

SUGGESTED READS



Primary Two

ADVENTURE

Check out these books at the public libraries!



**TITLE: THE LAZY HYENA
(FOUR TOOTH AND FRIENDS)**
AUTHOR: J. H. LOW
CALL NO.: J SING LOW

Two Tusk the warthog and Huang and Zhi the rabbits were the best of friends. While playing together one day, Zhi accidentally tripped and bumped into Four Tooth the hyena who immediately swallowed him whole! What can Two Tusk and Huang do to save Zhi?

Publisher: Marshall Cavendish Children, 2015 | From: www.marshallcavendish.com



TITLE: LOST IN THE GARDENS
AUTHOR: J. H. LOW
CALL NO.: J SING LOW

Mei had waited very long for this day, the day to visit Gardens by the Bay! But she soon wanders off and loses her way. Lost and afraid, she meets Wise Wee the bear. Together, they search for Mom and go on an adventure around the Gardens like no other.

Publisher: Marshall Cavendish Children, 2015 | From: www.marshallcavendish.com

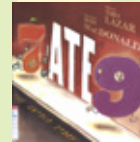


TITLE: THE FLIGHT OF MR FINCH
AUTHOR: THOMAS BAAS
CALL NO.: JP BAA

Mr Finch leads a quiet life with his best friend Pip, a small red bird. Nothing very exciting ever happens to them and that suits Mr Finch very well.

Until one day, when his one and only friend disappears. Suddenly, Mr Finch finds himself on an extraordinary journey that teaches him far more than he realised about himself. Will this journey allow the two friends to take flight and finally find true happiness?

Publisher: Tate, 2018 | From: www.shop.tate.org.uk



TITLE: 7 ATE 9: THE UNTOLD STORY
AUTHOR: TARA LAZAR
CALL NO.: JP LAZ

6 has a problem. Everyone knows that 7 is always after him. Word on the street is that 7 ate 9. If that's true, 6's days are numbered. Lucky for him, Private I is on the case. But the facts just don't add up. It's odd. Will Private I put two and two together and solve the problem... or is 6 next in line to be subtracted?

Publisher: Disney Hyperion, 2017 | From: www.books.disney.com
This book is also available on eReads at www.nlb.gov.sg.



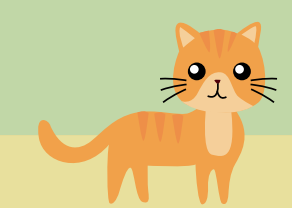
**TITLE: SEASIDE RESCUE
(SQUISHY MCFLUFF THE INVISIBLE CAT)**
AUTHOR: PIP JONES
CALL NO.: JS JON

Ava danced round her room,
Shouting: "Hip hip hooray!
It's holiday time!

And we're going today!"

Ava is excited to be going on holiday to the seaside. But with Squishy McFluff, the mischievous invisible cat coming along things are bound to get very, very silly...

Publisher: Faber & Faber, 2016 | From: www.faber.co.uk





TITLE: OSCAR AND THE DOGNAPPERS
AUTHOR: ALAN MACDONALD
CALL NO.: JS MAC

Sam had a very ordinary life, until Oscar the dog arrived on his doorstep. Because Oscar has a big secret— he can talk!

In Sam and Oscar’s second adventure, Sam’s dad wants the whole family to get involved in his new business idea (a café with a rather unusual menu), but Sam’s got other things to worry about when dogs start disappearing... can Sam and Oscar unmask the dastardly dognappers?

Publisher: Egmont, 2018 | From: www.egmont.co.uk



TITLE: DIGGING FOR DINOS (HAGGIS AND TANK UNLEASHED, BOOK 2)
AUTHOR: JESSICA YOUNG
CALL NO.: JS YOU

Haggis and Tank’s big imaginations take them on a search for real live dinosaurs! They build a nest for dino eggs and play baseball with a triceratops. But then the ground starts shaking. Is a T-rex chasing Haggis and Tank? Or could something else be headed their way?

Publisher: Scholastic, 2016 | From: www.scholastic.com



TITLE: TOAD IN TROUBLED WATERS (NEW ADVENTURES OF MR TOAD)
AUTHOR: TOM MOORHOUSE
CALL NO.: JS MOO

The river has become downright dangerous. Its once peaceful waters are filled with careering barges, racing speedboats, lurking dinghies, and petrifying pirates! And strange rumours are spreading. What is going on at Toad Hall? And who set the riddles that Mr Toad is following? Can Teejay, Ratty, and Mo solve the situation?

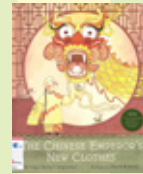
Publisher: Oxford University, 2018 | From: global.oup.com



TITLE: THE GREAT RACE: STORY OF THE CHINESE ZODIAC
AUTHOR: CHRISTOPHER CORR
CALL NO.: JP 398.20951 COR-[FOL]

Celebrate Chinese New Year and learn how every animal earned its place in the Chinese zodiac by taking part in the Great Race! Discover who will come first to win the ultimate prize, and find out why Cat will never forgive his friend Rat in this ancient folk tale that has been passed from generation to generation.

Publisher: Frances Lincoln Children’s Books, 2018 | From: www.quartoknows.com



TITLE: THE CHINESE EMPEROR’S NEW CLOTHES
AUTHOR: YING CHANG COMPESTINE
CALL NO.: JP 398.2 COM - [FOL]

Ming Da is only nine years old when he becomes the emperor of China, and his three advisors take advantage of him by stealing his stores of rice, gold, and precious stones. But Ming Da has a plan. With the help of his tailors, he comes up with a clever idea to outsmart his devious advisors: He asks his tailors to make “magical” new clothes for him. Anyone who is honest, the young emperor explains, will see the clothes’ true splendor, but anyone who is dishonest will see only burlap sacks. The emperor dons a burlap sack, and the ministers can’t help but fall for his cunning trick.

Publisher: Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2017 | From: www.abramsbooks.com



SCIENCE FICTION

Check out these books at the public libraries!



TITLE: ADA TWIST, SCIENTIST
AUTHOR: ANDREA BEATY
CALL NO.: JP BEA

Like her classmates, builder Iggy and inventor Rosie, scientist Ada, a character of color, has boundless imagination and has always been hopelessly curious. Why are there pointy things stuck to a rose? Why are there hairs growing inside your nose? When her house fills with a horrific, toe-curling smell, Ada knows it's up to her to find the source. Not afraid of failure, she embarks on a fact-finding mission and conducts scientific experiments, all in the name of discovery. But, this time, her experiments lead to even more stink and get her into trouble!

Publisher: Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2016
This book is also available on eReads at www.nlb.gov.sg.



TITLE: THE BUILDING BOY
AUTHORS: ROSS MONTGOMERY & DAVID LITCHFIELD
CALL NO.: JP MON

*All at once, it was as if the stars leapt closer.
Grandma grabbed the boy, raising him high above the rooftiles on her head.
She was alive!*

The boy's grandma was a famous architect. Her garden is still full of old building materials. Unwilling to accept she has gone, the boy builds a giant structure from the bricks and girders he finds. And then... Grandma comes to life! The boy is whisked away on an epic adventure across fields, through oceans and atop roofs. But where is Grandma taking him?

Publisher: Faber & Faber, 2016 | From: www.faber.co.uk



TITLE: LIFE ON MARS
AUTHOR: JON AGEE
CALL NO.: JP AGE

In this sneaky, silly picture book for fans of Oliver Jeffers and Jon Klassen, an intrepid— but not so clever— space explorer is certain he's found the only living thing on Mars. The young astronaut is absolutely sure there is life to be found on Mars. He sets off on a solitary mission, determined to prove the naysayers wrong. But when he arrives, equipped with a package of cupcakes as a gift, he sees nothing but a nearly barren planet. Finally, he spies a single flower and packs it away to take back to Earth as proof that there is indeed life on Mars. But as he settles in for the journey home, he cracks open his cupcakes— only to discover that someone has eaten it all!

Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers, 2017 | From: www.penguinrandomhouse.com



TITLE: MY ALIEN AND ME
AUTHORS: SMRITI PRASADAM-HALLS AND TOM MCLAUGHLIN
CALL NO.: JP PRA

Who's the alien round here anyway?

- 1: Take one little boy.
 - 2: Add a strange alien from outer space.
 - 3: Bring together with a crash landing...
Then stand back and watch the sparks fly!
- Aliens, astronauts and black hole bungee jumping. A story about celebrating difference and making friends.

Publisher: Oxford University Press, 2015 | From: www.smirti.co.uk/my-alien-and-me





TITLE: SUPERBOT: TOAD AND THE GOO EXTRACTOR (SUPERBOT, BOOK 2)
AUTHOR: NICK WARD
CALL NO.: JS WAR

Terrible Toad is making mischief with his naughty new invention. Nuts and bolts and oil can at the ready, will Superbot save the day?

Publisher: David Fickling Books, 2016 | From: www.davidficklingbooks.com



TITLE: ALIENS FOR DINNER?! (ALIEN NEXT DOOR)
AUTHOR: A.I. NEWTON
CALL NO.: JS NEW

Harris has his suspicions that the new kid in school, Zeke, is an alien, but he hasn't been able to prove it to his best friend, Roxy. When they're both invited over to Zeke's house, Harris thinks this is the perfect opportunity for him to research Zeke's alien family and show Roxy that they're all from another planet. But Roxy is perfectly fine playing with all of Zeke's alien technology which she just thinks is "hi-tech", and as a thank you, Harris's parents invite Zeke's parents over for dinner.

At dinner, no one but Harris seems to notice all the strange things Zeke's family is doing— like making food levitate to their mouths. However, Zeke realises that Harris is the only one noticing these things and decided to use this opportunity to have a little more fun at dinner...

Publisher: Little Bee Books, 2018 | From: littlebeebooks.com



TITLE: BEETLE BOY
AUTHOR: M.G. LEONARD
CALL NO.: J LEO

Darkus can't believe his eyes when a huge insect drops out of the trouser leg of his horrible new neighbour. It's a giant beetle— and it seems to want to communicate. But how can a boy be friends with a beetle? And what does a beetle have to do with the disappearance of his dad and the arrival of Lucretia Cutter, with her taste for creepy jewellery?

Publisher: Chicken House, 2016



TITLE: DINOSAUR DASH! (GO, MO, GO)
AUTHORS: MO FARAH AND KES GRAY
CALL NO.: JS FAR

Mo and his friends are jogging in the local park when Mo suggests they run backwards for fun. But what they hadn't bargained for was running back in TIME. There are DINOSAURS everywhere... and they are hungry. Luckily Mo and his friends are wearing good trainers. It's a good job they love to run!

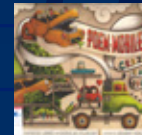
Publisher: Hodder Children's Books, 2017 | From: www.hachettechildrens.co.uk



TITLE: ALIENS (ARE THEY REAL?)
AUTHOR: LAURA K. MURRAY
CALL NO.: JP 001.942 MUR

A high-interest inquiry into the possible existence of aliens, emphasizing reported sightings and stories as well as scientific investigations and unsolved mysteries.

Publisher: Creative Education/Creative Paperbacks, 2017 | From: www.thecreativecompany.us/creativepaperback/



TITLE: POEM-MOBILES : CRAZY CAR POEMS
AUTHORS: J. PATRICK LEWIS AND DOUGLAS FLORIAN
CALL NO.: JP 811.54 LEW

The U.S. Children's Poet Laureate and an award-winning children's poet join their prolific forces in this picture book of poems about cars. But they're not just any cars: there's the "Sloppy-Floppy-Nonstop-Jalopy" ("So unique there is no copy"); the Bath tub Limosine ("With hot water heating / And porcelain seating"); and the "High Heel Car." Each of the thirteen quirky, inventive poems will speak directly to the imaginations of children, as will Holmes's high-concept, detail-filled illustrations.

Publisher: Schwartz & Wade, 2014 | From: www.penguinrandomhouse.ca

HORROR

Check out these books at the public libraries!



TITLE: THE ELEPHANTOM
AUTHOR: ROSS COLLINS
CALL NO.: JP COL

When a phantom elephant turns up uninvited and starts getting a little girl into trouble, she has no idea how to make him go away. But her grandmother happens to have a menagerie of phantom pets herself, so she knows just who to go to for help— the shopkeeper at Spectral & Son. He gives her a box... Does it hold the solution?

Publisher: Templar Books, 2015 | From: www.penguinrandomhouse.com



TITLE: CREEPY PAIR OF UNDERWEAR!
AUTHOR: AARON REYNOLDS
CALL NO.: JP REY

Jasper Rabbit is NOT a little bunny anymore. He's not afraid of the dark, and he's definitely not afraid of something as silly as underwear. But when the lights go out, suddenly his new big rabbit underwear glows in the dark. A ghoulish, greenish glow. If Jasper didn't know any better he'd say his undies were a little, well, creepy. Jasper's not scared obviously, he's just done with creepy underwear. But after trying everything to get rid of them, they keep coming back!

Publisher: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2017 | From: www.simonandschuster.com
This book is also available on eReads at www.nlb.gov.sg.



TITLE: WE DON'T EAT OUR CLASSMATES!
AUTHOR: RYAN T. HIGGINS
CALL NO.: JP HIG

It's the first day of school for Penelope Rex, and she can't wait to meet her classmates. But it's hard to make human friends when they're so darn delicious! That is, until Penelope gets a taste of her own medicine and finds she may not be at the top of the food chain after all...

Publisher: Disney-Hyperion, 2018 | From: books.disney.com

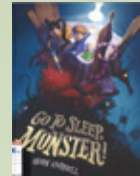


TITLE: GRIMELDA AND THE SPOOKTACULAR PET SHOW
AUTHOR: DIANA MURRAY
CALL NO.: JP MUR

With the right spell Grimelda knows she can make her cat Wizzlewarts spooktacular in seconds. But when her spell book goes missing in her untidy room, will Grimelda find another spooktacular pet to win the prize, or will her magic make an even larger mess?

Told in rhyming verse with charming illustrations of pet monsters and all things witchy on every page, Grimelda is perfect for Halloween but also a fun read-aloud all year round for mess-makers everywhere.

Publisher: Katherine Tegen Books, 2017 | From: www.harpercollins.com



TITLE: GO TO SLEEP, MONSTER!
AUTHOR: KEVIN CORNELL
CALL NO.: JP COR

Go to Sleep, Monster! is a funny and surprising twist on the typical monster-under-your-bed story.

Getting George to sleep is a nightmare. But getting a monster to sleep? That's an adventure.

Publisher: Blaze+Bray, 2016 | From: www.harpercollins.com



**TITLE: CREEPY CUSTOMERS
(ODD JOBS)**
AUTHOR: BRIGETTE HENRY COOPER
CALL NO.: JS COO

Ella has moved to the spooky town of Windy Hollow to live with her Great Aunt Raven. She is kept busy by a series of odd jobs arranged by her mysterious aunt. When Ella helps Baker Jones at his bakery, his customers' piercing blue eyes and soulless stares are what spook Ella the most. But then she follows the day's final client into the nearby cemetery!

Publisher: Spellbound, 2019 | From: m.alibris.com/store/spellbound



**TITLE: MUMMIES IN THE MORNING
(MAGIC TREEHOUSE, BOOK 3)**
AUTHOR: MARY POPE OSBORNE
CALL NO.: JS OSB

Jack and his younger sister take a trip to ancient Egypt, where they help a queen's mummy continue her voyage to the Next Life.

Publisher: Random House, 2014
This book is also available on eReads at www.nlb.gov.sg.



TITLE: UNDER THE HOOD: A 4D BOOK
AUTHOR: MICHAEL DAHL
CALL NO.: JS DAH

After a long school day, a young girl falls asleep on her bus, only to be awakened by a monstrous creature. The beast claws at the bus's hood! It rips apart the engine! Can the girl stop the creature before this bus ride becomes a nightmare?!

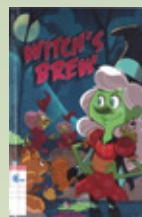
Publisher: Stone Arch, 2018 | From: www.capstonepub.com



TITLE: HOBGOBLINS JUST WANNA HAVE FUN
AUTHOR: BARON SPECTER
CALL NO.: JS SPE

Mitch hears bells chiming one night in the old chapel in Evergreen Cemetery. The chapel isn't used anymore and he's seen ghosts there before. He sneaks over and finds what he thinks to be a ghost. After an amusing encounter, Mitch returns home to bed. But while he sleeps, the creature breaks into his home and destroys the kitchen. And Mitch gets blamed for it! The Zombie Hunters think he might be dealing with hobgoblins. Can Mitch reach a truce with the hobgoblins before they wreak more havoc?

Publisher: Calico, 2019 | From: midamericabooks.com/shop



**TITLE: WITCH'S BREW
(MONSTER HEROES)**
AUTHOR: BLAKE HOENA
CALL NO.: JS HOE

Linda is a good witch. Sadly, most witches aren't like Linda— including her scheming sisters. They have created a new evil potion and are ready to use it on innocent pets. Can Linda and her friends stop her evil sisters?

Publisher: Stone Arch Books, 2017 | From: www.capstonepub.com



FANTASY

Check out these books at the public libraries!



TITLE: DRAGON DANCER
AUTHOR: JOYCE CHNG
CALL NO.: J SING CHN

It is the eve of Chinese New Year. Lanterns are hung in the shopping malls of Singapore and Yao is preparing to wake the ancient sky dragon, Shen Long, from his year-long sleep. From the moment Shen Long opens his great amber eyes and unfurls his silver-blue tail, Yao will be propelled on a magical journey through the skies of Singapore to battle the bad luck of the previous year and usher in the good. Will he succeed? Will his grandfather watch over him and protect him from harm? A beautiful story of a Chinese festival and its symbolism for Chinese communities everywhere, told from the perspective of Yao, the dragon dancer.

Publisher: Lantana Publishing, 2015 | From: www.lantanapublishing.com



TITLE: SAVITRI: THE TASK FOR THE MIGHTY DEMON
AUTHOR: CATHERINE KHOO
CALL NO.: J SING 398.2 KHO -[FOL]

In a South Indian village, a girl named Savitri has a greedy brother who summons a mighty demon to work for him. The demon, Rakshasa, tells him he must be kept busy or he will eat the brother. Eventually, the brother runs out of tasks for Rakshasa, and Savitri must think of an impossible task to keep Rakshasa busy— she challenges the demon to straighten her curly hair.

Publisher: Epigram Books, 2017 | From: www.shop.epigrambooks.sg



TITLE: CINNAMON
AUTHOR: NEIL GAIMAN
CALL NO.: JP GAI

A talking tiger is the only one who may be able to get a princess to speak in this beautiful picture book set in a mythic India by the Newbery Medal-winning and New York Times bestselling author of American Gods and Norse Mythology, Neil Gaiman, and illustrated in bold colors by Divya Srinivasan.

Publisher: Bloomsbury, 2017 | From: www.bloomsbury.com/uk
This book is also available on eReads at www.nlb.gov.sg.



TITLE: A COOKED-UP FAIRY TALE
AUTHOR: PENNY PARKER KLOSTERMANN
CALL NO.: JP KLO

In the magical land of fairy tales, William doesn't quite fit in. He'd rather poach pears than pursue princesses, and he values gnocchi over knighthood...

When he stumbles on a delivery of food destined for Fairy-Tale Headquarters (a pumpkin, apples, and a few measly beans), he decides to spice things up and whips the paltry ingredients into delectable dishes. But as you might have guessed, Snow White's wicked stepmother doesn't exactly want her magic apple baked and drizzled with caramel.

Publisher: Random House Children's Books, 2017 | From: www.penguinrandomhouse.com
This book is also available on eReads at www.nlb.gov.sg.



TITLE: THE NOT-SO-DEADLY DRAGON
AUTHOR: SEAN TULIEN
CALL NO.: JS TUL

Village Town is in flames— and a red dragon is to blame! The flames have been spilling down the side of Mount Mountain for days now, and Thud and Blunder are sick and tired of putting out fires. So these two nine-year-old knights take up arms and march up the mountain to slay the dreaded Deadly Dragon, Thermathraxxitalicus (or "Thermy" for short). But when they come face to face with the fiery beast... he bursts into tears! Can Thud and Blunder figure out what's wrong with this whiney dragon before their entire town is turned to ash?

Publisher: Stone Arch, 2017 | From: www.capstonepub.com





TITLE: THORFINN AND THE DISGUSTING FEAST (THORFINN THE NICEST VIKING)
AUTHOR: DAVID MACPHAIL
CALL NO.: JS MAC



You might think all Vikings are rough, tough, mean, hairy and smelly. But Thorfinn is no ordinary Viking! Thorfinn and his ragtag crew set sail for Orkney to catch fish for the chef-catapulting King of Norway. Will the king be satisfied with his feast, or will head chef Thorfinn the Nicest Viking be hurled into the sea?

Publisher: Young Kelpies, 2016



TITLE: THE DRAGONLING (THE DRAGONLING, BOOK 1)
AUTHOR: JACKIE FRENCH KOLLER
CALL NO.: JS KOL

Darek can't wait for his first Dragonquest. Then he can be just like his older brother, Clep, the hero who brought down a Great Blue, the largest and the fiercest dragon of all.



Darek goes to admire the kill and finds a dragonling peeking out of the giant dragon's pouch. Scared but curious, he feeds the hungry baby and makes an unlikely friend. But to save the helpless dragonling he must now venture into the fearsome Valley of the Dragons, risking his life to return his friend to his own fire-breathing kind.

Publisher: Aladdin, 2018 | From: www.simonandschuster.com



TITLE: HANS IN LUCK: A GRIMM AND GROSS RETELLING
AUTHOR: J.E. BRIGHT
CALL NO.: JS BRI

Hans works faithfully for seven years building a new sewage system. At the end of his service, his master gives him a lump of gold the size of his head! Hans heads off to make his fortune, but soon the gold becomes too heavy to carry. In a series of hilarious encounters with other travellers, Hans ends up trading one thing for another along his journey, from the gold to a goose to a pig and more!

Publisher: Stone Arch Books, 2018 | From: www.capstonepub.com



TITLE: THE CRANE GIRL: BASED ON JAPANESE FOLKTALES
AUTHOR: CURTIS MANLEY
CALL NO.: J 398.2 MAN-[FOL]



While gathering firewood, Yasuhiro comes upon an injured crane hidden in the snow. He rescues and comforts the bird, then watches it fly away over the wintry hills.

The next night, a mysterious young girl arrives at Yasuhiro's home seeking shelter from the cold. The boy and his father welcome the girl, named Hiroko, to stay with them. But when Hiroko notices that Yasuhiro's father is struggling to earn money, she offers to weave silk for him to sell. After the fabric fetches a good price, the boy's father becomes impatient for more silk, and his greed has a life-changing effect on them all.

Publisher: Shen's Books, 2017 | From: www.leeandlow.com



TITLE: JACK AND THE BEANSTALK: A FAVORITE STORY IN RHYTHM AND RHYME
AUTHOR: JONATHAN PEALE
CALL NO.: JP 398.2 PEA-[FOL]

When Jack trades a cow for a handful of beans, his mother thinks he made a terrible decision. But could the beans be worth more than she thinks?

Publisher: Cantata Learning, 2018 | From: www.capstonepub.com



ACTIVITY

MAKE YOUR OWN SPOOKY GHOST

THINGS YOU WILL NEED:

- Scissors
- Glue
- 10 balls of cotton wool
- Twine

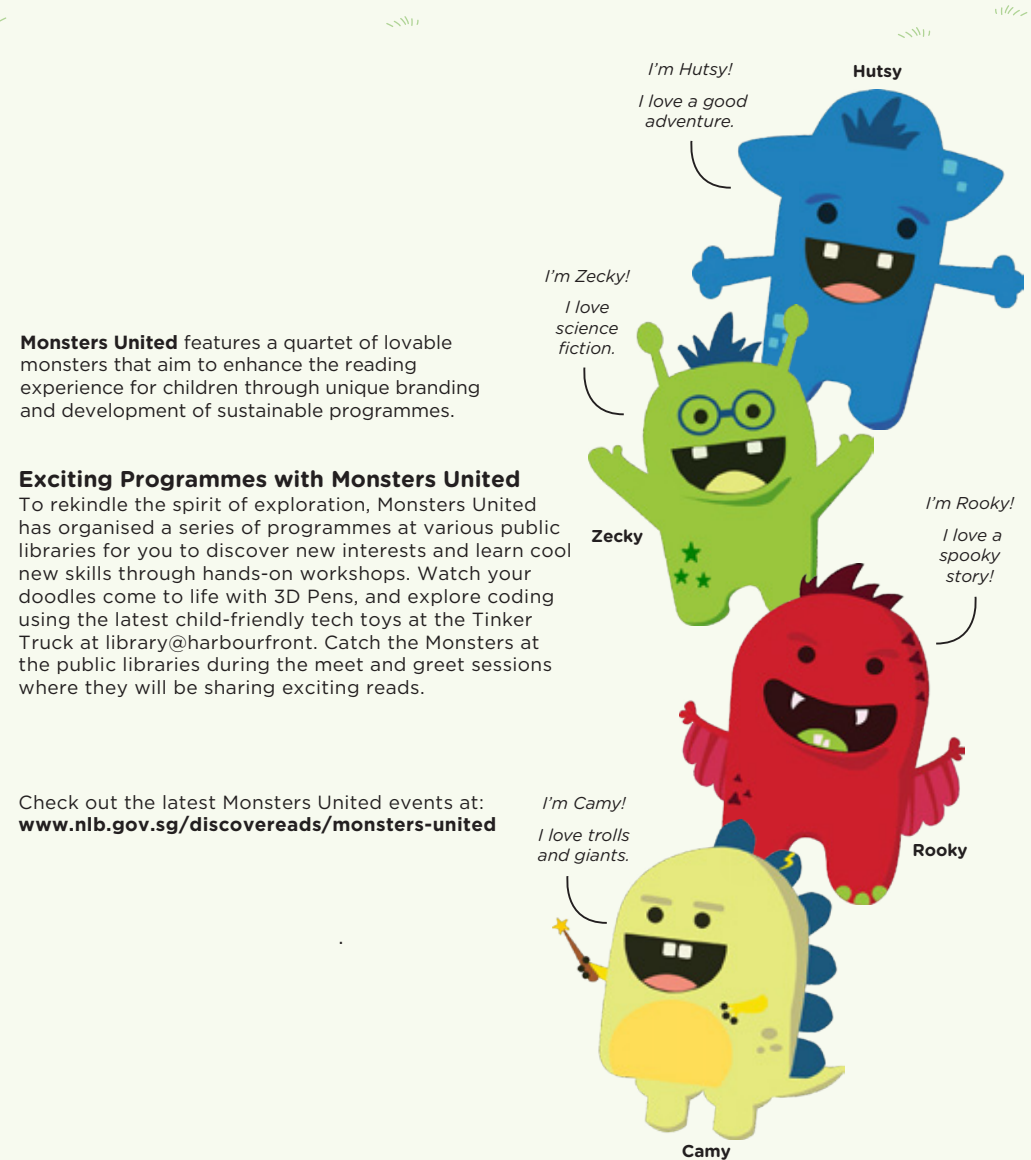
INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1 Use your scissors to cut along the (dotted line) ghost's body. Ask an adult to help you with the scissors!
- 2 Glue as many cotton balls as you can onto your ghost's body until it looks white and spooky. Be careful not to cover its eyes and mouth though!
- 3 When your ghost is completely dry, snip a small hole on the top of the ghost with your scissors. String the twine through and you're now ready to hang up your ghost to spook your friends!



Source: <https://thrivinghomeblog.com/halloween-craft-puffy-ghosts>

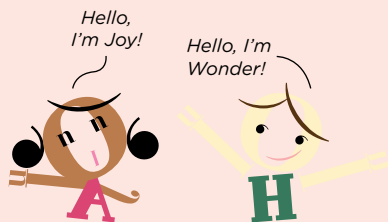
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