

ALLENDALE LIBRARY GREAT READS

LITTLE HOUSE *Laura Ingalls Wilder*

A family travels from the big woods of Wisconsin to a new home on the prairie, where they build a house, meet neighboring Indians, build a well, and fight a fire.

THE BOXCAR CHILDREN

Gertrude Chandler Warner

Four orphaned children (Henry, Jessie, Violet, and Benny) create a home for themselves in an abandoned boxcar in the forest. They eventually meet and decide to live with the grandfather, who moves the beloved boxcar to his backyard so the children can use it as a playhouse. The children encounter many adventures and mysteries in their neighborhood or at the locations they visit with their grandfather.

RAMONA QIMBY *Beverly Cleary*

Nine-year-old Beezus Quimby has her hands full with her little sister, Ramona. Sure, other people have little sisters that bother them sometimes, but is there anyone in the world like Ramona? Whether she's taking one bite out of every apple in a box or secretly inviting 15 other 4-year-olds to the house for a party, Ramona is always making trouble--and getting all the attention.

JUDY MOODY *Megan McDonald*

"Judy Moody was in a mood. Not a good mood. A bad mood. A mad-faced mood."

To start, Judy Moody doesn't have high hopes for third grade. Her new desk won't have an armadillo sticker with her name on it. Her new classroom will not have a porcupine named Roger. And with her luck, she'll get stuck sitting in the first row, where Mr. Todd will notice every time she tries to pass a note to her best friend, Rocky. An aspiring doctor, Judy does have a little brother who comes in handy for practicing medicine, a cool new pet, and a huge Band-Aid collection.

GERONIMO STILTON *Geronimo Stilton*

The title character is a talking mouse who lives in New Mouse City on Mouse Island. A best-selling author, Geronimo Stilton works as a journalist and editor for the fictional newspaper *The Rodent's Gazette*. Geronimo is a nervous, mild-mannered mouse who would like nothing better than to live a quiet life, but he keeps getting involved in far-away adventures with Thea, Trap, and Benjamin, and sometimes Aunt Sweetfur.

MOUSE & THE MOTORCYCLE *Beverly Cleary*

"Pb-pb-b-b-b. Pb-pb-b-b-b." With these magic vocables, Ralph the mouse revs up a dream come true--his very own motorcycle. Living in a knothole in a hotel room, young Ralph has seen plenty of families come and go, some more generous with their crumbs than others. But when young Keith and his parents check in to the hotel, Ralph gets his first chance to check out. He has always fantasized about venturing beyond the second floor, maybe even outside. Curiosity overcomes caution, and Ralph must have a go at Keith's toy motorcycle.

ENCYCLOPEDIA BROWN *Donald Sobol*

Features the adventures of boy detective Leroy Brown, nicknamed "Encyclopedia" for his intelligence and range of knowledge.

TIMMY FAILURE *Stephan Pastis*

Take eleven-year-old Timmy Failure — the clueless, comically self-confident CEO of the best detective agency in town, perhaps even the nation. Add his impressively lazy business partner, a very large polar bear named Total. Throw in the Failuremobile — Timmy's mom's Segway — and what you have is Total Failure, Inc., a global enterprise destined to make Timmy so rich his mother won't have to stress out about the bills anymore. Of course, Timmy's plan does not include the four-foot-tall female whose name shall not be uttered. And it doesn't include Rollo Tookus, who is so obsessed with getting into "Stanford" that he can't carry out a no-brainer spy mission.

MAGIC TREE HOUSE *Mary Pope Osborne*

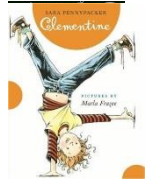
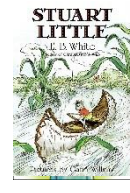
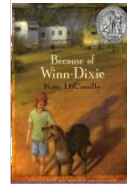
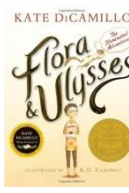
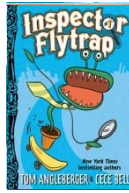
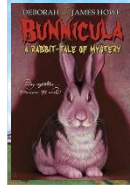
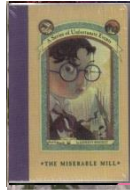
Series centers around Jack and Annie, two normal children who are siblings from Frog Creek, Pennsylvania, who go on numerous adventures and missions with a magical tree house in order to help free Morgan from a spell, solve four ancient riddles to become Master Librarians, and save four ancient stories from being lost forever.

CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

Roald Dahl

The story features the adventures of young Charlie Bucket inside the chocolate factory of eccentric chocolatier Willy Wonka.

3rd Grade



RESCUE PRINCESSES *Paula Harrison*

If there's an animal in danger they'll be there, ready to stage a daring rescue! With their ninja skills and magic jewels, they're Princesses on a mission.

NEVER GIRLS *Kiki Thorpe*

Far away from the world we know, on the distant seas of dreams, lies an island called Never Land. It is a place full of magic, where mermaids sing, fairies play, and children never grow up. Adventures happen every day, and anything is possible. There are two ways to reach Never Land. One is to find the island yourself. The other is for it to find you. Finding Never Land on your own takes a lot of luck and a pinch of fairy dust. Even then, you will only find the island if it wants to be found. But every once in a while, Never Land opens its doors to a special few. Believing in magic and fairies from the bottom of your heart can make the extraordinary happen. If you suddenly hear tiny bells or feel a sea breeze where there is no sea, pay careful attention. Never Land may be close by. You could find yourself there in a blink of an eye. One day, four special girls came to Never Land in just this way.

FUDGE *Judy Blume*

Fans young and old will laugh out loud at the irrepressible wit of Peter Hatcher, the hilarious antics of mischievous Fudge, and the unbreakable confidence of know-it-all Sheila Tubman in Judy Blume's five Fudge books, Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing, Otherwise Known as Sheila the Great, Superfudge, Fudge-a-Mania, and Double Fudge.

MICHIGAN CHILLERS *Johnathan Rand*

Explore the scary side of Michigan cities with such titles as "Kreepy Klowns of Kalamazoo", "A Ghostly Haunting in Grand Haven", and "Mayhem on Mackinac Island"

A TO Z MYSTERIES *Ron Roy*

There are twenty-six books in the original series; one for each letter of the alphabet. The series begins with *The Absent Author* and ends with *The Zombie Zone*. The books follow the adventures of three child detectives, Donald David "Dink" Duncan, Josh Pinto, and Ruth Rose Hathaway. They are nine years old and live in Green Lawn, Connecticut. Eventually they cross paths with KC and Marshall, the Washington DC child detectives of *Capital Mysteries*, and they become friends.

SERIES OF UNFORTUNATE EVENTS *Lemony Snicket*

Follows the turbulent lives of Violet, Klaus, and Sunny Baudelaire after their parents' death in a fire. The children are placed in the custody of a murderous relative, Count Olaf, who attempts to steal their inheritance and, later, orchestrates numerous disasters as the children attempt to flee his clutches.

BUNNICULA *James Howe*

Centered on the Monroe family and their pets and is told from the perspective of their dog Harold. The Monroes find a bunny at the theater where they were watching a Dracula film. Because of this, they name him Bunnacula. Their cat Chester, however, is convinced Bunnacula is a vampire and attempts to get Harold (the dog) to help save the Monroes from the perceived menace.

FANTASTIC MR. FOX *Roald Dahl*

The story is about Mr Fox and how he outwits his farmer neighbors to steal their food from right under their noses.

FLORA & ULYSSES *Kate DiCamillo*

It tells the story of Flora Belle Buckman and a superhero squirrel named Ulysses.

INSPECTOR FLYTRAP *Tom Angleberger*

series about a mystery-solving Venus flytrap. On his first caper, Inspector Flytrap heads to the Art Museum's Secret Lab to discover what important message lies in a mysterious glob on a recently discovered Da Vinci flower painting. The ingenious solution: Da Vinci was allergic to flowers, and the glob is, er, evidence of that ancient sneeze.

ONE & ONLY IVAN *Katherine Applegate*

Ivan is an easygoing gorilla. Living at the Exit 8 Big Top Mall and Video Arcade, he has grown accustomed to humans watching him through the glass walls of his domain. He rarely misses his life in the jungle. In fact, he hardly ever thinks about it at all. Instead, Ivan thinks about TV shows he's seen and about his friends Stella, an elderly elephant, and Bob, a stray dog. But mostly Ivan thinks about art and how to capture the taste of a mango or the sound of leaves with color and a well-placed line. Then he meets Ruby, a baby elephant taken from her family, and she makes Ivan see their home—and his own art—through new eyes. When Ruby arrives, change Comes with her, and it's up to Ivan to make it a change for the better.

HOW TO EAT FRIED WORMS *Thomas Rockwell*

Because of a bet, Billy is in the uncomfortable position of having to eat fifteen worms in fifteen days. The worms are supplied by his opponent, whose motto is "The bigger and juicier, the better!"

BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE *Kate DiCamillo*

The summer Opal and her father, the preacher, move to Naomi, Florida, Opal goes into the Winn-Dixie supermarket—and comes out with a dog. A big, ugly, suffering dog with a sterling sense of humor. A dog she dubs Winn-Dixie.

STUART LITTLE *E.B. White*

Stuart Little is no ordinary mouse. Born to a family of humans, he lives in New York City with his parents, his older brother George, and Snowbell the cat. Though he's shy and thoughtful, he's also a true lover of adventure.

MR. POPPER'S PENGUINS *Richard Atwater*

The Poppers unexpectedly come into possession of a penguin, then get a penguin from the zoo who mates with the first penguin to have 10 baby penguins. Before long, something must be done before they eat the Poppers out of house and home!

CLEMENTINE *Sara Pennypacker*

Clementine is having not so good of a week.
-On Monday she's sent to the principal's office for cutting off Margaret's hair.
- Tuesday, Margaret's mother is mad at her.
- Wednesday, she's sent to the principal... again.
- Thursday, Margaret stops speaking to her.
- Friday starts with yucky eggs and gets worse.
- And by Saturday, even her mother is mad at her.
Okay, fine. Clementine is having a DISASTROUS week.

SARAH, PLAIN AND TALL *Patricia MacLachlan*

A heartwarming story about two children, Anna and Caleb, whose lives are changed forever when their widowed papa advertises for a mail-order bride. Sarah Elisabeth Wheaton from Maine answers the ad and agrees to come for a month. Sarah brings gifts from the sea, a cat named Seal, and singing and laughter to the quiet house. But will she like it enough to stay? Anna and Caleb wait and wonder -- and hope.