



Kindergarten - Grade 2

1. Copeland, Misty. Bunheads. A young Misty Copeland discovers her love for dance through the ballet of Coppélia.
2. Cornwall, Gaia. Jabari jumps. "Jabari is definitely ready to jump off the diving board. He's finished his swimming lessons. He's passed his swim test. It's just... maybe he should do some stretches first. 'Looks easy,' says Jabari, watching the other kids take their turns. But when his dad squeezes his hand, Jabari squeezes back"--Provided by publisher.
3. Cummings, Troy. Can I be your dog? "A dog looking for a home sends letters to prospective owners on Butternut Street, with surprising results"--Provided by publisher.
4. DiCamillo, Kate. Mercy Watson to the rescue. After Mercy the pig snuggles to sleep with the Watsons, all three awaken with the bed teetering on the edge of a big hole in the floor.
5. Eastman, P. D. (Philip D.). Go, dog, go! A story for beginning readers about busy dogs of all sizes and colors, engaged in all manner of silly activities.
6. Ferry, Beth. The bold, brave bunny. Teetu the bunny writes a book during a much-needed break from his crowded burrow but before long, he is lost, hungry, and lonely.
7. Hanlon, Abby. Dory Fantasmagory. Dory, the youngest in her family, is a girl with a very active imagination, and she spends the summer playing with her imaginary friend, pretending to be a dog, battling monsters, and generally driving her family nuts.
8. Higgins, Ryan T. We don't eat our classmates! 1st ed. Los Angeles : Disney-Hyperion, 2018. When the class pet bites the finger of Penelope, a tyrannosaurus rex, she finally understands why she should not eat her classmates, no matter how tasty they are.
9. McCloskey, Robert, 1914-2003. Make way for ducklings. New York : Viking Press/Puffin, 1999, c1941. Mr. and Mrs. Mallard proudly return to their home in the Boston Public Garden with their eight offspring.
10. Park, Barbara. Junie B. Jones and the stupid smelly bus. New York : Random House, c1992. In her own words, a young girl describes her feelings about starting kindergarten and what she does when she decides not to ride the bus home.
11. Scieszka, Jon. The true story of the three little pigs. New York : Viking Kestrel, 1989. The wolf gives his own outlandish version of what really happened when he tangled with the three little pigs.
12. Shaskan, Stephen. Pizza & Taco: Who's the best? First edition. Best friends Pizza and Taco agree on nearly everything until Pizza declares himself the best of all, leading to debating, voting, competing, and finally defining what being the best really means.



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13. Stein, David Ezra. Interrupting chicken. Little Red Chicken wants Papa to read her a bedtime story, but interrupts him almost as soon as he begins each tale.
14. Warner, Sally, 1946-. EllRay Jakes is not a chicken! Eight-year-old EllRay Jakes's attempts to defend himself against the class bully always end up getting him in trouble, but he promises to do his best when his dad offers to take him to Disneyland if he can be good for an entire week--which may be a few days too long.
15. Allyson, Cheryl. Decodable Kindergarten. Series 1. A set of 8 decodable books to supplement phonics instruction. Each book includes comprehension questions, a writing prompt, phonics activities, and vocabulary words.
16. Allyson, Cheryl. Decodable First Grade, Series 1. A set of 12 decodable books to supplement phonics instruction. Each book includes comprehension questions, a writing prompt, phonics activities, and vocabulary words.
17. Allyson, Cheryl. Decodable Second Grade, Series 1. 12 volumes; color illustrations.
18. Mo, Cherry Home in a Lunchbox. After moving to America from Hong Kong, Jun feels isolated at her new school; but the familiar foods in her lunchbox give her a sense of home.
19. Stutzman, Jonathan. Tiny T Rex and the Impossible Hug. Tiny T. Rex wants to cheer up his friend, Pointy, with a hug, but he is frustrated because even as he gets bigger, his arms remain too small for proper hugging--but he is determined to practice, even when he gets into trouble.
20. Willems, Mo. Today I Will Fly! While Piggie is determined to fly, Elephant is skeptical, but when Piggie gets a little help from others, amazing things happen.

Kindergarten-Grade 2 Decodable Books

Top Decodable Book Series for Beginners

- **Bob Books (Set 1)**: Highly recommended for beginners, focusing on CVC (consonant-vowel-consonant) words with very simple illustrations.
- **Just Right Reader (formerly Gray Collection)**: High-interest, colorful stories that introduce phonics skills in a specific order (short vowels, blends, digraphs).
- **Charge Into Reading**: Offers decodable chapter books focusing on specific skills like blends and vowel teams.
- **Pete the Cat Phonics Fun**: 12-book set covering short and long vowels with popular characters.
- **Junior Learning (Jill Jet)**: Science of Reading-aligned chapter books



Grades 3-5

1. Look Lenore. Alvin Ho. Alvin Ho, Allergic to allergic to girls, school, and other scary things.
2. Barnett, Mac. Sam & Dave Dig a Hole. "Sam and Dave are digging a hole and they will not stop until they find something spectacular"--Dust jacket.
3. Applegate, Katherine. The one and only Ivan. When Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the mall, he decides that he must find her a better life.
4. DiCamillo, Kate. The tale of Despereaux: being the story of a mouse, a princess, some soup, and a spool of thread. The adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess that he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin.
5. Sharmat, Marjorie Weinman. Nate the Great. Nate the Great solves the mystery of the missing picture.
6. Vernon, Ursula. Dragonbreath : revenge of the horned bunnies. Danny Dragonbreath is excited about going to camp with his best friend Wendell and classmate Christiana even though his obnoxious, seven-year-old cousin Spencer is going too, but things change when Spencer finds a real jackalope.
7. Clanton, Ben. Narwhal : unicorn of the sea. "Narwhal is a happy-go-lucky narwhal. Jelly is a no-nonsense jellyfish. The two might not have a lot in common, but they do ... love waffles, parties and adventures. Join Narwhal and Jelly as they discover the whole wide ocean together"--Provided by publisher.
8. Applegate, Katherine. Home of the brave. Kek, an African refugee, is confronted by many strange things at the Minneapolis home of his aunt and cousin, as well as in his fifth-grade classroom, and longs for his missing mother, but finds comfort in the company of a cow and her owner.
9. Hanlon, Abby. Dory Fantasmagory. Dory, the youngest in her family, is a girl with a very active imagination, and she spends the summer playing with her imaginary friend, pretending to be a dog, battling monsters, and generally driving her family nuts.
10. Bean, Brett, author, illustrator. Kingdom caper. Timid Fennlock Fox and eager newcomer Penny the Pig team up to follow clues and track animals that have disappeared from Wild Zoo Yonder, becoming the first Zoo Patrol Squad. Includes facts about fennec foxes, naked mole rats, swine, and otters.



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11. Gallagher, John, 1967-. Cat crusader. "After taking a bite of a radioactive space meatball, Max, a regular cat living in Kittyopolis, gains superpowers and begins to fight crime alongside his scientist friend Mindy"--Provided by publisher.
12. Osborne, Mary Pope. Magic Tree House Series. Any title.
13. Magoon, Kekla. The Secret Library.
14. Applegate, Katherine. Wishtree. An old red oak tree tells how he and his crow friend, Bongo, help their human neighbors get along after a threat against an immigrant family is carved into the tree's trunk.
15. Ellis, Gerry. Little Larry goes to school : the true story of a timid chimpanzee who learned to reach new heights. Larry, an orphaned chimpanzee with limited survival skills, arrives in a Cameroon primate sanctuary where he and his new chimp friends learn how to play, communicate and climb like they would in the wild, challenges that are complicated by Larry's reluctance to try new things.
16. Stewart, Melissa, author. Whale fall : exploring an ocean-floor ecosystem. First edition. "When a whale passes away, its body sinks to the ocean floor and becomes an energy-rich food source for organisms living in the deep sea.
17. Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker. The war that saved my life. A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother.
18. Choldenko, Gennifer. Al Capone does my shirts. A twelve-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards' families were housed there, and has to contend with his extraordinary new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister.
19. Stead, Rebecca. When you reach me. As her mother prepares to be a contestant on the 1980s television game show, "The \$20,000 Pyramid," a twelve-year-old New York City girl tries to make sense of a series of mysterious notes received from an anonymous source that seems to defy the laws of time and space.
20. Woodson, Jacqueline. Brown girl dreaming. "The author shares her childhood memories and reveals the first sparks that ignited her writing career in free-verse poems about growing up in the North and South"--Provided by publisher.



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21. Keller, Tae. When you trap a tiger. When Lily, her sister Sam, and their mother move in with her sick grandmother, Lily traps a tiger and makes a deal with him to heal Halmoni.
22. Mbalia, Kwame. Tristan Strong punches a hole in the sky. Seventh-grader Tristan Strong tumbles into the MidPass and, with allies John Henry and Brer Rabbit, must entice the god Anansi to come out of hiding and seal the hole Tristan accidentally ripped in the sky.
23. Sachar, Louis. Holes. As further evidence of his family's bad fortune which they attribute to a curse, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself.
24. Taylor, Mildred D. Roll of thunder, hear my cry. An African-American family living Mississippi during the Depression of the 1930s is faced with prejudice and discrimination which its children do not understand.
25. Holm, Jennifer L. The fourteenth goldfish. Ellie's scientist grandfather has discovered a way to reverse aging, and consequently has turned into a teenager--which makes for complicated relationships when he moves in with Ellie and her mother, his daughter.



Middle School

1. Alexander, Kwame. The Crossover. 
2. Applegate, Katherine. Home of the Brave
3. Card, Orson Scott. Ender's Game
4. Craft, Jerry. New Kid. Graphic Novel
5. Curtis, Christopher Paul. Bud, Not Buddy.
6. Draper, Sharon. Out of My Mind
7. George, Jean Craighead. My Side of the Mountain.
8. Gibbs, Stuart. Spy School or Belly Up
9. Kipling, Rudyard. The Jungle Book 
10. L'Engle, Madeline. Wrinkle in Time
11. Lois Lowry. The Giver. 
12. Lowry, Lois. Number the Stars. 
13. Myers, Walter Dean. Monster 
14. Nazario, Sonia. Enrique's Journey.
15. Palacio, R.J. Wonder 
16. Park, Linda Sue. Long Walk to Water 
17. Reynolds, Jason. Miles Morales: Spider-Man
18. Riggs, Ransom. Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children. L 
19. Riordan, Rick. The Lightning Thief. 
20. Sachar, Louis. Holes 
21. Scieszka, Jon. Thriller.
22. Stead, Rebecca. When You Reach Me.
23. Taylor, Mildred. Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry.
24. Woodson, Jacqueline. Brown Girl Dreaming.
25. Zusak, Marcus. The Book Thief.



The following books are available through the Erie County Public Library online: Bud, Not Buddy, Out of My Mind, My Side of the Mountain, Wrinkle In Time, Number the Stars, Wonder, Long Walk to Water, Miss Peregrine's Home For Peculiar Children, The Lightning Thief, Holes, Thriller, Brown Girl Dreaming, The Book Thief, Spy School.



High School



1. In This? Abdel-Fattah, Randa. Does My Head Look Big
2. Acevedo, Julia. Poet X
3. Bronte, Charlotte. Jane Eyre.
4. Bruchac, Joseph. Code Talker
5. Capote, Truman. In Cold Blood
6. Cleave, Chris. Little Bee
7. Doerr, Anthony. All the Light We Cannot See.
8. Gaiman, Neil. Norse Mythology.
9. Green, John. The Fault In Our Stars.
10. Haddon, Mark. The Curious Incident of the Dog In the Night-time.
11. Hemingway, Ernest. The Old Man and the Sea.
12. Hillenbrand, Lauren. Unbroken.
13. Hosseini, Khaled. The Kite Runner
14. Ishiguro, Kazuo. Never Let Me Go.
15. Johnson, Charles R. Middle Passage.
16. Lahiri, Jumpa. The Namesake.
17. Lewis, John. March. 
18. McEwan, Ian. Atonement.
19. Morrison Toni. Beloved.
20. Nelson, Jandy. I'll Give You the Sun.
21. Noah, Trevor. Born a Crime
22. O'Brien, Tim. The Things They Carried.
23. Orwell, George. Animal Farm 
24. Shabazz, Ilyasah. Magoon, Kekla. X: A Novel.
25. Sinclair, Upton. The Jungle.
26. Slater, Dashka. The 57 Bus.
27. Toole, John Kennedy. A Confederacy of Dunces.
28. Wamariya, Clementine. Weil, Elizabeth. The Girl Who Smiled Beads.
29. Wein, Elizabeth. Code Name Verity. 
30. Whitehead. Colson. The Underground Railroad
31. Wiesel, Elie. Night.



High School

32. Yoon, Nicola. *The Sun Is Also a Star*.



The following books are available on Libby through the Erie County Public Library:
Jane Eyre, Code Talker, In Cold Blood, The Fault in Our Stars, The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time, Unbroken, Never Let Me Go, The Namesake, Beloved, Born A Crime, Animal Farm, X: A Novel, The Jungle, A Confederacy of Dunces, The Underground Railroad, The Sun is Also a Star