Great Books For Kids
What kind of slippers do snakes wear?

Water moccasins!
Great Books for Kids 2008

Every kid’s life should be filled with books — at home, at school, and anywhere they travel. And, because kids take great pride in owning books, giving them for holidays and special occasions is a wonderful idea. *Great Books for Kids* presents recent, high quality publications for kids of all ages — and their families. The Youth Services Department of Cuyahoga County Public Library recommends you consider these titles for gift-giving or library borrowing throughout the year. Visit cuyahogalibrary.org for branch locations.

*Note*: The prices listed for each selection are the publishers’ suggested prices and may vary in area stores.
Simms Taback’s Great Big Book of Spacey Snakey Buggy Riddles
By Katy Hall & Lisa Eisenberg
Viking / 9780670011216 / $12.95
What’s funny and sure to get lots of laughs and groans from kids and parents alike?
A book of riddles, of course, as an award-winning illustrator dazzles the imagination
with wonderfully silly drawings in a rainbow of colors.
What do you have to know to teach a snake tricks?

More than the snake!
**The Little Rabbit Who Liked to Say Moo**
By Jonathan Allen
Boxer / 9781905417780 / $14.94
Who’s that quacking, oinking and hee-hawing? Maybe not who you think. All the baby animals in the farmyard join in to share their favorite sounds. Thick black outlines on colorful animals with expressive faces bring the fun to life.

**Never Take a Shark to the Dentist (And Other Things Not to Do)**
By Judi Barrett / Illustrated by John Nickle
Atheneum / 9781416907244 / $16.99
From the author of *Animals Should Definitely Not Wear Clothing* comes a list of what animals aren’t suited for and a suggestion, “to always go shopping with a pelican.” Acrylic illustrations of nattily dressed animals add to the fun.

**Gingerbread Friends**
By Jan Brett
Putnam / 9780399251610 / $17.99
If you love the thrill of the chase, you won’t be disappointed in this version of the ever-popular gingerbread story as the lonely Gingerbread Baby seeks friends in a bakery. Can he convince anyone to be his friend and not eat him? This book is a great recipe for sweet success.

**Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes**
By Mem Fox / Illustrated by Helen Oxenbury
Harcourt / 978015206572 / $16.00
Roly-poly babies in bright watercolors, along with a modern rhyme, celebrate the joys of babyhood throughout the world. Perfect to share with a little one you know.

**Monarch and Milkweed**
By Helen Frost / Illustrated by Leonid Gore
Atheneum / 9781416900856 / $17.99
Nature lovers will enjoy following the life cycle of the Monarch butterfly and its host plant, the milkweed, through spring into fall. Illustrated in soft pastels and acrylics and written in poetically flowing passages, this is an excellent book for those who appreciate the great outdoors. The fascinating migration patterns of the Monarch are included on the endpapers.

**Old Bear**
By Kevin Henkes
Greenwillow / 9780061552052 / $17.99
Snug and warm, Old Bear sleeps. Leaves fly and snow falls but Old Bear doesn’t notice. He is dreaming of being a cub again and of wandering lush summer hillsides. What will Old Bear discover when he awakes from his winter sleep?

**The Ultimate Guide to Grandmas & Grandpas**
By Sally Lloyd-Jones / Illustrated by Michael Emberley
HarperCollins / 978006075681 / $14.99
Hippos, bears, dogs and other varieties of grandkids explain the care of grandparents from napping to playing games. But the best advice is that, “You need to kiss them. And hug them. And always love them.”
**Alphabet Animals – A Slide-and-Peek Adventure**
By Suse MacDonald
Little Simon / 9781416950455 / $12.99
Curious little hands will not be able to resist this guessing-game/puzzle book of animals. From alligator to zebra, animals take the shapes of the alphabet letters and every page is a pocket which conceals a sliding card revealing the letter and the name of the animal.

**I’m Bad!**
By Kate & Jim McMullan
Joanna Cotler / 9780061229718 / $16.99
Think you’re bad? Stomp through the outdoors with Tyrannosaurus, showing off your skills and scaring the other dinosaurs. When you finally slow down, an understanding Mom is there with dinner.

**If You Give a Cat a Cupcake**
By Laura Numeroff / Illustrated by Felicia Bond
Laura Geringer / 9780060283247 / $16.99
The lovable cat who first appeared in *If You Give a Pig a Party* now stars in his very own book. Watch out! If you give that cat a cupcake, he’ll ask for sprinkles, and you know that’s just the beginning of some hilarious fun.

**Baby Face – A Book of Love for Baby**
By Cynthia Rylant / Illustrated by Diane Goode
Simon and Schuster / 9781416949091 / $16.99
Six simple poems for babies and toddlers joyfully celebrate all of the treasured moments in a baby’s life. A baby’s day is sometimes quiet, sometimes busy, sometimes messy and sometimes noisy, but always filled with baby love.

**A Kitten Tale**
By Eric Rohmann
Knopf / 9780517709153 / $15.99
One spring four kittens find a postcard with a wintry scene. Three kittens remark that snow is cold and wet; only the fourth kitten is excited. Through summer and fall, the three fearful ones fret, while the fourth eagerly anticipates winter. As snow arrives, the kittens huddle and hide, except for the brave tabby, whose exuberant outdoor play encourages his friends to overcome their fears.

**Mother Goose and Friends**
By Ruth Sanderson
Little Brown / 97803167777186 / $16.99
Welcome to the enchanted land of Mother Goose favorites filled with quaint pumpkin houses, Victorian flower gardens, gnomes and even Little Bo Peep’s sheep. Discover the fun of rhymes while poring over exciting details.

**Smash! Crash!**
By Jon Scieszka
Simon & Schuster / 978146941330 / $16.99
Know anyone who likes to smash & crash? Visit Trucktown where all the trucks have names and personalities. Some are hard workers and some like to play hard.
Fabulous Fishes
By Susan Stockdale
Peachtree / 978156145297 / $15.95
Find your favorite fish shown in bright acrylics and introduced by simple describing rhymes: “striped fish, spiked fish.” Dive right into this fascinating environment – the water’s fine.

Blue Goose
By Nancy Tafuri
Simon & Schuster / 9781416928348 / $15.99
Imagine a gray landscaped barnyard, add a colorful group of primary-colored farm animals – Blue Goose, Red Hen, Yellow Chick and White Duck – who use their combined painting skills to have fun “coloring” the farm while Farmer Gray is out. They finish just in time to surprise Farmer Gray.

The Blacker the Berry
By Joyce Carol Thomas / Illustrated by Floyd Cooper
Amistad / 9780060253752 / $16.99
Black comes in all shades from dark to light and each is rich and beautiful in this collection of simple, joyful poems that show African American diversity. A girl says she is “cranberry red” from her father’s Irish heritage. A boy is proud to be “raspberry black” when he learns about an ancestor’s love for her Seminole husband. This celebration of identity and heritage helps young children understand and appreciate differences in skin color.

Duck Soup
By Jackie Urbanovic
HarperCollins / 9780061214417 / $17.99
Max the Duck loves to cook, especially soup. With friends on the way, he steps out to get the perfect ingredient. While he’s away, his friends discover a feather in the soup which brings out theirs worst fears. The hilarious antics to save Max are worth the discovery of what happens when you make Duck Soup.

Yoko Writes Her Name
By Rosemary Wells
Hyperion / 9780786803712 / $15.99
A fellow kindergartner accuses Yoko of scribbling when she is actually using Japanese calligraphy. With wisdom from Mama, cooperation from her teacher and enthusiasm from her classmates, the students learn that friendship can bridge cultural differences when Yoko shows her teacher and fellow students how to write their names in Japanese.

Pigeon Wants a Puppy!
By Mo Willems
Hyperion / 9781423109600 / $14.99
“I WANT A PUPPY! RIGHT HERE! RIGHT NOW!” Pigeon is back and he knows what he really wants… or does he? He promises to take care of the puppy, but there are the big teeth and the wet nose. But you know Pigeon. Does he still want a puppy? Read and find out!
Why did the second-grade snakes get into trouble at school?

They were always hiss-pering!
Heavy Equipment Up Close
By Andra Serlin Abramson
Sterling / 9781402747991 / $9.95
Youngsters who linger, spellbound, at construction sites, marveling at the heavy equipment, will treasure this informative, oversized volume which is packed with large color photos and foldouts that expand into even larger displays of heavy equipment. A reversible book jacket that opens into a large poster is an added bonus.

Little Green Frogs
By Frances Barry
Candlewick / 9780763637255 / $5.99
Explore frogs as they develop from eggs to tadpoles, froglets and then full-sized frogs in this uniquely designed book featuring pastel paper collages and pages that fold open to create a pond teeming with life.

Manfish: A Story of Jacques Cousteau
By Jennifer Berne / Illustrated by Éric Puybaret
Chronicle / 9780811860635 / $16.99
Enter the beautiful underwater world of Jacques Cousteau in this sensitive, poetic biography. A child’s curiosity will be fueled while reading about Cousteau’s own inquisitive nature and passion for the ocean. Acrylic paintings on linen bring the sparkly magic of the sea and its creatures to life!

Frogs
By Nic Bishop
Scholastic / 9780439877558 / $17.99
Gliding frogs, glass frogs, growling grass frogs – who knew there were so many frogs in the world? Spectacular photographs featuring frogs in close-ups and in stop-action leaps, combine with an enthusiastic text to provide an overview of frog habits and behavior. Did you know a gliding frog can soar 50 feet?

The Lost and Found Tooth
By Louise Borden / Illustrated by Adam Gustavson
McElderry / 97814169181410 / $16.99
Losing a tooth is a big deal in Mr. Reilly’s classroom, where the children keep a chart showing the date, time and place. Lucy, the only one to have all her baby teeth, longs to add her name to the list. When her tooth finally falls out, she loses it in the snow during recess. Happily, her classmates join in the search for her precious tooth. Will Lucy’s name soon be on the list?

Batman: The Story of the Dark Knight
By Ralph Consentino
Viking / 9780670062553 / $15.99
Return to the style and feel of the early comics as Batman steps out of the shadows to introduce himself to early readers. The Caped Crusader retraces his origins and training, describes his work and introduces his sinister foes. Vintage comic book style, accompanied by bold, action-packed art is in a large, child-friendly format. This is an outstanding introduction to classic comics, sure to appeal to young Batman fans.

Thump, Quack, Moo: A Whacky Adventure
By Doreen Cronin / Illustrated by Betsy Lewin
Atheneum / 9781416616307 / $16.99
The farm is bursting with activity as Farmer Brown and his barnyard full of animals prepare for The Corn Maze Festival. However, cranky duck has his own idea for the maze. He dons night-vision goggles and uses a glow-in-the-dark ruler to sneak out at night and incorporate his own design changes. Bold, loosely rendered watercolors depict the final masterpiece in a laugh-out-loud gatefold illustration.
**Harvey Moon, Museum Boy**  
By Pat Cummings  
HarperCollins / 9780688178895 / $16.99  
Children like to take their pets with them and that’s what Harvey does, hiding his pet lizard in his backpack before going on a museum field trip. He gets more than he bargained for, though, when Zippy gets loose and the two find themselves alone in the museum after hours.

**Round Like a Ball**  
By Lisa Campbell Ernst  
Blue Apple / 9781934706015 / $15.95  
This clever book is actually an extended riddle, allowing children to guess the answer as clues are given... the object is round, always moving, colorful, nourishing yet must be nourished. The pages feature increasingly larger cutouts which ultimately lead to the answer that will leave environmentalists cheering.

**Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever**  
By Marla Frazee  
Harcourt / 9780152060206 / $16.00  
Humor abounds as best friends James and Eamon enjoy the camaraderie that only two young boys can share. Together, they attend nature camp, eat banana waffles, sleep on blow-up mattresses, walk like penguins, and build a pretend Antarctica with icebergs, whales, and, of course, penguins.

**Basketball Bats**  
By Betty Hicks / Illustrated by Adam McCauley  
Roaring Brook / 9781596432437 / $15.95  
Fourth grader Henry and his buddies, Goose, Rocky, Rita and Jazz, love basketball and accept a challenge from the Tigers, a team that is bigger and more organized. As it turns out, the Tigers cheat. But Henry’s team, the Bats, wins anyway. Cheer on the Bats in this first book of the action-filled “Gym Shorts” series, sports books that explore topics of sportsmanship and friendship.

**Sisters and Brothers: Sibling Relationships in the Animal World**  
By Robin Page / Illustrated by Steve Jenkins  
Houghton Mifflin / 9780618375967 / $16.00  
Did you know that “wild turkey brothers are lifelong companions?” Often it is forgotten that animals have brothers and sisters, too, but readers will come away with a new perspective of the animal kingdom through an interesting and informative text complemented with intriguing cut and torn paper collage illustrations.

**The Scrambled States of America: Talent Show**  
By Laurie Keller  
Henry Holt / 978080805079975 / $16.95  
New York has a great idea – a talent show featuring all the states. Laughter is transported across state lines as each state comes up with its own act. In this exuberant geographical jamboree, cartoon characters shaped like state maps dance and prance across the page, giving readers plenty to giggle about, while learning facts about the states. Who knew the 50 states were such a bunch of hams?

**The Twin Giants**  
By Dick King-Smith / Illustrated by Mini Grey  
Candlewick / 9780763635299 / $16.99  
There’s double the fun when two giants, (E) Normus and (There’s a) Lottavim, set off on separate adventures in search of wives. As each seeks the giantess of his dreams, the result is “enormously” funny when they meet the same candidates at different times. Witty, color illustrations feature boldly dressed giants, brightly colored maps and miniscule villagers.
**Bats at the Library**
By Brian Lies
Houghton Mifflin / 9780618999231 / $16.00

It's the middle of the night and the library's got bats, thanks to a window left open by an unsuspecting librarian. Although the young ones initially misbehave, storytime settles everyone (upside) down as the bats hang around the rim of a reading lamp. Richly detailed illustrations add to the humor in a magical tribute to classic children's literature from a "bat's perspective," including the Cheshire Bat, Winnie the Bat and Little Red Riding Bat.

**Judy Moody Goes to College**
By Megan McDonald / Illustrated by Peter H. Reynolds
Candlewick / 9780763628338 / $15.99

Judy Moody is back. She's in a mood, and it's not good. And it's definitely not a math mood! Can a few sessions with a college-age math tutor change her into a math whiz? Like others in the series, this book features a reader-friendly format, on-target humor and an entertaining perspective of life in the third grade.

**The Pet Dragon: A Story About Adventure, Friendship, and Chinese Characters**
By Christoph Niemann
Greenwillow / 9780061577765 / $16.99

After her father banishes her beloved dragon to a cage for breaking a vase, it disappears and young Lin must set out across the Chinese landscape in pursuit. Using clean, bold graphics, Chinese pictographs are incorporated into the story, giving children the chance to learn them in a fun format. Readers will embark on a memorable journey in this playful introduction to the fascinating world of Chinese language and culture.

**Clementine's Letter**
By Sara Pennypacker / Illustrated by Marla Frazee
Hyperion / 9780786838844 / $14.99

The irresistible Clementine is back! In this third installment, Clementine is getting settled into a comfortable routine with her teacher, Mr. D'Matz, when, much to her dismay, she learns he may be traveling to Egypt for the rest of the school year. Yikes! How can she stop him from leaving?

**Horton Hears a Who Pop-Up!**
By Dr. Seuss / Pop-ups by David A. Carter
Robin Corey / 978 0375841941 / $25.99

Pop-ups created by a master paper engineer create new excitement for this classic Seuss tale. Horton hears a Who and struggles to protect the little person and its fellow inhabitants living on a speck of dust. Interactive pull-tabs and three-dimensional scenes bring the imaginary miniscule world to life.

**Help Me, Mr. Mutt:**
**Expert Answers for Dogs With People Problems**
By Janet Stevens and Susan Stevens Crummel / Illustrated by Janet Stevens
Harcourt / 9780152046286 / $17.00

Dog lovers will howl with laughter at the hilarious advice Mr. Mutt dishes out to his canine audience. Letters pour in from dogs in distress with owners who dress them in silly costumes and won’t let them sleep on the bed. Cat “the Queen” interjects her superiority throughout.
Why didn’t the owl eat the green snake?

He was waiting for it to ripen!
She Touched the World: Laura Bridgman, Deaf-Blind Pioneer
By Sally Hobart Alexander and Robert Alexander
Clarion / 9780618852994 / $18.00
The effects of scarlet fever left two-year-old Laura Bridgman blind and deaf. When Laura was seven, she came under the care of Dr. Samuel Gridley Howe and his sister at the Perkins Institution for the Blind in Boston. There, Laura learned to read, write, speak and crochet. A resounding voice for the physically disabled.

The Calder Game
By Blue Balliett
Scholastic / 9780439852074 / $17.99 or Thorndyke / 9781410410177 / $23.95 (Large Print)
Calder Pillay travels with his father to a remote English village which has an Alexander Calder sculpture in its town square. When the sculpture and Calder disappear on the same day, friends Petra and Tommy fly to England to help find him. Full of twists and turns, the mystery spins and wobbles like a Calder mobile right down to the exciting conclusion.

The Penderwicks on Gardam Street
By Jeanne Birdsall
Alfred A. Knopf / 9780375840906 / $15.99 or Listening Library / 9780739365014 / $34.00 CD
When their dad is pushed into dating again, the Penderwick sisters are determined to stop it. Their “Save-Daddy Plan” to find the worst possible women as a date for their father has amusing and disastrous results.

Women Daredevils: Thrills, Chills and Frills
By Julie Cummins / Illustrated by Cheryl Harness
Dutton / 9780525479482 / $17.99
Some women are born to seek adventure. These brave women are shot out of cannons, dance on airplane wings and go over Niagara Falls in a barrel! Are you brave enough to read about them?

The London Eye Mystery
By Siobhan Dowd
David Fickling Books / 9780375849763 / $15.99
Aunt Gloria’s son, Salim goes missing after riding the London Eye. Police are befuddled by what has happened. Did Salim run away? Was he kidnapped? Ted and Kat band together to decipher clues they remember about Salim, leading to an exciting rescue.

The McElderry Book of Greek Myths
By Eric A. Kimmel / Illustrated by Pep Montserrat
Walk with the ancient Greek gods in this beautifully illustrated collection of twelve Greek myths. How did Persephone escape from Hades? Why did Jason want to find the Golden Fleece? Why are spiders named arachnids? All of these questions and more are answered in the myths which helped the ancient Greeks understand their world.

Swindle
By Gordon Korman
Scholastic / 9780439903448 / $ 16.99
You have just been conned out of a rare Babe Ruth baseball card. If you managed to get it back, would your parents change their minds about moving? The only way to find out would be to steal the card back. Just exactly what Griffin plans to do!
**Mazes Around the World**  
By Mary D. Lankford / Illustrated by Karen Dugan  
HarperCollins / 9780688165192 / $16.99  
Take a trip through time and space to discover the many puzzling and amazing forms that mazes have taken. From the ancient Cretan labyrinth to the modern day corn maze, people have been creating this form to challenge and entertain themselves.

**The Willoughbys**  
By Lois Lowry  
Houghton Mifflin / 9780618979745 / $16.00  
The Willoughby children have decided that they want to be orphans just like the children in old-fashioned books. So they send their parents on a dangerous vacation. Their parents turn the tables on them by hiring a nanny to sell the house and place the children in an orphanage. But the children aren’t giving up their home without a fight.

**The Runaway Dolls**  
By Ann M. Martin and Laura Godwin / Illustrated by Brian Selznick  
Hyperion / 9780786855841 / $16.99 or Listening Library / 9780739371794 / $30.00 CD  
Annabelle Doll finds her little sister, Tilly, after being separated for over 100 years. When her parents say Tilly must stay in her box until the Palmers return from vacation, the Dolls and their friends – the Funcraft children – take Tilly and run away. Annabelle, Tilly and the rest of the Dolls experience a strange and exciting world outside the Palmer home. (Doll People Series, Book 3)

**We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball**  
By Kadir Nelson  
Hyperion / 9780786808328 / $18.99  
In nine plus innings, the story of the rise and fall of Negro League baseball is illustrated. Since African American players could not play in the Major League after 1887, they formed their own league. Talented and entertaining players like Ernie Banks and Josh Gibson kept baseball alive until Jackie Robinson and Willie Mays broke back into the Major League.

**The Boys of Steel: The Creators of Superman**  
By Marc Tyler Nobleman / Illustrated by Ross MacDonald  
Knopf / 9780375838026 / $16.99  
Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it’s the story of how writer Jerry Siegel and illustrator Joe Shuster, serious fans of Buck Rogers, Flash Gordon and Tarzan, ignored the disdainful looks of their high school classmates and created the superhero of all time – Superman! The friends invented a mild-mannered hero who changes into Superman when the need arises and uses his superpowers to save mankind. The battle for truth and justice is never ending.

**Keeping Score**  
By Linda Sue Park  
Clarion / 9780618927999 / $16.00  
Maggie is a Brooklyn Dodgers fan even though the team has not won the World Series. She becomes friends with Jim, a Yankee fan, who teaches her how to score baseball games. When Jim goes to fight in Korea, Maggie must decide if she wants the Dodgers to win the World Series more than she wants Jim to return home safely.
Pizza, Pigs and Poetry: How to Write a Poem
By Jack Prelutsky
Greenwillow / 9780061434495 / $16.99
Using his experiences as a child, Jack Prelutsky shows children how to write poetry, emphasizing rhyme and rhythm rather than form and meter. He suggests a notebook for writing ideas and methods for thinking creatively and playing with language.

Lady Liberty: A Biography
By Doreen Rappaport / Illustrated by Matt Tavares
Candlewick / 9780763625306 / $17.99
In 1865, the French wanted to build the Statue of Liberty for the United States to symbolize the freedom inspired by the American Revolution. Discover why it took over 20 years for the Statue of Liberty to be unveiled in New York City.

Peter Pan: A Classic Collectible Pop-Up
By Robert Sabuda
Little Simon / 9780689853647 / $29.99
Fly to Neverland and enjoy Robert Sabuda’s elegant retelling of this classic story accompanied by beautiful pop-ups of Tinkerbell, Wendy and, of course, Peter Pan. Sabuda’s full-color illustrations pull the reader deeper and deeper into the world of Neverland.

Dodger and Me
By Jordan Sonnenblick
Feiwel and Friends / 9780312377939 / $16.95
Willie Ryan has three problems in his life. Number one: Lizzie wants to be his friend. Number two: His mother is overprotective. Number three: He stinks at baseball. Now Willie has an imaginary blue chimp named Dodger to help him solve his problems.

The Mysterious Benedict Society and the Perilous Journey
By Trenton Lee Stewart / Illustrated by Diana Sudyka
Little Brown / 9780316057806 / $16.99 or Listening Library / 9780739373408 / $50.00 CD
Mr. Benedict has been kidnapped and dire consequences will result if Mr. Ledropha Curtain, his evil twin, does not receive the information he wants within four days. Danger and adventure await Reynie, Kate, Sticky and Constance as they embark on a scavenger hunt to rescue Mr. Benedict and to find the duskwort which will cure his narcolepsy.

United Tweets of America: 50 State Birds Their Stories, Their Glories
By Hudson Talbott
Putnam / 9780399245206 / $17.99
A delightful, high flying tour of the fifty states highlights the state birds singing the state songs and basic state facts. See the Carolina Wren do the shag, the Baltimore Oriole pitch crab cakes and the Loon do stand-up comedy. The amusing and joyous illustrations help readers to remember which bird represents which state.

I, Matthew Henson: Polar Explorer
By Carole Boston Weatherford / Illustrated by Eric Velasquez
Walker / 9780802796882 / $16.95
Matthew Henson became a polar explorer with Admiral Peary after years of working as a seaman and a surveyor on the Panama Canal and living with the Inuit on Greenland. All of these experiences helped Henson on seven of Admiral Peary’s expeditions to the Arctic. On each expedition, they were haunted by Kokoyah, the Eskimo’s legendary devil of the north, until the day they arrived at the North Pole.
What do you call a crazy spaceman?

An astro-nut!
**The Underneath**  
By Kathy Appelt / Illustrated by David Small  
Atheneum / 9781416950585 / $16.99  
An old hound dog, Ranger, and a cat with two newborn kittens become an unlikely family and shelter each other from the dangers of a Texas bayou. When Puck, the curious kitten, decides to venture out into the world, he is threatened by the ancient mysterious presence of a snake-woman and the revengeful ways of Gar Face, Ranger’s angry master.

**The Seer of Shadows**  
By Avi  
HarperCollins / 9780060000158 / $16.99  
Horace’s beliefs are challenged once he unearths an ability to capture the dead on film. When the 14-year-old photographs the Von Macht family, he unleashes the angry ghost of their daughter, who is determined to punish those who hurt her in life – namely her parents!

** Heck: Where the Bad Kids Go**  
By Dale E. Basye / Illustrated by Bob Dob  
Random House / 9780375840753 / $16.99  
Leaving her dull life in Kansas has been the dream of 13-year-old Marlo Faustus. When she and her brother are smothered to death by a marshmallow avalanche, they get sent to Heck, a strict reform school in the afterlife where there is no escape until age eighteen! With teachers like Lizzie Borden for home economics and Typhoid Mary for biology and a diet of brussels sprouts and cod liver oil, the siblings frantically devise a getaway plan.

**George Washington Carver**  
By Tonya Bolden  
Abrams / 9780810993662 / $18.95  
Peanut shampoo and sweet potato ink are some of the ingenious, homespun science discoveries by George Washington Carver. Born a slave and raised an orphan, Carver’s unflagging spirit and intelligence are chronicled in this pictorial biography.

**Paleo Bugs: Survival of the Creepiest**  
By Timothy J. Bradley  
Chronicle Books / 9780811860222 / $15.99  
Can you imagine a 390 million-year-old cockroach or a 320 million-year-old millipede that is seven feet long? Discover these creepy crawlers and many more prehistoric bugs that evolved into the insects, scorpions, crabs and lobsters we know today! Oversized, detailed sketches and clever sidebars of factual information will satisfy the budding scientist.

**Dr. Ernest Drake’s Monsterology: The Complete Book of Monstrous Beasts**  
By Ernest Drake / Illustrated by Wayne Anderson  
Candlewick / 9780763639402 / $19.99  
From unicorns to griffins, centaurs to sea serpents, explore a world of legendary animals that, according to the inquisitive “Dr. Ernest Drake,” still wander the earth! An amazing fold-out wall chart of fabulous beasts, textured samples including sea serpent skin and multiple flap foldouts will make this ideal for amateur monsterologists!
The Porcupine Year
By Louise Erdrich
HarperCollins / 9780060297879 / $15.99
The third entry in the *Birchbark House* series finds young Omakaya and her Ojibwa family moving west from their homeland, which the U.S. government has claimed. Dangers abound in the northern Minnesota winter, but Omakaya and her porcupine-loving brother Pinch’s biggest adventure is growing up!

The Trouble Begins at 8: A Life of Mark Twain in the Wild, Wild West
By Sid Fleischman
Greenwillow / 9780061344312 / $18.99
Who was Mark Twain before he became a great American writer? Starting at age eight, the daring Samuel Clemens was always ready for a challenge! His exciting stints as a riverboat captain, a gold miner and a newspaper reporter, and his travels out west and abroad paved the way for his autobiographical books. This spirited biography comes alive with humor and a sprinkling of famous Twain quotes.

Inkdeath
By Cornelia Funke
Chicken House / 9780439866286 / $24.99 or Listening Library / 9780739363003 / $67.00
The written word still comes to life in this, the final book of the *Inkheart* trilogy. When the immortal Adderhead’s minions kidnap the children of Ombra, bookbinder Mo – known throughout the Inkworld as the Robin Hood-like Bluejay — willingly walks into the trap to right the story, once and for all.

Eleven
By Patricia Reilly Giff
Wendy Lamb / 9780385730693 / $15.99 or Listening Library / 9780739362808 / $25.00
On Sam’s eleventh birthday, he discovers an old newspaper clipping showing a photograph of himself as a missing child. Sam is dyslexic and can’t read the words, but fears it has something to do with his haunting memories and bad dreams. With the help of his new friend Caroline, Sam unravels the mystery about his past.

Bird Lake Moon
By Kevin Henkes
Greenwillow / 9780061470769 / $15.99
Mitch’s father walked out on his mother. Spencer’s family is returning to the site of his brother Matty’s death eight years earlier. Neither boy can help their families avoid these crises. But the two can find a connection with each other that deepens throughout this summer of change.

Brooklyn Bridge
By Karen Hesse / Illustrated by Chris Sheban
Feiwel and Friends / 9780312378868 / $17.95
The Michtoms find success after inventing the Teddy Bear in 1903. However, 14-year-old Joseph longs for the days he was free to play stickball and to enjoy gatherings at his home… before it became a factory! Newbery-winner Hesse’s first offering in five years is based on a real-life immigrant family.

House of Many Ways
By Diana Wynne Jones
Greenwillow / 9780061477959 / $17.99
This third title in the series of *Howl’s Moving Castle* introduces sheltered Charmain Baker, who is sent by her domineering great-aunt to watch over the great wizard’s magical house of many ways and rooms while he is away recuperating from a rare disease. With the help of the wizard’s apprentice, Charmain realizes she has a magical gift of her own and uses her talents to help save the troubled kingdom of High Norland.
**The Big Field**  
By Mike Lupica  
Philomel / 9780399246258 / $17.99  
As team captain of the Boynton Beach Cardinals, Keith “Hutch” Hutchinson dreams of playing for the state champions on “the big field” as a shortstop, just like his father played in the major leagues. When show-stopper Daryl replaces Hutch and he is demoted to second base, Hutch desperately works hard to seek his father’s approval and to forge a friendship with his competitive teammate.

**What the World Eats**  
Photos by Peter Menzel / Written by Faith D’Aluisio  
Tricycle Press / 9781582462462 / $22.99  
From sashimi in Japan to pasta in Italy, travel around the world to discover what families in 21 countries eat in a week! Brightly colored, stunning photographs depict each family surrounded by a week’s groceries and their equivalent cost in U.S. dollars. Family recipes and other eye-catching graphics that include statistics on population, literacy and access to safe water provide a fascinating look at world cultures.

**Our White House: Looking In, Looking Out**  
Created by the National Children’s Book and Literary Alliance  
Candlewick / 9780763620677 / $29.99  
108 authors and illustrators – plus the occasional President and celebrity – take us on an insider’s tour of our nation’s “first residence,” from amusing anecdotes about presidential children and White House pets to the threat of fire and the specter of war.

**All Shook Up**  
By Shelley Pearsall  
Knopf / 9780375836985 / $15.99  
As a child of divorce, 13-year-old Josh Greenwood is accustomed to splitting his time between his orderly mother in Boston and his free-spirited father in Chicago. Due to family circumstances, Josh is forced to temporarily move in with his dad and start seventh grade at a new school. He is mortified to learn his father has become an Elvis impersonator and will do anything to keep this news a secret!

**Queste**  
By Angie Sage / Illustrated by Mark Zug  
Katherine Tegen / 9780060882075 / $17.99  
In his fourth adventure, Extra-Ordinary Wizard Apprentice Septimus Heap and his sister Jenna race to rescue their brother Nicko and his girlfriend Snorri from the mysterious House of Foryx. However, Darke Apprentice Merrin Meredith doesn’t make this task easy, vowing, instead, to send Septimus on a deadly Queste.

**The Case of the Bizarre Bouquets: An Enola Holmes Mystery**  
By Nancy Springer  
Philomel / 9780399245183 / $14.99  
Sherlock’s spunky little sister is back, and this time she risks discovery when she takes on a case close to her brother’s heart – the search for a missing Dr. Watson!

**Life on Earth — and Beyond: An Astrobiologist’s Quest**  
By Pamela S. Turner  
Charlesbridge / 9781580891332 / $19.95  
How do astrobiologists study extraterrestrial life? Until we can travel to other planets, they must settle for studying Earth’s extreme environments. Join NASA scientist Chris McKay and his engaging photos as he travels from Antarctica to the deserts of Africa and sites in-between, searching for the secrets of life.
Why is the North Star the smartest star?

Because it's the brightest!
Peeled
By Joan Bauer
Putnam / 0399234750 / $16.99 or Listening Library / 9780739367919 / $45.00
When strange events occur in an abandoned house believed to be haunted, teen newspaper reporter Hildy Biddle uses her investigative skills to get to the bottom of it and save the town from who or what is behind the mystery.

Teen Girl’s Gotta-Have-It Guide to Money: Getting Smart About Making It, Saving It, and Spending It
By Jessica Blatt
Watson-Guptill / 9780823017270 / $8.95
It’s never too early to learn how to manage your finances. Written especially for teenage girls, this guide offers tips on investing, saving and spending by using real life examples, fun illustrations and quizzes.

Curse Dark as Gold
By Elizabeth C. Bunce
Arthur A. Levine / 9780439895767 / $17.99
In this retelling of Rumpelstiltskin, Charlotte and her younger sister are running the family mill business which has been plagued by a dark curse. Without any money to pay the mortgage, a man named Jack Spinner offers to spin straw into gold for the sisters. In exchange, Spinner wants something that Charlotte will later regret promising.

Airhead
By Meg Cabot
Scholastic / 9780545040525 / $16.99
After a freak accident, average teenager Em Watts wakes up in the hospital to find that her brain has been transplanted into the body of Nikki Howard, a teen supermodel. Em must keep the secret of the transplant and pass herself off as Nikki while trying to find a way back to her old life to win the boy of her dreams and find a balance between brains and beauty.

Dragon Heir
By Cinda Williams Chima
Hyperion / 9781423110705 / $17.99
In this third and final installment to The Warrior Heir, the wizard town of Trinity, Ohio, is under attack. When a young wizard named Jason Haley finds a powerful talisman known as the Dragonheart, he plans to use its powers to save Trinity. As the talisman is taken away, Jason must find a different way to save the city and his friends.

Tunnels
By Roderick Gordon and Brian Williams
Chicken House / 9780439871778 / $17.99
When Will’s archaeologist father mysteriously disappears, he and his best friend set out on a search. They are led into an underground society which has been hidden since the 1700s. The inhabitants do not welcome “Topsoilers” and will do anything it takes to keep them away.
**Juliet Club**
By Suzanne Harper
Greenwillow / 9780061366918 / $17.99
When Kate heads off to Verona, Italy to study Shakespeare for the summer, she is surprised to learn just how much Shakespeare's work mirrors her own life. To read or not to read? This story is complete with everything Shakespeare – star-crossed lovers, comedy and drama.

**Runemarks**
By Joanne Harris
Knopf / 9780375844447 / $18.99 or Listening Library / 9780739362846 / $50.00 CD
When Maddy learns that the birthmark on her hand possesses special powers, she must battle the evil forces of magic in hopes of saving her village.

**Manga for the Beginner: Everything You Need to Start Drawing Right Away!**
By Christopher Hart
Watson-Guptill / 9780823030835 / $21.95
Have you always wanted to draw manga? This book covers all the techniques you’ll need to know including lettering, shading and coloring. Step by step instructions will show you how to draw people, animals, landscapes and monsters in true manga style.

**Go Big or Go Home**
By Will Hobbs
HarperCollins / 9780060741419 / $15.99
After a meteorite crashes through his bedroom, extreme-sports enthusiast Brady Steele develops super strength and super speed. Brady thinks all is well until his body begins failing and he must find a way to reverse the effects.

**Game of My Life: A True Story of Challenge, Triumph and Growing Up Autistic**
By Jason McElwain with Daniel Paisner
New American Library / 9780451223012 / $23.95
Jason McElwain was diagnosed with severe autism as a child. He earned fame when he scored 20 points for his high school basketball team with only four minutes left in the game. Follow Jason’s journey and learn how he was able to overcome obstacles and fulfill his dream.

**Pendragon Graphic Novel**
By Carla Speed McNeil
Aladdin / 9781416950806 / $9.99
In this graphic format adaptation of D.J. MacHale's *Pendragon* series, Bobby Pendragon learns he is a Traveler, destined to travel through space and time to save those in need.

**Sunrise Over Fallujah**
By Walter Dean Myers
Scholastic / 9780439916240 / $17.99 or Thorndyke / 9781410410191 / $23.95 Large Print
Instead of going to college, like his parents want him to, Robin Perry enlists in the Army and is promptly sent overseas to assist with Operation Iraqi Freedom. During his time of service, Robin quickly learns that war is about much more than winning or losing.
The Dead and the Gone
By Susan Beth Pfeffer
Harcourt / 9780152063115 / $17.00
In this companion novel to Life as We Knew It, 17-year-old Alex Morales must care for his sisters after his parents are among the missing in the aftermath of a natural disaster.

Trouble
By Gary D. Schmidt
Clarion / 9780618927661 / $16.00
While Henry’s brother lies in a coma after being hit by a car, Henry takes a hike into the mountains. While hiking, he meets the driver of the car that hit his brother and learns that there are two sides to every story.

Comeback Season
By Jennifer Smith
Simon & Schuster / 9781416938477 / $15.99
On the fifth anniversary of her father’s death, Ryan skips school and heads to Wrigley Field to watch a Cubs game. There, she runs into Nick, a new boy from school who shares her love of baseball. When Nick reveals a painful secret to Ryan, she is willing to do anything to help him, even if it means giving up the comeback season for the Cubs.

House of Djinn
By Susan Fisher Staples
Farrar, Straus and Giroux / 9780374399368 / $16.95
In this sequel to Shabanu: Daughter of the Wind and Haveli, Mumtaz is devastated by the death of her grandfather. She must decide whether or not to give up her plans for the future and follow through with an arranged marriage in accordance with her family’s traditional Islamic values.

Saturday Night Dirt
By Will Weaver
Farrar, Straus, & Giroux / 9780374350604 / $14.95
In this first book of the Dirt series, drivers of all ages and skill levels cross paths when every track in town is rained out except for the Headwater Speedway—a run down, dirt track in danger of closing. Will the track gain new life or will the impending storm close the track for good?

After Tupac & D Foster
By Jacqueline Woodson
Putnam / 9780399246548 / $15.99
Music can be powerful. During the summer of 1994, the music of Tupac Shakur unites D Foster, a foster kid from the streets, and two best friends. The girls are inspired by Tupac to go in search of their own “Big Purpose” and cope with the challenges of love, loss and adolescence.

How Not to Be Popular
By Jennifer Ziegler
Delacorte / 9780385734653 / $15.99
Maggie is sick and tired of moving to a new city every few months. She has left behind many friends and even a boyfriend. Now headed for Austin, Texas, Maggie decides to do everything she can to be an outcast. Maggie’s plan backfires as she tries to come up with more outrageous ways to be unpopular.
What did the moon say to the star?

Boy, are you far out!
**11 Planets: A New View of the Solar System**  
By David A. Aguilar  
National Geographic / 9781426302367 / $16.95  
Beautiful computer-generated pictures illustrate this amazing glimpse of our planetary system as we now understand it. Could there be life on Jupiter’s moons? How big are Saturn’s rings? The Director of Science Information at the Harvard Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics answers these questions and raises more.

**Here a Face, There a Face**  
By Arlene Alda  
Tundra / 9780887768453 / $14.95  
Alda’s photos let you “find faces” in everyday objects while the rhyming text provides clues! Take a close look around your own neighborhood!

**Draw 50 Princesses: The Step-by-Step Way to Draw Snow White, Cinderella, Sleeping Beauty, and Many More**  
By Lee J. Ames and Holly Handler Moylan  
Broadway Books / 9780767927970 / $14.95  
Step-by-step illustrations teach how to draw your favorite fairy tale princesses as well as those from around the world. Add a throne, a castle and Prince Charming for fun!

**Wild Tracks!: A Guide to Nature’s Footprints**  
By Jim Arnosky  
Sterling / 9781402739859 / $14.95  
This noted naturalist describes and illustrates the tracks made by a variety of North American animals, large and small. Readers are encouraged to observe outdoor signs of animal activity and interpret their findings.

**ABC – 3D**  
By Marion Bataille  
Roaring Brook Press / 9781596434257 / $19.95  
Is it art or the alphabet? Watch as letters pop from their pages! Move the book and they change shape! Delight in this soon-to-be best loved book!

**Babar’s USA**  
By Laurent de Brunhoff  
Abrams / 9780810970960 / $17.95  
Join Babar and his family as they travel across the United States! Actual photos from New York City’s Times Square to San Francisco’s Chinatown show these popular pachyderms enjoying their visit! Come along!

**600 Black Spots: A Pop-up Book for Children of All Ages**  
By David A. Carter  
Little Simon / 9781416940920 / $19.99  
Be bombarded with black spots as they leap from the pages in a series of surprising and spectacular shapes! Can you find all six hundred?
How We Know What We Know About Our Changing Climate: Scientists and Kids Explore Global Warming
By Lynne Cherry and Gary Braasch
Down Publications / 9781584691037 / $17.95
Scientists and school kids are studying the changes in climate and offer encouraging suggestions how each of us can help preserve and protect our environment worldwide. See how you can join the cause!

Paula Deen’s My First Cookbook
By Paula Deen; Illustrated by Susan Mitchell
Simon & Schuster / 9781416950332 / $21.99
Paula’s penchant for southern hospitality sets the style for cooking with your young ones! Fun recipes for Pancakes and Ants-on-a-Log, among others, are included in this spiral bound edition! M-m-m-m-m!

Buffalo Music
By Tracey E. Fern / Illustrated by Lauren Castillo
Clarion / 9780618723416 / $16.00
In the 1800s, nearly all buffalo of the western plains had been destroyed by hunters. Pioneer Mary Ann Goodnight missed the sound of their hooves and the huffing of their breath as she worked the land. When two scrawny, stray calves appeared at her homestead one day, she started a mission to save the buffalo from extinction.

Corduroy
By Don Freeman
Viking / 9780670063369 / $19.99
This commemorative edition includes, not only the classic teddy bear story, but also eight pages of previously unseen material related to the publication of the book, Freeman’s preliminary sketches and posthumously published tributes to the author.

World’s Greatest Poems
By J. Patrick Lewis / Illustrated by Keith Graves
Chronicle / 9780811851305 / $16.99
Goofy Guinness Book records, written in rhyme and zany artwork, make this lively collection of poems one you’ll want to read time and again! Names, dates and places of these incredible but true accomplishments are included.

Ralph Masiello’s Ancient Egypt Drawing Book
By Ralph Masiello
Charlesbridge / 9781570915338 / $16.95
Explore ancient Egypt one page at a time! Step-by-step instructions and diagrams to help you draw these mysterious pyramids, sphinxes, pharaohs and ancient symbols. Just grab your pencil to get started!

Astronaut Handbook
By Meghan McCarthy
Knopf / 9780375844591 / $16.99
Follow along as four eager cartoon characters learn what it takes to become astronauts. Will they be ready for blast-off?
Planting the Trees of Kenya: The Story of Wangari Maathai
By Claire A. Nivola
Farrar, Straus and Giroux / 9780374399184 / $16.95
Upon returning to her native Kenya, Wangari Maathai found the formerly lush land dry and treeless, the people malnourished. This true tale of hope shows how one person can indeed make a difference in the lives of a people and their environment.

Encyclopedia Mythologica: Fairies and Magical Creatures
By Matthew Reinhart / Illustrated by Robert Sabuda
Candlewick / 9780763631727 / $27.99
Brownies, trolls, fairies, imps and merfolk pop from the pages in this latest 3-D volume by co-creators and masters of the mythical, mystical and magical – Reinhart and Sabuda!

Swing!
By Rufus Seder
Workman / 9780761151272 / $12.95
Using the highly successful technique of book illustration called Scanimation, readers will once again be awed with pictures that move! See the skater dance on ice! Watch the swimmer glide through water! Be amazed!

Emily’s Sharing and Caring Book
By Cindy Post Senning, Ed.D. with Peggy Post / Illustrated by Leo Landry
HarperCollins / 9780061116971 / $16.99
Saying “please” and “thank you” are important it’s true, but to show respect, what can you do? By sharing and caring, kids learn behaviors that produce smiles and build friendships.

Born to Read
By Judy Sierra / Illustrated by Marc Brown
Knopf / 9780375846878 / 16.99
Marc Brown, creator of the Arthur series, joins author Judy Sierra to illustrate the importance of reading in reaching one’s goals. “Readers win/and winners read!” main character Sam proclaims, as he wins an adult cycling race and defeats a giant, all possible because he reads!

Free to Be… You and Me
By Marlo Thomas
Running Press / 9780762430604 / $19.95
 Newly illustrated with fresh format, this timeless classic is now being re-introduced to young readers with its inspiring, reach-for-the-stars messages. Included is a CD with selections from the original album.

The Young Birder’s Guide to Birds of Eastern North America
By Bill Thompson, III / Illustrated by Julie Zickefoose
Houghton Mifflin / 9780547119342 / $14.95
Two hundred of the most interesting birds of eastern North America are described in user-friendly fashion. Each entry includes fascinating facts, range maps and color photographs for easy field identification. Geared to the young set, this volume is informative not only for your own backyard bird watching, but also for visits to Grandma’s yard!
What’s soft and white and comes from Mars?

A Mars-mallow!
Looking for some great toys? Children learn through play and the following suggestions will offer hours of fun for children birth through age 8. Not only will children find these enjoyable, but teens and adults working with children will find these wonderful toy choices are as educational as they are entertaining.

Want to check the toys out? The toys below are just some of the available titles that can be requested through Cuyahoga County Public Library’s online catalog and sent to a branch near you.

**Whirl & Go Turtle**
Kaplan / #86346 / $22.95
Ages 1½ – 3 years
This turtle friend is sure to delight toddlers! Push down on the plunger and watch the turtle zip forward on rubberized wheels while a colorful top twirls inside of the see-through turtle shell!

**Three Little Pigs**
Lakeshore / #EB721 / $29.95
Ages 9 months and up
Three squeal-able, vinyl pigs live in three soft houses that are visited by a huffing and puffing vinyl wolf! Children can tell and retell this classic story while learning vocabulary, sequencing, sorting and storytelling skills and much, much more!

**My First Garage**
Constructive Playthings / #KNW-31L / $46.99
Ages 1 year and up
This parking garage contains two levels of imaginative play and pure fun! Three chunky cars, a ramp and elevator, pretend car wash, and gas and air pump are sturdy and durable for little hands to enjoy for hours!

**Color Discovery Boxes**
lakeshore learning / #AA388 / $39.95
Ages Birth – 3 years
Discovery boxes are sure to surprise and excite little ones as they investigate basic colors, shapes, textures and more! Soft and squeezable vinyl objects are contained in each box, offering hands on exploration!
Also available:
Shapes Discovery Boxes / #GG487 / $39.95
Building Language Discovery Boxes / #GG366 / $39.95
Toddler Alphabet Discovery Boxes / # JJ158 / $99.50 / Ages 1 – 4 years

**Duplo® Tubes Experiment Set**
Kaplan / #86224 / $89.95
Ages 1½ years and up
Curious toddlers are invited to construct, test and explore with this creative building set! This set includes a sturdy storage bin that contains over 100 chunky building pieces for shared playtime and enjoyment!

**Fishing for Numbers**
lakeshore Learning / #EE394 / $29.95
Ages 3 – 6 years
Kids “reel” in excitement and fun while building basic number recognition and counting skills! Sturdy and safe plastic poles are used to catch numbered fish, which are then matched to activity mats. Activity mats are double-sided for number to number and number to quantity matching!
**Lift-Off Rocket**  
Constructive Playthings / #IPI-32L / $39.95  
Ages 2 years and up  
Endless intergalactic adventures await young space explorers! This sturdy and durable rocket features realistic countdown, rocket sounds and light-up boosters with two astronauts and a space dog that can travel through space in the rocket's cockpit and living quarters. A space buggy, alien, and moon crater are also included for infinite imaginative space play.

**MainStreet Village Collection**  
Step 2  
Ages 1½ years and up  
MainStreet USA comes to life in this new collection for pretend play with Step2 quality and fueled by your child's imagination!  
Available:  
MainStreet Village™ MainStreet Firehouse / #779100 / $23.99  
MainStreet Village™ SunnySide Farm / #84059 / $36.95 (from Kaplan)  
MainStreet Village™ Countryside Cottage / #779300 / $27.99

**Smart Toss**  
Learning Resources / #LER 1047 / $59.95  
Ages 3 years and up  
Four bean bag toss games in one! Create your own toss game, or play by matching colors, shapes or numbers! Toss game folds flat and includes 12 canvas bean bags, a handy carrying handle and pockets for easy transport and storage.

**Jenga**  
Nasco / #SB24728J / $13.95  
Ages 7 years and up  
The classic building game for all ages! See how high you can build the tower before it tumbles! Great for two players or a night of family fun.
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