

Books chosen especially by the children, young readers, and Youth Services librarians at Perrot Library.



BOOKS FOR THE YOUNGEST



BALLOONS OVER BROADWAY

By Melissa Sweet J 791.5 SARG

The true story of Tony Sarg, the puppeteer who came up with the idea

for the giant balloons that are still the highlight of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Sweet's mixed-media illustrations are spectacular.

LLAMA LLAMA

HOME WITH MAMA

By Anna Dewdney E DEWDN



Little Llama has the sniffles — no school today! But what happens when Mama Llama starts sneezing too? Llama Llama continues to charm in this fifth book in the series.



ME...JANE

By Patrick McDonnell E MCDON

Young Jane Goodall takes her stuffed chimp Jubilee everywhere as she

explores the world around her — and dreams of living in Africa when she grows up.

WHERE'S WALRUS?



By Stephen Savage E SAVAG

A walrus escapes from the zoo and eludes capture with a series of clever disguises in this wordless gem.

OTIS AND THE TORNADO

By Loren Long E LONG



Otis the tractor and his animal friends enjoy playing hide-and-seek on the farm.

But the bull refuses to join in and seems to delight in frightening the others with his snorting and snarling. So when a tornado threatens to strike the farm and the bull is stuck in his pen, will Otis save the day?

BOOKS FOR EARLY READERS



HAPPY PIG DAY!

By Mo Willems J-1 WILLE

The master of the beginning-to-read book strikes again! Piggie is overjoyed to be celebrating her favorite day of the year but her best friend Elephant is sad, thinking that he can't join the fun.

PATRICK IN A TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC AND OTHER STORIES

By Geoffrey Hayes J-2 HAYES



This easy reader in graphic novel format features three adventures starring an endearing bear named Patrick.



PRINCESS POSEY AND THE NEXT-DOOR DOG

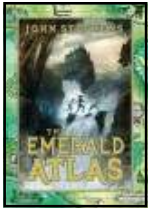
By Stephanie Greene J-3 GREEN

Posey has been afraid of dogs ever since one jumped on her in the park when she was little — and now a huge one has moved in next door! Can putting on her tutu and becoming Princess Posey help her to overcome her fear?

BOOKS FOR MIDDLE GRADERS

THE EMERALD ATLAS

By John Stephens J STEPH



Ten years after their parents' disappearance, Kate, Michael and Emma discover an enchanted atlas — and are transported to a land ruled by a golden-haired Countess and her army of soulless Screechers. Can they find their mother and father and save the world at the same time?



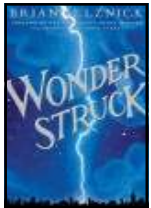
LIESL AND PO

By Lauren Oliver J OLIVE

When Will, an alchemist's apprentice, accidentally switches a box containing powerful magic with one containing something decidedly less so, the mistake has drastic consequences for Liesl, an orphan girl who lives in an attic, and Po, her ghostly friend. A poignant story of love, loss and healing.

WONDERSTRUCK

By Brian Selznick J SELZN



Two children, a girl from 1927 whose story is told entirely in pictures and a boy from 1977 whose story is told entirely in words, find their lives intersecting in amazing ways in this masterwork from Caldecott-winner Selznick, author of *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*.



WILD WINGS

By Gill Lewis J LEWIS

When Iona discovers a rare osprey nest on Callum's family farm in Scotland, the two children resolve to keep it a secret. But can they keep the nest, and each other, safe from harm?

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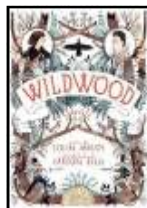
PIE

By Sarah Weeks J WEEKS

Who would leave a world-famous pie crust recipe to a cat? It appears that Alice's aunt Polly has done exactly that – and it's up to Alice and her friend Charlie figure out what's really going on. Readers will enjoy every last bite of this delectably mysterious treat!

WILDWOOD

By Colin Meloy J MELOY



Prue's baby brother is abducted by a murder of crows and Prue and her friend Curtis enter the Impassable Wilderness to rescue him – and find themselves caught in the middle of a civil war in a place the inhabitants call Wildwood. The author is the lead singer and songwriter for The Decemberists – and an emerging talent in children's literature.

BOOKS FOR READERS AGES 12+



DEAD END IN NORVELT

By Jack Gantos J GANTO

Jack thinks his summer vacation is ruined when he is "grounded for life" by his parents. But a job typing obituaries for the eccentric Miss Volker provides more excitement than he bargained for – especially when the elderly residents of Norvelt start dying off under mysterious circumstances. The laugh out loud antics of Jack and his friends and family will keep readers turning the pages.

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ICEFALL

By Matthew Kirby J KIRBY

The three children of a Viking king are sent to a remote fjord for safety – but someone in their retinue is a traitor! Nail-biting suspense combines with a well-realized setting for a terrific read.

LEGEND

By Marie Lu J LU



In a future world, the North American continent is divided into two countries – the Colonies in the east and the Republic in the west. Fifteen year old Day is the Republic's most wanted criminal; fifteen year old June is its military's most prized new recruit. When Day is accused of killing June's brother, June's assignment is to bring him in – not to fall in love with him!



THE QUEEN OF WATER

By Laura Resau & Maria Virginia Farinango
J RESAU

An indigenous child in Ecuador is taken from her village by a member of the Spanish-speaking ruling class and grows into a teenager caught between two cultures in this true story of Virginia Farinango's journey from illiterate servant to honor student. The Young Critics favorite!

RUBY RED

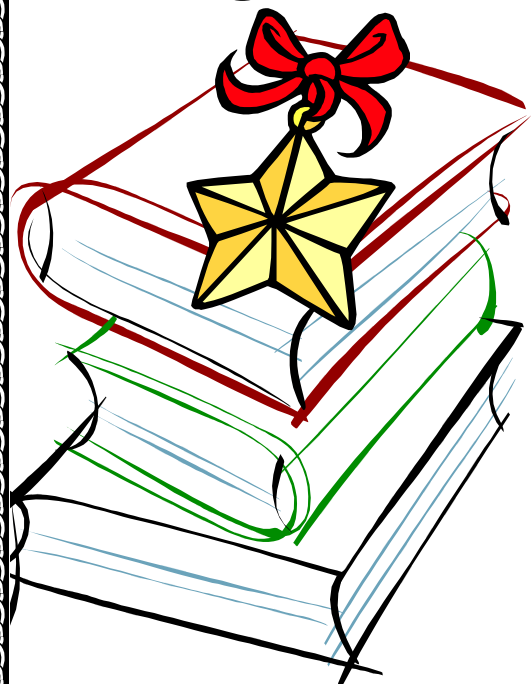
By Kerstin Gier J GIER



Sixteen year old Gwen is sure that the time-travelling gene that runs in her family has skipped her – until she starts taking sudden uncontrolled leaps into the past. An international best seller set in London and originally published in Germany.

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