

# KIDS SUMMER READING PICKS

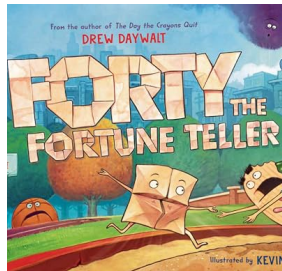
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## Librarian Favorites

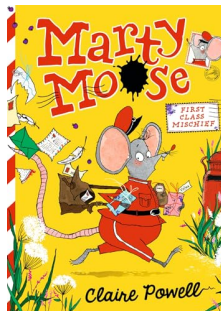
JF- Juvenile Fiction FC- First Chapter PB- Picture Book



**Forty the Fortune Teller**  
by Drew Daywalt

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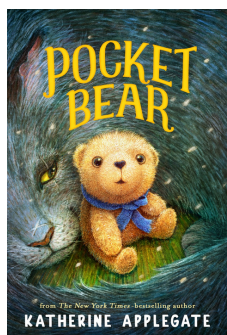
What's a fortune teller to do when she's dropped on the ground half-finished when the bell rings to mark the end of recess? Forty the Fortune Teller together with her friends Potato Chip and Basketball convince a team of chewed-up chewing gum to help repair the playground slide so that the kids at school won't get hurt.



**Marty Moose: First Class Mischief**  
by Claire Powell

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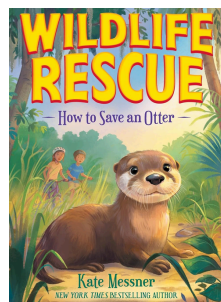
It's Marty Moose's first day on the job as Postmouse. He's ironed his uniform, polished his buttons and waxed his whiskers; he's ready to go! But things take a tricky turn when he gets lost in Whisker Warren and needs rescuing by a doolally rabbit named Nibbles, and then gets caught in the crossfire of two less-than-neighbourly toads. Who knew postage could be so perilous!



**Pocket Bear**  
by Katherine Applegate

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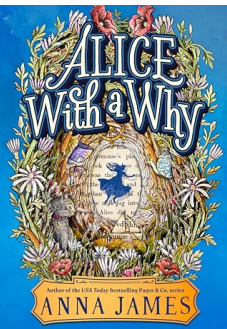
Pocket Bear remembers every moment of his becoming: the needle, the thread, the tender hands as each stitch brought him closer to himself. Born during WWI, he was designed to fit into the pocket of a soldier's jacket, eyes sewn a bit higher than normal so that he always gazed upward. Now, over a century later, Pocket serves as unofficial mayor of Second Chances Home for the Tossed and Treasured, where stuffed toy animals are refurbished and given a fresh opportunity to be loved. He and his best feline friend Zephyrina, known far and wide as "The Cat Burglar," have seen it all, and then some.



**How to Save an Otter**  
by Kate Messner

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Ivy and Ezra are "critter couriers" whose family volunteers to transport injured and orphaned animals to their local wildlife hospital. When they discover a baby river otter with a hurt leg, Ivy worries about the little otter being separated from its family--a feeling she knows all too well. She's struggled to make new friends since her twin cousin BFFs moved away. Taking on a big project for the wildlife hospital keeps her busy, but can she build new friendships while still helping the otter heal enough to return to the wild?



**Alice with a Why** by Anna James

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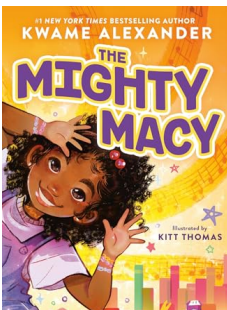
England, 1919. Alyce lives with her grandmother, the original Alice, after losing her father during the Great War. When a mysterious invitation to a tea party hits her directly in the face, Alyce realizes Grandmother's strange stories of a place called Wonderland might have some truth to them after all. But the Wonderland Alyce finds herself in is trapped in its own war. The Sun King and the Queen of the Moon are fighting over a stolen hour, and soon Alyce is tasked with setting it right. With the help of the Hatter, the Cheshire Cat and a Sailor Fox, Alyce will have to solve Wonderland's problems and then find her way back home.



**Amina Banana and the Formula for Friendship**  
by Shifa Saltagi Safadi

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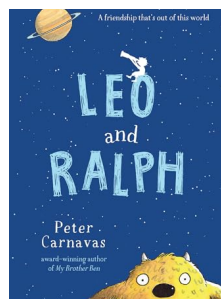
Amina loves bananas, science, and all things yellow! Her family recently arrived from Syria to Indiana, and she's starting at a brand-new school in a brand-new country. She's excited but also nervous, especially about making friends! But she develops the perfect formula to get everything just right: Speak English + wear a perfect outfit + be a good student + eat American food = Make American Friends! When the first few days are harder than Amina imagined, she's left worrying: why doesn't her formula add up?



**The Mighty Macy**  
by Kwame Alexander

JF

When Macy gets book one of The Mighty Zora series for her birthday, she stays up until 11:34pm finishing the book. When Macy gets to her school library the next day to check out book two, she finds the door locked with a sign explaining that the library will only be open a few days a week due to budget cuts. Her usual biggest supporter, her dad, won't even be home to help her figure out what to do. With help from her fellow 3rd graders, support from her mom, and encouragement from poems written and hidden for her by her father, Macy must learn the power of advocating for herself and her community.



**Leo and Ralph** by Peter Carnavas

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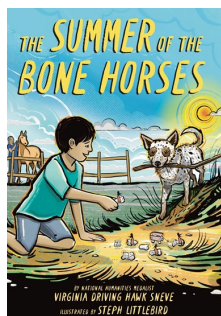
Things are different for Leo after he meets Ralph. Ralph is from a different planet, and he loves outer space, just like Leo. The two friends make up their own language and invent other planets. But when Leo's mother gets a job in another town, Leo reluctantly agrees to say goodbye to Ralph. Leo is in a new school now, in a higher grade. But when he doesn't quite click with his real-life classmates, Ralph comes back, and this time, Leo has to keep his old friend a secret. Leo has to decide if making new friends at school is worth possibly losing Ralph, and someone like Ralph is hard to leave behind.



**Mystery in the Grand Canyon**  
by Dusti Bowling

JF

Edmund, a goldendoodle and seizure-alert dog of esteemed lineage (at least according to him) is destined for life in a palace as a Royal Guard, serving the King of England. But when Edmund's beloved owner dies, he gets adopted by Wild West Willy, an aspiring ghosthunter. Willy aims to travel to the Grand Canyon, where he'll uncover the truth behind the disappearance of a couple who went missing in 1928. Little does Willy know that Edmund can actually see ghosts! Edmund needs to decide if helping solve the mystery is worth it, even if it isn't quite as grand as his dreams.



**The Summer of the Bone Horses**  
by Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve

JF

When Eddie's parents drive from the Black Hills to the Dakota plains to drop him off with Grandpa and Grandma High Elk, Eddie aches all over at the thought of being away from Mom and Dad for the first time. But quickly, Eddie's stay on the Rosebud Reservation becomes a summer that he'll never forget as he spends his days riding horses, fishing, helping Grandma in her garden, and playing with the toy bone horses that his grandfather gave him. When his grandfather is hurt and needs medical attention, Eddie steps up and helps him get the care he needs.



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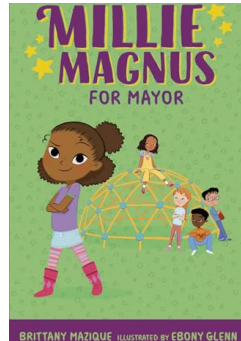
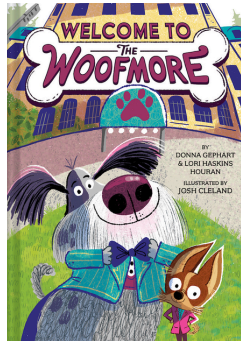
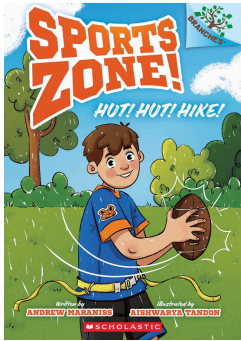
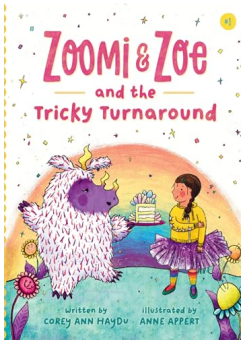
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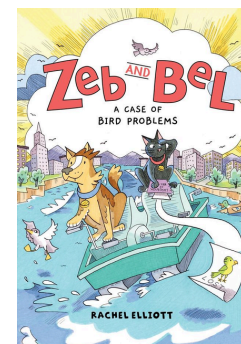
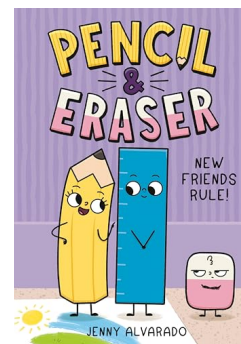
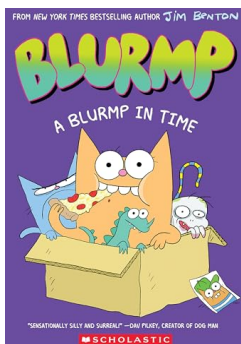
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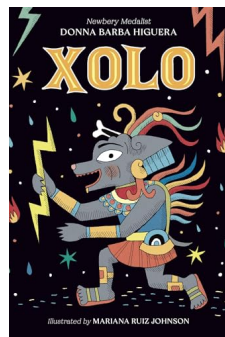
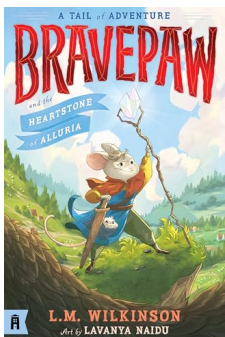
## FIRST CHAPTER BOOKS



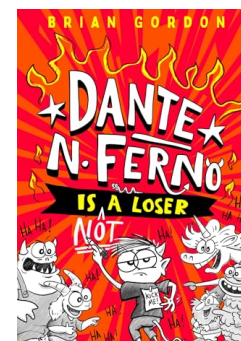
## GRAPHIC NOVELS



## FANTASY AND MAGIC



## FUNNY BOOKS



## NON FICTION BOOKS

