



The Keystone State Literacy Association has proclaimed April as

Families and Reading Month



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Debbie Urso
Keystone State Literacy Association
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A special message to our families



March 2021

Dear Families,

Let's read!

Children develop a love of stories and poems when they read or are read to on a regular basis. These experiences enrich and expand their world and encourage imagination. At the same time, you will be building family memories to last a lifetime.

With this in mind, the Keystone State Literacy Association (KSLA) – which is committed to developing a love of reading in all children across Pennsylvania, – is proclaiming the month of April as Families and Reading Month. Throughout the month, families all across the state will be sharing the joys of reading at home. We hope you will join in the fun by reading with your child each day in April.

Throughout Families and Reading Month, we encourage families to engage in reading or reading activities for 15 minutes each day during the month of April. Attached you will find a calendar of ideas and activities to promote reading. The activities are suggestions that can also be incorporated into a reading schedule throughout the year.

As a thank-you for your support and encouragement, we ask, at the end of April, that you sign the attached calendar and return it to your child's teacher. In return, you and your child will receive a Certificate of Achievement.

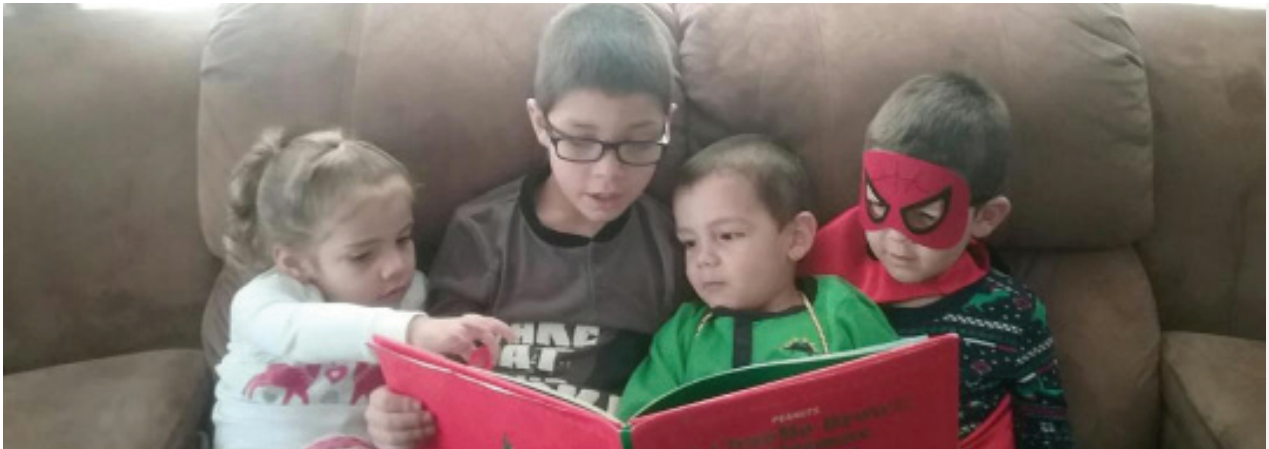
We hope you will take time to create some special memories during April. Now, *let's read!*
Sincerely,

Debbie Urso

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KSLA Families and Reading Committee Chair



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Queridas Familias,

¡Vamos a leer!

Los niños desarrollan un amor a los cuentos y poemas cuando leen o les leen regularmente. Estas experiencias enriquecen y amplía su mundo y fomentan la imaginación. Al mismo tiempo, se le construyen recuerdos familiares que durarán toda la vida.

Con esto en mente, La Asociación Estatal de Lectura Keystone de Pensilvania (KSLA)- que se compromete a desarrollar un amor por la lectura en los niños a través de Pensilvania - proclama el mes de abril como el Mes de las Familias y la Lectura. Durante todo el mes, las familias en todo el estado va a compartir las alegrías de la lectura en casa. Esperamos que se unan a la diversión de la lectura con su hijo(a) todos los días en abril.

Por medio de las familias y Mes de Lectura, animamos a las familias a participar en la lectura o las actividades de lectura por 15 minutos cada día durante el mes de abril. Adjunto encontrará un calendario de ideas y actividades para promover la lectura. Las actividades son sugerencias de que también se pueden incorporarse en un horario de lectura durante todo el año.

Como agradecimiento por su apoyo y ánimo, nos le pedimos que a finales de abril firme el calendario adjunto y devolverlo al profesor(a) de su hijo(a). A cambio, usted y su hijo(a) recibirán un Certificado de Aprovechamiento.

Nosotros esperamos que usted crea memorias especiales durante el mes de abril. *¡Ahora vamos a leer!*

Sinceramente,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Debbie Urso".

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Reading Aloud to your Children

Reading aloud is a gift you can give to your children from the day they are born until the time they leave the nest. Children's reading experts agree that reading aloud offers the easiest and most effective way to help children become lifelong readers. It will be as much fun for you as it is for your children.

A child whose day includes listening to lively stories is more likely to grow up loving books and wanting to read them. To spark this desire in your children, you may want to try some of these suggestions offered by Reading Is Fundamental (RIF), a national nonprofit organization that inspires youngsters to read.

- Set aside a special time each day to read aloud to your children. Fifteen minutes a day is an ideal time.
- Vary your selections. For very young children, look for picture books with illustrations or photographs and print that is simple and clear. Once your child enters elementary school, consider picture books, magazines, and even chapter books.
- Read slowly and with expression. The more you ham it up, the more your children will love it. Try substituting your child's name for a character in the story.
- Have your children sit where they can see the book clearly, especially if it is a picture book or magazine.
- Allow time for your children to settle into the story, as well as time afterwards to talk about it.
- As you read aloud, encourage your children to get in on the act. Invite them to describe pictures, read bits of text, or predict what will happen next. It is even fun to dramatize the roles in the story or read lines of dialogue.
- Children like a sense of completion, so finish what you begin. If the book is too lengthy to finish in one sitting find an appropriate stopping point, such as the end of a chapter, and visit it later in the day or the next day.
- Continue to read aloud to your children even after they begin school and are independent readers. There is no age limit to reading to your children.
- Older children may enjoy reading aloud to a younger sibling. They often like to revisit some of their old favorites.



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Leyendo en Voz Alta a sus Niños

Leer en voz alta es un regalo que le puede dar a sus hijos desde el día que nacen hasta que dejan el nido. Los expertos en la lectura de los niños están de acuerdo que leer en voz alta ofrece la manera más fácil y efectiva de ayudar a los niños a convertirse en lectores de por vida. Será tan divertido para usted, así como para sus niños.

Un niño cuyo día incluye escuchar historias animadas es más probable que crezca amando los libros y queriendo leerlos. Para despertar este deseo en sus hijos, es posible que desee probar algunas de estas sugerencias que ofrece Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) (Leer Es Fundamental), una organización sin fines de lucro que inspira a los jóvenes a leer.

- Reserve un tiempo especial cada día para leer en voz alta a sus hijos. Quince minutos al día es un tiempo ideal.
- Varíe sus selecciones. Para los niños muy pequeños, busque libros con ilustraciones o fotografías, y que la letra sea simple y clara. Una vez que su niño ingrese a la escuela elemental, considere libros con dibujos, revistas, y hasta libros de capítulos.
- Lea lentamente y con expresión. Mientras más lo exagere, más les gustará a sus niños. Trate de sustituir el nombre de su hijo por el de un personaje de la historia.
- Haga que sus niños se sienten en un lugar donde puedan ver el libro claramente, especialmente si es un libro con dibujos o revistas.
- Dele tiempo a sus niños para que se adapten a la historia, así como tiempo después de la historia para hablar de ella.
- Mientras lee en voz alta, anime a sus niños a participar. Invítelos a describir las imágenes, leer fragmentos del texto, o predecir lo que pasará después. Es hasta divertido dramatizar los roles en la historia o leer líneas del diálogo.
- A los niños les gusta un sentido de finalización, entonces termine lo que empezó. Si el libro es demasiado largo para terminarlo en una sola vez, busque un punto apropiado para parar, así como el final de un capítulo, y visítelo más tarde en el día, o al día siguiente.
- Continúe leyendo en voz alta a sus niños incluso hasta después de empezar la escuela y sean lectores independientes. No hay límite de edad para leer a sus niños.
- Los niños mayores pueden disfrutar de leer en voz alta a su hermano menor. A menudo les gusta revisar sus libros viejos favoritos.



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Tips for Selecting & Using Literature With Children



With so many books to choose from, how do you select the right ones for your child? How do you know if your child is enjoying or understanding what you're reading together? May you find these suggestions useful as you discover the wonderful world of books with your family!

- Select books that appeal to your child's interest.
- Take your child to the local public library. If he/she doesn't already have a library card, get him/her one. Browse the bookshelves and borrow some new titles that you can read together.
- Talk to your child about what you are reading together.
 - Ask questions about what is happening and why.
 - Encourage him to ask questions to clarify what is happening or wonder about something that isn't clear.
 - Ask questions that begin with why or how to promote deep thinking.
- Use the Internet to research answers to unanswered questions or to extend learning about a certain topic from a book.
- Help your child summarize a story using these questions:
 - Who or what is the story about?
 - When or where does the story take place?
 - What happens first?
 - What happens next?
 - How does the story end?
 - What lesson did the character learn?
- Read books aloud to your child on a regular basis. No matter your child's age, reading aloud to him/her is a great bonding experience.
- Use the five-finger rule to help your child select books appropriate for his/her independent reading level. Encourage your child to choose a book that looks interesting, open it to any page, and read. Each time your child comes to an unknown word, a finger is raised. Five unknown words on a page indicate that the book is too difficult for independent reading. Save the book for him/her to read at a later time or read it to your child.
- Provide opportunities for shared reading. In a shared reading, you take turns reading aloud with your child. This could be taking turns reading a page or a paragraph.
- Invite your child to read a favorite book to a younger sibling, friend, or even a family pet.
- Record your child reading a favorite book or part of a book. Email the video to a relative or friend.
- Invite your child to draw a picture illustrating a favorite scene or character from a book. Encourage your child to write a descriptive paragraph about the scene or character. Ask your child to read it to you.
- Encourage your child to create an advertisement for a favorite book or create a skit about it.
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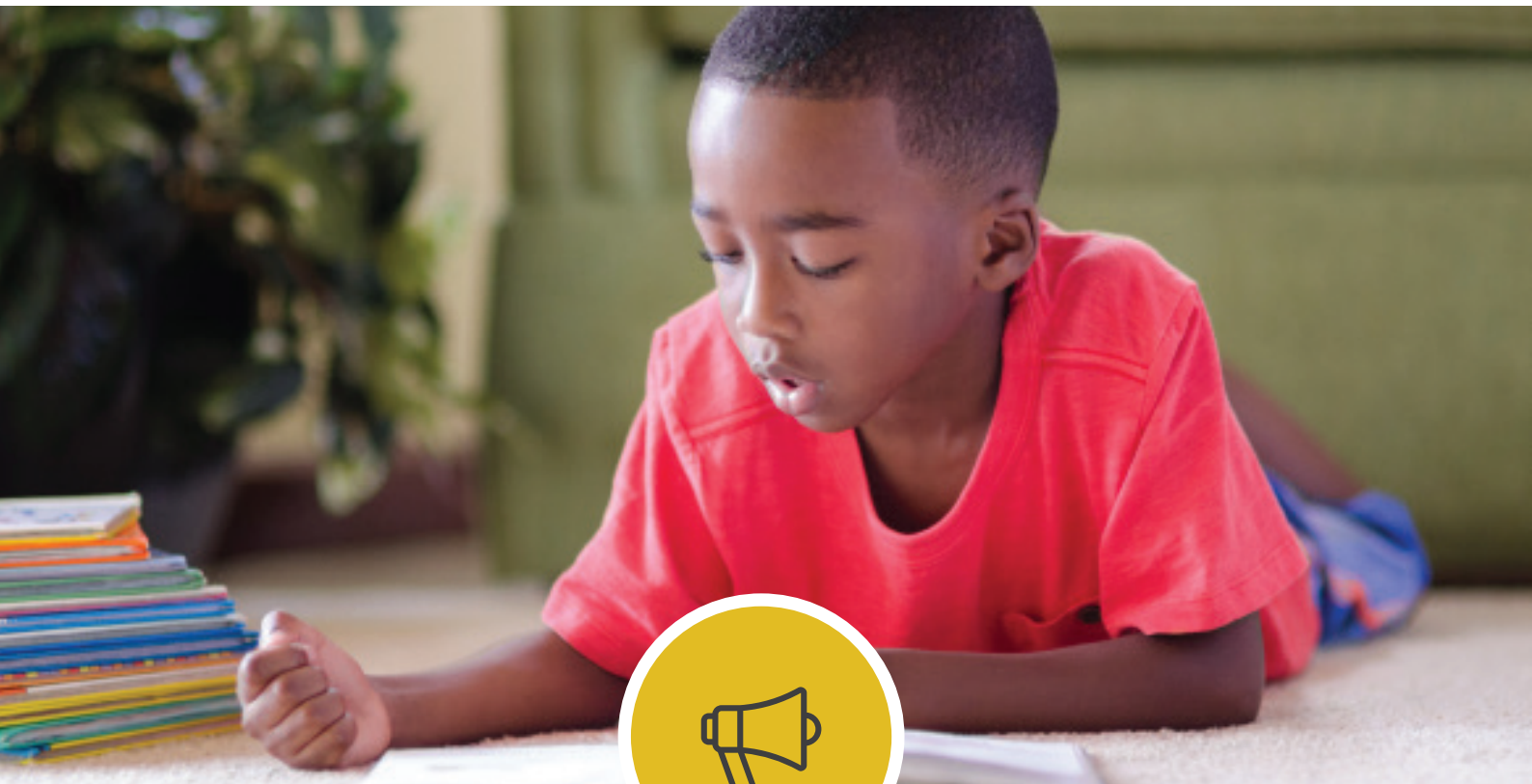
Consejos para Seleccionar y Usar Literatura con Niños



Con tantos libros que se puede elegir, ¿cómo seleccionas los adecuados para tu niño? ¿Cómo sabes si tu niño está disfrutando o entendiendo lo que están leyendo juntos? ¡Ojalá encuentre útiles estas sugerencias a medida que descubre el maravilloso mundo de los libros con su familia!

- Seleccione libros que atraigan el interés de su niño.
- Lleve a su niño a la biblioteca pública local. Si él o ella no tiene todavía una tarjeta de la biblioteca, consíganle una. Busque en las estanterías y pida prestados algunos títulos nuevos que puedan leer juntos.
- Hable con su niño acerca de lo que están leyendo juntos.
- Haga preguntas acerca de lo que está pasando y por qué.
- MotíVELO a que haga preguntas para clarificar lo que está pasando o cuestione algo que no está claro.
- Haga preguntas que empiecen con por qué o cómo para promover el pensamiento profundo.
- Utilice el internet para buscar respuestas a preguntas sin respuesta o para ampliar el aprendizaje acerca de un tema determinado de un libro.
- Ayude a su niño a resumir la historia utilizando las siguientes preguntas:
 - ¿De quién o de qué se trata la historia?
 - ¿Cuándo o dónde se desarrolla la historia ?
 - ¿Qué pasa primero?
 - ¿Qué pasa después?
 - ¿Cómo termina la historia?
 - ¿Qué lección aprendió el personaje?
- Lea libros en voz alta regularmente. No importa la edad de su niño, leer libros en voz alta es una gran experiencia de unión.
- Utilice la regla de los cinco-dedos para ayudar a su niño a seleccionar libros para su nivel de lectura independiente. Motive a su niño a elegir un libro que se vea interesante, ábralo en cualquier página y léalo. Cada vez que su niño se encuentre con una palabra desconocida, se levanta un dedo. Cinco palabras desconocidas en una página indica que el libro es muy difícil para la lectura independiente. Guarde el libro para que él o ella lo lea después, o para que usted se lo lea.
- Brinde oportunidades para la lectura compartida. En la lectura compartida, se turnan con su niño para leer en voz alta. Esto podría ser turnarse leyendo una página o un párrafo.
- Invite a su niño a leer su libro favorito a un hermano menor, amigo, o incluso a la mascota de la familia.
- Grave a su niño leyendo su libro favorito o parte de un libro. Mande por correo el video a un familiar o amigo.
- Invite a su niño a dibujar ilustrando su escena o personaje favorito de un libro.
- Anime a su niño a escribir un párrafo describiendo la escena o personaje. Pídale a su niño que se lo lea a usted.
- Anime a su niño a crear un anuncio o una parodia de su libro favorito.

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Happy reading!

Debbie Urso, KSLA Families and Reading Committee Chair

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The Families and Reading resources are created to give families suggestions of new books, magazines, and apps to share. The information presented in these books and magazines represents the thoughts and opinions of the authors and does not necessarily represent the viewpoints of the Keystone State Literacy Association.

For more resources, visit your local library or one of the following sites:

- Power Library (www.powerlibrary.org) - A PA library collaboration of shared materials and resources. Click on the links at the top of the homepage to view recommendations or to visit Power Kids.
- Visit Scholastic (www.scholastic.com/parents) and Amazon (www.amazon.com) for more book options.



Classics:

- *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott
- *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett
- *The Phantom Tollbooth* by Norton Juster
- *The View from Saturday* by E. L. Konigsburg
- *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle
- *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH* by Robert O'Brien
- *Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell
- *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen
- *Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls
- *Harry Potter* by J. K. Rowling
- *The Sign of the Beaver* by Elizabeth Speare

Newer Informational Books:

- *Overview, Young Explorer's Edition: A New Way of Seeing Earth* by Benjamin Grant and Sandra Markle - Discover Earth as you've never seen it before in this stunning and unique collection of satellite images that offer an unexpected look at our planet.
- *Torpedoed: The True Story of World War II Sinking of the "Children's Ship"* by Deborah Heiligman - Amid the constant rain of German bombs and the escalating violence of World War II, British parents by the thousands chose to send their children out of the country through a government relocation program.
- *Leading the Way: Women in Power* by Janet and Theresa Howell - This collection of biographies highlights the actions, struggles, and accomplishments of more than fifty of the most influential leaders in American political history.
- *Women in Sports: 50 Fearless Athletes Who Played to Win* by Rachel Ignatofsky - Learn about the achievements and stories of fifty notable women athletes from the 1800s to today, including trailblazers, Olympians, and record-breakers in more than forty sports.
- *Mythologica: An Encyclopedia of Gods, Monsters, and Mortals from Ancient Greece* by Stephen Kershaw - Uncover the colorful lives of fifty powerful gods and goddesses, earth-dwelling mortals, and terrifying monsters from Greece.
- *Hidden Wonders: A Guide to the Planet's Wildest, Weirdest Places* by Lonely Planet

Kids - Take a journey into the unknown and discover the planet's wildest and most wonderful sights that you never knew existed.

- *Locked in Ice: Nansen's Daring Quest for the North Pole* by Peter Lourie - Fridtjof Nansen contributed tremendous amounts of new information to our knowledge about the Polar Arctic. At a time when the North Pole was still undiscovered territory, he attempted the journey in a way that most experts thought was crazy.
- *Chasing King's Killer: The Hunt for Martin Luther King Jr.'s Assassin* by James L. Swanson - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. led a mass movement for Civil Rights. As violent threats cast a dark shadow over Dr. King's life, Swanson hones in on James Earl Ray who ends King's life.

Newer Fiction Books:

- *The Line Tender* by Kate Allen - To survive the grief of losing her mom, Lucy must grab the line that connects her depressed father, a stubborn fisherman, and a curious old widower, to her mother's unfinished research on the Great White shark.
- *This Was Our Pact* by Ryan Andrews - At the town festival, Ben and his classmates are determined to find out where those paper lanterns really go. They've made a pact with two simple rules: No one turns for home. No one looks back.
- *Count Me In* by Varsha Bajaj - Karina could have never imagined becoming friends with the boy next door, but one afternoon something unimaginable happens.
- *The War I Finally Won* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley - Ada finally had surgery to fix her club foot. Now she and her brother need to move into another family's home with their guardian. Ada is at war within herself as World War II rages on around her.
- *The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle* by Leslie Connor - Mason's learning disabilities make him the target of bullies. If that's not bad enough, his best friend is found dead on his family's property and Mason is the prime suspect in the investigation.
- *New Kid* by Jerry Craft - Jordan loves drawing cartoons. Instead of sending him

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- to the art school of his dreams, his parents enrolled him in a private school known for its academics and where Jordan is one of the few kids of color.
- *Saving Winslow* by Sharon Creech - Louie doesn't have the best luck when it comes to nurturing small creatures, but when his father brings home a sickly newborn mini donkey, he's determined to save him.
 - *Maybe He Just Likes You* by Barbara Dee - For seventh-grader Mila, it starts with some boys giving her an unwanted hug on the school blacktop. Mila begins to find solace in a new place: karate class.
 - *Beverly, Right Here* by Kate DiCamillo - Beverly has run away from home plenty of times, but that was when she was just a kid. At this point in her life, it's not running away. It's leaving. She's leaving behind her dog, best friend, and mother.
 - *The Ambrose Deception* by Emily Ecton - Melissa is a nobody. Wilf is a slacker. Bondi is a show-off. At least that's what their middle school teachers think.
 - *Zap!* by Martha Freeman - Luis and Maura try to discover why their city has no power. They discover there's more to the story and there's someone out there who wants to keep their city in the dark.
 - *The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise* by Dan Gemeinhart - After the death of her two sisters and mother, Coyote and her dad leave home to embark on a road trip. When Coyote discovers that her childhood park is going to be torn up, she decides it's time to go home.
 - *Lion Down* by Stuart Gibbs - For once, operations at the enormous zoo/theme park appear to be running smoothly. Teddy is finally able to give detective work a rest, but then a local lion is accused of killing a famous dog.
 - *Allies* by Alan Gratz - Three young adults from different countries perform dangerous top-secret missions as the Allied nations come together to storm German-occupied France on D-Day.
 - *Children of Jubilee* by Margaret Peterson Haddix - Since the Enforcers raided Refuge City, Rosi, Edwy, and the others are captured and forced to work as slave labor on an alien planet. None of them are certain they will make it out of this alive.
 - *Best Friends* by Shannon Hale - Sixth grade is supposed to be perfect. Shannon's got a sure spot in the in-crowd, and her best friend is their leader and the most popular girl in school. The rules to be cool are always changing though.
 - *The Night Diary* by Veera Hiranandani - Nisha doesn't know where she belongs when India and Pakistan become two countries. *Nisha* searches for home, for her own identity, and for a hopeful future.
 - *Lifeboat 12* by Susan Hood - Nazis are bombing London, so Ken must escape. He is lucky enough to get placed on a ship headed to safety in Canada, but it's not that safe when it is torpedoed in the middle of the night.
 - *Shouting at the Rain* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt - Delsie loves tracking the weather--lately, though, it seems the squalls are in her own life. She's always lived with her kindhearted Grammy, but now she's looking at their life with new eyes and wishing she could have a "regular family."
 - *Song for a Whale* by Lynee Kelly - Iris is the only deaf person in her school. When she learns about Blue 55, a real whale who is unable to speak to other whales, Iris comes up with a plan to communicate with him.
 - *Deep Water* by Watt Key - After her father falls ill, twelve-year-old Julie must take over and lead two of his more reckless clients on a dive miles off the coast of Alabama, while her father stays behind in the boat.
 - *A World Below* by Wesley King - Mr. Baker's eighth grade class thinks they are in for a normal field trip to Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico. But when an earthquake hits, their field trip takes a terrifying turn.
 - *Restart* by Gordon Korman - Chase doesn't remember falling off the roof. He doesn't remember hitting his head. He doesn't, in fact, remember anything. He wakes up and suddenly has to learn his whole life all over again.
 - *The Not So Boring Letters of Private Nobody* by Matthew Landis - When the last assignment of seventh-grade history

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is a project on the Civil War, Oliver is over the moon until he's partnered with Ella Berry and they're assigned some no-name soldier.

- *Code Word Courage* by Kirby Larson - Billie has so many questions about missing her father and losing her best friend, then she also finds herself caring for an injured, stray dog.
- *Five Feet Apart* by Racheal Lippincott - Stella's been in the hospital most of her life, and Will is ready to forego hospital visits so he can see the world. As children with CF, they need to stay away from one another, but is five feet apart really that dangerous?
- *Batting Order* by Mike Lupica - Matt and Ben couldn't be more different on and off the ballfield, but now they need to work together for the sake of their baseball team.
- *The Season of Styx Malone* by Kekla Magoon - Brothers Caleb and Bobby meet their new neighbor Styx. He promises the brothers that together, the three of them can achieve their wildest dreams, but there are secrets that could ruin everything.
- *Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky* by Kwama Mbalia - Trisitan is visited by a strange creature and an adventure ensues. It quickly turns into a battle. Can Tristan save himself and the world with the help of some famous folk heroes and gods?
- *The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl* by Stacy McAnulty - Lucy's life was changed forever when she was struck by lightning. The zap gave her genius-level math skills, and she's technically ready for college. She just has to pass one more test - middle school!
- *Straw into Gold: Fairytales Re-spun* by Hilary McKay - Revisit a collection of fairy tales respun with modern twists.
- *Merci Suárez Changes Gears* by Meg Medina - Sixth-grader Merci Suarez navigates difficult changes with friends, family, and everyone in between.
- *The Seventh Wish* by Kate Messner - Charlie feels like she's always coming in last and unable to get her family's attention. She comes across a big surprise when a fish offers to grant her a wish in exchange for its freedom.
- *The Book of Boy* by Catherine Gilbert Murdock - A young outcast is swept up into a thrilling and perilous medieval treasure hunt.
- *Dear Sweet Pea* by Julie Murphy - Patricia wasn't sure what to expect when her parents divorced. She never imagined splitting her time between two houses and splitting up with her best friend at the same time.
- *Free Lunch* by Rex Ogle - Rex often went hungry, wore secondhand clothes, and was short of school supplies. If that's not enough, Rex has to announce his poverty everyday when he receives his free lunch at school.
- *Look Both Ways* by Jason Reynolds - Told in a short story format, readers learn what happens after the dismissal bell rings. Then the stories are woven together into one wickedly funny look at the detours we face on the walk home, and in life.
- *Ghost Boys* by Jewel Parker Rhodes - Twelve-year-old Jerome is shot by a police officer who mistakes his toy gun for a real threat. As a ghost, he observes the devastation in his family and community in the wake of his death.
- *Amal Unbound* by Aisha Saeed - Amal is forced into indentured servitude and puts her dreams of being a teacher on hold as she works to bring the message of hope and positive change that can come from struggle.
- *Just Like Jackie* by Lindsey Stoddard - For as long as Robbie can remember, it's just been her and Grandpa. But Grandpa's memory has been fading and Robbie is fading from it.
- *Roll with It* by Jamie Sumner - Ellie isn't just the new kid at school. She's the new kid in the wheelchair who lives in the trailer park on the wrong side of town. An aspiring baker, Ellie cooks up a plan to make her life better.
- *Guts* by Raina Telgemeier - Raina wakes up one morning with a stomach ache. She thinks it's just a bug, but maybe it has to do with what she is worrying about at school.
- *The Bridge Home* by Padma Venkatraman - Life is harsh in Chennai's streets for runaway sisters Viji and Rukku. Very quickly, eleven-year-old Viji discovers

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how vulnerable they are in this uncaring, dangerous world.

- *Some Places More Than Others* by Renée Watson - All Amara wants for her birthday is to visit her father's family in New York City--Harlem, to be exact. Maybe this will help her understand her family--and herself--in new way.
- *Before the Ever After* by Jacqueline Woodson - ZJ understands that his dad's head injuries, sustained during his football career, have caused ZJ's dad to become forgetful, but forgetting his own son's name really hurts.

Series:

- *The Last Kids on Earth* by Max Brallier
- *A Dog's Purpose* by W. Bruce Cameron
- *Skeleton Creek* by Patrick Carman
- *The Land of Stories* by Chris Colfer
- *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins
- *The Maze Runner* by James Dashner
- *Guinness World Record* books by Guinness World Records
- *The Shadow Children* by Margaret Peterson Haddix
- *The Warriors* by Erin Hunter
- *Amulet* by Kazu Kibuishi
- *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* by Jeff Kinney
- *Masterminds* by Gordon Korman
- *Vietnam* by Chris Lynch
- *Lost* by Tod Olson
- *Middle School* by James Patterson
- *Among the Hidden* by Margaret Peterson Haddix
- *Magnus Chase* by Rick Riordan
- *Percy Jackson & the Olympians* by Rick Riordan
- *Harry Potter* by J. K. Rowling
- *Bone Collection* by Jeff Smith
- *I Survived* by Lauren Tarshis

Magazines:

- Calliope
- Cobblestone: The History Magazine for Young People
- Kids, Codes, and Computer Science
- Kids Discover
- National Geographic Kids
- Owl Kids
- Ranger Rick
- Sports Illustrated for Kids

Educational Apps:

- Adobe Spark - create graphics, web pages, and video stories
- Bloxels - build, play, and share your own video games
- Book Creator - create, publish, and share books that you make
- Comic Life 3 (iOS) - create comic books
- Duolingo (iOS) - learn another language
- Four Letters - given four letters, build the word
- GoodReader (iOS) - can open content from many sources and allows readers to annotate the text
- Google Arts and Culture: People, places, and events that shaped our world (also a website)
- Jumblin 2 – word games
- OverDrive or Libby by OverDrive - borrow eBooks from your local library
- Show Me - create voice over whiteboard tutorials and share them online
- Sparkle Fish - (iOS) audio story completion game similar to Mad Libs
- Study Stack - find or create flash cards for any subject
- Swift Playground - learn coding



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