes a commotion, with just one bite.

# Juvenile Fiction

## Author:    Title:

- Choldenko**    **Notes From a Liar and Her Dog**  
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.
- 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.
- Curtis**    **The Watsons Go to Birmingham**  
A hilarious, touching, and tragic novel about civil rights and the impact of violence on one African American family. The story tells about a middle-class black family, and their trip to Birmingham, Alabama, to visit Grandma.
- Deak**    **Period pieces : stories for girls**  
13 stories describe girls' first experiences with either getting their periods or learning about them.
- Estes**    **The Hundred Dresses**  
Wanda tells her classmates that she has one hundred dresses in her closet at home, but always wears the same faded blue dress to school every day. After her classmates begin the game of the hundred dresses, they learn an important lesson about treating other people fairly.
- Feiffer**    **A Barrel of Laughs: A Vale of Tears**  
Prince Roger is sent on a quest, the purpose of which is to turn the carefree young prince into a sober man and worthy monarch. Roger gets everything wrong--except for the meaning of life, and that he gets right.

- Fleischman**    **The Whipping Boy**  
 A bratty prince and his whipping boy have many adventures when they inadvertently trade places after becoming involved with dangerous outlaws.
- Forbes**        **Johnny Tremain**  
 A story filled with danger and excitement, Johnny Tremain tells of the turbulent passionate times in Boston just after the Revolutionary War.
- Gilson**        **Thirteen 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.
- Greene**        **Summer of My German Soldier**  
 Sheltering an escaped German prisoner of war is the beginning of some shattering experiences for a twelve-year-old Jewish girl in Arkansas.
- Haddix**        **Among the Hidden**  
 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.
- Hesse**         **Out of the Dust**  
 In a series of poems, fifteen-year-old Billie Jo relates the hardships of living on her family's wheat farm in Oklahoma during the dust bowl years of the Depression.
- Jacques**      **Redwall**  
 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.
- Jones**         **Twig**  
 After magic makes a girl very tiny, she almost goes to fairyland with an elf and a fairy queen whom she meets, but at the last minute she decides to return to her own world which she discovers is not so ordinary after all.

- Konigsburg** **From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler**  
12-year-old Claudia Kincaid leaves her suburban life in Connecticut to settle, for a short time, in New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art with her brother Jamie.
- Konigsburg** **The View from Saturday**  
Four students, with their own individual stories, develop a special bond and attract the attention of their teacher, a paraplegic, who chooses them to represent their sixth-grade class in the Academic Bowl competition.
- L'Engle** **Wrinkle in Time**  
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.
- Lowry** **Number the Stars**  
The gripping story of a ten-year-old Danish girl and her family's courageous efforts to smuggle Jews out of their Nazi-occupied homeland to safety in Sweden.
- Lowry** **The 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.
- Montgomery** **Anne of Green Gables**  
Anne, an eleven-year-old orphan, is sent by mistake to live with a lonely middle-aged brother and sister on a Prince Edward Island farm and proceeds to make an indelible impression on everyone around her.
- Paterson** **Bridge to Terabithia**  
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.
- Paterson** **The Great Gilly Hopkins**  
An eleven-year-old foster child tries to cope with her longings and fears as she schemes against everyone who tries to be friendly.

- Peck**      **A 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.
- Peck**      **The River Between Us**  
During the early days of the Civil War, the Pruitt family takes in two mysterious young ladies who have fled New Orleans to come north to Illinois.
- 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.
- Speare**     **Witch of Blackbird Pond**  
Forced to leave her beloved home on the island of Barbados and join a family she has never met, Kit arrives in colonial Connecticut and struggles to survive in a hostile place.
- Taylor**     **Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry**  
A black family living in the South during the 1930's are faced with prejudice and discrimination which their children don't understand.

## Teen Fiction

### Author:    Title:

- Anderson**    **Speak**  
A traumatic event near the end of the summer has a devastating effect of Melinda's freshman year in high school.
- Brashares**    **Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants**  
Best friends Lena, Tibby, Bridget, and Carmen are preparing to spend their first summer apart since they were born. Before leaving to visit her father, Carmen buys a pair of second-hand jeans on a whim, and when the others discover that the pants fit all of them, they create the sisterhood of the traveling pants.

- Cabot**      **Princess Diaries**  
 Fourteen-year-old Mia, who is trying to lead a normal life as a teenage girl in New York City, is shocked to learn that her father is the Prince of Genovia, a small European principality, and that she is a princess and the heir to the throne.
- Cooney**      **The Face on the Milk Carton**  
 A photograph of a missing girl on a milk carton leads Janie on a search for her real identity.
- Creech**      **Absolutely Normal Chaos**  
 Thirteen-year-old Mary Lou grows up considerably during the summer while learning about romance, homesickness, death, and her cousin's search for his biological father.
- Cushman**      **Catherine, Called Birdy**  
 The thirteen-year-old daughter of an English country knight keeps a journal in which she records the events of her life, particularly her longing for adventures beyond the usual role of women and her efforts to avoid being married off.
- Cushman**      **The Midwife's Apprentice**  
 The girl known only as Brat has no family, no home and no future until she meets Jane the Midwife and becomes her apprentice. As she helps the sharp-tempered Jane deliver babies, Brat--who renames herself Alyce--gains knowledge, confidence, and the courage to want something from life.
- Duncan**      **Locked in Time**  
 Nore arrives at her stepmother's Louisiana plantation to find her new family odd and an aura of evil and mystery about the place.
- Fleischman**      **Whirligig**  
 While traveling to each corner of the country to build a whirligig in memory of the girl whose death he causes, sixteen-year-old Brian finds forgiveness and atonement.
- 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.
- Magorian**      **Goodnight Mr. Tom**  
 A battered child learns to embrace life when he is adopted by an old man in the English countryside during the Second World War.

- 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.
- Rees**      **Witch Child**  
 In 1659, fourteen-year-old Mary Newbury keeps a journal of her voyage from England to the New World and her experiences living as a witch in a community of Puritans near Salem, Massachusetts.
- Rennison**      **Angus, Thongs, & Full Frontal Snogging**  
 Presents the humorous journal of a year in the life of a fourteen-year-old British girl who tries to reduce the size of her nose, stop her mad cat from terrorizing the neighborhood animals, and win the love of handsome hunk Robbie.
- Rinaldi**      **Time Enough for Drums**  
 Sixteen-year-old Jem and her servant struggle to keep things going at home in Trenton, New Jersey, when the family men join the war for independence from the British king.
- Spinelli**      **Crash**  
 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.
- Taylor**      **Sweet Friday Island**  
 Vacationing on what they think is an uninhabited island, fifteen-year-old Peg and her father find their adventure turned into a fight for survival.

## Non-Fiction

<u>Author:</u>	<u>Title:</u>	<u>Call Number</u>
Armstrong	Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World	919.8904 ARM
	Describes the events of the 1914 Shackleton Antarctic expedition when, after being trapped in a frozen sea for nine months, their ship, Endurance, was finally crushed, forcing Shackleton and his men to make a very long and perilous journey across ice and stormy seas to reach inhabited land.	

- Cohn**      **From Sea to Shining Sea: a Treasury of American Folklore & Folk Songs**      **973 FRO**  
 A compilation of more than 140 folk songs, tales, poems, and stories telling the history of America and reflecting its multicultural society. Illustrated by award-winning artists.
- Dahl**      **Boy: Tales of Childhood**      **921 DAHL**  
 Presents humorous anecdotes from Roald Dahl's childhood, which includes summer vacations in Norway and an English boarding school.
- Feynman**      **"Surely You're Joking, Mr. Feynman": Adventures of a Curious Character**      **530.092 FEY**  
 Nobel Prize-winning physicist Richard P. Feynman recounts his many adventures including trading ideas atomic physics with Einstein and Bohr.
- Fleischman**      **Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices**      **821 FLE**  
 A collection of poems describing the characteristics and activities of a variety of insects.
- Gorrell**      **Working Like a Dog**      **636.73 GOR**  
 A thoroughly researched and captivating offering, relays stories of dogs whom work for a living.
- Kimmel**      **Anansi and the Moss Covered Rock**      **398 KIM**  
 Anansi the Spider uses a strange moss-covered rock in the forest to trick all the other animals, until Little Bush Deer decides he needs to learn a lesson.
- Lowry**      **Looking Back: a Book of Memories**      **921 LOWRY**  
 The striking autobiography of Newbery Medalist Lois Lowry is about "moments, memories, fragments, falsehoods, and fantasies". She details pivotal times that affected her life, inspired her writing, and that magically evolved into rich and wonderful stories that one is reluctant to put down.
- Melton**      **Ultimate Spy**      **327.12 MEL 2002**  
 With more than 700 full-color photos and illustrations, "Ultimate Spy" is the insider's guide to the secret world of espionage. Learn about famous spies throughout history and what really happened during the most daring missions.
- Osborne**      **American Tall Tales**      **398 OSB**  
 A collection of tall tales about such American folk heroes as Paul Bunyan, Sally Ann Thunder Ann Whirlwind, Pecos Bill, and John Henry.

- Paulsen**      **My Life if Dog Years**      **921 PAULSEN**  
 Gary Paulsen has owned dozens of unforgettable and amazing dogs, and here are his favorites -- one to a chapter. Among them are Snowball, the puppy he owned as a boy in the Philippines; Ike, the mysterious hunting companion; Electric Fred and his best friend, Pig; Dirk, the grim protector; and Josh, one of the remarkable border collies that work on Paulsen's ranch today.
- Thayer**      **Casey at the Bat**      **821 THA**  
 Mighty Casey is brought back to life by celebrated illustrator C. F. Payne, who captures the old-fashioned fun of an afternoon at the ballpark for a brand-new generation.
- Willard**      **Pish, Posh, Said Hieronymus Bosch**      **821 WIL**  
 An imaginative poem about the fifteenth-century painter filled with medieval beasts and other images from Bosch's world.