

# ALLENDALE LIBRARY GREAT READS

## **BINK & GOLLIE** *Kate DiCamillo*

Meet Bink and Gollie, two precocious little girls — one tiny, one tall, and both utterly irrepressible. Setting out from their super-deluxe tree house and powered by plenty of peanut butter (for Bink) and pancakes (for Gollie), they share three comical adventures involving painfully bright socks, an impromptu trek to the Andes, and a most unlikely marvelous companion. No matter where their roller skates take them, at the end of the day they will always be the very best of friends.

## **FROG & TOAD** *Arnold Lobel*

From writing letters to going swimming, telling stories to finding lost buttons, Frog and Toad are always there for each other—just as best friends should be.

## **NATE THE GREAT** *Marjorie Sharmat*

Nate the Great has a new case! His friend Annie has lost a picture. She wants Nate to help her find it. Nate the Great must get all the facts, ask the right questions, and narrow the list of suspects so he can solve the mystery.

## **MISS NELSON** *Harry Allard*

The kids in Room 207 were misbehaving again. Spitballs stuck to the ceiling. Paper planes whizzing through the air. They were the worst-behaved class in the whole school.

So begins this quirky classic, first published in 1977 and still relevant today as a lighthearted reminder to show our appreciation to those we value. The students don't proffer a shred of respect for their good-natured teacher Miss Nelson, but when the witchy substitute Miss Viola Swamp appears on the scene, they start to regret their own wicked ways.

## **YOUNG CAM JANSEN** *David Adler*

A jar full of toy dinosaurs, a game of musical chairs, and a smudge of chocolate cake. Can Cam Jansen put the clues together to solve a birthday party puzzle?

## **LUNCH LADY** *Jarrett J. Krosoczka*

Hector, Terrence, and Dee have always wondered about their school lunch lady. What does she do when she isn't dishing out the daily special? Where does she live? Does she have a lot of cats at home? Little do they know, Lunch Lady doesn't just serve sloppy joes—she serves justice! Whatever danger lies ahead, it's no match for LUNCH LADY!

## **HORRIBLE HARRY** *Suzy Kline*

Doug discovers that though being Harry's best friend in Miss Mackle's second grade class isn't always easy, as Harry likes to do horrible things, it is often a lot of fun.

## **MERCY WATSON TO THE RESCUE**

*Kate DiCamillo*

To Mr. and Mrs. Watson, Mercy is not just a pig — she's a porcine wonder. And to the portly and good-natured Mercy, the Watsons are an excellent source of buttered toast, not to mention that buttery-toasty feeling she gets when she snuggles into bed with them. This is not, however, so good for the Watsons' bed. BOOM! CRACK! As the bed and its occupants slowly sink through the floor, Mercy escapes in a flash — "to alert the fire department," her owners assure themselves. But could Mercy possibly have another emergency in mind — like a sudden craving for their neighbors' sugar cookies?

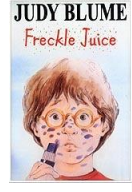
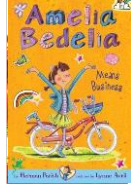
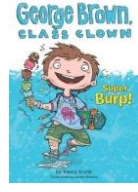
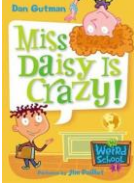
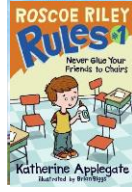
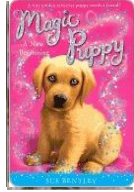
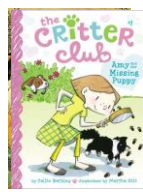
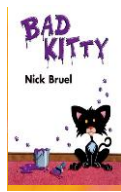
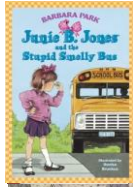
## **DIARY OF A WORM** *Doreen Cronin*

This is the diary . . . of a worm. Surprisingly, a worm not that different from you or me: He lives with his parents, plays with his friends, and even goes to school. But unlike you or me, he never has to take a bath, he gets to eat his homework, and because he doesn't have legs, he just can't do the hokey pokey -- no matter how hard he tries. Oh, and his head looks a lot like his rear end.

## **ELEPHANT & PIGGIE** *Roald Dahl*

Gerald is careful. Piggie is not. Piggie cannot help smiling. Gerald can. Gerald worries so that Piggie does not have to. Gerald and Piggie are best friends





## IVY & BEAN *Annie Barrows*

The moment they saw each other, Bean and Ivy knew they wouldn't be friends. But when Bean plays a joke on her sister, Nancy, and has to hide quickly, Ivy comes to the rescue, proving that sometimes the best of friends are people never meant to like each other. Vibrant characters and lots of humor make this a charming and addictive introduction to Ivy and Bean.

## JUNIE B. JONES *Barbara Park*

Meet the World's Funniest Kindergartner—Junie B. Jones! Remember when it was scary to go to school? In the first Junie B. Jones book, it's Junie B.'s first day and she doesn't know anything. She's so scared of the school bus and the meanies on it that when it's time to go home, she doesn't.

## BAD KITTY *Nick Bruel*

From the creator of *The New York Times* bestseller *Boing!* comes the riotous story of a cat gone berserk -- four times over in an alphabetical order each time. Kitty is not happy when she's told that her favorite foods are all gone and all that's left are Asparagus, Beets, Cauliflower, Dill...and 22 other equally unappealing vegetables. So she: Ate my homework, Bit grandma, Clawed the curtains, Damaged the dishes, and so on, through Z. Only when tastier things arrive (An Assortment of Anchovies, Buffalo Burritos, Chicken Cheesecake...) does she Apologize to Grandma.

## TIARA CLUB *Vivian French*

On the first day at the Princess Academy, everything goes wrong. The girls' ball gowns are ruined. What will Princess Charlotte and her friends do without their beautiful gowns?

## CRITTER CLUB *Callie Barkley*

It's Spring Break in Santa Vista, and everyone has big plans...everyone except for Amy, that is! As her best friends head out of town on exciting adventures, Amy resigns herself to helping out at her mom's vet clinic. At least she'll be around cute animals! But when Santa Vista's cold and elusive millionaire, Marge Sullivan, brings her puppy Rufus for a check-up, Amy encounters an unexpected mystery. After her friends return home, the girls get to the bottom of what happened to Rufus—and discover a way to help other lost and lonely animals in their town.

## MAGIC PUPPY *Sue Bentley*

Lily loves working at Greengates Riding Stables, but she can't help feeling sad that she doesn't have her own pony. Or even her own pet. But when Storm, a golden retriever with sparkling midnight-blue eyes, magically appears, she can't believe it. A wonderful adventure awaits them. Also, *Magic Bunny*, *Magic Pony*, *Magic Kitten*, and more.

## ROSCOE RILEY RULES *Katherine Applegate*

If the kids can't sit still for the class performance, Roscoe's teacher could be in big trouble. Fortunately Roscoe has a plan to save her—a super, mega, gonzo plan! What could go wrong?

## FREDDIE FERNORTNER *Johnathan Rand*

Freddie and his friends build a bike that actually flies! It should be a lot of fun - but trouble is on its way ... and fast!

## CAPTAIN UNDERPANTS *Dav Pilkey*

Two fourth-grade boys who write comic books and love to pull pranks find themselves in big trouble. Mean Mr. Krupp, their principal, videotapes George and Harold setting up their stunts and threatens to expose them. The boys' luck changes when they send for a 3-D Hypno-Ring and hypnotize Krupp, turning him into Captain Underpants, their own superhero creation.

## MY WEIRD SCHOOL *Dan Gutman*

Miss Daisy, who teaches second grade, doesn't know how to add or subtract. Not only that, she doesn't know how to read or write either. She is the dumbest teacher in the history of the world!

## SOPHIE *Lara Bergen*

Meet Sophie, a little girl with a big goal: to find the perfect title for herself. Look out --- here's Sophie the Awesome! Sophie Miller's life is boring. Average. Blah. She's not the oldest or the youngest, the tallest or the shortest. She's not even the only Sophie in her third-grade class! Sophie knows she's special. And she's come up with the perfect name to show it: Sophie the Awesome! But living up to her new name won't be easy --- especially if super-annoying Toby Myers has anything to say about it. Can Sophie prove her awesomeness . . . and prove everyone wrong?

## GEORGE BROWN, CLASS CLOWN *Nancy Krulik*

The first day at a new school is always the hardest, right? No, not always as George finds out the hard way. On the second day at...Sugarman Elementary School, he is suddenly seized by uncontrollable burps, burps so loud they practically break the sound barrier, burps that make him do wild and crazy stuff and land him in trouble with a capital T. One thing is for sure: these are not normal burps, they are magic burps—and they must be stopped! But how?

## AMELIA BEDELIA *Herman Parish*

When Suzanne, the new girl in Amelia Bedelia's class, arrives at school riding the most beautiful bicycle in the whole world, Amelia Bedelia decides she wants a new bike, too. But Amelia Bedelia's mom says that a bike like Suzanne's is so expensive it will cost an arm and a leg! What? Amelia Bedelia doesn't want to give away one of her arms and one of her legs. She'll need both arms to steer her new bike, and both legs to pedal it.

## RAINBOW FAIRIES *Daisy Meadows*

The Jewel Fairies, Weather Fairies, Pet Fairies, and Petal Fairies series are full of exciting adventures, but the magic started here, with the Rainbow Fairies -- even colorful sisters who keep Fairyland dazzling and bright.

## PUPPY PLACE *Ellen Miles*

Charles and Lizzie Peterson love puppies. They want a puppy of their own more than just about anything. They know dogs are a lot of work. But their mom still doesn't think their family is ready for a puppy. Then, Goldie arrives. She is a sweet golden retriever who needs a home. Goldie is very young. She doesn't know how to be a good puppy yet. Will Charles and Lizzie be able to help her?

## FRECKLE JUICE *Judy Blume*

Nicky has freckles: they cover his face, his ears, and the whole back of his neck. Sitting behind him in class, Andrew once counted eighty-six of them, and that was just a start! If Andrew had freckles like Nicky, his mother would never know if his neck was dirty. One day after school, Andrew works up enough courage to ask Nicky where he got his freckles. When know-it-all Sharon overhears, she offers Andrew her secret freckle juice recipe for fifty cents. It's a lot of money, but Andrew is desperate. At home he carefully mixes the strange combination of ingredients. Then the unexpected happens...