Great Books for Kids 2011

Every kid's life should be filled with books — at home, at school and anywhere they travel.

Kids take great pride in owning books, so 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 Cuyahoga County Public Library staff recommend that you consider these titles for gift-giving throughout the year. Visit cuyahogalibrary.org for branch locations. The books and toys in this guide are also available to borrow from Cuyahoga County Public Library.

Note: The prices listed for each selection are the publishers' suggested prices and may vary in area stores.

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Otis and the Tornado by Loren Long
Philemel Books / 9780399254772 / $17.99
Recorded Books Book & CD / 9781461835325 / $40.75

Otis the “putt puff puttedy chuff” tractor is back! While Otis attempts to befriend a grumpy bull, he must also protect the farm animals from an approaching tornado.
No Sleep For The Sheep
by Karen Beaumont / Illustrated by Jackie Urbanovic
Harcourt Children’s Books / 9780152049690 / $16.99
Sheep only wants to sleep but he keeps getting interrupted by the other farm animals... until he sleeps right on through the cock-a-doodle-doo! Have fun on the farm with funky drawings, rhyme and rhythm.

The Neighborhood Sing-Along
by Nina Crews
Greenwillow Books / 9780061850639 / $17.99
Hip urban photos accompany lyrics from wonderful childhood songs just right to share with little ones.

MITCHELL’S LICENSE, STARRING A CAR-OBSESSED TODDLER
by Hattie Durand
Candlewick Press / 9780763644963 / $15.99
Mitchell got his license so he could drive his dad’s car to bed. He learned to make right turns, left turns and... most importantly... avoid Mom traffic! A great ramp to bedtime!

Ralph
by Lois Ehlert
Beach Lane Books / 97814424213054 / $17.99
Recorded Books Book & CD / 9781461843665 / $40.75
Ralph, the dog, can talk! You and your little one will laugh as you hear Ralph’s answers to all of your questions. Ehlert’s wonderful collages make turning the pages fun.

I Spy With My Little Eye
by Edward Gibbs
Templar Books / 9780763652845 / $14.99
Die-cut holes and colorful clues will have your little ones guessing the animals in this clever game/book.

Worms For Lunch?
by Leonid Gore
Scholastic Press / 9780545243384 / $16.99
Join in the fun as a little worm crawls through a smorgasbord of die-cut pages while children guess animals’ favorite foods.

Perfect Square
by Michael Hall
Greenwillow Books / 9780061915130 / $16.99
A simple square can be so many things! Gather around and enjoy the transformations!

Little White Rabbit
by Kevin Henkes
Greenwillow Books / 9780062006424 / $16.99
Have fun hopping along with little white rabbit as he explores his world and wonders what it would be like to be green as a frog, tall as a tree, still as a rock and more. But no matter where he roams, little white rabbit never wonders who loves him at home.

Spring Is Here
by Will Hillenbrand
Holiday House / 9780823416028 / $16.95
Delighted with the scents of spring, Mole tries desperately to awaken his friend Bear through knocking, tapping, swishing and even tooting his horn. When all attempts fail, Mole finally remembers what Bear likes best and he awakens to an aromatic breakfast. A joyful and amusing celebration of spring and friendship.

African Animal Alphabet
by Beverly Joubert
National Geographic Children’s Books / 9781426307812 / $16.95
Captivating photos of playful wild African animals from A to Z make learning about animals and the alphabet both interesting and fun. An informative section on each page highlights important facts about each animal.

Three Hens And A Peacock
by Lester Laminack / Illustrated by Henry Cole
Peachtree Publishers / 9781561455645 / $15.95
When a glamorous peacock arrives mysteriously on the farm, the hens become resentful. But their switching roles makes for a very funny tale and helps us all learn to embrace our given talents.

Clementine
by Sebastian Loth
NorthSouth Books / 978035840096 / $14.95
Brave Clementine the snail loves everything that’s round and aspires to go to the moon. After several attempts and with the help of her friend, Paul, she zooms into space to make another very round and exciting discovery. Motivating and inspirational, Clementine’s passion spurs children to dream and explore.
**All The Water In The World**

*by George Ella Lyon*

A magnificent combination of flowing lyrical words and beautiful pastel illustrations help to explore the questions of where water comes from, where it goes and why we need it.

**Kitty Cat, Kitty Cat, Are You Going To Sleep?**

*by Bill Martin, Jr. and Michael Sampson*

Color pencil and watercolor illustrations pair with rhyming text to delightfully depict the going-to-bed ritual. There will surely be repeated readings of this perfect bedtime story.

**Snow Rabbit, Spring Rabbit: A Book Of Changing Seasons**

*by Il Sung Na*

Do you do anything to get ready for the cold winter? Follow rabbit in this appealing book full of whimsical details as seasons change and eventually bring the warmth of spring.

**How To Teach A Slug To Read**

*by Susan Pearson / illustrated by David Slonim*

Even if you don’t know any slugs, this clever manual is full of good advice. Learn new rhymes and view the world from another’s perspective!

**Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site**

*by Sherry Duskey Rinker / illustrated by Tom Lichtenheld*

The sleepy illustrations perfectly complement the fun, rhyming text about all big machines going to bed so they can “wake up to another day of…construction play.” Sweet dreams will be sure to follow!

**Square Cat**

*by Elizabeth Schoonmaker*

Earnest Eula doesn’t fit in with her silly round friends until they put themselves into square boxes and learn self-acceptance.

**I’m A Shark**

*by Bob Shea*

Shark isn’t afraid of anything. His oversized grin dominates zany pictures that guarantee giggles!

**Loopy Coop Hens**

*by Janet Morgan Steeke*

Will Midge, Pip and Dot still love and admire Rooster Sam even after they find out the truth about his fantastic ability? It’s a hilarious tale about three jealous and disillusioned hens who long to fly, no matter what!
**Fortune Cookies**
by Albert Bitterman / illustrated by Chris Raschka
Beach Lane Books / 9781416968146 / $14.99
A girl named Fortune receives a box in the mail filled with seven fortune cookies. Help Fortune discover the meaning of each mysterious prediction by pulling on the fortune cookie tabs.

**Six Sheep Sip Thick Shakes: And Other Tricky Tongue Twisters**
by Brian P. Cleary / illustrated by Steve Mack
Millbrook Press / 9781580135856 / $16.95
Get ready to have your tongue tied followed by peals of laughter when reading this original collection of tongue twisters. Comical illustrations add to the fun. You may want to try making some of your own tongue twisters with the helpful hints found at the back of the book.

**Jack and the Beanstalk**
by Nina Crews
Henry Holt / 9780061989384 / $16.99
Jack is given colorful beans for helping his neighbor, climbs a beanstalk and, with a twist, saves the giant who is under a spell. An updated version of the classic tale is told through cityscape collage-photos.

**Penny Loves Pink**
by Cori Doerrfeld
Little, Brown Books for Young Readers / 9780316054584 / $15.99
Penny loves pink sunglasses, pink tea parties and her pink potty, too. The announcement about a baby brother sends Penny into a state of panic until she sees the new baby’s lovely pink complexion.

**Around One Log: Chipmunks, Spiders And Creepy Insiders**
by Anthony D. Fredericks / illustrated by Jennifer DiRubbio
Dawn Publications / 9781584691372 / $16.95
ushes of lightning send a tree in the forest crashing to the ground. As rain soaks into the log, it becomes home to many creatures. With the author providing some great tips for getting started, budding naturalists will be ready to explore their wonder-filled environments.

**Zigzag Kids! Flying Feet**
by Patricia Reilly Giff / illustrated by Alasdair Bright
Wendy Lamb Books / 9780385738873 / $12.99
An idea for an invention starts with a buzz in Charlie’s head. Not all of them have been successful, but when the school needs both a pile of junk cleared out and help to put on a book character day, Charlie has his best idea yet.

**If You Give a Dog a Donut**
by Laura Jefferi Norman / illustrated by Felicia Bond
Buster + Boy / 9780060266837 / $16.99
Fans of If You Give a Mouse a Cookie will be delighted by this new book in the series. A simple snack of donuts and apple juice quickly leads to other escapades until a certain dog remembers that he’s still thirsty.

**Marley: Farm Dog**
by Susan Hill / illustrated by Lydia Halverson
HarperCollins / 9780699384 / $16.99
Cassie, her family and Marley visit an uncle’s farm. Helping out with chores is fun for Cassie and Marley tries to be a good dog but isn’t much of a help until it is time to find a lost lamb.

**Fancy Nancy: Splendid Speller**
by Jane O’Connor
Scholastic / 9780439882811 / $16.99
Spelling new words is easy for Fancy Nancy but during a test she is uncertain about the correct spelling for the word G-I-G-G-L-E. After she takes a peek at her best friend’s test, Nancy feels very sad and shares her feelings with her teacher, Ms. Glass.

**The Three Bully Goats**
by Leslie Kimmelmans / illustrated by Will Terry
Albert Whitman & Co. / 9780807579008 / $16.99
Bully goats, Gruff, Ruff and Tuff, are mean to the animals of the meadow and the little, kind-hearted ogre who lives under the bridge. It isn’t until they cross the bridge that the bully goats are finally stopped by four baby skunks waiting for them on the other side.

**Benjamin Franklin: His Wit and Wisdom From A to Z**
by Alan Schroeder / illustrated by John D’Brian
Holiday House / 9780823419500 / $16.95
An almanac, electricity and the United States Constitution are just a few of the accomplishments credited to Benjamin Franklin. Each letter of the alphabet shares information about Ben’s personal life and great contributions.

**Happy 100th Day!**
by Susan Miller / illustrated by Mary Newell DePalma
Scholastic / 9780439882811 / $16.99
All of the students are busy with activities in anticipation of the 100th day at school. Reading is hard for Graham and he’s disappointed that his birthday will happen the same day as the big assembly. But, his goal is to read 100 books in celebration of the special day.

**The Bippolo Seed and Other Lost Stories**
by Dr. Seuss
Random House / 9780375864353 / $15.00
A new generation can discover these long-lost Dr. Seuss stories! From the wish-giving bippolo seed to Gustav the growing fish, these stories will be sure to delight.

**Zoozical**
by Judy Sierra / illustrated by Marc Brown
Scholastic / 9780375864874 / $17.99
To get rid of the winter blues, the zoo animals decide to put on a talent show. From singing to hopping to tightrope walking, this show has something for everyone!
Martha Speaks: White House Dog by Jamie White
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt / 9780547393599 / $14.99
The President wants a dog to live in the White House and he rescues one from a shelter. When the White House pooch, Chessie, has a problem, Martha the talking dog visits Washington, D.C., and helps out with her special ability to speak.

Happy Pig Day!: An Elephant And Piggie Book
Hyperion / 9781423143420 / $8.99
I Broke My Trunk!: An Elephant And Piggie Book
Hyperion / 9781423133094 / $8.99
Should I Share My Ice Cream?: An Elephant And Piggie Book
Hyperion / 9781423143437 / $8.99
by Mo Willems
Elephant and Piggie are back for more fun in these beginning readers. Gerald the Elephant takes center stage as he finds a way to participate in Pig Day, explains just how he broke his trunk and decides what a good friend should do with just one ice cream cone.

Flappy and Scrappy by Arthur Yorinks
Illustrated by Aleksey Ivanov and Olga Ivanov
HarperCollins / 9780062051172 / $16.99
The friendship of two dogs is shared in three stories. Independent readers can follow along as Flappy misunderstands the farmyard animals, Scrappy learns to play ball and a surprise birthday party cheers Scrappy.
Darth Paper Strikes Back: An Origami Yoda Book  
by Tom Angleberger  
Amulet Books / 9781419700279 / $12.95  
Recorded Books CD / 9781461842637 / $46.75
After several Origami Yoda-related incidents, Dwight is suspended for being a troublemaker. Yoda asks Tommy and Kellen to save Dwight by creating a new case file that proves Dwight is an asset to Ralph McQuarrie Middle School.

The Trouble With Chickens: A J.J. Tully Mystery  
by Doreen Cronin / Illustrated by Kevin Cornell  
Balzer + Bray / 9780618213227 / $14.99
J.J. Tully, a retired search-and-rescue dog, is bribed to investigate the case of Dirt and Sugar’s missing siblings. Is Vince the Funnel hiding something? Are there dark forces at work—or is J.J. not smelling the evidence that’s right under his nose?

The LEGO® Ideas Book  
DK Publishing / 9780756686062 / $24.99
Use LEGO® bricks from previous projects to make something new! Try out new ideas for transportation, buildings, space, kingdoms, adventure and more.

Miss Child Has Gone Wild  
by Dan Gutman / Illustrated by Jim Paillot  
HarperCollins / 9780061969164 / $15.89
In the first book of the My Weirder School series, A.J. and his fellow third-graders from Ella Mentry School go on a field trip to the zoo, where they meet Miss Child, the weirdest zookeeper in the history of the world.

Squish #1: Super Amoeba  
by Jennifer Holm, Matt Holm  
Random House / 9780375843891 / $12.99
Squish is a comic book-loving, Twinkie-eating amoeba trying his best to make his way through school days of weird lunches, detention and bullies who just might eat you.

Bless This Mouse  
by Lois Lowry  
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt / 9780547390093 / $15.99  
Listening Library Audio CD / 9780307916273 / $22.00
Mouse Mistress Hildegard and the other church mice fear another Great X (exterminator) more than anything else. As they save themselves from one danger after another—sometimes by the skin of their tails—can they make it through the next dangerous St. Francis Blessing of the Animals?

Judy Moody Goes to Hollywood  
by Megan McDonald  
Candlewick Press / 9780763655518 / $14.99
Enjoy a behind-the-scenes look at the movie Judy Moody and the NOT Bummer Summer including exclusive photos, interviews with cast members, secrets of costume and set design and a peek at prop making.

Ten  
by Lauren Myracle  
Dutton Children’s Books / 9780525423560 / $16.99
In this prequel to the Winnie Years series, Winnie is thrilled to be turning ten, but has some reservations about growing up. She worries that she is weird, but decides that her quirks make her the awesome person she is.

Dogs in The Dead of Night  
by Mary Pope Osborne  
Dutton Children’s Books / 9780525423560 / $16.99
The Magic Tree House’s Jack and Annie are back and travel to a monastery in the Swiss Alps where, with the help of St. Bernard dogs and magic, they seek the second of four special objects necessary to break the spell on the wizard Merlin’s beloved penguin, Penny. In the nonfiction companion, Jack and Annie track down facts about service dogs, St. Bernard rescue dogs, famous war dogs and other canine heroes.

When Life Gives You O.J.  
by Erica S. Perl  
Knopf Books for Young Readers / 9780375859243 / $15.99
Ten-year-old Zelly Fried wants a dog more than anything in the world, but her parents aren’t convinced she is ready for the responsibility. Her eccentric grandfather, Ace, convinces Zelly to use an old orange juice jug as a practice dog.

Clementine And The Family Meeting  
by Sara Pennypacker / Illustrated by Marla Frazee  
Hyperion / 9781423123569 / $14.99  
Recorded Books CD / 9781461842637 / $30.75
The family meeting sign is up in Clementine’s house and she’s sure she’s in trouble about something. Instead she learns her perfect family of four is growing to add a new brother or sister. Will Clementine learn to make room for one more?

Lemonade: And Other Poems  
Squeezed from A Single Word  
by Bob Raczka / Illustrated by Nancy Deniger  
Roaring Brook Press / 9781596435414 / $16.99
An inventive poetic form turns word puzzles into poetry. All poems are written using only letters contained within the word upon which the poem is based.

Encyclopedia Mythologica: Dragons And Monsters  
by Matthew Reinhart and Robert Sabuda  
Candlewick Press / 9780763631734 / $29.99
Stunning creatures from the legends and lore of cultures from around the world are revealed through pop-ups that demonstrate the best in the art of paper engineering.

Guys Read: Thriller  
by Jon Scieszka / Illustrated by Brett Helquist  
Walden Pond Press / 9780061963766 / $16.99
Ten hot authors for middle grade readers create a pulse-pounding anthology of short stories full of mystery and intrigue.

The Hugo Movie Companion  
by Brian Selznick  
Scholastic / 9780545331555 / $19.99
The Caldecott Award-winning book The Invention of Hugo Cabret is becoming a 3D major motion picture produced by Martin Scorsese. Extend your experience with lavish photographs and fascinating information on the journey from book to movie.
WONDERSTRUCK by Brian Selznick  
Scholastic / 9780545027892 / $29.99  
After losing his mother and his hearing, Ben leaves his Minnesota home to seek the father he never knew in New York City. There he meets Rose, who is also longing for something missing from her life. Ben’s story is told in words; Rose’s in pictures, in a work similar in design to Selznick’s award-winning The Invention of Hugo Cabret.

LIKE PICKLE JUICE ON A COOKIE  
by Julie Sternberg / illustrated by Matthew Cordell  
Amulet Books / 9780810984240 / $14.95  
When her beloved babysitter has to move away to take care of her ailing father, Eleanor spends the summer adjusting to a new babysitter who doesn’t take care of things like Bibi did. But as a new school year looms, it’s time for new beginnings.

ODD BALL: HILARIOUS, UNUSUAL & BIZARRE BASEBALL MOMENTS  
by Timothy Tachter / illustrated by Stacy Curtis  
Marshall Cavendish Children / 9780761458135 / $15.99  
Batter up! Lively black-and-white comic strips run the gamut of baseball history and many of its outrageous occurrences.

YOUNG FREDLE  
by Cynthia Voigt / illustrated by Louise Yates  
Knopf Books for Young Readers / 9780375864575 / $16.99  
Listening Library Audio CD / 9780375864575 / $16.99  
Listening Library eAudio File / 9780375864575 / $16.99  
Fredle, a young kitchen mouse, is cast out of the nest when he becomes ill after eating a chocolate peppermint patty and he winds up alone in the frightening and fascinating world of “outside.”
Jefferson’s Sons: A Founding Father’s Secret Children by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
Dial Books for Young Readers / 9780020373438 / $16.99
Random House Audio Publishing Group CD / 9780307737892 / $30.00
Playaway / 9781617070006 / $49.99

India, Finn and Mouse are sent to stay with their uncle in Colorado. When the plane lands, the three siblings find themselves in Falling Bird, a place they’ve never heard of and without any idea of how to get home.

Troublemaker by Andrew Clements illustrated by Mark Elliott
Atheneum Books for Young Readers / 9781416949305 / $16.99
Simon & Schuster Audio CD / 9781442304543 / $14.99

When his older brother gets in serious trouble, sixth-grader Clay decides to change his own mischief-making ways. He soon learns that it’s easy to get into trouble but far more difficult to get out of it.

Absolute Value of Mike by Katherine Erskine
Philomel Books / 9780399255052 / $16.99

Mike is sent to rural Pennsylvania for an engineering project. His plans to impress his mathematician father fall flat when Mike discovers the project has nothing to do with engineering, but he learns valuable lessons while working with his elderly and eccentric relatives.

Charlie Joe Jackson’s Guide to Not Reading by Tom Greenwald
Roaring Brook Press / 9781596436916 / $14.99
Brilliance Audio CD / 9781455803033 / $35.97
Playaway / 9781455828212 / $49.99

Charlie Joe Jackson really hates to read. His claim to fame is that he has never read a book cover-to-cover in his entire life. Charlie Joe comes up with a big scheme to continue his non-reading streak through middle school.

No Passengers Beyond This Point by Jenifer Choeblacks
Dial Books for Young Readers / 9780803735347 / $16.99
Random House Audio Publishing Group CD / 9780307737892 / $30.00
Playaway / 9781617070006 / $49.99

It all begins when M’Lady Luggertuck loosens her corset! This opens a series of cryptic boxes which reveal hidden floors, looking for someone to blame.

Kat, Incorrigible by Stephanie Burgis
Atheneum Books for Young Readers / 9781416994473 / $16.99

In 1803 London, 12-year-old Kat discovers she has inherited her late mother’s magical powers as she is transported into another dimension via a special golden mirror. In spite of her stepmother’s harsh objections, Kat is set on figuring out how to get home.

FLOORS by Patrick Carmen
Scholastic Press / 9780545255196 / $16.99
Playaway / 97816161637178 / $14.99

Leo, the son of the Whippet Hotel’s maintenance man, opens a series of cryptic boxes which reveal hidden floors, strange puzzles and unexpected alliances. All of these discoveries lead Leo on an adventure to save both the building and his future.

The 39 Clues: Cahills vs. Vespers Book 1: The Medusa Plot by Gordon Korman
Scholastic / 9780452928931 / $12.99
Scholastic eAudio / 9780545323482 / $29.99
Playaway / 9781617079887 / $49.99

A powerful new enemy, the Vespers, has emerged from the shadows, sending Dan and Amy on a dangerous journey that takes them from Rome to the ancient city of Timbuktu. If they don’t stop the Vespers in time, the whole world will pay.

The Grand Plan to Fix Everything by Uma Krishnaswami / illustrated by Abigail Halpin
Atheneum Books for Young Readers / 9781416995550 / $16.00

Eleven-year-old Dini and her best friend Maddie love Bollywood movies. The girls are upset when they find out Dini is moving to India for two years, but Dini begins to devise a grand plan to meet her favorite Bollywood star.

.attack Of The Vampire Weenies And Other Warped And Creepy Tales by David Lubar
Starscape / 9780765323453 / $15.99

A boy steals a ticket to an amusement park and literally gets the ride of a lifetime. His first day of school turns into a free-for-all when the gym teacher offers a “get-out-of-gym-free” card. Read these and more warped and creepy stories... if you dare!

13 Gifts by Wendy Mass
Scholastic Press / 9780545310031 / $16.99
Scholastic Audio CD / 9781616361718 / $44.99
Playaway / 9781616361718 / $44.99

Tara, a self-proclaimed shrinking violet, gets caught stealing the school mascot in an attempt to make friends with the popular crowd. She is shipped off for the summer to Willow Falls where she decides to reinvent herself just in time for her 13th birthday.
How do you figure out what a dead person really looked like? The Mount Vernon Ladies’ Association hired a team of forensic anthropologists and artists to create life-size reproductions of George Washington as a 19-year-old surveyor, a 45-year-old general of the Continental Army and a 57-year-old taking the oath as President of the United States.

Fantastic tales of gods and goddesses are brought to life with lyrical text and stunning artwork. Embellishments and sidebars help readers connect characters and stories to real-life history and culture.

On the first day of middle school, Rafe teams up with his best friend Leonardo the Silent for Operation R.A.F.E., an elaborate scheme to make school more fun by trying to break every rule in the school’s code of conduct.

After they are separated in a car accident, Abby’s beloved Shetland Sheepdog, Tam, faces an incredible journey to find her way home through the Blue Ridge Mountains. As days turn into weeks and then into months, Abby wonders if she and Tam will ever be reunited.
Bootleg: Murder, Moonshine And The Lawless Years Of Prohibition by Karen Blumenthal
Rooing Brook/Flashpoint / 9781596434493 / $18.99
The 18th Amendment prohibited alcohol and was placed into law to create a stronger, more moral nation. But Prohibition led to an era of lawlessness rampant with gangsters, moonshiners, bathtub booze brewers and even children smuggling alcohol. Dramatic vintage photographs bring this time and its events to life.

How They Croaked: The Awful Ends Of The Awfully Famous by Georgia Bragg
Walker Children's / 9780802798176 / $17.99
Take an inside look into the gruesome details of the deaths of 19 historical figures with chapter titles such as “Charles Dickens: A Tale of Two Brains,” “Napoleon Bonaparte: I Hate Islands,” “George Washington: Little Mouth of Horrors” and more. Cartoon illustrations provide a humorous twist.

If I Could Fly by Judith Ortiz Cofer
Farrar Straus Giroux / 9780374335175 / $17.99
Doris’ mother moved back to Puerto Rico without even saying goodbye and her musician father is constantly on the road. Doris escapes to the rooftop of her apartment to tend homing pigeons while struggling to find a balance between her independence and a craving for security.

The Year We Were Famous by Carole Estby Dagg
Clarion / 9780316999885 / $16.99
On May 6, 1896, with a $10,000 prize hanging in the balance, 17-year-old Clara and her mother set out on foot on a 4,600 mile treacherous journey across the country in an attempt to save their family farm.

Ten Miles Past Normal by Frances O'Roark Dowell
Atheneum Books for Young Readers / 9781416958582 / $16.99
When you’re in high school, living on a goat farm is not the coolest thing. A school project comes to the rescue when Janie meets two former Civil Rights leaders who enrich her life and give her the opportunity to develop her own style and hidden talents.

Sidelkicks by Jack D. Fernaiglo
Amulet Books / 9780810998032 / $16.95
Scott Hutchinson, aka Bright Boy, has spent most of his life as Phantom Justice’s faithful sidekick. Things get a little hairy when Dr. Chaotic escapes from prison and Scott discovers that the evil Monkeywrench may be his secret crush.

Cloaked by Alex Flinn
HarperTeen / 9780060874223 / $16.99
Shy, introverted Paige moves to Brooklyn from Virginia and has trouble adjusting to the big city. Paige becomes known as “the quiet redhead who draws stuff” when she turns to her sketchbook for both inspiration and solace.

Page By Paige by Laura Lee Gulledge
Amulet Books / 9780810997219 / $18.95
Sixteen-year-old Jacob grew up listening to Grandpa Portman’s stories of his childhood on a faraway island where he lived in order to hide from monsters. After his grandfather’s violent death, Jacob travels there and unearths some mysterious secrets.

The False Princess by Edie O’Neal
Egmont USA / 9781606840795 / $16.99
After being raised as the Princess of Thorvald, 16-year-old Nalia discovers that she was switched at birth in a plot to protect the real princess from an early demise.

The Summe I Learned To Fly by Dana Reinhardt
Walker Children’s / 9780385739542 / $15.99
16-year-old Drew is a bit of a loner, except for her pet rat, who keeps her company as she pines away in her mom’s cheese shop. Drew’s always waiting for something to happen until the day she meets a strange boy, Emmett Crane, in the alley.

Withering Tights by Louise Rennison
HarperTeen / 9780061799310 / $16.99
Despite doubts about her talents, Tallulah finds her inner artist during a summer at performing arts school. Chock full of boys, eggs and overzealous acting, you’ll laugh your tights off!

Miss Peregrine’s Home For Peculiar Children by Ransom Riggs
Quirk Books / 9781594744761 / $17.99
Sixteen-year-old Jacob grew up listening to Grandpa Portman’s stories of his childhood on a faraway island where he lived in order to hide from monsters. After his grandfather’s violent death, Jacob travels there and unearths some mysterious secrets.

Lost In The River Of Grass by Gaye Rorky
Capitol/hka Books / 9780763656851 / $17.95
During a field trip to the Everglades, 13-year-old Sarah leaves her classmates behind to join the guide’s 15-year-old son, Andy, for a trip into the swamp. When their airboat sinks, they make a treacherous journey back to land on foot.
Doug Swieteck reluctantly moves to Marysville, New York, in the summer of 1968 with his passive mother, cruel father and hoodlum brother. He finds solace in the improbable Lil Spicer and drawing lessons with his local librarian.

Berlin Boxing Club by Robert Sharenow
HarperTeen / 9780061579684 / $17.99
HarperCollins eBook / 9780062078922 / $13.99
Karl Stern, a 14-year-old Jewish boy in 1930s Berlin, is repeatedly beaten up by his classmates until he begins boxing lessons with Max Schmeling, a champion boxer and German national. It is only later that Karl begins to wonder where Max’s loyalties really lie.

Bloody Times: The Funeral of Abraham Lincoln and the Manhunt for Jefferson Davis by James L. Swanson
HarperCollins / 9780061560897 / $16.99
HarperCollins eBook / 9780062036087 / $9.99
Photographs, letters, diary entries and newspaper accounts provide insight into our country’s history immediately following the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. While the North mourned the loss of their president, a manhunt was on for Confederate President Jefferson Davis as he traveled across the South trying to keep the Confederacy alive.

Lost and Found by Shani Tan
Arthur A. Levine / 9780545229241 / $32.99
Through beautiful illustrations and sparse words three stories explore how we lose and find what matters most to us: a girl finds a bright spot in a dark world; a boy leads a strange, lost thing home; and a group of peaceful creatures loses its home to cruel invaders.

The Running Dream by Wendelin Van Draanen
Knopf Books for Young Readers / 9780375866678 / $16.99
Listening Library Audio CD / 9780307747980 / $34.00
Random House Children’s Books eBook / 9780375894798 / $10.99
Listening Library eAudio / 9780307747997 / $23.80
“I’ll never run again.” After a life-altering accident, this phrase races through Jessica’s mind like the wind used to race across her cheeks and through her hair. But when she finally learns to walk again, she wonders if running may be possible after all.
When winter seems like it can go on forever, flowers and sunshine are just around the corner. This rhyming, energetic story bursts into color and is the perfect celebration of spring.

In Like A Lion, Out Like A Lamb by Marjorie Dane Bauer
Holiday House / 9780823423288 / $16.95
When winter seems like it can go on forever, flowers and sunshine are just around the corner. This rhyming, energetic story bursts into color and is the perfect celebration of spring.

Barbara Beery’s Pink Princess Party Cookbook by Barbara Beery
Simon & Schuster / 9781442412316 / $15.99
Create the perfect party of your own! With over 30 recipes and accompanying crafts, plan a special themed menu fit for a princess.

The Great Big Book Of Families by Mary Hoffman / illustrated by Ros Asquith
Simon & Schuster / 9780803731677 / $17.99
Every family is different and sometimes in surprising ways! Celebrate all the wonderful ways to be a family.

Levi Strauss Gets a Bright Idea: The Positively True and Unfabricated Story of a Pair of Pants by Tony Johnston / illustrated by Stacy Innerst
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt / 9780547238685 / $15.99
Who doesn’t love blue jeans? Read the (sort of) true and very funny story of Levi Strauss. This clever inventor of America’s favorite pants actually found a way for California gold miners to keep their trousers up!

The Secret Box by Barbara Lehman
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt / 9780547597476 / $23.99
At an old boarding school, three friends find a mystery box under a floor board left by children who lived there long ago. In this wordless presentation, follow the pictures to a secret, magical destination.

The Incredible Life of Balto by Meghan McCarthy
Knopf Books for Young Readers / 9780375844607 / $16.99
In 1925 Nome, Alaska, a dog named Balto saved a town by leading a dogsled team that brought life-saving serum. Here’s the rest of the story of his life as a celebrity!

Meet Jane by Patrick McDonnell
Little, Brown Books for Young Readers / 9780316045469 / $15.99
A young girl who finds a deep connection to animals dedicates her life to helping them. This inspiring true story of Jane Goodall is highlighted with detailed drawings and actual pages of the nature journal she kept as a child.

We Are America: A Tribute From The Heart by Walter Dean Myers
From Abraham Lincoln to Jimi Hendrix, follow the legacy of the people who made America what it is today! Exuberant, captivating paintings, poems and quotes will intrigue and inspire the whole family.

A Nation’s Hope: The Story Of Boxing Legend Joe Louis by Matt de la Peña / illustrated by Kadir Nelson
Dial / 9780803735163 / $16.99
In 1938, segregated America was united in cheering for Joe Louis as he fought against the German Max Schmeling. Spectacular, vivid oil illustrations bring these legendary characters to life.

This Plus That: Life’s Little Equations by Amy Krouse Rosenthal / illustrated by Jan Corace
Schwartz & Wade / 9780375866951 / $17.99
Blaming + eye rolling does not equal a sincere apology! On the other hand (snow + carrot) + rosy cheeks does equal winter! Is it math or just plain silliness? Either way, these delightful equations are all about friends, family and fun.

I Will Come Back For You — A Family In Hiding During World War II by Marivi Raso
What was it like to grow up Jewish in World War II Italy? A granddaughter shares secrets of her childhood in hiding with her curious granddaughter. This poignant tale, based on actual facts, shows the true spirit of kindness and bravery.

Where’s Walrus? by Stephen Savage
Scholastic / 9780439700498 / $16.99
Walrus escapes from the zoo and the zookeeper can’t seem to find him. From a fireman to a chorus girl, he blends in wherever he goes. Look closely and see if you can find Walrus!

First Garden: The White House Garden And How It Grew by Robbi Garory
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The Bloomsbury Nursery Treasury: An Early Garden by Patricia Borlenghi / illustrated by Eleanor Taylor
Bloomsbury USA Children’s / 9780747597476 / $23.99
Looking for the ideal tale for bedtime, naptime or a family gathering? The intriguing retellings of these ten classic tales, ranging from “Little Red Riding Hood” to “The Ugly Duckling,” include a subtle twist that make them refreshing for listeners of all ages.

Let’s Look At Dinosaurs by Frances Barry
Candlewick Press / 0763653543 / $12.99
Do you wonder how far a pterodactylus can fly or why a tyrannosaurus has so many teeth? Flip the flap and discover the answers in this bright and playful interactive dinosaur book.

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**Bumble-Ardy** by Maurice Sendak
HarperCollins / 9780062051981 / $17.95
Poor Bumble-Ardy has never had a birthday party! At age nine, this mischievous pig decides to throw a party for himself and invites all his friends. The “raucous rumpus” begins and things quickly get out of hand. With rhyming text and elaborate pencil drawings, master storyteller Maurice Sendak creates a breezy, upbeat, memorable tale.

**Every Thing On It – Poems And Drawings**
by Shel Silverstein
HarperCollins / 9780061998164 / $19.99
Share more magic from this beloved, bestselling poet in this amazing new collection of 130 never-before-seen poems and drawings. Let the magic of these poems carry you away!

**Postcards From Camp: A Postal Story**
by Simms Taback
Nancy Paulsen Books / 9780399239731 / $17.99
A boy writes his Dad from camp, begging to come home. Dad replies with memories of his time at the same camp, until the end of the summer when the boy realizes he actually has enjoyed his camp experience after all. Fun-filled removable letters make this the perfect choice for sharing aloud.

**Queen Of The Falls** by Chris Van Allsburg
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt / 9780547315812 / $18.99
Annie Edison Taylor needs to find a way “to strike it rich” at age 62. Her solution is to be the first person to go over Niagara Falls in a barrel. Follow her daredevil adventure with these powerful, action-packed pictures.
Children learn through play. The following suggestions will offer hours of fun for children, birth through age 8. Teens and adults working with children will find these wonderful toy choices as educational as they are entertaining.

Want to check the toys out? They are just some of the choices that can be requested through Cuyahoga County Public Library’s online catalog and sent to a branch near you. To borrow these toys, refer to Cuyahoga County Public Library’s Toy Collection Title included below.

**Animal Planet Polar Set** AGES 3 & UP

*Animal Planet / W8801 / $20.99*

Your child can pretend to help researchers save polar wildlife with this animal play set that includes: 13 polar animals, 2 figures, 1 ice cave, 1 dog sled, 1 rescue boat with working winch and 1 rescue carrier.

Toy Collection Title: ANIMALS - ARCTIC

**Aquaplay Rescue Centre Lagoon** AGES 2 & UP

*AquaPlay / A440 / $54.99*

AquaPlay has created an expandable series of water canal toys that can be used in or out of the bath for creative exploration and role-playing. Your little crew member can save the day enlisting the help of two bear sailors and the fireboat, paddlewheel or helicopter.

Toy Collection Title: WATER RESCUE

**Chickyboom** AGES 4 & UP

*Blue Orange / 00350 / $27.99*

The chickens are happily balancing on their roost with wagon wheels and hay bales until players remove a piece and the whole perch can go chickyboom! Hand-eye coordination, fine motor skills and counting are all developed through this entertaining game of weight and balance assessment.

Toy Collection Title: CHICKYBOOM

**Children Of The World Lacing Cards** AGES 3 & UP

*eeBoo / EB-SC05 / $14.95*

These lacing cards depict children in everyday traditional costumes. Lift the pieces on the multicultural puzzle to reveal how to say “hello” in twelve languages. Toy Collection Title: CHILDREN OF THE WORLD PUZZLE AND LACING SET

Toy Collection Title: MEMORY – CHILDREN OF THE WORLD

**Chomp And Clack Alligator Push Toy** AGES 1 & UP

*Melissa and Doug / 3011 / $49.99*

This sturdy wooden push toy features three clacking gators that chomp and clack with every step. A great early walking toy for toddlers.

Toy Collection Title: CHOMP AND CLACK ALLIGATOR

**Comfort Cuddly Rattles** AGES BIRTH & UP

*Kids Preferred / $8.00*

S-O-F-T and B-A-B-Y just naturally go together and these animal-shaped rattles are naturally soft, naturally cuddly and naturally perfect for your baby! The toys also bear the asthma and allergy friendly certification and are washable.

Toy Collection Title: (featured in) BABY VARIETY SET

**Get Up And Go! Dice** AGES 2 & UP

*Discount School Supply / 8WWGODICE / $31.95*

Children toss two vinyl-covered dice to see what the activity will be and the number of times to do it. Twenty different movement cards and number cards 1-6 are included.

Toy Collection Title: GET UP AND GO DICE

**Happyland Martian Moonhouse** AGES 2 & UP

*ELC (Early Learning Centre) / 125-26 / $59.95*

A Martian family of three has lots of pets and lots of fun in this house with plenty of room and plenty of zoom... even a slide for a zippy way down to the moon crater!

Toy Collection Title: MARTIAN MOONHOUSE

Toy Collection Title: MARTIAN MOONBASE

**MADELINE**

**MADELINE IN LONDON – 63-Piece Puzzle** AGES 4 & UP

* Briarpatch / BP78205 / $9.99*

**MADELINE IN PARIS GAME** AGES 4 & UP

*Briarpatch / BP78101 / $17.10*

**MADELINE – 24-Piece Floor Puzzle** AGES 3 & UP

*Ceaco / 1703-1 / $13.00*

**MADELINE J’AIMÉ PARIS – 100-Piece Puzzle** AGES 5 & UP

*Ceaco / 16342 / $14.99*

**MADELINE AT THE WHITE HOUSE GAME** AGES 4 & UP

*Briarpatch / BP78103 / $20.99*

**MADELINE CARD GAME** AGES 3 & UP

*Briarpatch / BP78301 / $9.99*

Celebrate Madeline’s 70th birthday! Through books, puzzles and games, children of all ages will delight in this spunky little girl and her many adventures.

Toy Collection Title: MADELINE – GAME AND PUZZLE SET

**Pin Pals Bowling Set** AGES 3 & UP

*Step 2 / 72782 / $24.99*

Set these happy guys up for traditional bowling or stack them in various combinations for a smashing good time.

Toy Collection Title: PIN PALS BOWLING SET

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