

## Brothers Below Zero

Seidler, Tor

Having lived for years in the shadow of his younger, more talented brother, middle schooler Tim takes painting lessons from his beloved Great Aunt Winifred and discovers that he is a gifted artist. (870L)

## The Green Dog: a Mostly True Story

Staples, Suzanne Fisher

During the summer before fifth grade, Suzanne, a daydreaming loner who likes to fish and walk through the woods, acquires a canine companion. (960L)

## Ice Drift

Taylor, Theodore

Two Inuit brothers must fend for themselves while stranded on an ice floe that is adrift in Greenland Strait. (890L)

## Listening For Lions

Whelan, Gloria

Left an orphan after the influenza epidemic in British East Africa in 1918, 13-year-old Rachel is tricked into assuming a deceased neighbor's identity in order to travel to England, where her only dream is to return to Africa and rebuild her parents' mission hospital. (900L)

## Sword of the Rightful King: a novel of King Arthur

Yolen, Jane

Merlinnus the magician devises a way for King Arthur to prove himself the rightful king of England--pulling a sword from a stone--but trouble arises when someone else removes the sword first. (1010L)

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## Library Hours

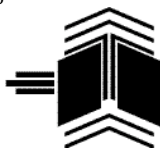
Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

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Sunday 1 - 5 p.m.

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# Good Books For



These books are shelved by the author's last name in the J Fiction area.

## Tyler on Prime Time

Atinsky, Steve

While visiting his uncle, a writer on the most popular show on television, 12-year-old Tyler auditions for a part on the show. (860L)

## The Dark Hills Divide

Carman, Patrick

When she finds the key to a secret passageway leading out of the walled city of Bridewell, 12-year-old Alexa realizes her lifelong wish to explore the mysterious forests and mountains that lie beyond the wall. (940L)

## Thor's Wedding Day

Coville, Bruce

Thialfi, the Norse thunder god's goat boy, tells how he accidentally helped the giant Thrym steal Thor's magic hammer and what Thor must do to retrieve it. (850L)

## Replay

Creech, Sharon

While preparing for a role in the school play, 12-year-old Leo finds an autobiography that his father wrote as a teenager and ponders the ways people change as they grow up. (850L)

## Chicken Boy

Dowell, Frances O’Roark

Since the death of his mother, Tobin's family life and school life have been in disarray, but after he starts raising chickens with his seventh-grade classmate, Henry, everything starts to fall into place. (860L)

## What Would Joey Do?

Gantos, Jack

Joey tries to keep his life from turning into chaos when his mother sends him to a home school. (860L)

## Predicktions

Halliday, John

Guided by his Mystic Board, Josh and his sixth-grade friends unwittingly bring fame and fortune to a town where nothing unusual happened until the night of Josh’s birth. (860L)

## Dancing at the Oduochka

Hill, Kirkpatrick

In the 1860s, Erinia Pavaloff's life at a trading post in Russian America gets more complicated when the region is annexed to the United States and members of the small community become American Alaskans. (970L)

## Everything on a Waffle

Horvath, Polly

Eleven-year-old Primrose, who lives in a small fishing village in British Columbia, recounts her experiences after her parents are lost at sea. (950L)

## The Pepins and their Problems

Horvath, Polly

The Pepin family encounters unusual problems, which include having a cow that creates lemonade and a competitive neighbor. (920L)

## Not Just A Witch

Ibbotson, Eva

Determined to be more than just an ordinary witch, Heckie, whose speciality is changing people into animals, settles in a small town and decides to use her powers for good purposes. (870L)

## The Great Whale Of Kansas

Jennings, Richard

While digging a hole in his back yard, an eleven-year-old Kansas boy finds the fossilized remains of a gigantic prehistoric animal, a discovery that brings both fame and controversy. (920L)

## The Akhenaten Adventure

Kerr, Philip

When 12-year-old twins discover that they are descended from a long line of djinn, their mother sends them away to their Uncle Nimrod, who takes them to Cairo where he starts to teach them about their extraordinary powers. (900L)

## Lily B. on the brink of cool

Kimmel, Elizabeth Cody

Lily Blennerhasset spends her thirteenth summer missing her best friend and keeping a journal about her boring life at home and her exciting newly-discovered relatives. (880L)

## Gifts From The Sea

Kinsey-Warnock, Natalie

Quila and her father live alone in a remote Maine lighthouse in the 1850's and find their lives profoundly changed when a baby washes ashore. (990L)

## Over the River

Moranville, Sharelle Byars

In 1947, after the war, Willa Mae's father returns to the Illinois town where she has lived with her maternal grandparents for the last five years, and 11 year-old Willa Mae struggles to understand old family tensions and secrets. (870L)

## Molly McGinty Has a Really Good Day

Paulsen, Gary

When supremely organized seventh grader Molly McGinty loses the notebook she relies on to keep her life in order, she spends the day in chaos. (960L)

## The Time Hackers

Paulsen, Gary

When someone uses futuristic technology to play pranks on 12-year-old Dorso Clayman, he and his best friend set off on a supposedly impossible journey through space and time to stop the gamesters who are endangering the universe. (880L)