



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Public Library

Popular Reading, Grades 3-4

J Fic - Burgess, Melvin – “Copper Treasure”

In mid-19th century London, three young boys try to retrieve a valuable roll of copper from the bottom of the Thames River.

J Fic - Cleary, Beverly – “Ramona’s World”

Follows the adventures of 9-year-old Ramona at home with big sister Beezus and baby sister Roberta and at school in Mrs. Meacham's class.

J Fic - Clements, Andrew – “Frindle”

When he decides to turn his fifth grade teacher's love of the dictionary around on her, clever Nick Allen invents a new word and begins a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control.

J Fic - Colfer, Eoin – “Legend of Spud Murphy”

When their mother starts dropping them off at the library several afternoons a week, 9-year-old William and his brother dread boredom and the overbearing librarian, but they are surprised at how things turn out.

J Fic - Coville, Bruce – “Dragonslayers”

A brave squire, an earnest page, and a strong-willed princess set out, each for individual reasons, to try to slay the dragon created to carry out a witch's revenge.

J Fic - Erickson, John R. – “Hank the Cowdog” (Series)

The popular series features Hank the Cowdog, the famed Head of Ranch Security.

J Fic - Haas, Jessie – “Jigsaw Pony”

Twins Kiera and Fran have never agreed on anything but when their dream comes true and their father surprises them with a pony, they must learn to work together to care for their new pet.

J Fic - King-Smith, Dick – “Lady Lollipop”

A quick-witted swineherd and a pig named Lollipop are royally rewarded after they reform a spoiled princess.

J Fic - Lowry, Lois – “Gooney Bird and the Room Mother”

Gooney Bird Greene, an entertaining second grader who introduces challenging vocabulary words and tells "absolutely true" stories, finds a surprise room mother to bring cupcakes for the Thanksgiving pageant.

J Fic - Lowry, Lois – “Stay! Keepers Story”

Separated early in life from his mother and siblings, Keeper tells of his adventures with various human masters and his continual search for his little sister.

J Fic - McDonald, Megan – “Judy Moody Declares Independence”

After learning about the American Revolution on a family trip to Boston, Judy Moody makes her own Declaration of Independence and tries to prove that she is responsible enough to have more freedoms, such as a higher allowance and her own bathroom.

J Fic - McEwen, Katharine – “Children Who Smelled a Rat”

All the Gaskitts have a bad day when the baby rolls away in a shopping cart, the twins' teacher acts peculiar, and a lost bird tries to hypnotize the cat.

J Fic - Mac Lachlan, Patricia – “More Perfect Than the Moon”

Eight-year-old Cassie Witting is upset when she finds out that her mother, Sarah, is expecting a baby, but writing in the journal that belonged to her brother Caleb helps her sort out her feelings and understand that Sarah will always love her.

J Fic - Naylor, Phyllis – “Anyone Can Eat Squid”

Sarah longs to find a way to be someone special, and when her friend's Chinese restaurant needs customers, she finds a special way to save it.

J Fic - Naylor, Phyllis – “Roxie and the Hooligans”

Roxie Warbler, the niece of a famous explorer, follows Uncle Dangerfoot's advice on how to survive any crisis when she becomes stranded on an island with a gang of school bullies and a pair of murderous bank robbers.

J Fic - Osborne, Mary Pope – “Season of the Sandstorms” (and others In the Magic Tree House Series)

Guided by a magic rhyme, Jack and Annie travel to ancient Baghdad on a mission to help the Caliph disseminate wisdom to the world.

J Fic - Ryan, Pam – “Riding Freedom”

A fictionalized account of Charley (Charlotte) Parkhurst who ran away from an orphanage, posed as a boy, moved to California, and fooled everyone by her appearance.

J Fic - Sachar, Louis – “Marvin Redpost: Super Fast, Out of Control!”

Afraid of his new mountain bike, third-grader Marvin finds himself in a desperate situation when he accepts a challenge to ride down Suicide Hill.

J Fic - Scieszka, Jon – “It’s All Greek to Me” (and others in the Time Warp Series)

As they are about to go on stage, Joe, Fred and Sam are transported back to the time of Zeus and the other gods in Greek mythology, who, strangely enough, behave much as the characters in the trio's class play.

J Fic - Sobol, Donald – “Encyclopedia Brown and the Case of the Slippery Salamander”

America's Sherlock Holmes in sneakers continues his war on crime in 10 more cases, the solutions to which are found in the back of the book.

J Fic - White, Ruth – “Buttermilk Hill”

When Lindy's parents divorce and gradually begin to make new lives for themselves she finds all the changes difficult, but in time she starts to find her own way.

J Fic - Wiles, Deborah – “Love, Ruby Lavender”

When her quirky grandmother goes to Hawaii for the summer, 9-year-old Ruby learns to survive on her own in Mississippi by writing letters, befriendng chickens as well as the new girl in town, and finally coping with her grandfather's death.

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