

Adventure Starts Here

Suggested Books and Authors for 5th Graders

JUVENILE FICTION

JF AND

Anderson, John David

The Greatest Kid in the World

Everyone is surprised when prankster Zeke is chosen for the World's Greatest Kid competition.

JF BUR

Burgess, Tamika

Sincerely Sicily

Sicily is a Black Panamanian fashionista who rocks her braids with pride in the face of prejudice.

JF CLA

Clayton, Dhonielle

The Marvellers (Conjureverse)

Will Ella find her mentor, clear her family name, and prove she belongs to the world of the Marvellers?

JF CUL

Culley, Betty

The Natural Genius of Ants

Harvard and his neighbor Neveah start an ant farm and learn about many things, including forgiveness.

JM DEL (Mystery)

De la Cruz, Melissa

The Super Secret Octagon Valley Society (Octagon Valley)

An exclusive school's activities include a zero-gravity chamber, a river full of piranhas, and ninjas.

JF DIE

Diederich, Phillippe

Lalo Lespérance Never Forgot

During lockdown, Lalo tries to solve the mystery of what happened to his Haitian American father.

JF EVE

Everett, Sarah

The Probability of Everything

Aspiring scientist Kemi navigates grief and loss when life as she knows it changes forever.

JF FER

Ferruolo, Jeanne Zulick

Each of Us a Universe

Two girls adventure to a mountain top, where they learn about themselves and the magic of friendship.

JF GRI

Griffith, Evan

Manatee Summer

As Peter joins the fight to save Florida manatees, he must also fight for himself and his family.

JF HER

Hermon, Daka

Nightmare King

After coming back from the dead, Shane realizes it's up to him to defeat a child-stealing villain.

J SF HIG (Science Fiction)

Higuera, Donna Barba

Alebrijes

Pickpocket Leandro's consciousness is transferred to a drone and exiled into an apocalyptic wilderness.

JM LIN (Mystery)

Lincoln, Beth

The Swifts: A Dictionary of Scoundrels

Can Shenanigan discover treasure and expose the villain who shoved her arch-aunt down the stairs?

JF LOW

Lowe, Mari

Aviva vs. the Dybbuk

Everyone blames Aviva for the havoc a malicious spirit has created.

JF LOW

Lowry, Lois

The Windeby Puzzle: History and Story

In the Iron Age, disabled Varick helps Estrild achieve her dream of becoming the first female warrior.

JF MAU

Maunakea, Malia

Lei and the Fire Goddess

Anna offends the volcano goddess Pele, embraces her Hawaiian heritage, and lifts a deadly curse.

JF PLA

Pla, Sally J.

The Fire, the Water, and Maudie McGinn

Neurodivergent Maudie struggles with whether to share a terrible secret.

JF SPE

Spencer, Kim

Weird Rules to Follow

In a coastal fishing town, two friends from different backgrounds must overcome their differences.

JF STA

Standish, Ali

Yonder

During World War II, Danny investigates a friend's disappearance and questions what heroism means.

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Taylor, Will

The Language of Seabirds

Jeremy isn't looking forward to spending the summer with his father.

JF WEA

Weatherford, Carole Boston

Kin: Rooted in Hope

Powerful poems detail a Black family tree, shaped by enslavement and freedom.

JF YAN

Yang, Kelly

New From Here

Knox fights to keep his family together, moving from Hong Kong to California when the pandemic starts.

JF ZHA

Zhao, Xiran Jay

Zachary Ying and the Dragon Emperor (Zachary Ying)

The spirit of an ancient Chinese emperor compels Zack to save the world.

GRAPHIC NOVEL

JF BAG

Bagley, Jessixa

Duel

Sibling rivalry gets out of hand between sisters who use their fencing skills to compete.

JF COL

Colfer, Eoin

Global

On opposite sides of the world, Sami and Yuki confront the effects of climate change.

JF FAJ

Fajardo, Kat

Miss Quinces

Sue would rather do anything than celebrate her quinceañera with her rambunctious family.

JF NGU

Nguyễn, Trang

Saving H'Non: Chang and the Elephant

Animal-lover Chang helps rescue H'Non, an injured and abused Asian elephant.

NON-FICTION

J 509.2 FIE

Fieseler, Clare

No Boundaries: 25 Women Explorers and Scientists Share Adventures, Inspiration, and Advice (National Geographic Kids)

J 582.13 CAR

Carson, Mary Kay

Tree, Wildflower, and Mushroom Spotting (Outdoor School)

J 629.45 VIR

Virts, Terry

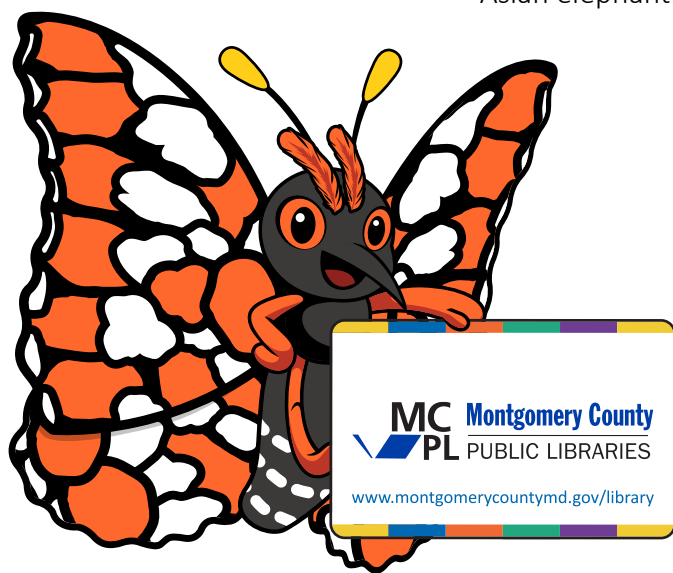
The Astronaut's Guide to Leaving the Planet

J B DAWSON

Hood, Susan

Alias Anna: Zhanna Arshanskaya: A Biography in Verse: A True Story of Outwitting the Nazis

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