J NON-FICTION & BIOGRAPHY



J 398.24 PEABODY Behind the Legend: Unicorns*

All about sightings and "proof" of unicorns, stories in history of people who sought them, why they were hunted so fiercely, why their horns were so valued in medieval times, and their presence in pop culture.



J 781.64 PINKNEY Rhythm Ride: A Road Trip through the Motown Sound

A narrative history of the Motown music label covering the historical context, personalities, and ongoing legacy of the 'sound of young America'.



J 811 WEATHERFORD You Can Fly: The Tuskegee Airmen

This history in verse celebrates the story of the Tuskegee Airmen: pioneering African-American pilots who triumphed in the skies and past the color barrier.



J 910.41 THURAS The Atlas Obscura Explorer's Guide for the World's Most Adventurous Kid

This fact-filled guide to fascinating and aweinspiring places takes the reader across 47 countries and 3 U.S. states.



J B AISHOLPAN

The Eagle Huntress: the True Story of the Girl who Soared Beyond Expectations

Teenaged eagle hunter Aisholpan Nurgaiv tells the true story of how she became the first girl to compete in—and win—one of Mongolia's most prestigious competitions.



J B KOREMATSU Fred Korematsu Speaks Up

All about the man who challenged the legality of imprisoning Japanese Americans during World War II, describing the prejudice he and other Japanese Americans experienced and his long struggle for justice.



J B MEITNER The Woman Who Split the Atom: Lise Meitner

Written and illustrated by Marissa Moss, this riveting story of the Jewish physicist Lise Meitner, who, after overcoming adversity, anti-Semitism, and sexism, made a discovery that rocked the world.

GRAPHIC FICTION & NON-FICTION



JG CAMPER Lowriders in Space*

Lupe, Flapjack, and Elirio customize their car into a low rider for the Universal Car Competition to win the cash prize that will enable them to buy their own garage.



JG GRINE Secrets of Camp Whatever*

11-year-old Willow doesn't want to go to her dad's weird old summer camp! Willow is deaf, and soon she finds herself involved in a mystery of suspected vampires, missing campers, and other secrets at Camp ... Whatever it's called.



JG KHOR The Legend of Auntie Po

Aware of the racial tumult after the passage of the Chinese Exclusion Act, Mei tries to remain focused on her job, her friendship with the lumber camp foreman's daughter, and telling stories about Paul Bunyan--reinvented as Po PanYin (Auntie Po), an elderly Chinese matriarch.



JG LEYH Snapdragon

Befriending an eccentric older woman who collects roadkill, Snapdragon suggests that they help each other while raising a litter of orphaned baby opossums. Soon, she discovers that the woman may possess real magic and a mysterious connection to her family.



JG NISSON Power Up*

Forging a powerful team online, two gamers who do not realize that they attend the same middle school find their virtual and real lives turned upside down by an act of wrongdoing that challenges their partnership.



JG 599.5 ZAKROFF Whales: Diving into the Unknown*

Broadcasting his own undersea podcast, Zip will travel across the globe interviewing a diverse assortment of whales and dolphins about their amazing behaviors, habitats, and interactions with the human world.



JG 951.6 HALE Cold War Correspondent*

A graphic novel presenting the story of Korean War correspondent Marguerite Higgins, who risked her life in dangerous situations to provide evewitness news accounts.

Great Reads For



Fifth Grade

FICTION



J ALVAREZ Across the Dark Water*

A human boy and a wild Pegasus must learn to trust each other and work together in this exciting fantasy adventure - the first book in a series by local author Jennifer Alvarez.



J BIRD The Brave

Collin can't help himself—he has a unique condition that leads him to count every letter spoken to him. When Collin is asked to leave yet another school, his dad sends him to live with the mother he's never met - she is Ojibwe and lives on a reservation.

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J BROWN Oddity

The daughter of a murdered physician vows to protect the magical Oddity he left behind in an alternate 19th century where the United States is at war with France. An action filled fantasy by local author Eli Brown.



J BRUCHAC Peacemaker

A 12-year-old boy rethinks his calling after witnessing the arrival of a mystical figure with a message of peace in this historical novel based on the creation of the Iroquois Confederacy.



J BUSBY The Nine Lives of Jacob Tibbs

The story of cat Jacob Tibbs, runt of the litter, and his exploits on the high seas as a ship's mouser.



J M CERVANTES Me, Frida, and the Secret of the Peacock Ring

When Lizzie and Gael share an irresistible challenge, to find the peacock ring that once belonged to artist Frida Kahlo, Paloma decides it is the perfect way to honor her father.



J CISNEROS Efrén Divided

A Mexican-American seventh grader struggles to find his inner courage when his mother is arrested and deported.



J GUIDROZ Samira Surfs

After rebuilding a new life in Bangladesh with her family, Samira decides to become a Bengali surfer girl, in this novel in verse about a young Rohingya girl's journey from persecution to sisterhood, and from fear to power.



J HERO The Hero Next Door

A collection of stories by diverse authors that explore acts of bravery by heroes trying to make the world a better place.



J HIAASEN Sauirm

Billy Dickens discovers that his mysterious father lives in Montana - so this summer, Billy will fly across the country, hike a mountain, float a river, dodge a grizzly bear, shoot down a spy drone, and save his own father.



J HOPKINSON Into the Firestorm: a Novel of San Francisco, 1906

Orphan Nick Dray runs away to the city of San Francisco just in time to face the earthquake, chaos and raging fires. Will he survive?



J IRELAND Ophie's Ghosts

Twelve-year-old Ophie uses her recent ability to see ghosts to help Clara, a spirit, pass on to the other side. She soon realizes that Daffodil Manor, the place of Clara's untimely death, may hold more secrets than Ophie bargained for.



J JUNG The Bovs in the Back Row

Best friends Matt and Eric are planning one final adventure together before Eric moves away: during the marching band competition at an amusement park, they will sneak away to a comics convention to meet their comic writer idol.



J LEE Dragon Pearl*

Min, a thirteen-year-old girl with foxmagic, stows away on a battle cruiser and impersonates a cadet in order to solve the mystery of what happened to her older brother in the Thousand World Space Forces.



J LUPICA Lone Stars

12-year-old wide receiver Clay Hollis's coach, a former pro football player, starts exhibiting side effects from his many concussions, and Clay is determined to help him.



J MCMANN Map of Flames*

Forced into hiding due to their supernatural criminal parents, five children with superpowers of their own leave their isolated hideout to follow a strange map.



J PÉREZ Strange Birds: a Field Guide to Ruffling Feathers

After Ofelia, Aster, Lane, and Cat fail to persuade a local scout club to change an outdated tradition, they form an alternative group that shakes up their sleepy Florida town.



J RAÚF

J POLONSKY

Spin with Me

The Boy at the Back of the Class

while Essie ponders her label.

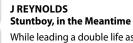


When quiet, 9-year-old Ahmet arrives at school, his classmates fail to draw him out, but try a new plan after learning he is a Syrian refugee.

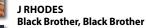
Told in two voices, seventh-graders Essie, in

a non-binary classmate, develop a romance

North Carolina for just one semester, and Ollie,



While leading a double life as Stuntboy, who secretly keeps all the other superheroes safe, Portico Reeve tries to keep his parents marriage together, deal with an arch-nemesis, and with his own anxiety. Highly illustrated!





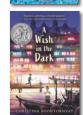
Routinely compared to his lighter-skinned brother, a Black boy at an elitist prep school is unfairly suspended in the wake of an incident involving the school bully, whom he tries to defeat in a fencing competition.

J SASS Ellen Outside the Lines



Ellen, an autistic thirteen-year-old, navigates shifting friendships, a growing crush, and her queer and Jewish identities while on a class trip to Barcelona, Spain.

J SOONTORNVAT A Wish in the Dark



After escaping prison, Pong discovers that the world outside is no fairer than the one behind bars. Meanwhile, the prison warden's daughter learns some hard truths as she attempts to track him down.

J ZHAO ZACHARY Ying and the Dragon Emperor



When he discovers he was born to host the spirit of the First Emperor of China for an important mission, Zachary must seal the leaking portal to the Chinese underworld while trying to save his mother's soul.

* There are sequels or more in series.