

Characters with Jobs

Book Suggestions for the January Student Reading Challenge

Picture Books:

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Call Number:	Title:
E Ahmed R	<i>Mae Among the Stars</i>
E Allard H	<i>Miss Nelson is Missing!</i>
E Ashman L	<i>Fire Chief Fran</i>
E Awan J	<i>Towed by Toad</i>
E Beaty A	The Questioners: • <i>Rosie Revere, Engineer</i> • <i>Ada Twist, Scientist</i> • <i>Iggly Peck, Architect</i> • <i>Sofia Valdez, Future Prez</i> • <i>Aaron Slater, Illustrator</i> • <i>Lila Greer, Teacher of the Year</i> • <i>Billie Jean Peet, Athlete</i>
E Brown-Wood J	<i>Amara's Farm</i>
E Devins C	<i>The Brilliant Ms. Bangle</i>
E DiPucchio K	<i>Grace for President</i>
E Eady A	<i>The Last Stand</i>
E Forster T	<i>My Daddy Can Fly!</i>
E Hardin M	<i>Hero Dad</i>
E Hardin M	<i>Hero Mom</i>
E Hundal N	<i>Truckin'</i>
E Lindbergh R	<i>Nobody Owns the Sky</i>
E Moore A	<i>The Bakers Dozen</i>
E Parra J	<i>Growing An Artist: The Story of a Landscaper and His Son</i>
E Rathmann P	<i>Officer Buckle and Gloria</i>
E Reynolds J	<i>There Was A Party for Langston</i>
E Rhee H	<i>The Paper Kingdom</i>
E Roth S	<i>Hard Hat Area</i>
E Soman D	<i>Agent Lion</i>
E Stead P	<i>A Sick Day for Amos McGee</i>
E Steig W	<i>Doctor De Soto</i>
E Viva F	<i>Young Frank, Architect</i>
E Wallace C	<i>On Our Way with Mr. Jay</i>
E Wheeler L	<i>Someone Builds the Dream</i>
E Williams S	<i>Library Lil</i>
E Yamasaki K	<i>Dad Bakes</i>
E Zimmerman A	<i>Firefighter Flo!</i>
E Zimmerman A	<i>Trashy Town</i>

Early Readers:

Call Number:	Title:
ER Ali M	<u>Architect Assistants</u>
ER Barbie	<u>You Can Be A Ballerina; You Can Be a Gymnast</u>
ER Barbie	<u>You Can Be A Doctor; You Can Be A Pet Vet</u>
ER Barbie	<u>You Can Be A Horse Rider; You Can Be A Farmer</u>
ER Barbie	<u>You Can Be A Teacher; You Can Be A Firefighter</u>
ER Driscoll L	My Community: <u>I Want to Be an Artist</u> <u>I Want to Be a Doctor</u> <u>I Want to Be an Engineer</u> <u>I Want to Be a Firefighter</u> <u>I Want to Be a Pilot</u> <u>I Want to Be a Police Officer</u> <u>I Want to Be a Scientist</u> <u>I Want to Be a Teacher</u> <u>I Want to Be a Veterinarian</u>
ER Faruqi S	<u>Yasmin the Teacher</u>
ER Gilbert F	<u>I Love My Teacher!</u>
ER Kenah K	<u>The Best Chef in Second Grade</u>
ER Manushkin F	<u>Katie Finds a Job</u>
ER Marshall J	<u>Fox on the Job</u>
ER Olivia	<u>Olivia Becomes A Vet</u>
ER Regan D	<u>The Big Mix-Up!</u>
ER Reid C	<u>The Lemonade Stand</u>

Early Chapter Books:

Call Number:	Title:
j Barrows A	<u>Ivy + Bean Get to Work!</u>
j Beaty A	The Questioners Chapter Books (<u>Rosie Revere and the Raucous Riveters</u>)
j Dillard J	J.D. the Kid Barber series (<u>J.D. and the Great Barber Battle</u>)
j Galbraith B	Wednesday Wilson series (<u>Wednesday Wilson Gets Down to Business</u>)
j Kelly J	Calpurnia Tate, Girl Vet (<u>Skunked!</u>)
j Kids	<u>Rohan Murthy Has A Plan</u>
j Lee L	<u>Mindy Kim and the Yummy Seaweed Business</u>
j Lysiak H	Hilde Cracks the Case (<u>Hero Dog!</u>)
j Nuurali S	<u>Sadiq and the Cookie Crash</u>
j Parish H	<u>Amelia Bedelia Means Business</u>
j Parish H	<u>Amelia Bedelia on the Job</u>
j Park B	<u>June B Jones is A Beauty Shop Guy</u>
j Romito D	Fort Builders Inc. (<u>The Birthday Castle</u>)
j Ruths M	Party Diaries (<u>Awesome Orange Birthday</u>)
j Stern A	<u>Frankly, Frannie</u> series
j Viorst J	<u>Lulu Walks the Dogs</u>
j Warner G	<u>The Pizza Mystery</u>

Middle Grade Fiction Books:

Call Number:	Title:
[GRAPHIC] j Baby-Sitters	The Baby-sitters Club (<i>Kristy's Great Idea</i>)
[GRAPHIC] j Katie	<i>Katie the Catsitter</i>
[GRAPHIC] j Lunch	Lunch Lady series (<i>Lunch Lady and the Cyborg Substitute</i>)
[GRAPHIC] j PAWS	PAWS series (<i>Gabby Gets It Together</i>)
[GRAPHIC] j Yuzu	<i>Yuzu the Pet Vet</i> series
j Amos S	<i>Cookies & Milk</i> series
j Cleary B	<i>Henry and the Paper Route</i>
j Chen N	<i>It's Boba Time for Pearl Li!</i>
j Clements A	<i>Lunch Money</i>
j Cushman K	<i>The Midwife's Apprentice</i>
j Davies J	<i>The Lemonade War</i>
j Faruqi S	Must Love Pets series (<i>Friends Fur-Ever</i>)
j Howard J	<i>Girls Just Wanna Have Pugs</i>
j Khan H	<i>More to the Story</i>
j Lee L	Gigi Shin series (<i>Gigi Shin is Not a Nerd</i>)
j Lute R	<i>Dinner at the Brake Fast</i>
j Martin A	The Baby-sitters Club (<i>Kristy's Great Idea</i>)
j Martin A	<i>A Corner of the Universe</i>
j Mincks M	Poplar Kids series (<i>Payback on Poplar Lane</i>)
j Murphy J	<i>Dear Sweet Pea</i>
j Nelson S	<i>Donut Go Breaking My Heart</i>
j Nelson S	<i>You're Bacon Me Crazy</i>
j Paulsen G	<i>Lawn Boy</i>
j Respicio M	<i>How to Win A Slime War</i>
j Siddiqui M	<i>Any Way You Look</i>
j Taylor C	Sew Zoey series (<i>Ready to Wear</i>)
j Weisfeld B	<i>The Startup Squad</i> series
j Weissman E	<i>The Renegade Reporters</i>
j Winston S	<i>The Braid Girls</i>
j Yang K	<i>Front Desk</i> series

Young Adult:

Call Number:	Title:
[GRAPHIC] YA Heavy Vinyl	<i>Heavy Vinyl</i> series
[GRAPHIC] YA Paper Girls	<i>Paper Girls</i> series
[GRAPHIC] YA Pumpkinheads	<i>Pumpkinheads</i>
[GRAPHIC] YA Rez Doctor	<i>The Rez Doctor</i>
[GRAPHIC] YA We Could Be Magic	<i>We Could Be Magic</i>
[BETWEEN] YA Bauer J	<i>Hope Was Here</i>
[BETWEEN] YA Cala C	<i>Best Babysitters Ever</i> series
[BETWEEN] YA Calonita J	<i>Sleepaway Girls</i>

Call Number:	Title:
[BETWEEN] YA Chari S	<i>Karthik Delivers</i>
[BETWEEN] YA Pancholy M	<i>Nikhil Out Loud</i>
[BETWEEN] YA Grisham J	Theodore Boone series (<i>Theodore Boone, Kid Lawyer</i>)
[BETWEEN] YA Rose C	<i>The Burning Season</i>
YA Acevedo E	<i>With the Fire On High</i>
YA Dessen S	<i>Once and For All</i>
YA Dessen S	<i>The Truth About Forever</i>
YA Dugan J	<i>Hot Dog Girl</i>
YA Le L	<i>A Pho Love Story</i>
YA Pacton J	<i>The Life and (Medieval) Times of Kit Sweetly</i>
YA Painter L	<i>Betting on You</i>
YA Rodkey K	<i>Last Chance Books</i>
YA Ruhlman M	<i>If You Can't Take the Heat</i>
YA Silverman L	<i>Recommended for You</i>
YA Smith E	<i>With Our Without You</i>
YA Smith J	<i>The Other Side of Infinity</i>
YA Sortino A	<i>Give Me A Sign</i>
YA Sugiura M	<i>This Time Will Be Different</i>
YA Valdes Greenwood D	<i>Finding My Elf</i>
YA Vivian S	<i>Stay Sweet</i>
YA Worley O	<i>People to Follow</i>