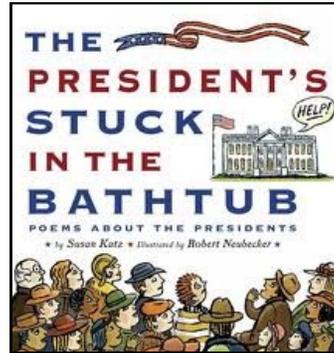


The President's Stuck in the Bathtub: poems about the presidents
(Susan Katz) This book shares poems about each president, highlighting an interesting or little known fact.

Spirit Seeker (Gary Golio, Ill. Rudy Gutierrez) The difficult story of John Coltrane's life told honestly and with understanding of his struggles. Beautifully illustrated to show Coltrane's musical journeys and inner thoughts.



Temple Grandin: How the Girl Who Loved Cows Embraced Autism and Changed the World (Sy Montgomery) Did you know that Temple Grandin changed the standard of how cattle is treated for McDonalds around the world? This biography is an engaging portrait of the woman who is so in tune with her autism that she can, in turn, tune into the emotional state of cattle and chickens -- and is also brilliant and driven enough to take this information and influence how ALL farms in America are managed.

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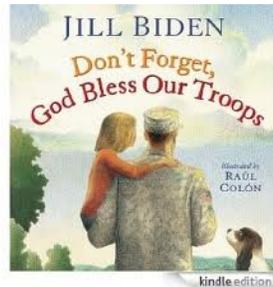
A selection of favorite books presented by the Children's Librarians in Westchester County.

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Picture Books

Baby Bear Sees Blue (Ashley Wolf) Baby Bear and his mother leave their den for the day. As they wander, Baby Bear asks, “What is this?” Mom replies what she sees. Baby Bear replies back, with the color she sees.

Don't Forget, God Bless Our Troops (Jill Biden) This touching picture book follows a five-year-old girl named Natalie,; the daughter of a currently deployed United States Army soldier. Throughout the story, the reader sees Natalie missing her father at special times throughout the year. As much as she misses her daddy, throughout the story she reassures herself by saying, “Be brave, Natalie”. This book does a masterful job of displaying the hardships that military families go through.



Extra Yarn (Mac Barnett) With a magical box of “extra yarn” Annabelle colors her drab town. Trouble arises however, when an evil archduke decides he wants the box all to himself.

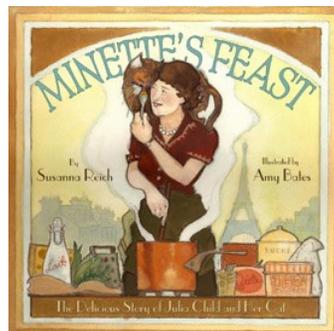
Falcon (Tim Jessell) Daydreaming about becoming a falcon, a young boy takes us on a breathtaking flight to faraway places.

The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore (William Joyce) After a tornado sweeps him away from everything he knows, Morris Lessmore finds a new home among some peculiar books.

Green (Laura Vaccaro Seeger) The color green, and what is not, is featured in this clever book. Die cuts are used in creative ways to highlight the concepts.

It's a Tiger! (David LaRochelle ill. by Jeremy Tankard) Wherever he runs to, a boy is followed by a tiger. A good read-aloud.

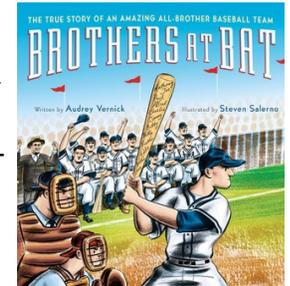
Minette's Feast: the delicious story of Julia Child and her cat (Susanna Reich) Julia Child is learning to cook delicious French food, but her cat, Minette, is only interested in eating mice.



Non-Fiction Books

Beyond Courage: The Untold Story of Jewish Resistance During the Holocaust (Doreen Rappaport) Rappaport shares never told before stories of defiance as heroism, in victims of Nazi Genocide. These stories present dangerous and brave acts of resistance that speak to the human will to survive in the face of hatred and genocide.

Brothers at Bat: The True Story of an Amazing All-Brother Baseball Team (Audrey Vernick) The Acerra family of New Jersey formed a semi-pro baseball team in the 1930s.



Chuck Close: Facebook (Chuck Close) This autobiography discusses the many setbacks the artist overcame, including dyslexia and paralysis. Close is able to paint today by tying a paintbrush to his arm. A unique feature in this book allows the reader to mix-and-match parts of a face to become a portrait in different styles. (grades 5+).

Invincible Microbe: Tuberculosis and the Never-Ending Search for a Cure (Jim Murphy & Alison Blank) This is a fascinating account of the germ that causes tuberculosis. The authors keep the reader’s interest while describing the history of various treatments, discoveries and search for a final cure for this disturbing microorganism.

Moonbird: a year on the wind with the great survivor B95. (Phillip Hoose) About 20 years ago scientists banded a small Eastern shore water bird and named it B95. The banding of this bird allowed them to track the 18,000 mile journey the bird and its flock took that year. Unfortunately, this species is rapidly declining because of habitat changes.

Noah Webster and His Words (Jeri Ferris) Noah Webster was a Connecticut farmer with a dream of uniting the citizens of the United States through language. He published the "blue" speller and the first American dictionary. (grades 3-5)

One Times Square: a Century of Change at the Crossroads of the World (Joe McKendry) One Times Square got its name in 1904. Over the course of 100 years and still counting, it has seen theaters built and destroyed, office buildings, hotels, eateries and dingy movie theaters come and go. Paintings and anecdotes of this choice piece of real estate shimmer and glow with nostalgia and wonder.

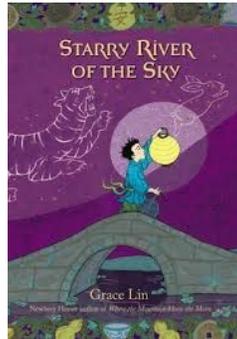
The Quilt Walk (Sandra Dallas) 10 year old Emmy Blue Hatchett is heading West with her family to capitalize on the Colorado Gold Rush. She leaves her comfortable home in Illinois and all that she holds dear. Populated with brave and intelligent women, Dallas' story is as much about Emmy's journey toward womanhood as their journey toward the West.



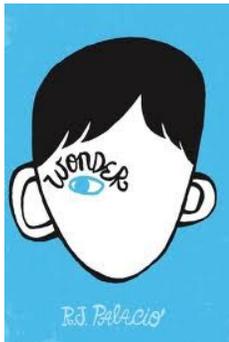
Sophia's War A tale of the Revolution (Avi) Avi channels the mood, language, and danger of the Revolutionary War in this seamless blend of history and fiction, set in British-occupied New York City. Avi doesn't sugarcoat the brutal realities of war in this rich, nail-biting thriller."

Son (Lois Lowry) *Son*, is the conclusion to the story that was begun in *The Giver*. *Son* focuses on Claire's (the mother of the baby saved by Jonas at the end of *The Giver*) escape from the repressive society described in *The Giver*, and her unrelenting determination to find her son.

Starry River of the Sky (Grace Lin) In this companion to *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*, a runaway boy learns how he can return the moon to the sky.

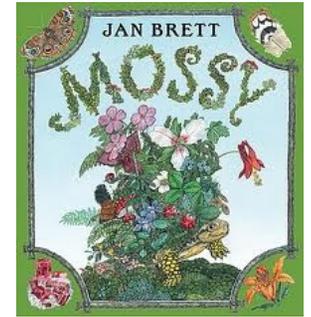


True Colors (Natalie Kinsey-Warnock) This chapter book is an emotional story set in Vermont, 1952. The reader follows a 10-year-old girl named Blue who was abandoned as a baby on the day of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Throughout the book, Blue struggles with the question of why her biological mother abandoned her, and sets out on a quest to find her. The reader also witnesses Blue's changing relationship with her best friend, Nadine.



Wonder (R.J. Palacio) A young boy with a severe facial deformity is mainstreamed into a fifth grade class.

Mossy (Jan Brett) Mossy is a turtle living happily near a pond, where she often admires the garden that has come to grow on her shell. A woman and a girl notice Mossy's beauty and take her to live in their museum. They take great care of her and though Mossy makes their little museum famous, the girl notices that Mossy isn't happy. They come up with a solution where everybody wins.



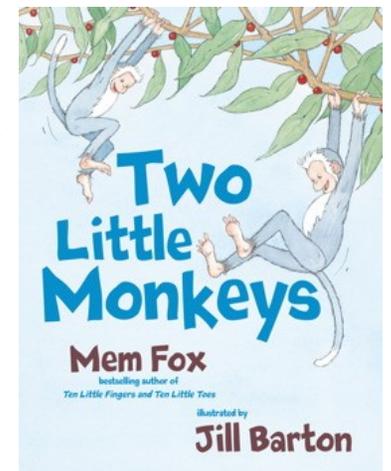
The Other Side of Town (John Agee)

Penguin and Pinecone: A Friendship Story (Salina Yoon) The penguin finds a pinecone, and though unsure of what it is, is determined to keep it safe and warm. Since it cannot survive in the snow, the penguin brings it to the forest where it belongs. When the penguin goes back to visit it months later, he discovers that both love and a tree have grown!

The Quiet Place (Sarah Stewart) "Set in the 1950s and told through Isabel's letters to her aunt, Sarah Stewart and Caldecott Medalist David Small have created a charming and unforgettable young heroine who will win the hearts of readers in this story of immigration and assimilation." Amazon

Squid and Octopus: Friends for Always (Tao Nyeu) This collection of four short and charming stories features two multi-legged friends' lives under the sea.

Two Little Monkeys (Mem Fox) These "two little monkeys playing near a tree, one named Cheeky, and one named Chee..." have some undesired company and must make a quick getaway. Who is it? Cheer them on as they make their clever and agile escape!



For Young Readers

Bink & Gollie: Two for One (Kate DeCamillo & Alison McGhee)

In this second book about Bink & Gollie the reader follows them to the State Fair where Bink hopes to win the World's Largest Donut and Gollie takes part in a talent show.

Just Grace and the Flower Girl Power (Charise Mericle Harper) In the eighth book of this series, Grace's favorite neighbor Augustine, is getting married to Luke, the local UPS driver, but finds out she will not be the flower girl. As she gets over her disappointment, she figures out what to give the couple as a wedding present, and thinks of a special touch to add to their special day.

Lulu and the Duck in the Park (Hilary McKay)

Little Dog, Lost (Marion Dane Bauer)

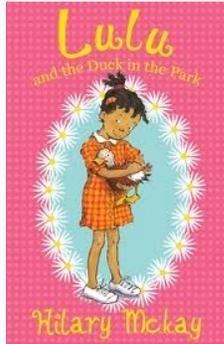
A lonely little dog in need of a boy finds a lonely little boy in need of a dog.

Fiction Books

Breathing Room (Marsha Hayles) Thirteen year old Evvy is sent to a sanitarium in 1940 to be treated for tuberculosis where she befriends others like her who are also struggling. Wonderful characters and informative historical information about how tuberculosis was treated make this both educational and interesting.

The Familiars series (Adam Jay Epstein)

Homesick (Kate Klise) Benny's mom leaves home after she and his dad have a fight which sends Benny's dad into a tail spin. His dad has always liked clutter, but since Benny's mom left he begins to hoard everything; from pizza boxes to motorcycle parts. The more cluttered the house gets, the more distant Benny's father becomes, and the harder Benny searches for an answer. While Benny is longing for a solution, a local teacher enters their quaint town into America's Most Charming Small Town contest. Will the need to clean up the town to win the contest put pressure on Benny's dad to clean up their house?



Liar and Spy (Rebecca Stead) The challenges of growing up are effectively displayed in this story about Georges, a seventh grade boy in Brooklyn, as he tries to deal with family troubles, bullies, quirky new neighbors, and friends who are no longer loyal.

The Lions of Little Rock (Kristin Levine) Set in 1958, Levine's novel shows that friendship can triumph over racial divide, but it is this same friendship that could bring danger to all involved.

Madhattan Mystery (John Bonk) Twelve year old Lexi McGill overhears a suspicious conversation in the Whispering Gallery in Grand Central Station just before Cleopatra's jewels go missing. The hunt is on!

May B (Caroline Starr Rose) May is sent to help out on a neighbor's farm, just for a few months, her father promises. After unexpected, even life-threatening turn of events, May finds herself alone not knowing if she has the ability or courage to survive.

The Mighty Miss Malone (Christopher Paul Curtis) Young Miss Deza Malone and her family struggle to stay together while facing the hardships of the Great Depression.

The One and Only Ivan (Katherine Applegate) Humans have forever been staring at Ivan the gorilla, but that all changes when a baby gorilla joins the scene.

One for the Murphys (Lynda Mullaly Hunt) 12 year old Carley always knew that her fun loving mother was different, but she never expected that a betrayal would land her in the care of a foster family. Blindsided by the love that this bustling family shows her, Carley must confront what it means to be truly happy as well as the notion; do happy families really exist?

Prairie Evers (Ellen Airgood) 10 year old Prairie is happy being home-schooled and raising her flock of chickens, so transferring to regular school is a big change—but fortunately, she meets a wonderful friend.

