

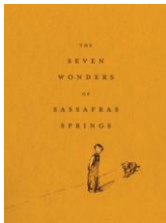


Read-Aloud Booklist

2nd - 3rd Grades

by Stephanie Jewett 5/11

Studies show that children benefit from being read to even after they have learned to read themselves. By reading to your child you can introduce books and concepts from higher reading levels; besides, reading together is just fun! Try out some of the following titles to find books that you will enjoy reading as much as your child will.



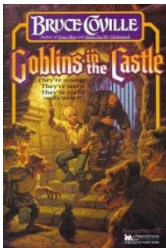
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The Seven Wonders of Sassafras Springs

By Betty Birney

Call #: JF Birney

Farm life in dusty Sassafras Springs, Mo., in the early 1920s seems pretty boring to young Eben McAllister, who longs to see the world's big cities and the other grand things that he's pored over in books. He may get his wish, too, when he accepts his father's challenge to find seven true wonders right in his hometown.



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Goblins in the Castle

By Bruce Colville

Call #: JF Colville

Eleven-year-old William has lived in Toad-in-a-Cage Castle his entire life, but has never been to the locked North Tower. One night, unable to sleep, he meets hunch-backed Igor, and William begins an adventure to find out the castle's secrets.



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The BFG

By Roald Dahl

Call #: JF Dahl

Kidnatched from her orphanage by a BFG (Big Friendly Giant), who spends his life blowing happy dreams to children, Sophie concocts with him a plan to save the world from nine other man-gobbling cannybull giants.



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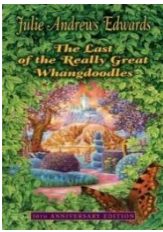
The Magician's Elephant

By Kate DiCamillo

Call #: JF DiCamillo

When 10-year-old orphan Peter Augustus Duchene encounters a fortune teller in the marketplace one day and she tells him that his sister, who is presumed dead, is in fact alive, he embarks on a remarkable series of adventures as he desperately tries to find her.





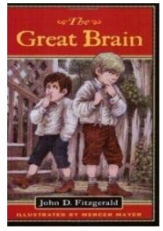
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The Last of the Really Great Whangdoodles

By Julie Andrews Edwards

Call #: JF Edwards

With help from an eccentric professor who gives their imaginations special intensive training, three children succeed in locating the last of the great Whangdoodles and granting his heart's desire.



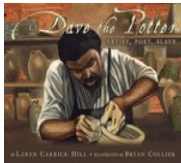
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The Great Brain

By John D. Fitzgerald

Call #: JF Fitzgerald

The exploits of the Great Brain of Adenville, Utah are described by his younger brother, frequently the victim of the Great Brain's schemes for gaining prestige or money.



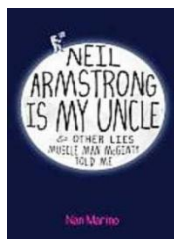
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Dave, the Potter

By Laban Carrick Hill

Call #: JP Hill

The life of an astonishingly prolific and skilled potter who lived and died a slave in 19th century South Carolina is related in simple, powerful sentences that outline the making of a pot. An outstanding story, perfectly presented.



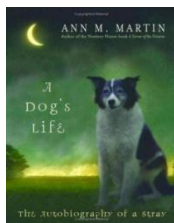
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Neil Armstrong is My Uncle and Other Lies Muscle Man McGinty Told Me

By Nan Marino

Call #: JF Marino

Tamara dreams of the day when 10-year-old Muscle Man McGinty's constant lies catch up to him, but when an incredible event takes place in the summer of 1969, her outlook on life is altered in the most surprising way.



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A Dog's Life: Autobiography of a Stray

By Ann Martin

Call #: JF Martin

Squirrel, a stray puppy, tells her life story, from her nurturing mother and brother to making her own way in the world, facing busy highways, changing seasons, and humans both gentle and brutal.



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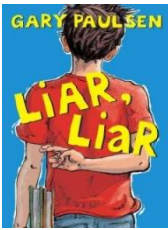
The Small Adventure of Popeye and Elvis

By Barbara O'Connor

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The highlight of Popeye's summer is learning vocabulary words with his grandmother until a motor home gets stuck nearby and Elvis, who lives inside, joins Popeye in finding the source of strange boats floating down the creek.





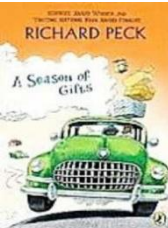
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Liar, Liar: The Theory, Practice, and Destructive Properties of Deception

By Gary Paulsen

Call #: JF Paulsen

Fourteen-year-old Kevin is very good at lying and doing so makes life easier, but when he finds himself in big trouble with his friends, family, and teachers, he must find a way to end his lies forever.



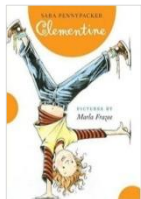
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A Season of Gifts

By Richard Peck

Call #: JF Peck

Relates the surprising gifts bestowed on 12-year-old Bob Barnhart and his family, who have recently moved to a small Illinois town in 1958, by their larger-than-life neighbor, Mrs. Dowdel.



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Clementine

By Sara Pennypacker

Call #: JF Pennypacker

While sorting through difficulties in her friendship with her neighbor Margaret, 8-year-old Clementine gains several unique hairstyles while also helping her father in his efforts to banish pigeons from the front of their apartment building.



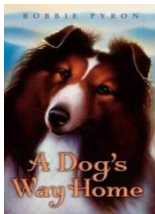
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The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg

By Rodman Philbrick

Call #: JF Philbrick

Twelve-year-old Homer, a poor but clever orphan, has extraordinary adventures after running away from his evil uncle to rescue his brother, who has been sold into service in the Civil War.



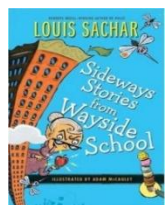
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A Dog's Way Home

By Bobbie Pyron

Call #: JF Pyron

After a car accident strands them at opposite ends of the Blue Ridge Parkway, 11-year-old Abby and her beloved sheltie Tam overcome months filled with physical and emotional challenges to find their way back to each other.



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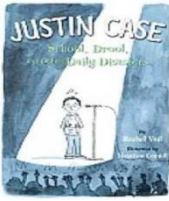
Sideways Stories from Wayside School

By Louis Sachar

Call #: JF Sachar

Humorous episodes from the classroom on the thirtieth floor of Wayside School, which was accidentally built sideways with one classroom on each story.





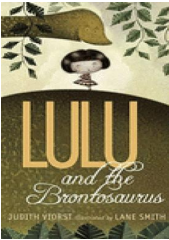
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Justin Case: School, Drool, and Other Daily Disasters

By Rachel Vail

Call #: JF Vail

Relates the daily worries and problems of Justin Case as he struggles to survive 3rd grade.



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Lulu and the Brontosaurus

By Judith Viorst

Call #: JF Viorst

Lulu's parents refuse to give in when she demands a brontosaurus for her birthday and so she sets out to find her own, but while the brontosaurus she finally meets approves of pets, he does not intend to be Lulu's.



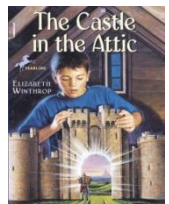
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Frankie Pickle and the Closet of Doom

By Eric Wight

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Fourth-grader Frankie Piccolini has a vivid imagination when it comes to cleaning his disastrously messy room, but eventually even he decides that it is just too dirty.



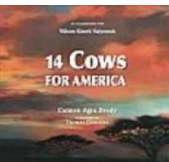
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The Castle in the Attic

By Elizabeth Winthrop

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A gift of a toy castle, complete with silver knight, introduces William to an adventure involving magic and a personal quest.



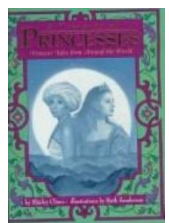
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14 Cows for America

By Carmen Agra Deedy

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Maasai tribal members, after hearing the story of the September 11th attacks from a young Massai, who was in New York on that day, decide to present the American people with fourteen sacred cows as a healing gift.



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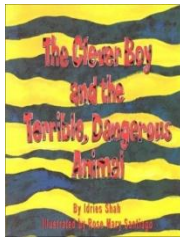
A Treasury of Princesses

By Shirley Climo

Call #: J398.22 Cli

Go beyond the Disney Princess with this one! This book presents retellings of seldom-heard princess tales, featuring such heroines as White Jade, Gulnara, and Vasilisa the Frog Princess. A discussion of princess lore precedes each selection.





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The Clever Boy and the Terrible, Dangerous Animal

By Idries Shaw

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A Sufi teaching tale of a boy who visits another village and helps the townspeople deal with their fear of something that they have mistaken for a terrible, dangerous animal.



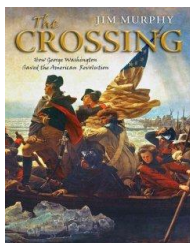
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Mirror Mirror

By Marilyn Singer

Call #: J811.54 Sin

A collection of short poems which, when reversed, provide new perspectives on the fairy tale characters they feature.



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The Crossing: How George Washington Saved the American Revolution

By Jim Murphy

Call #: J973.332

After devastating defeats in and around New York City, the Continental Army was disintegrating and the British were perilously close to snuffing out the American Revolution. Washington saved the Army, the Revolution and his command with his daring surprise attack on Trenton.