



Recommendations by Cary Librarians

Book Suggestions for the December Student Reading Challenge

Picture Books:

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Call Number:	Title:
E Awan J	<i>Every Monday Mabel</i>
E Birdsong B	<i>How to Grow A Family Tree</i>
E Braverman B	<i>The Day Leap Soared</i>
E Castillo L	<i>Just Like Millie</i>
E Denise C	<i>Knight Owl</i>
E Emmons L	<i>No Cats in the Library</i>
E Fang X	<i>We Are Definitely Human</i>
E Garland S	<i>Spooky</i>
E Handy B	<i>Balloon</i>
E Harris S	<i>Let's Be Bees</i>
E Henkes K	<i>Chrysanthemum</i>
E Heos B	<i>Mustache Baby</i>
E Himmelman J	<i>Yellow Is A Banana</i>
E Jackson M	<i>The Sleeper Train</i>
E Kane K	<i>Monster Hands</i>
E Kemp L	<i>Desert Song</i>
E Le M	<i>Lift</i>
E Lin G	<i>Once Upon a Book</i>
E Lukoff K	<i>I'm Sorry You Got Mad</i>
E Mora O	<i>Saturday</i>
E Noble T	<i>The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash</i>
E Pena Z	<i>Sundust</i>
E Portis A	<i>Not a Box</i>
E Shaloshvili N	<i>Pavlo Gets the Grumps</i>
E Underwood D	<i>The Man Who Didn't Like Animals</i>

Early Readers:

Call Number:	Title:
[GRAPHIC] E Best	<i>The Best Worst Camp Out Ever</i>
[GRAPHIC] E Crabby	<i>Crabby</i> series
[GRAPHIC] E Pickle	<i>Pickle on Wheels</i>
ER Adler D	<i>Mo Jackson</i> series
ER Capuccili A	<i>Biscuit</i> series
ER Cordell M	<i>Cornbread & Poppy</i> series
ER Cobb A	<i>Libby Wimbley</i> series
ER Dyckman A	<i>Bat, Cat & Rat</i> series

Call Number:	Title:
ER Faruqi S	Yasmin series
ER Milgrim D	Adventures of Otto series
ER Lyons K / [GRAPHIC] E Ty's	Ty's Travels series
ER Pizzoli G	Earl & Worm series
ER Selznick B	Baby Monkey, Private Eye
ER Tabor C	Fox series
ER Thomas K	Lone Wolf series

Early Chapter Books:

Call Number:	Title:
j Adler D	Cam Jansen series (Cam Jansen and the Mystery of the Stolen Diamonds)
j Ahn A	Julia on the Go series (Swimming Into Trouble)
j Barnaby H	Monster and Boy series (Monster and Boy)
j Cronin D	The Chicken Squad series (The Chicken Squad)
j Deen N	Spooky Sleuths series (The Ghost Tree)
j DiCamillo K	Orris and Timble series (Orris and Timble: The Beginning)
j Ferry B	Growing Home
j Griffith T	The Magnificent Makers series (How to Test a Friendship)
j Jarvis	Bear and Bird series (The Picnic and Other Stories)
j Kids	The Kids in Mrs. Z's Class (Emma McKenna, Full Out)
j Lacey J	Dragonsitter series (The Dragonsitter)
j LaReau K	Witchycakes series (Sweet Magic)
j Mensah B	Kwame's Magic Quest series (Rise of the Green Flame)
j Quigley D	Jo Jo Makoons series (The Used-to-Be Best Friend)
j Wallace J	Dinosaur Pie

Middle Grade Fiction Books:

Call Number:	Title:
[GRAPHIC] j Curlfriends	Curlfriends: New in Town
[GRAPHIC] j Katie	Katie the Catsitter series
[GRAPHIC] j Next Stop	Next Stop
[GRAPHIC] / YA [GRAPHIC] Plain Jane	Plain Jane and the Mermaid
[GRAPHIC] j VERY	Very Bad at Math
j Bayron K	The Vanquishers series
j Bowling D	Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus
j Clayton D	The Conjurverse (The Marvellers)
j DiCamillo K	Ferris
j Edge C	Accidental Demons
j Elliott Z	Dragons in a Bag series
j Gemeinhart D	Busted
j Hood S	Lifeboat 12
j Howell D	High Score

Call Number:	Title:
j Johnson A	<i>The Star That Always Stays</i>
j LaRocca R	<i>Sona and the Golden Beasts</i>
j Lincoln B	<i>The Swifts: A Dictionary of Scoundrels</i>
j Ma D	<i>Rainbow Fair</i>
j Meloy C	<i>The Stars Did Wander Darkling</i>
j Montgomery L	<i>Anne of Green Gables</i>
j Riazzi K	<i>Sabrina Swept Away</i>
j / [BETWEEN] Rundell K	<i>Impossible Creatures</i>
j Safadi S	<i>Kareem Between</i>
j Winston S	<i>Shark Teeth</i>
j Yee L	<i>Maizy Chen's Last Chance</i>

Young Adult:

Call Number:	Title:
[GRAPHIC] YA Angelica and the Bear	<i>Angelica and the Bear Prince</i>
[GRAPHIC] YA Ash's Cabin	<i>Ash's Cabin</i>
[GRAPHIC] YA Call Me Iggy	<i>Call Me Iggy</i>
[GRAPHIC] j / YA Free Piano	<i>Free Piano (Not Haunted)</i>
[GRAPHIC] YA Mismatched	<i>Mismatched: A Modern Retelling of Emma</i>
[BETWEEN] YA Anderson L	<i>Rebellion 1776</i>
[BETWEEN] YA Coats J	<i>The Unexpected Lives of Ordinary Girls</i>
[BETWEEN] YA Forman G	<i>Not Nothing</i>
[BETWEEN] YA Meadows J	<i>Bye Forever, I Guess</i>
[BETWEEN] YA Moon S	<i>Family Week</i>
[BETWEEN] YA Patrick C	<i>Tornado Brain</i>
[BETWEEN] YA Sepetys R	<i>The Bletchley Riddle</i>
[BETWEEN] YA Waters C	<i>Mascot</i>
YA Bouley A	<i>Firekeeper's Daughter</i>
YA Carson R	<i>The Girl of Fire and Thorns</i>
YA Franklin M	<i>The Wilderness of Girls</i>
YA Galarza J	<i>The Great Cool Ranch Dorito in the Sky</i>
YA Hesse M	<i>The Brightwood Code</i>
YA Little Badger D	<i>A Snake Falls to Earth</i>
YA Maldonado C	<i>Get Real, Chloe Torres</i>
YA McBride L	<i>Red in Tooth and Claw</i>
YA Morris B	<i>Slay</i>
YA Oh A	<i>XOXO</i>
YA Ross R	<i>Divine Rivals</i>
YA Sawyerr H	<i>Truth Is</i>
YA Thomas A	<i>Cemetery Boys</i>