Great Books for Kids

a collection of Great Books and Gift Ideas for kids
Great Books for Kids 2009

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.

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A Foot in the Mouth: Poems to Speak, Sing and Shout
selected by Paul B. Janeczko illustrated by Chris Raschka
Candlewick Press / 9780763606633 / $17.99
A collection of lively rhymes and tricky tongue twisters, poems for more than one voice, bilingual poems — from classic Shakespeare and Lear to anonymous rhymes to contemporary riffs on everything under the sun. These poems just might inspire kids to memorize them!
The Very Hungry Caterpillar Pop-Up Book
By Eric Carle
Philomel / 9780399250392 / $29.99
The Caterpillar is back and he’s as hungry as ever in this brilliant 40th anniversary pop-up edition of the original story. This time around, he inches along, munching his way through a colorful assortment of food before forming his spectacular cocoon. And get ready, because when he emerges, his dazzling transformation will amaze you!

Maisy Bakes a Cake
By Lucy Cousins
Candlewick / 9780763641009 / $12.99
Little aspiring chefs will be certain to have a treat as they witness Maisy baking a cake. From washing her hands to seeing Charley chomp and enjoy the finished product, this interactive mini science lesson is a bowl full of fun.

Chicken Little
By Rebecca Emberley and Ed Emberley
Roaring Brook / 9781596434646 / $16.99
“The sky is falling! The sky is falling!” You’ll fall down with laughter as Chicken Little and his feeble-minded feathered friends run for their lives! Beginning with a “BONK!” and ending with an enormous sneeze, there’s plenty to keep you laughing in this hilarious retelling of the world’s most famous alarmist! It’s bound to become a favorite for children and adults alike.

There Was an Old Monster!
By Rebecca, Adrian & Ed Emberley
Orchard Books / 9780545101455 / $16.99
A tickle-your-funny-bone text will surprise children when they read this amusing and hilarious version of the traditional timeless classic. Kids are certain to dance in their pants when they think of swallowing ants, and still feeling sick after swallowing the tick!

Flaptastic Colors
By Charlie Gardner
DK Publishing / 9780756652272 / $6.99
Toddlers will have a “flaptastic” time exploring colorful concepts by answering questions, lifting flaps and finding objects in every hue of the rainbow! Discover the many objects represented by the same colors in this interactive board book.

Birds
By Kevin Henkes
Illustrated by Laura Dronzek
Greenwillow / 978061363047 / $17.99
Birds in every shape, size and color are fascinating whether perched or flying, quiet or singing. An unseen narrator shares her thoughts and feelings about the beauty of birds and discovers their shared talent!

Little Chick
By Amy Hest
Illustrated by Anita Jeram
Candlewick / 9780763628901 / $17.99
Impatient Little Chick wants what she wants “right now,” whether it is waiting for her carrot to grow, flying a kite or catching a star! Wise old Auntie is there for each adventure, consoling disappointments, celebrating successes and appreciating natural beauty!

Otis
By Loren Long
Philomel / 9780399252488 / $17.99
The power of friendship and perseverance is evident when Otis, a special tractor who was once rejected, comes to the aid of his little calf friend who lives in the next stall. This unforgettable story begs to be read again and again.

Machines Go to Work
By William Low
Henry Holt / 9780805087598 / $14.95
You’ll love the realistic images that fill each page of this beautifully detailed, action-packed tribute to large machines. For added fun, an element of surprise awaits as page-flaps open to reveal the nature of the heavy equipment at work. A sure-fire hit for little tykes who love big machines!

Flying!
By Kevin Luthardt
Peachtree / 9781561454303 / $15.95
The question “Why can’t I fly?” leads a father and son into an imaginative, playful exchange. The loving bond between the two is evident in the comical full-color illustrations. Although the child is satisfied with the response, one “why” question always leads to another!
Shape by Shape
By Suse MacDonald
Little Simon / 9781416971474 / $14.99
A mysterious creature is lurking in the back of the book. What could it be? With each turn of the page another of the creature’s colorful features magically appears! Watch in delight as simple shapes transform into an enormous animal from long ago.

Always
By Alison McGhee
Illustrated by Pascal Lemaitre
Paula Wiseman / 9781416974819 / $15.99
From spiders and squirrels to avalanches and meteors, nothing will keep this little pooch from protecting his young owner. Soft pastel illustrations capture the boundless loyalty and fun... “always.” Dog lovers will be “barking” with joy as they read this gentle story of love.

Duck! Rabbit!
By Amy Krouse Rosenthal
Illustrated by Tom Lichtenheld
Chronicle Books / 9780811868655 / $16.99
This playful visual puzzle will keep ‘em guessing. Are they seeing a duck? Or a rabbit? Or a rabbit? Or a duck? Intriguing illustrations will cause readers to take sides in a subtle argument over which animal they think it could be. What do you think?

A Walk Down Sesame Street
By Sesame Street
Candlewick / 9780763646004 / $19.99
For forty years many have been asking, “Can you tell me how to get to Sesame Street?” Parents will enjoy reliving their memories with their children, exploring this full-scale pop-up book featuring familiar friends from Big Bird to Elmo and highlighting the learning concepts presented on the show. It is destined to become a family favorite.

Posy
By Linda Newbery
Illustrated by Catherine Rayner
Atheneum / 9781416971122 / $16.99
Playful purring Posy’s adventures include being a “spider catcher, sofa scratcher pillow sitter, hissy spitter.” Children will enjoy watching this high-spirited kitten frolic through the day and end her adventures cuddled up with Mom!

The Sleepy Little Alphabet – A Bedtime Story From Alphabet Town
By Judy Sierra
Illustrated by Melissa Sweet
Alfred A. Knopf / 9780375840029 / $16.99
F-U-N spells fun and there’s plenty of it in this rollicking alphabet-bedtime book, as reluctant lower case letters perform their nighttime routines. Their silly expressions and bouncy behavior are sure to cause fits of giggles. Don’t wait until bedtime to enjoy this one!

Opposnakes:
A Lift-the-Flap Book About Opposites
By Salina Yoon
Little Simon / 9781416978756 / $9.99
What’s the opposite of a straight snake? Why, a tangled snake, of course! Silly snakes that sssssstretch across the page are certain to make you smile. Open the giant flaps on each page to reveal its extra-long counterpart! Whether they’re cold and hot or quiet and loud, these hilarious “opposnakes” are sure to amuse reptile lovers of all ages.

A Pop-Up Book of Nursery Rhymes:
A Classic Collectible Pop-Up
By Matthew Reinhart
Little Simon / 9781416918257 / $26.99
Phenomenal paper engineering takes on a new dimension of Mother Goose’s nursery rhymes in this treasured keepsake for families. The elaborate pop-ups and mini books are cause for unsurpassed delight in this engaging book.

Love Your World: How to Take Care of the Plants, the Animals and the Planet
By Dawn Sirett
DK Publishing / 9780756645908 / $8.99
“Go Green” is the catchword to remind young and old alike the importance of taking care of our environment. Bright, colorful photographs and rhyming text encourage the youngest reader to become eco-friendly. Even the publishers set the example by creating a book using earth friendly materials and techniques.
**A Treasury of Princess Stories**  
By Amy Ehrlich  
Illustrated by Gary Blythe  
Candlewick / 978146950462 / $19.99  
What little girl doesn’t fantasize about being a princess?  
This enchanting collection includes six classic tales. Each tale opens with a royal pop-up scene that will have the little princess in your life returning again and again for another happy ending.

**Ron’s Big Mission**  
By Rose Blue and Corinne J. Naden  
Illustrated by Don Tate  
Dutton / 9780525478492 / $16.99  
What would it be like to launch into space? As an adult, Ron McNair was an astronaut on the Challenger and a scientist. As a little boy his love of reading inspired him to peacefully desegregate his town’s library. He is a man who made his dreams come true.

**Mercy Watson Something Wonky**  
This Way Comes  
By Kate DiCamillo  
Illustrated by Chris Van Dusen  
Candlewick / 978073636449 / $12.99  
Mercy Watson is a porcine wonder who just loves butter. Enjoy the fun and mayhem that happens when the Watson family decides to spend the evening at a drive-in movie and the tempting smell of hot buttered popcorn is everywhere!! Mercy’s wonky adventures continue in this pig’s sixth adventure.

**Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11**  
By Brian Floca  
Atheneum / 978146950462 / $17.99  
Celebrate the 40th anniversary of the most famous Apollo flight as you blastoff on this week-long historic journey to the Moon and its return to Earth. Beautiful watercolors and a lyrical story chronicle this historic event.

**Hansel and Gretel**  
By Rachael Isadora  
G.P. Putnam / 9780399250286 / $16.99  
Once upon a time… follow brother and sister into the dense jungle. This colorful retelling of a favorite Grimm’s tale features bold, colorful paper-cut illustrations that bring the African setting to life. Hansel and Gretel should be up to their old tricks at the witch’s house.

**Down, Down, Down – A Journey to the Bottom of the Sea**  
By Steve Jenkins  
Houghton Mifflin / 9780618966363 / $17.00  
Take a dive into the deep and explore the Pacific Ocean and the creatures living there. Boldly descend from the sunny surface to the deep-sea floor where the amount of darkness, the pressure, the cold and the strangeness of the denizens of the deep rapidly increase.

**The Three Little Tamales**  
By Eric Kimmel  
Illustrated by Valeria Docampo  
Marshall Cavendish / 9780761455196 / $17.99  
Mucho gusto! Colorful oil illustrations bring this endearing retelling of the classic tale to life, as three little tamales build houses of sagebrush, corn husk, and cactus but discover that only the cactus house is strong enough to withstand the huffing and puffing of el lobo.
The Loch Ness Monster’s Song
by Edwin Morgan
Sssnnnwhuffffll?
Hnwhuffl hhnnwfl hnfl hfl hfl—
gmb grawww grf grawf awfgm graw gm.
Hovoplodok-doplodok-plovodokot-doplodokosh?
Splgraw fok fok splgrafhatchgabrlgabrl fok splfok!
Zgra kra gka fok!
Graf grawff gahf?
Gombl mbbl bl—
blm plm,
blm plm,
blm plm,
blp.

What’s Inside? Fascinating Structures
Around the World
By Giles Laroche
Houghton Mifflin / 9780618862474 / $17.00
Explore some of the world’s most outstanding structures,
from the Tomb of Tutankhamun and the Wooden Pagoda
to a Shaker dairy barn and the Petronas Twin Towers.
Detailed bas-relief illustrations create a 3-D effect of the exteriors of the buildings… then, turn the page and take a peek inside.

Fancy Nancy – Tea Parties
By Jane O’Connor
Illustrated by Robin Preiss Glasser
HarperCollins / 9780061801747 / $12.99
What little girl doesn’t love tea parties? The intrepid Fancy Nancy demonstrates what to wear, what to serve and how to use one’s best manners. Charmingy illustrated with pink and frills, follow the wise words of Fancy Nancy, “Whenever you feel like celebrating, that’s the perfect time for a tea party.”

An Amelia Bedelia Celebration – Four Stories Tall
By Peggy Parrish
Greenwillow / 9780061710308 / $19.99
Everyone’s favorite maid is back with four of her best-loved adventures. Amelia Bedelia takes matters to extremes with her literal interpretations of her instructions, including “drawing the drapes” with a pencil and paper. A bonus of games, crafts, recipes and a CD extends the fun.

You Never Heard of Sandy Koufax?
By Jonah Winter
Illustrated by Andre Carrilho
Schwartz & Wade / 9780375837388 / $17.99
Get your hotdogs and peanuts here! Sports enthusiasts will “relish” this account of Sandy Koufax, a Jewish boy from Brooklyn who became the legendary lefty for the Dodgers. From the appealing cover that creates the illusion of Koufax hurling the ball to the baseball terms and websites, this biography is perfectly pitched.

Tyrannosaurus Math
By Michelle Markel
Illustrated by Doug Cushman
Tricycle / 9781582462820 / $15.99
This calculating carnivore counts toes and siblings, then adds pounds of meat to eat, multiplies three ankylosaurs by four tasty legs, names the geometric shape of a meteorite and rescues his sister with his estimating skills. Burp! Anybody care for some trigonometry?

Spoon
By Amy Krouse Rosenthal
Illustrated by Scott Magoon
Hyperion / 9781423106852 / $15.99
What’s so special about Spoon? Envying all the things Fork, Knife and Chopsticks can do, Spoon doesn’t realize how lucky he is until his mother points out the things he can do. Humorous illustrations add “cutting edge” appeal to the simplicity of this timeless message.

Big Green Book of Beginner Books
By Dr. Seuss
Random / 9780375858079 / $15.99
It’s a great “Seussical” adventure for beginning readers! Enjoy six all-time Dr. Seuss favorites, in one book, including Great Day for Up, Wacky Wednesday, I Am Not Going to Get Up Today!, Would You Rather Be a Bullfrog?, Maybe You Should Fly a Jet, I Wish That I Had Duck Feet.

Library Mouse: A Friend’s Tale
By Daniel Kirk
Abrams Books / 9780810998927 / $15.95
Tom discovers Sam’s (Library Mouse) hiding place in the library and tries many ways to make friends with him. Finally, he discovers something Sam cannot resist. See the library through a mouse-eye-view. Can you find everyone’s favorite children’s books throughout the story?

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Take the Mummy and Run: The Riot Brothers Are on a Roll
By Mary Amato
Illustrated by Ethan Long
Holiday House / 9780823421756 / $16.95
Have you met Wilbur and Orville Riot yet? Join in the "riotous" fun as the duo has to spend summer vacation with cousin Amelia. Sound boring… maybe not as you play "Pufferbelly Power Punt," "Holey Cheese-n-Peas" and "Curse of the Mummy." Directions, song parodies and cartoons included!

The Potato Chip Puzzles
By Eric Berlin
G.P. Putnam / 9780399251986 / $16.99
Puzzle fanatic Winston Breen and his friends are competing in an all-day puzzle hunt with a $50,000 grand prize. This competition is not all fun and games as the team is faced with cheaters, math experts, difficult puzzles and a competitive teacher. Will Winston and his friends win the challenge? Solve the puzzles to find out.

Sassy: Little Sister Is Not My Name!
Scholastic / 9780545071512 / $14.99
The Birthday Storm
Scholastic / 9780545071529 / $14.99
By Sharon Draper
Spunky fourth-grader Sassy Sanford stars in a two-time Coretta Scott King Award-winning author’s new series. Sassy’s small stature belies her big heart and big spirit. With her one-of-a-kind Sassy Sack in tow, “Little Sister” often saves the day for her family, friends and beloved Grammy.

Dinothesaurus: Prehistoric Poems and Paintings
By Douglas Florian
Atheneum / 9781416979784 / $17.99
“What made the dinosaurs die out? / Why don’t they still parade about? A renowned poet has created 20 clever and humorous poems, paired with playful art collages about these prehistoric creatures with many facts hidden throughout. Dinosaur enthusiasts check out the “Glossarysaurus” for even more “dino-mite” tidbits.

Meet Rebecca: An American Girl
By Jacqueline Dembar Greene
Pleasant Company / 9781593695217 / $12.95
There’s a new American Girl in town! Nine-year-old Rebecca Rubin, a young Jewish girl who lives in New York City in 1914, focuses all her energy on becoming an actress until she learns that her family in Russia—including a cousin her age—is desperate to escape persecution and immigrate to America.

Just Grace Goes Green
By Charise Mericle Harper
Houghton Mifflin / 9780618959570 / $16.00
Guess who’s ready to help save the planet? Filled with fun, mischief and simple cartoons, Grace and her class are learning about recycling. There is a lot of valuable information the students, as well as readers, learn about how to reduce, reuse and recycle in this latest installment of the Just Grace series.

Melonhead
By Katy Kelly
Illustrated by Gillian Johnson
Delacorte / 9780385734097 / $12.99
Adam Melon, known as Melonhead to his friends, is always concocting grand plans that never quite turn out right. Tree climbing leads the Jaws of Life to his rescue, his essay on head lice wins the Homework of the Week award and working on his invention for the fair brings more hilarious adventures.

The Dunderheads
By Paul Fleischman
Illustrated by David Roberts
Candlewick / 9780763624989 / $16.99
Imagine the most frightening tyrannical teacher in the world and you would come up with Miss Breakbone. She gives herself a gold star every time she makes one of her students cry. After she takes a gift intended for a student’s mother, a group of her students aka “dunderheads” come up with an elaborate rescue plan into Miss Breakbone’s “fortress.” Enjoy a humorous romp filled with action, mayhem and the great spirit of kid power.

Paula Deen’s Cookbook for the Lunch-Box Set
By Paula Deen with Martha Nesbit
Illustrated by Susan Mitchell
Simon & Schuster / 9781416982685 / $21.99
Do you like to cook? Join famous TV chef Paula Deen in the kitchen with simple and delicious recipes for bake sales, sleepovers, class parties and all the fun-filled activities that happen throughout the school year.

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The Last Straw: Diary of a Wimpy Kid Book 3
Amulet / 9780808107068 / $12.95
Recorded Books / 9781440729799 / $25.75

Dog Days: Diary of a Wimpy Kid Book 4
Amulet / 978080810983915 / $12.95
Recorded Books / 9781440777509 / $46.75
By Jeff Kinney

Laugh out loud with Greg Heffley as the Wimpy Kid adventures continue. Opposing his parents’ plans, Greg tries to avoid being sent to military school by his dad to be “toughened up” in The Last Straw. Then he is all set for a summer vacation playing video games in Dog Days, while his mom plans for outdoor activities and “family togetherness.” Fans of this uproariously popular series will read these again and again as they wait for Book 5.

Dying to Meet You
By Kate Klise
Illustrated by M. Sarah Klise
Harcourt / 9780152055725 / $15.00

Over My Dead Body
By Kate Klise
Illustrated by M. Sarah Klise
Harcourt / 9780152055732 / $15.00

Former best-selling children’s author, I. B. Grumply moves into an old mansion in Ghastly, Illinois, to write a new book. But all does not go well when an 11-year-old boy, a cat and a ghost hinder Grumply’s creative process. Told in letters, drawings and an occasional tombstone, the authors’ newest new series, 43 Old Cemetery Road, is filled with humor and many details for those who dare to take a closer look.

Everything for a Dog
By Ann M. Martin
Feiwel and Friends / 9780312386511 / $16.99
Brilliance Audio / 9781423392361 / $59.97
Playaway / 9781418099936 / $44.99

Bone, who first appears in A Dog’s Life: Autobiography of a Stray, tells his story and all of the joys and fears he has experienced. Life is not easy for Bone but along come two boys, Charlie and Henry, who each have their own stories to tell. The three stories blend together to make a compelling, heartwarming story for animal lovers of all ages.

11 Birthdays
By Wendy Mass
Scholastic / 9780545052399 / $16.99

Born on the same day, Amanda and Leo always celebrated their birthdays together—until they stop speaking on their 10th birthday. Celebrating their 11th birthdays separately, Amanda can’t wait until the day is over, but she wakes up and it is still their 11th birthday—over and over again.

National Geographic Kids Almanac 2010
National Geographic Kids / 9781426305023 / $19.95

Explore the world, history, science and more with this fact-packed almanac perfect for looking up homework questions or browsing for surprising nuggets of information. Discover fun and fascinating factoids through the facts, photographs and maps on a variety of topics including animals, cultures, famous landmarks and more.

Mudshark
By Gary Paulsen
Wendy Lamb Books / 9780385746854 / $12.99

Principal Wagner can deal with just about anything including a crisis in the faculty restroom and a gerbil lost within the school. But one day when 65 blackboard erasers go missing, he goes to the unofficial school detective, 12-year-old Lyle “Mudshark” Williams. Join this sleuth as he unravels the school mystery with an extensive cast of humorous characters including a psychic parrot!

Joey Fly, Private Eye, In Creepy Crawly Crime
By Aaron Reynolds
Illustrated by Neil Numberman
Henry Holt / 9780805082425 / $16.95

Joey Fly, a hardboiled private investigator, and his clumsy scorpion assistant Sammy Stingtail are hot on the trail of a missing pencil case in this noir-inspired graphic novel. Is Delilah the butterfly truly a victim, or a less-than-honest femme fatale? Follow the clues and enjoy the hilarious drawings of the bug-inhabited city while Joey cracks the case wide open.

Oceanology: The True Account of the Voyage of the Nautilus
Edited by Dugald Steer
Illustrated by Wayne Anderson
Candlewick / 9780763642907 / $19.99

The adventures of the infamous ship Nautilus spring to life in this, the latest addition to the “Ologies” series. A brave, 16-year-old assistant colorfully chronicles the trials Captain Nemo and his crew from Jules Verne’s 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea face on their voyage. Pop-ups, flaps and other surprises abound in this interactive novelty book.

One Small Step: Celebrating the First Men on the Moon
By Jerry Stone
Roaring Brook / 9781596434912 / $24.95

Celebrate the 40th anniversary of Apollo 11’s historic moon landing with this awe-inspiring popup scrapbook. Budding astronauts of all ages will be drawn in by the fictional 12-year-old narrator Mike, whose grandfather was a NASA scientist during the momentous launch, along with the book’s contents: photos, “press passes” and other “souvenirs” from the period.

Adventures in Cartooning
By James Sturm and Alexis Frederick-Frost
Illustrated by Andrew Arnold
First Second / 9781596433694 / $12.95

Anyone has the ability to create a comic, at least according to this fun how-to book. Join the Magical Cartooning Elf as he helps a princess learn the nuts and bolts of graphic storytelling and then put her new skills to use in an entertaining yarn. The volume concludes with instructions on drawing characters that readers have befriended on their cartooning quest.

2030: A Day in the Life of Tomorrow’s Kids
By Amy Zuckerman and James Daly
Illustrated by John Manders
Dutton / 9780525478607 / $16.99

What will the world look like 20 years from now? Will skateboards be replaced by hover boards? Will classrooms be able to virtually transport students back to the time of the pyramids? And will we be able to communicate directly with our pets? Scientists strive to answer these questions and more in this futuristic book.
39 Clues Series
Follow the clues – 39 in fact! It’s up to you to find the clues around the world that guard the Cahill family’s power. Read the books, collect the cards, join in the online gaming and be eligible to win prizes.

The Sword Thief, Book 3
By Peter Lerangis
Scholastic / 9780545090599 / $12.99
Scholastic Audio Books / 9780545111584 / $19.95
Playaway / 9781607759911 / $49.99
Amy and Dan’s uncle and his knowledge of Japan should help them solve the riddle of who is Toyotami Hideyoshi and where is his stronghold.

Beyond the Grave, Book 4
By Jude Watson
Scholastic / 9780545060644 / $12.99
Scholastic Audio Books / 9780545160865 / $49.95
Amy and Dan Cahill fly off to Egypt! Learn how the siblings discover a secret Ekaterina Clue and realize how desperately their grandmother is trying to help them from beyond the grave!

The Black Circle, Book 5
By Patrick Carman
Scholastic / 9780545090636 / $12.99
Scholastic Audio Books / 9780545160865 / $49.95
Playaway / 9781615459957 / $49.99
A mysterious guest and a strange package lead Amy and Dan to the Russian Embassy where they discover their own lives.

In Too Deep, Book 6
By Jude Watson
Scholastic / 9780545060462 / $12.99
Scholastic Audio Books / 9780545160889 / $49.95
Amy and Dan Cahill find a shocking clue which unravels the mystery surrounding their parents’ death and leads them to a remote corner of the world.

Get Cooking
By Sam Stern
Candlewick / 9780763639266 / $17.99
Hungry? Get cooking with Great Britain’s teen celebrity chef and his friends. From a whole chapter on chocolate to pizza and pasta, enjoy some new culinary treats and be ready to eat, eat, eat!

Cars on Mars: Roving the Red Planet
By Alexandra Sly
Charlesbridge / 9781570914621 / $18.95
Have you ever wondered what life is like on Mars? Get an up-close and exciting view of the amazing rugged landscape found on the “Red Planet.” Controlled and created by NASA scientists, the remote-controlled rovers have been transferring data back to Earth since 2004! Overloaded with an array of glossy, large photographs and diagrams, this is the perfect choice for the young scientist!

Al Capone Shines My Shoes: A Novel
By Gennifer Choldenko
Penguin / 9780803734609 / $17.99
Listening Library / 9780739380048 / $37.00
Imagine living on Alcatraz Island, having Al Capone as a neighbor. The further adventures of Moose Flanagan continue as he and his friends find themselves in the middle of a prison break. Will owing this gangster for helping his autistic sister be the undoing of Moose?

Extra Credit
By Andrew Clements
Illustrated by Mark Zug
Atheneum / 9781416949299 / $16.99
Simon & Schuster Audio / 9780743582049 / $19.99
When Abby Carson is in danger of failing sixth grade, her only recourse is to tackle an extra credit project; a simple friendship develops which turns into a cultural experience that makes them both value and appreciate their own lives.

The Magician’s Elephant
By Kate DiCamillo
Illustrated by Yoko Tanako
Candlewick / 9780763644109 / $16.99
Travel to the old world city of Baltese where orphan Peter stubbornly continues to look for his sister, long presumed dead. Instructed by a fortune teller to “follow the elephant,” one magically appears and leads Peter on a remarkable journey that teaches him that anything is possible!

Pocket Guide to the Outdoors
By Jean Craighead George
Dutton / 9780525421634 / $9.99
In My Side of the Mountain, city boy Sam escapes to the woods and learns how to live in the wild. For fans who want to share a similar experience, naturalist George has created this easy-to-follow guide that teaches readers to start a fire, build a shelter, catch a fish and identify plants. Learn how to enjoy the outdoors with hands-on activities and practical wilderness tips.

Seven Keys of Balabad
By Paul Haven
Illustrated by Mark Zug
Random House / 9780375833502 / $16.99
Oliver Finch is not happy with his dad who has unwillingly transported him from his perfect life in Manhattan to the ancient city of Balabad. However, he soon finds himself embroiled in a kidnapping and a theft of a 500-year-old carpet and is busy trying to find his friend. Will this dangerous mission of targeting the thieves cost Oliver his life?

A Foot in the Mouth: Poems to Speak, Sing and Shout
By Paul Janeczko
Illustrated by Chris Raschka
Candlewick / 9780763606633 / $17.99
“To hear the sound of a poem, really hear it, you need to read it out loud.” (Paul Janeczko) … and these poems, limericks, tongue twisters and nonsense verse just shouts, “READ ME!” Bold and energetic watercolor illustrations by a Caldecott Award-winning illustrator make these poems dance off the pages!

The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate
By Jacqueline Kelly
Henry Holt / 9780805088410 / $16.99
Brilliance Audio / 9781441820439 / $54.97
Playaway / 9781441821614 / $39.99
Calpurnia Tate feels she has the misfortune to be born a girl in the late 1890s in Texas. She dreams of spending her life studying science and revels in the time she shares learning about flora and fauna from her naturalist grandfather. Told in first person, Callie is an inspiring and charming protagonist; her journey of self-discovery will resonate with young girls searching on their own to find their place in the world.

AGES 11-12
Confetti Girl
By Diana Lopez
Little Brown / 9780316029551 / $15.99
Can a girl who uses socks as coasters and wallets ever be considered dull? Despite the recent death of her mother and her dad’s retreat to his books, 12-year-old Lina Flores knows how to use her imagination and keep positive! Interspersed with Latino traditions and Spanish language, this is a touching coming-of-age saga.

Neil Armstrong Is My Uncle; & Other Lies Muscle Man McGinty Told Me
By Nan Marino
Roaring Brook / 9781596434998 / $16.95
Brilliance Audio / 9781423393344 / $19.99
It’s 1969 and Tammy’s best friend has moved away and awkward, skinny kid Douglas moves into her place. Douglas tries to fit into the neighborhood by telling wild lies such as he is training for the Olympics and his uncle is Neil Armstrong. Tammy constantly bullies him and nicknames him “Muscle Man McGinty.” In a kickball challenge, Tammy is determined to show him who is boss, but she is in for quite a surprise!

Faith, Hope, and Ivy June
By Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Random House / 9780385737425 / $15.99
Listening Library / 9780307582393 / $44.00
Ivy June and Catherine seem like polar opposites; while Ivy June lives with her grandparents in a primitive Kentucky mountain community, Catherine has grown up in a privileged world, attending a private all-girls’ school and living in a fancy house. As participants of the seventh-grade exchange program, when they each spend two weeks living in each other homes, the two girls realize they are not so different on the inside.

The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg
By Rodman Philbrick
Blue Sky Press / 9780439668187 / $16.99
Listening Library / 9780739382393 / $44.00
When Uncle Squintoon, “the meanest man in the entire state of Maine,” sells his under aged brother to a rich man who is then forced to take the place of the man’s son in the Union Army, Homer comes to the rescue and reunites the man with his son and why would someone want him dead?

When You Reach Me
By Rebecca Stead
Wendy Lamb Books / 9780385736152 / $15.99
Listening Library / 9780739380727 / $28.00
Savvy Miranda is a latch-key kid in Manhattan, but knows how to handle herself and survive in the city while her single parent mom is busy working. When her best friend Sal gets punched out at school, he refuses to speak to Miranda. Instead she receives crumbled up notes that appear to be from the future. Through a connection with her favorite book, A Wrinkle in Time and her passion for knot tying, Miranda solves the mystery of the knots and is able to reach out to Sal.

The Mysterious Benedict Society and the Prisoner’s Dilemma
By Trenton Lee Stewart
Illustrated by Diane Sudyka
Little Brown / 9780316045520 / $16.99
Listening Library / 9780307582393 / $44.00
Reynie, Kate, Sticky and Constance, the “fearsome four” that make up the Mysterious Benedict Society, are back together in a third adventure which begins with a strange blackout that covers all of Stonetown. As they work together to unravel clues to a life threatening plot, will this pull them apart forever? Mind-bending brain teasers and continuous action make this an eventful journey!!

Chasing Lincoln’s Killer
By James Swanson
Scholastic / 9780399246555 / $15.99
Scholastic Audio Books / 9780545118132 / $29.95
Playaway / 9781610775987 / $49.99
When Abraham Lincoln was assassinated in April 1865, the world grieved for its 16th president and a twelve-day manhunt for the pursuit of John Wiles Booth began. Follow this twisting thriller and find out about the man behind the presidency – who was Lincoln as a husband, friend and father and why would someone want him dead?

Peace, Locomotion
By Jacqueline Woodson
G.P. Putnam / 9780385736152 / $15.99
Brilliance Audio / 9781423397984 / $19.99
Playaway / 97816108477517 / $34.99
Twelve-year-old Lonnie is starting to feel at home with his new foster family, but he still misses his nine-year-old sister Lili and wishes they could be together. Told through lyrical, yet bittersweet letters, Lonnie reaches out to his sister by sharing memories of their childhood together, since he feels it’s his job to “remember.”
Speak Up
by Janet S Wong

You’re Korean, aren’t you?
Yes.

Why don’t you speak Korean?
Just don’t, I guess.

Say something Korean.
I don’t speak it. I can’t.

C’mon. Say something.
Haraboji, Grandfather
Halmoni, Grandmother
Imo, Aunt

Say some other stuff.
Sounds funny.
Sounds strange.

Listen to me?
Hey, let’s listen to you
for a change.

But I’m American,
can’t you see?
Your family came from
somewhere else.
Sometime.

But I was born here.
So was I.

Reality Check
By Peter Abrahams
HarperTeen / 9780061227660 / $16.99
Cody adores Clea and is devastated when her father sends her away to a Vermont boarding school. When Clea mysteriously disappears, Cody treks across country to help find her. Cody discovers he may have a calling as a sleuth when he puts himself in danger for love and loyalty.

Mysterious Messages:
A History of Codes and Ciphers
By Gary Blackwood
Penguin / 9780525479604 / $16.99
If there were ever a question that history is boring, this captivating look at mysterious messages through time disproves that theory. From the encrypted notes of Spartan warriors and Navajo code talkers, to the technology used by the code-crackers of today, this interactive book is chock-full of puzzles to decode and ciphers to solve.

Catching Fire
By Suzanne Collins
Scholastic Audio Books / 9780545144663 / $34.95 CD
Thorndike Press / 9781410420442 / $23.95
Playaway / 9781615745722 / $79.99
Against all odds, Katniss and Peeta survived the annual Hunger Games by defying the harsh rules of the Capital. They should be happy to be alive. In this follow-up novel to the breathtaking Hunger Games, Katniss and Peeta are in danger because they are now considered rebels by the Capital.

If the Witness Lied
By Caroline B. Cooney
Delacorte / 9780385734486 / $16.99
With the tragic deaths of their parents, the Fountain children have had enough media attention. Now their guardian plans to thrust them back into the spotlight, with the toddler inadvertently responsible for the death of his parents at the center. Estranged by grief, but bound by loyalty, Jack and his sisters come together to protect their little brother and determine what really happened the day their father died.

Earthgirl
By Jennifer Cowan
Groundwood / 9780888998897 / $17.95
Sixteen-year-old Sabine Solomon becomes a crusader for the environment after she is blindsided with trash thrown from a car window. Her eco-evolution leads her into the arms of the charming Vray, a dedicated eco-warrior. Sabine must decide if the end justifies the means when Vray proposes a dark plan as a means to saving the planet.

Mare’s War
By Tanita Davis
Alfred A. Knopf / 9780375857140 / $16.99
Octavia and Tali are not looking forward to a cross-country car trip with their flamboyant grandmother Mare. But as the miles pass, the girls learn that Mare lied about her age to join the Women’s Army Corp and became a member of the 6888th African American battalion during World War II. Memorable characters bring this work of historical fiction to life.

Along for the Ride
By Sarah Dessen
Penguin Audio / 9780143144458 / $29.95
Seventeen-year-old Mia loves her family, friends, Adam and playing the cello. Mia finds herself hovering between life and death following a fatal accident. Should she stay and bear the grief or join her family in the afterlife? Humorous reminiscence softens the heaviness of this heartbreaking story.
Under an enchantment, Rose and her 11 sisters must dance for the evil King Under Stone every night until they are exhausted and their shoes are worn ragged. Galen, a gardener and ex-soldier, hopes to break the spell using an invisibility cloak and magical yarn. This is a vibrant retelling of the Brothers Grimm tale of The Twelve Dancing Princesses.

Eat Fresh Food: Awesome Recipes for Teen Chefs
By Rozanne Gold
Bloomsbury / 9781599904450 / $17.99
Renowned chef Rozanne Gold serves up a delectable buffet of teen-tested and approved recipes. From after-school snacks and mouth-watering dishes that will have them saying bye-bye to the cafeteria line, to all-time favorites, this is a cookbook that no aspiring chef (or even the occasional cook) will want to miss.

Baseball Great
By Tim Green
HarperCollins / 980061626869 / $16.99
HarperCollins Audio / 980061714528 / $22.99
Twelve-year-old Josh’s father, whose own big league dreams have been dashed, signs him up for a competitive traveling team coached by a man that will stop at nothing to ensure his players are the very best—even if it is by illegal means. Thrilling action on and off the field, this story will score with young fans.

Project Sweet Life
By Brent Hartinger
HarperTeen / 980060824112 / $16.99
Dave and his two best buds are dismayed when their intended lackadaisical summer is thwarted by their fathers’ expectations—get a job. Devising a get-rich-quick scheme, the boys can make cash quick and get back to a summer of nothing, except their plan sets in motion a series of mishaps and capers and much more than they bargained!

The Reformed Vampire Support Group
By Catherine Jinks
Harcourt / 980152066093 / $16.99
Books on Tape / 980739865302 / $65.00
Fanged when she was fifteen, Nina has been a vampire for over 30 years, and she’s here to tell you that it is not the glitter and glamour you read in books or see on TV. She’s pretty sick of the weekly therapy sessions with her fellow vamps. When they discover there is a slayer in their midst, as much as Nina may hate being a vampire, being turned to ashes would be even worse.

Maximum Ride: The Manga #1
By NaRae Lee and James Patterson
Yen Press / 980759529519 / $10.99
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By Kristin Levine
G.P. Putnam / 980399250903 / $16.99
Listening Library / 980307710567 / $34.00
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Orangutan Tongs:
Poems to Tangle Your Tongue
By Jon Agee
Hyperion / 9781423103158 / $16.99
These poems are prickly, just give them a try!
They’ll come out all crooked! You won’t even know why!
They’ll tungle your tang… and tickle your tongue…
They’re just lots of good fun for both old and the young!

Our Abe Lincoln
By Jim Aylesworth
Illustrated by Barbara McClintock
Scholastic / 9780439925488 / $16.99
In a year honoring his bicentennial, Abe Lincoln’s life from
childhood to the presidency is performed as a school
play. Using the tune to “The Old Grey Mare,” readers can
join the cast and sing along to the verses. Happy 200th
Birthday to Abraham Lincoln!

Beyond: A Solar System Voyage
By Michael Benson
Abrams Books / 9780810983229 / $19.95
Which moon has the coldest surface found in the Solar
System? Which planet is the only world besides Earth
with standing bodies of liquid on its surface? Discover
answers while reading about our Solar System and
viewing the stunning photos taken in space. Learn how
people have studied the sun and planets from ancient
times to the present.

Dinosaurs in Your Backyard: The Coolest, Scariest Creatures Ever Found in the USA!
By Hugh Brewster
Illustrated by Alan Barnard
Abrams Books / 9780810970991 / $15.95
Sea monsters, Jurassic giants, herds of horned dinosaurs
and crested duckbills may have inhabited your
neighborhood years ago! Find out how the dinosaurs
got their names, how they lived and what they ate.
Special features of this book include a pronunciation
guide and a list of United States museums and parks
with dinosaur exhibits.

The Barefoot Book of Earth Tales
Retold by Dawn Casey
Illustrated by Anne Wilson
Barefoot Books / 9781846862243 / $19.99
Seven brightly illustrated and vividly retold stories from
around the world emphasize the importance of taking
considerate care of our planet. Instructions to complete a
simple related craft follow each tale.

Mission Control, This Is Apollo:
The Story of the First Voyages to the Moon
By Andrew Chaikin
Illustrated by Alan Bean
Viking / 9780670011568 / $23.99
President Kennedy challenged the nation to, within
a decade’s time, send a man to the moon and back.
Amazing pictures and paintings by astronaut Alan Bean
help tell this incredible, real adventure story.

The Mythology Handbook:
A Course in Ancient Greek Myths
By Hestia Evans
Candlewick / 9780763642914 / $12.99
Who is Zeus? Where is Mt. Olympus? Explore the wonders
of Greek mythology through stories filled with maps, flaps,
hero cards and more. Maybe you can use the Greek
alphabet provided to decode a secret message or create
your own!

Hello Baby!
By Mem Fox
Illustrated by Steve Jenkins
Beach Lane Books / 9781416985136 / $16.99
From monkeys to warthogs, meet baby animals in all
colors and shapes through adorable cut paper silhouettes
by an award-winning artist. Celebrate the love between
parents and children everywhere.

Where’s Waldo? The Incredible Paper Chase
By Martin Handford
Candlewick / 9780763646899 / $14.99
Waldo fans… he’s back! Hidden somewhere in a crowd
scene, search for a piece of paper torn from Waldo’s
sketchbook. Could it be a message in a bottle or carried
by a clown? This intricately illustrated world also includes
a fold-out muddy swamp game and a “create your own
circus game.”

Emmaline and the Bunny
By Katherine Hannigan
Greenwillow / 9780061626548 / $14.99
Inviting watercolors draw young naturalists into this
story of Emmaline who was not tidy, even when she tried
very hard. Following a wild bunny to Untidy, Emmaline
discovers what real bunnies need. Returning home, she
convinces her family to transform their yard into one
a wild bunny could visit. A perfect read-aloud for the
whole family.

Cook It Together
By Annabel Karmel
DK Children / 9780756643027 / $12.99
Head for the kitchen and grab your aprons! Families will
have fun fixing these kid-friendly recipes together using
ingredients children love: tomatoes, corn, rice, potatoes,
bananas, strawberries, apples, honey, chocolate and
yogurt! Enjoy sampling these tasty treats time and
again! YUM!

Life-Size Zoo:
From Tiny Rodents to Gigantic Elephants,
An Actual Size Animal Encyclopedia
By Teruyuki Komiya
Seven Footer / 9781934734209 / $17.95
No need to leave home to get close to some of the animals
found in Japan’s Ueno Zoological Gardens. You’ll meet
the animals, learn their scientific names and find out some
fun facts. Gorgeous photos and cute drawings serve as an
introduction for all ages.

Go! Go! Go!: More Than 70 Flaps to
Uncover & Discover
By Roxie Munro
Sterling / 9781402737732 / $15.95
Do you like to move? Join the action with a
fire truck, a hot air balloon, an underwater
submersible, a racehorse and a car race. Lift
the flaps and fold outs to bring the colorful
scenes to life. Ready to go?
The Sun and the Marigold Talk to Each Other
by Patricia Hubbell

"Marigold, with petals gold, tell me what you see ...
Marigold, with eye of gold, look up and talk to me ..."

"Shine down on me and I will talk ...
I'll tell you all I see ...
My roots see blackness, thick and rich,
my stem sees shades of green —
But O, My eye sees in the sky
a Marigold — like Me!"

ABC Disney (Anniversary Edition)
By Robert Sabuda
Disney Press / 9781423109303 / $22.99
What’s your favorite Disney movie? Have you seen them all? There’s a colorful pop-up behind every letter of the alphabet from Ariel (Little Mermaid) to Zazu (Lion King). The action will delight you whether it’s Pinocchio’s nose growing or young Arthur pulling Excalibur from the stone. These pop-ups have captured the Disney magic.

Yes Day!
By Amy Krouse Rosenthal
Illustrated by Tom Lichtenheld
HarperCollins / 9780061152597 / $14.99
What if you had one day when all of your wishes came true? It’s every child’s dream... and parent’s, too! Sound like fun? YES!!!!

Button Up! Wrinkled Rhymes
By Alice Schertle
Illustrated by Petra Mathers
Harcourt / 9780152050504 / $16.00
Whether reading the ode to “Emily’s Undies” or “Tanya’s Old Tee,” these silly stanzas about shirts, shoes and laces will tickle your ribs! From Joshua’s Jammies and Clyde’s gingham ghost to Harvey’s Galoshes, these poems are the most!

Please Pass the Manners!: Mealtime Tips for Everyone
By Lola Schaefer
Illustrated by Kellie Lewis
Little Simon / 9781416948261 / $7.99
The flip of a page flap turns bad habits into good as these cartoon critters learn healthy, helpful behaviors. A pull-out progress chart and gold star stickers help keep kids on track!

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Rhyming Dust Bunnies
By Jan Thomas
Beach Lane Books / 9781416979760 / $12.99
Caught up in their rhyming game, three dust bunnies, Ed, Ned and Ted, fail to really listen to the fourth bunny, Bob, who consistently refuses to rhyme. Is he really uncooperative or does he know something they don’t? Enjoy rhyming along with the three while the suspense builds around Bob’s warnings.

Mama Says:
A Book of Love for Mothers and Sons
By Rob D. Walker
Illustrated by Leo and Diane Dillon
Blue Sky / 9780439932080 / $16.99
Vibrantly illustrated, these twelve beautiful yet simply stated life lessons are presented in as many different languages. Loving and patient bonds between mothers and sons demonstrate the wondrous and moving journey from boyhood to manhood.

Big Frog Can’t Fit In!: A Pop-Out Book
By Mo Willems
Hyperion / 97814231114369 / $19.99
Poor Big Frog! She just can’t fit in the book even with the help of all her friends. What’s a Big Frog to do? Join a remarkable award-winning author as he introduces us to his newest book character.
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.

**Giant Book Mat**
Lexibook America / I3450X / $69.95
Ages Birth – 12 months
A soft, colorful play mat grows with your child by offering a new scene and stimulating sensory activities… with just a “turn of the page.”

**John Deere Shape Sorter Barn**
Learning Curve Brands, Inc. / LC25105 / $13.99
Ages 9 months & up
This barn shape sorter in the traditional John Deere yellow and green has a raised animal picture on each of the colorful plastic shapes. A classic for the farm fans in the family!

**First Puppets Sets**
Environments
Farm Animals / 900-725 / $39.00
Pet Friends / 900-727 / $39.00
Sea Creatures / 900-734 $39.00
Wild Animals / 900-726 $39.00
Puddle Pals / 900-733 / $39.00
Bugs / 900-735 / $39.00
All 6 sets / 900-762 $198.80
Ages 18 months & up
Hand puppets are designed to fit the hands of grown-ups and little ones alike. Using imaginative play, children can practice narrative skills literacy development. Sets include four puppets in six different themes.

**Water Symphony**
Tomy Toys / BDY6528 / $24.00
Ages 18 months & up
Simply tap the rainbow colored dolphins as they float in bath water to hear their musical notes powered by air, no batteries. Singing in the bathtub was never so much fun!

**Favorite**
by George Ella Lyon

I had an olive drab corduroy coat
A wide-wale corduroy coat
And the grooves went round and round
Instead of up and down
On my olive drab corduroy coat.

Perpendiculars look better on plump girls.
Yeah, perpendiculars look better on plump girls.
But the demon taste is taste
Whatever size your waist,
I loved my wide-wale corduroy coat.

Its barrel buttons slid through olive loops.
I say, its wooden buttons latched by olive loops.
Every time I wore it
I couldn’t help but adore it,
My high school corduroy coat.

Its collar was a deep green plush.
Its cuffs, too — deliciously lush.
I may have looked funny
But I called myself Honey
In my olive drab
Horizontal
Wide-wale
Barrel-buttoned
Plush-collared
Corduroy
Coat.
**Par 3 Mini Golf Course**  
Step 2 / 771400 / $44.99  
Ages 2 – 6  
Your children can design their very own 3-hole miniature golf course that can be re-arranged each time they play. The 21-piece set includes: 3 Straight Tracks, 3 Curved Tracks, 3 Different Greens, 3 Flags, 3 Obstacles (Clown, Spinner and Windmill), 2 Putters, 2 Golf Balls, 1 Starting Plate and 1 Tunnel.

**My First Floor Puzzle Set**  
Kaplan  
Vehicle Friends / 84647 / $9.95  
Farm Friends / 84644 / $9.95  
Sea Friends / 84646 / $9.95  
Zoo Friends / 84645 / $9.95  
Set of all four / 84648 / $37.95  
Ages 2 & up  
A set of four circular puzzles with bold, colorful illustrations and large, extra-thick pieces are easy to handle and easy to clean. A description of what the animals are doing is found along the outer edge to assist in solving the puzzle and for animal name recognition.

**Curious George Discovery Beach**  
I Can Do That! Games / 01012 / $16.99  
Ages 3 – 8  
Ocean creatures, deep-sea treasures and sand are safely contained in the sealed playing box. Players shake and peek inside to match objects found on playing cards. Watch out if a wave card “rolls in” because the box is shaken up and the treasures and creatures settle in another sunny, seaside location. The whole family will be as curious as George when they get together for just another day at the beach… any time of year.

**Magical Shoe Fairy Cottage**  
Step 2 / 779699 / $45.95  
Ages 3 & up  
The old lady who lived in a shoe didn’t know what to do but your children certainly will when they bring the magical world of fairies to life in this dollhouse shaped like a shoe. Set includes: Shoe cottage, four people, furniture and a pet caterpillar for fantastic fantasy play.

**Mini Sizzlin Kitchen**  
Little, Little, Little Toy Company / 118424 / $84.00  
Ages 3 – 8  
“Fry” an egg or “grill” a burger on this portable play kitchen with a stove on one side and a Bar-B-Q grill on the flipside. Complete with food and dishes that store conveniently in the lid, your little chef can cook on the go.

**Shape The World**  
Shape the World / STW101 / $39.99  
Ages 9 & up  
An 11-year-old boy designed this award-winning game that’s fun yet challenging for all ages. Players are dealt seven shape cards and have one minute to draw a picture from a chosen category. All players will come away with a sense of shaping the world as the creators of this ecologically friendly toy have committed a portion of the profits from each game sold to charity.
Poem
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