

# SUGGESTED READS



Primary Five

## UNIT 1

# HEARTBEATS IN THE DARK

Check out these books at the public libraries!



**TITLE: GHOSTS**  
**AUTHOR: RAINA TELGEMEIER**  
**CALL NO.: J TEL**

Catrina and her family are moving to the coast of Northern California because her little sister, Maya, is sick. Cat isn't happy about leaving her friends for Bahía de la Luna, but Maya has cystic fibrosis and will benefit from the cool, salty air that blows in from the sea. As the girls explore their new home, a neighbor lets them in on a secret: There are ghosts in Bahía de la Luna. Maya is determined to meet one, but Cat wants nothing to do with them. As the time of year when ghosts reunite with their loved ones approaches, Cat must figure out how to put aside her fears for her sister's sake, and her own.

Publisher: Graphix, 2016 | From: [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com)  
This book is also available on eReads at [www.nlb.gov.sg](http://www.nlb.gov.sg).



**TITLE: THE GOLDFISH BOY**  
**AUTHOR: LISA THOMPSON**  
**CALL NO.: J THO**

Matthew Corbin suffers from severe obsessive-compulsive disorder. He hasn't been to school in weeks. His hands are cracked and bleeding from cleaning. He refuses to leave his bedroom. To pass the time, he observes his neighbors from his bedroom window, making mundane notes about their habits as they bustle about the cul-de-sac. When a toddler staying next door goes missing, it becomes apparent that Matthew was the last person to see him alive.

Suddenly, Matthew finds himself at the center of a high-stakes mystery, and every one of his neighbors is a suspect. Matthew is the key to figuring out what happened and potentially saving a child's life, but is he able to do so if it means exposing his own secrets, and stepping out from the safety of his home?

Publisher: Scholastic, 2017 | From: [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com)



**TITLE: THE BOY, THE BOAT, AND THE BEAST**  
**AUTHOR: SAMANTHA M. CLARK**  
**CALL NO.: J CLA**

A boy washes up on a mysterious, seemingly uninhabited beach. Who is he? How did he get there? The boy can't remember. When he sees a light shining over the foreboding wall of trees that surrounds the shore, he decides to follow it, in the hopes that it will lead him to answers. The boy's journey is a struggle for survival and a search for the truth—a terrifying truth that once uncovered, will force him to face his greatest fear of all if he is to go home.

Publisher: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2018 | From: [www.simonandschuster.com](http://www.simonandschuster.com)



**TITLE: YOU ARE AWESOME**  
**AUTHOR: MATTHEW SYED**  
**CALL NO.: J 158.1 SYE**

I'm no good at sports... I can't do maths... I really struggle with exams... Sound familiar? If you believe you can't do something, the chances are you won't try. But what if you really could get better at maths, or sport or exams? In fact, what if you could excel at anything you put your mind to? *You Are Awesome* can help you do just that, inspiring and empowering young readers to find the confidence to realise their potential.

Publisher: Wren & Rook, 2018 | From: [www.hachettechildrens.co.uk](http://www.hachettechildrens.co.uk)

## UNIT 2

# LATE BUT NOT LAST

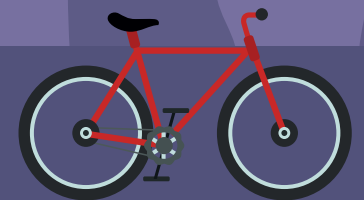
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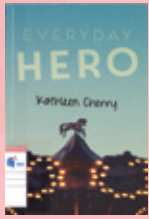


**TITLE: THE BICYCLE SPY**  
**AUTHOR: YONA ZELDIS MCDONOUGH**  
**CALL NO.: J MAC**

When war takes over France, Marcel's dreams of competing in the Tour de France someday are dashed. Things worsen when he finds out his friend, Delphine, might get caught up in the war too. With his trusty bicycle, Marcel knows he must keep riding and delivering secret messages to protect his friend.

Publisher: Scholastic, 2016





**TITLE: EVERYDAY HERO**  
**AUTHOR: KATHLEEN CHERRY**  
**CALL NO.: J CHE**

Alice doesn't like noise, smells or strangers. She does like rules. Lots of rules. Nobody at her new school knows she has Asperger's, so it doesn't take long for her odd behavior to get her into trouble. When she meets Megan in detention, she doesn't know what to make of her. Megan doesn't smell, she's not terribly noisy, and she's not exactly a stranger, but is she a friend? Megan seems fearless to Alice— but also angry or maybe sad. Alice isn't sure which. When Megan decides to run away, Alice resolves to help her friend, no matter how many rules she has to break or how bad it makes her feel.

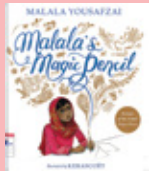
Publisher: Orca Book, 2016 | From: [www.orcabook.com](http://www.orcabook.com)



**TITLE: ONE**  
**AUTHOR: TAN TER CHEAH**  
**CALL NO.: J SING TAN**

Tessie has lost a leg to a bad, bad illness called "Cancer". She can no longer play her favourite games with her friends at school. Strangers keep staring because she looks different. Tessie is tired of being strong and brave. Will she ever be able to walk again? Can she pick herself up and go on? Discover how flamingos, family and a whole lot of fishballs cheer Tessie on, as she copes with the loss of her leg and learns to laugh again.

Publisher: Bubbly Books, 2014 | From: [www.bubbly-books.com](http://www.bubbly-books.com)



**TITLE: MALALA'S MAGIC PENCIL**  
**AUTHOR: MALALA YOUSAFZAI**  
**CALL NO.: J 361.2083 YOU**

When she was young, Malala wished she had a magic pencil so she could use it to make the world a better place, erasing war, poverty and hunger. Even though the magic pencil was never found, Malala realises that the world does not get better by magic or chance, it gets better by change, so she strives to make her dreams a reality.

Publisher: Puffin Books, 2017  
 This book is also available on eReads at [www.nlb.gov.sg](http://www.nlb.gov.sg).

## UNIT 3

# BASIC PHOTOGRAPHY

Check out these books at the public libraries!



**TITLE: THE PROBLEM WITH EARLY CAMERAS (BLOOPERS OF INVENTION)**  
**AUTHOR: RYAN NAGELHOUT**  
**CALL NO.: J 771.3 NAG**

Early commercial cameras were big, boxy, and you had to actually give your camera back to the camera maker to develop your photos. Before that, making photographs was actually even harder! Complex chemicals and long hours in darkrooms were required to develop even a single shot. Readers take a journey through photography's history, from solutions and glass plates to point-and-shoot cameras. The story is complex and amazing— just like the cameras we use today!

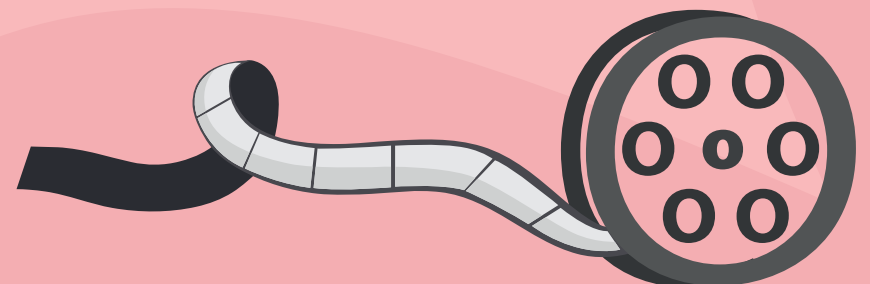
Publisher: Gareth Stevens, 2016 | From: [garethstevens.com](http://garethstevens.com)



**TITLE: GENIUS OPTICAL INVENTIONS: FROM THE X-RAY TO THE TELESCOPE (INCREDIBLE INVENTIONS )**  
**AUTHOR: MATT TURNER**  
**CALL NO.: J 621.36 TUR**

Before magnifying glasses, how did people make objects look larger? The ancient Romans filled glass bowls with water. Then microscopes and telescopes came along. But optical innovation didn't stop there. Learn how many lightbulb designs Thomas Edison tested, how spies used microfilm to carry secret messages, how satellites let us look at Earth from space, and more!

Publisher: Hungry Tomato, 2018 | From: [lernerbooks.com](http://lernerbooks.com)





**TITLE: THE POMPEII DISASTER  
(FLASHBACK FOUR, BOOK 3)**  
**AUTHOR: DAN GUTMAN**  
**CALL NO.: J GUT**

Eccentric billionaire Miss Z is sending Luke, Julia, David, and Isabel on another mission back in time to capture one of history's most important events. This time, the Flashback Four are headed to AD 79 to photograph the eruption of Mount Vesuvius! Can the Flashback Four get their photo and get back home before they become ancient history?

Publisher: Harper, 2018 | From: [www.harpercollins.com](http://www.harpercollins.com)



**TITLE: THE SECRET OF THE NIGHT TRAIN**  
**AUTHOR: SYLVIA BISHOP**  
**CALL NO.: J BIS**

Max is being sent to Istanbul to stay with her boring great aunt. Is this going to be fun— or not? She knows it's going to be a big adventure. But she never guesses that the drama will start on her train ride! When the mysterious Heartbreak Diamond is stolen, Max is plunged into a thrilling night-time chase across Europe. In a whirling world of jewel smugglers, thieves and undercover detectives, can she catch the diamond thief before they reach their destination?

Publisher: Scholastic Children's Books, 2018 | From: [shop.scholastic.co.uk](http://shop.scholastic.co.uk)



**TITLE: PROJECT (UN)POPULAR**  
**AUTHOR: KRISTEN TRACY**  
**CALL NO.: J TRA**

Middle school isn't a popularity contest. It's a war. Perry and her best friend, Venice, are excited to be yearbook photographers and tell the story of their school through their art. But that's before they find out the truth: the spontaneous moments they're supposed to capture are all faked. Yearbooks should include everybody— even the dorks. But Perry feels totally stuck. Until she starts taking flattering shots of popular people, none of her candid photos will ever be chosen. Fighting back isn't going to win her any friends— she might even *lose* some. Perry has to decide what's more important: fitting in... or standing out.

Publisher: Delacorte, 2016 | From: [www.penguinrandomhouse.ca](http://www.penguinrandomhouse.ca)



**TITLE: ADVENTURES TO SCHOOL: REAL-LIFE JOURNEYS OF STUDENTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD**  
**AUTHORS : BAPTISTE PAUL & MIRANDA PAUL**  
**CALL NO.: J 371.8 PAU**

Kids around the world get to school in unique ways. Take a peek inside this book and see how they reach their destinations! Children all around the world go to school. Whether they're from Japan, Ukraine, Ethiopia, or the United States, all students have the desire to learn about the world and shape the future. In Bhutan, children walk for three hours to make it to school, and in Pakistan, children travel by rickshaw. Some children in China must climb a heaven ladder, while children in Nepal must walk over a wire bridge. The treks of these students are unique, extraordinary, and even dangerous, and they signify the common determination, perseverance, and sense of adventure shared by young people around the world. Read along as students from thirteen different nations embark on their journeys to get to school in the morning, and learn about the diverse landscapes and cultures of these countries along the way!

Publisher: Little Bee Books, 2018 | From: [littlebeebooks.com](http://littlebeebooks.com)

## UNIT 4

# RIDE ON!



Check out these books at the public libraries!



**TITLE: HOW DO CARS DRIVE THEMSELVES?  
(HOW'D THEY DO THAT?)**  
**AUTHOR: MARCIA AMIDON LÜSTED**  
**CALL NO.: J 629.22 LUS**

Today's cutting-edge cars use sensors and powerful computers to see their surroundings and safely drive from place to place. Read this book to learn how engineers design intelligent cars that drive themselves.

Publisher: Capstone, 2018 | From: [www.capstonepub.com](http://www.capstonepub.com)



**TITLE: THE HOUSE WITH CHICKEN LEGS**  
**AUTHOR: SOPHIE ANDERSON**  
**CALL NO.: J AND**

Marinka dreams of a normal life, where her house stays in one place long enough for her to make friends. But her house has chicken legs and moves on without warning. For Marinka's grandmother is Baba Yaga, who guides spirits between this world and the next. Marinka longs to change her destiny and sets out to break free from her grandmother's footsteps, but her house has other ideas...

Publisher: Usborne, 2018 | From: [usborne.com](http://usborne.com)  
This book is also available on eReads at [www.nlb.gov.sg](http://www.nlb.gov.sg).





## UNIT 5

# SPACE JUNK

Check out these books at the public libraries!



**TITLE: POLLUTING OUR WORLD  
(ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES)**  
**AUTHOR: GEMMA MCMULLEN**  
**CALL NO.: J 363.73 MAC**

This series invites younger readers to consider the impact of human activity on the environment and ways in which we can improve in the future. These titles are filled with fascinating facts and full-colour images that will bring a highly topical issue to life.

Publisher: BookLife, 2016 | From: [www.booklife.co.uk](http://www.booklife.co.uk)



**TITLE: ME AND MARVIN GARDENS**  
**AUTHOR: AMY SARIG KING**  
**CALL NO.: J KIN**

Obe Devlin has problems. His family's farmland has been taken over by developers. His best friend Tommy abandoned him for the development kids. And he keeps getting nosebleeds, because of that thing he doesn't like to talk about. So Obe hangs out at the creek by his house, in the last wild patch left, picking up litter and looking for animal tracks. One day, he sees a creature that looks kind of like a large dog, or maybe a small boar. And as he watches it, he realizes it eats plastic. Only plastic. Water bottles, shopping bags... No one has ever seen a creature like this before, because there's never been a creature like this before. The animal, Marvin Gardens, soon becomes Obe's best friend and biggest secret. But to keep him safe from the developers and Tommy and his friends, Obe must make a decision that might change everything.

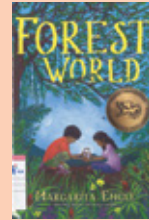
Publisher: Arthur A. Levine Books, 2017 | From: [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com)



**TITLE: WHAT IS SPACE JUNK?  
(SPACE MYSTERIES)**  
**AUTHOR: TODD SWATLING**  
**CALL NO.: J 363.12 SWA**

Every generation is filled with the wonder of what's out there beyond our planet, making space travel and exploration one of the most popular science topics of all time. But what happens to all that stuff we send up into outer space? Does it come back down to Earth or stay up there forever?

Publisher: Gareth Stevens, 2019 | From: [www.garethstevens.com](http://www.garethstevens.com)



**TITLE: FOREST WORLD**  
**AUTHOR: MARGARITA ENGLE**  
**CALL NO.: J ENG**

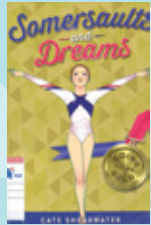
Edver doesn't know what this summer has in store, but he's definitely expecting to meet a sister he didn't know existed! Luza is a year older and excited to see her little brother, until she realizes how different their lives have been. Looking for anything they might have in common, they sneak onto the internet— and accidentally catch the interest of a dangerous wildlife poacher. Edver has fought plenty of villains in video games. Now, to save the Cuban jungle they love, he and Luza are going to have to find a way to conquer a *real* villain!

Publisher: Atheneum, 2017 | From: [www.simonandschuster.com](http://www.simonandschuster.com)  
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# WHEN I GROW UP

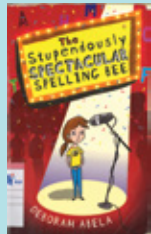
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**TITLE: GOING FOR GOLD (SOMERSAULTS AND DREAMS)**  
**AUTHOR: CATE SHEARWATER**  
**CALL NO.: J SHE**

Ellie has reached the national gymnastics squad training camp. Now it feels like she is just a somersault away from her dream of competing in the Euros! But with training harder than ever, rivalries even fiercer and a new coach who seems determined to make sure she fails, Ellie feels as though she has to do whatever it takes... including hiding a potentially-career ruining injury. How far is Ellie really willing to go for gold?

Publisher: Egmont, 2016 | From: [www.egmont.co.uk](http://www.egmont.co.uk)



**TITLE: THE STUPENDOUSLY SPECTACULAR SPELLING BEE**  
**AUTHOR: DEBORAH ABELA**  
**CALL NO.: J ABE**

India Wimple can spell. Brilliantly. Every Friday night, she and her family watch the Stupendously Spectacular Spelling Bee. When the Wimples suggest she enter the next Bee, India says she's not good enough— but her family won't hear it and encourage her to sign up. There are plenty of obstacles to reaching the finals: something in India's past has made her terribly shy, and moving on to each round involves finding the money to make it happen. And finally, there's Summer Millicent Ernestine Beauregard-Champion, a spoilt rich girl who is determined to win— and isn't afraid to step on anyone who gets in her way.

Publisher: Random House Australia, 2016 | From: [www.penguin.com.au](http://www.penguin.com.au)



**TITLE: WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU ARE BULLIED FOR BEING DIFFERENT (STAND UP: BULLYING PREVENTION)**  
**AUTHOR: ADDY FERGUSON**  
**CALL NO.: J 302.3 FER**

Bullying can happen to anyone, but it often happens to kids who are somehow different from their peers. Being a member of a minority or having a disability can make a child a target for bullying. Learn how to resist bullying practices, such as exclusion, rumors, and insensitive language in this informative book.

Publisher: Rosen/PowerKids, 2015 | From: [rosenpublishing.com](http://rosenpublishing.com)



**TITLE: PUNISHING BULLIES: ZERO TOLERANCE VS. WORKING TOGETHER (PERSPECTIVES FLIP BOOK)**  
**AUTHOR: LISA OWINGS**  
**CALL NO.: J 302.3 OWI**

Bullying is common in schools across the country, but what can we do to stop it? Are school punishments and new laws the answer? Or can other responses stop bullying? Perspectives Flip Books are like two books in one: Start from one end and learn why some people argue bullies need to be harshly punished. Then flip it over and discover why others argue for other solutions. Critical thinking questions help you analyze both perspectives and form your own opinions about the issue.

Publisher: Compass Point Books, 2015 | From: [www.capstonepub.com](http://www.capstonepub.com)

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**TITLE: WHAT LEXIE DID**  
**AUTHOR: EMMA SHEVAH**  
**CALL NO.: J SHE**

She's devoted to her fragile cousin of the same age, Eleni, who has a heart condition. But after the death of their grandmother, Lexie tells a terrible, instinctive, jealous lie about an heirloom necklace, a lie that splits the family apart. It's up to her to bring the family back together... but after such a lie, can she find a way to tell the truth?

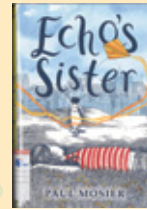
Publisher: Chicken House, 2018 | From: [www.chickenhousebooks.com](http://www.chickenhousebooks.com)



**TITLE: 27 MAGIC WORDS**  
**AUTHOR: SHARELLE BYARS MORANVILLE**  
**CALL NO.: J MOR**

Although eleven-year-old Kobi's parents sailed into a storm at sea five years ago, she knows they are alive. If she says "Avanti!" she can see them. Now that her wealthy Parisian Grandmama is sending Kobi and her sister away to live with Uncle Wim in Iowa, she will need the magic words her mother left her more than ever. To fit in at her new American school, Kobi tells lies that soon catch up with her, and leans heavily on her magic. In a heart-wrenching climax, she must confront not only the untruths she has told others but the stories she has made herself believe. Only then will she be able to grieve for her parents and move on with her life.

Publisher: Holiday House, 2016 | From: [www.penguinrandomhouse.com](http://www.penguinrandomhouse.com)  
 This book is also available on eReads at [www.nlb.gov.sg](http://www.nlb.gov.sg).



**TITLE: ECHO'S SISTER**  
**AUTHOR: PAUL MOSIER**  
**CALL NO.: J MOS**

Twelve-year-old El has planned on making her first week at a new school fantastic. She won't go by her given name, Laughter. She'll sit in the back of the classroom where she can make new friends. She won't even have time to think about all the fun her old friends are having without her. Everything will be great. But when her dad picks her up after school and tells her that her younger sister, Echo, has a life-threatening illness, her world is suddenly turned upside down. And with her parents now pressed for time and money, El feels lost and powerless. Then she befriends Octavius, the only other kid in school who gets what she's going through. As El begins to adjust to her new life, she soon finds that maybe a little hope and a lot of love can overcome any obstacle.

Publisher: Harper, 2018 | From: [www.harpercollins.com](http://www.harpercollins.com)



**TITLE: THE REMARKABLE JOURNEY OF CHARLIE PRICE**  
**AUTHOR: JENNIFER MASCHARI**  
**CALL NO.: J MAS**

Ever since twelve-year-old Charlie Price's mom died, he feels like his world has been split into two parts. Before included stargazing and Mathletes and Saturday scavenger hunts with his family. After means a dad who's completely checked out, comically bad dinners, and grief group that's anything but helpful. It seems like losing Mom meant losing everything else he loved, too. Just when Charlie thinks things can't get any worse, his sister, Imogen, starts acting erratically— missing school and making up lies about their mother. But everything changes when one day he follows her down a secret passageway in the middle of her bedroom and sees for himself. Imogen has found a parallel world where Mom is alive! There's hot cocoa and Scrabble and scavenger hunts again and everything is perfect... at first. But something doesn't feel right. Whenever Charlie returns to the real world, things are different, and not in a good way. And Imogen wants to spend more and more time on the other side. It's almost as if she wants to leave the real world for good. If Charlie doesn't uncover the truth, he could lose himself, the true memory of their mother, and Imogen... forever.

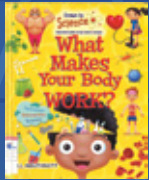
Publisher: Balzer + Bray, 2016 | From: [www.harpercollins.com](http://www.harpercollins.com)



## UNIT 8

# WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU LAUGH

Check out these books at the public libraries!



**TITLE: WHAT MAKES YOUR BODY WORK? (DRAWN TO SCIENCE)**  
**AUTHOR: GILL ARBUTHNOTT**  
**CALL NO.: J 612 ARB**

*What Makes Your Body Work?* explains the inner workings of some of the body's major organs and systems. Readers can perform fun easy experiments that will help them measure their own lung volume or understand why the brain can decipher letters in the wrong order in a word. Entertaining illustrations and explanatory diagrams give details that help reveal what really makes the body work.

Publisher: Crabtree, 2016 | From: [www.crabtreebooks.com](http://www.crabtreebooks.com)



**TITLE: SHORT**  
**AUTHOR: HOLLY GOLDBERG SLOAN**  
**CALL NO.: J SLO**

Julia is very short for her age, but by the end of the summer run of *The Wizard of Oz*, she'll realize how big she is inside, where it counts. She hasn't ever thought of herself as a performer, but when the wonderful director of Oz casts her as a Munchkin, she begins to see herself in a new way. As Julia becomes friendly with the poised and wise Olive— one of the adults with dwarfism who've joined the production's motley crew of Munchkins— and with her deeply artistic neighbor, Mrs. Chang, Julia's own sense of self as an artist grows. Soon, she doesn't want to fade into the background— and it's a good thing, because her director has more big plans for Julia!

Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers, 2017 | From: [www.penguinrandomhouse.com](http://www.penguinrandomhouse.com)  
This book is also available on eReads at [www.nlb.gov.sg](http://www.nlb.gov.sg).



**TITLE: STICKS & STONES**  
**AUTHOR: ABBY COOPER**  
**CALL NO.: J COO**

Ever since she was a baby, the words people use to describe Elyse have instantly appeared on her arms and legs. At first it was just "cute" and "adorable," but as she's gotten older and kids have gotten meaner, words like "loser" and "pathetic" appear, and those words bubble up and itch. And then there are words like "interesting," which she's not really sure how to feel about. Now, at age twelve, she's starting middle school, and just when her friends who used to accept and protect her are drifting away, she receives an anonymous note saying "I know who you are, and I know what you're dealing with. I want to help." As Elyse works to solve the mystery of who is sending her these notes, she also finds new ways to accept who she is and to become her best self.

Publisher: Farrar Straus Giroux, 2016 | From: [us.macmillan.com](http://us.macmillan.com)



**TITLE: OPERATION OUCH: THE HUMANUAL**  
**AUTHOR: BEN ELCOMB**  
**CALL NO.: J 612 ELC**

Take a tour of one of the most complex, diverse and downright unusual places on the entire planet— the human body! Find out all about what makes YOU tick, from the wonders of the human brain to the tingling in your ticklish toes. From crazy bodily functions to bizarre real-life medical cases, this is the ultimate guide to getting to know yourself, inside and out!

Publisher: Puffin, 2017 | From: [www.penguin.com.au](http://www.penguin.com.au)

## UNIT 9

# AMAZING FRIENDS

Check out these books at the public libraries!



**TITLE: DRAGONHEARTED: THE FINE SPELL OF WORDS ALONE**  
**AUTHOR: XIE SHI MIN**  
**CALL NO.: J SING XIE**

Xin Long is like any ordinary ten-year-old girl. She prefers Wushu to studying, likes hanging out with her friends, and loves listening to her Ah Ma's stories. But when these stories tell of an ancient mythical beast that threatens to destroy the world, Xin Long realises that she is the only one who can stop it. Can she destroy this evil?

Publisher: Scholastic Singapore, 2016 | From: [scholastic.asia](http://scholastic.asia)





**TITLE: NEWSPRINTS**  
**AUTHOR: RU XU**  
**CALL NO.: J XU**

Blue is an orphan who disguises herself as a newsboy. There's a war going on, and girls are expected to help the struggling economy by selling cookies. But Blue loves living and working at the Bugle, the only paper in town that tells the truth. And what's printed in the newspapers now matters more than ever.

But Blue struggles with her secret, and worries that if her friends and adopted family at the Bugle find out that she's a girl, she'll lose everything and everyone she cares about. And when she meets and befriends Crow, a boy who is also not what he seems, together they seek the freedom to be their true selves, and to save each other.

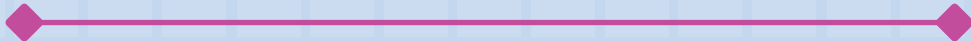
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**TITLE: FISH GIRL**  
**AUTHORS: DONNA JO NAPOLI & DAVID WIESNER**  
**CALL NO.: J NAP**

Fish Girl, a young mermaid living in a boardwalk aquarium, has never interacted with anyone beyond the walls of her tank until a chance encounter with an ordinary girl, Livia. Their growing friendship inspires Fish Girl's longing for freedom, independence, and a life beyond the aquarium tank.

Publisher: Clarion Books, 2017 | From: [www.hmhbooks.com](http://www.hmhbooks.com)  
 This book is also available on eReads at [www.nlb.gov.sg](http://www.nlb.gov.sg).



**TITLE: HOW TO LOOK AFTER YOUR HUMAN: A DOG'S GUIDE**  
**AUTHORS: MAGGIE MAYHEM (DOG) & KIM SEARS**  
**CALL NO.: J 636.7 MAG**

There are plenty of guides out there for humans about training their dogs— as if humans have ever been the ones in charge. One dog has at last agreed to share the insights gained through years of hard experience: Maggie Mayhem has trained some of the world's most stubborn humans (including her co-author Kim Sears), and so there is no better canine to explain the complexities of human behavior and guide you through the ownership journey.

Publisher: Frances Lincoln Children's Books, 2016 | From: [www.quartoknows.com](http://www.quartoknows.com)

## UNIT 10

# PRESERVING FOOD

Check out these books at the public libraries!



**TITLE: THE WORLD'S GREATEST CHOCOLATE-COVERED PORK CHOPS**  
**AUTHOR: RYAN K. SAGER**  
**CALL NO.: J SAG**

Twelve-year-old Zoey Kate's Fried Banana Fondue is delectable, her Maple Cinnamon Crab Fajitas are divine, and her Chocolate-Covered Pork Chops are to die for. Zoey is the best cook in town and she wants everyone to know it. She's on a mission to start her own restaurant, but quickly learns that the restaurant industry is competitive... and dangerous. There are people who see Zoey as a threat, and they'll use any means necessary to make sure that she fails.

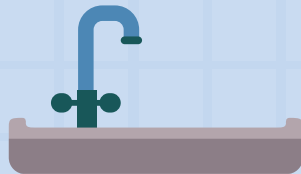
Publisher: Disney/Hyperion, 2017 | From: [books.disney.com](http://books.disney.com)  
 This book is also available on eReads at [www.nlb.gov.sg](http://www.nlb.gov.sg).



**TITLE: 100 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT FOOD**  
**AUTHORS: SAM BAER, RACHEL FIRTH, ROSE HALL, ALICE JAMES & JEROME MARTIN**  
**CALL NO.: J 641.3 BAE**

This informative book is filled with 100 fascinating facts about food, from how to grow a burger in a laboratory to how many bees it takes to fill an orchard with apples. With bright, infographic-style illustrations, detailed facts on every page, a glossary and index, plus internet links to specially selected websites for more information.

Publisher: Usborne, 2017 | From: [usborne.com](http://usborne.com)





**TITLE: STARTING FROM SCRATCH: WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT FOOD AND COOKING**  
**AUTHOR: SARAH ELTON**  
**CALL NO.: J 641.3 ELT**

Starting from Scratch is a manifesto on food that will help kids relate to what they eat, whether on special occasions or every day, inspiring both budding chefs and budding food lovers in the process. Beginning with an exploration of taste and the way it works, author and food activist Sarah Elton explains how ingredients have been on the move for centuries, resulting in the unique and fusion flavors we love today. She breaks down the science of food and cooking into bite-sized and easily digestible pieces of information that cover everything from the chemistry of heat versus cold, fat versus acid, and salt versus sweet.

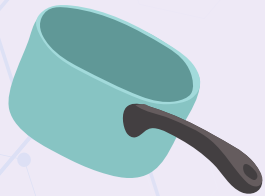
Publisher: Owlkids Books, 2014 | From: [shop.owlkids.com](http://shop.owlkids.com)  
 This book is also available on eReads at [www.nlb.gov.sg](http://www.nlb.gov.sg).



**TITLE: THE THING ABOUT LEFTOVERS**  
**AUTHOR: C.C. PAYNE**  
**CALL NO.: J PAY**

Fizzy is a good Southern girl who just wants to be perfect. And win the *Southern Living* cook-off. The being perfect part is hard though, since her parents' divorced and everything in her life has changed. Wary of her too-perfect stepmom and her mom's neat-freak, dismissive boyfriend, she's often angry or upset and feels like a guest in both homes. She tells herself to face facts: She's a "leftover" kid from a marriage that her parents want to forget. But she has to keep all of that to herself, because a good Southern girl never yells, or throws fits, or says anything that might hurt other people's feelings— instead she throws her shoulders back, says yes ma'am, and tries to do better. So Fizzy tries her best, but it's hard to stay quiet when her family keeps getting more complicated. Fortunately, the *Southern Living* cook-off gives her a welcome distraction, as do her new friends Miyoko and Zach, who have parent issues of their own.

Publisher: Nancy Paulsen Books, 2016 | From: [www.penguinrandomhouse.com](http://www.penguinrandomhouse.com)



**UNIT 11**

**THE WORLD AT YOUR FINGERTIPS**

Check out these books at the public libraries!



**TITLE: THE CELEBRITY CAT CAPER (BOXCAR CHILDREN MYSTERIES, BOOK 143)**  
**AUTHOR: GERTRUDE CHANDLER WARNER**  
**CALL NO.: J WAR**

The Aldens are excited to meet their favorite celebrity— Walter the Cat, who makes the funniest videos on the Internet! And when this celebrity cat inherits a million dollars from his owner, he becomes even more famous! But someone seems to be angry about the will and is stealing things from Walter's house. Is this cat too famous for his own good?

Publisher: Albert Whitman, 2016 | From: [www.albertwhitman.com](http://www.albertwhitman.com)

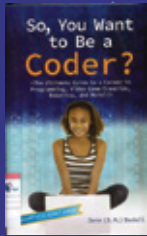


**TITLE: STAYING SAFE ONLINE (COMPUTERS AND CODING)**  
**AUTHORS: STEFFI CAVELL-CLARKE & THOMAS WELCH**  
**CALL NO.: J 004.67 CAV**

Could you program a toaster? Make a phone call on a watch? Stop a thief from stealing your identity? With computers, we can do all this and more. Learn about our digital lives, from staying safe online to understanding a computer's languages, and discover how computers store and use our information in *Computers and Coding*.

Publisher: BookLife, 2018 | From: [www.booklife.co.uk](http://www.booklife.co.uk)

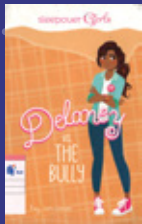




**TITLE: SO, YOU WANT TO BE A CODER?: THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO A CAREER IN PROGRAMMING, VIDEO GAME CREATION, ROBOTICS, AND MORE!**  
**(BE WHAT YOU WANT SERIES)**  
**AUTHOR: JANE M. BEDELL**  
**CALL NO.: J 005.1 BED**

Behind the screen of your phone, tablet, computer, or game console lies a secret language that allows it all to work. Computer code has become as integral to our daily lives as reading and writing, even if you didn't know it! Now it's time to plug in and start creating the same technology you're using every day. Covering everything from navigating the maze of computer languages to writing code for games to cyber security and artificial intelligence, *So, You Want to Be a Coder?* debugs the secrets behind a career in the diverse and state-of-the-art industry.

Publisher: Beyond Words, 2016 | From: [beyondword.com](http://beyondword.com)  
This book is also available on eReads at [www.nlb.gov.sg](http://www.nlb.gov.sg).



**TITLE: DELANEY VS. THE BULLY**  
**(SLEEPOVER GIRLS)**  
**AUTHOR: JEN JONES**  
**CALL NO.: J JON**

Delaney's killing it with her work on Student Council. If she keeps this up, she will definitely snag an officer position by the time seventh grade rolls around! Never one to back away from a cause, Delaney's on the case when she finds out her science lab partner is being cyber-bullied. The Sleepover Girls are happy to help work on the campaign and put a stop to the problem, but what happens when they find out one of their good friends is also a bully?

Publisher: Capstone Young Readers, 2015 | From: [www.capstonepub.com](http://www.capstonepub.com)



## UNIT 12

# A SERIOUSLY TWISTED TALE

Check out these books at the public libraries!



**TITLE: MIGHTY JACK. BOOK ONE**  
**AUTHOR: BEN HATKE**  
**CALL NO.: J HAT**

Jack might be the only kid in the world who's dreading summer. But he's got a good reason: summer is when his single mom takes a second job and leaves him at home to watch his autistic kid sister, Maddy. It's a lot of responsibility, and it's boring, too, because Maddy doesn't talk. Ever. But then, one day at the flea market, Maddy does talk— to tell Jack to trade their mom's car for a box of mysterious seeds. It's the best mistake Jack has ever made. In *Mighty Jack*, what starts as a normal little garden out back behind the house quickly grows up into a wild, magical jungle with tiny onion babies running amok, huge, pink pumpkins that bite, and, on one moonlit night that changes everything... a dragon.

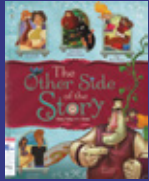
Publisher: First Second, 2016 | From: [us.macmillan.com](http://us.macmillan.com)  
This book is also available on eReads at [www.nlb.gov.sg](http://www.nlb.gov.sg).



**TITLE: WHATSHISFACE**  
**AUTHOR: GORDON KORMAN**  
**CALL NO.: J KOR**

When 12-year-old Cooper Vega moves for the third time in five years, he receives a state-of-the-art smartphone to help him stay in touch with old friends. He's had phones before, but this one is buggy and unpredictable. When a boy named Roderick Northrop communicates with him through the phone, Cooper realizes that his phone isn't buggy at all: the thing is haunted!

Publisher: Scholastic, 2018 | From: [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com)



**TITLE: THE OTHER SIDE OF THE STORY: FAIRY TALES WITH A TWIST (THE OTHER SIDE OF THE STORY)**  
**AUTHORS: ERIC BRAUN, NANCY LOEWEN & TRISHA SPEED SHASKAN**  
**CALL NO.: J 398.2 BRA -[FOL]**

“That’s NOT the way it was!” say five characters from some of the world’s most beloved fairy tales. In reality, Cinderella wasn’t the sweetest belle of the ball. She was an annoying chatterbox. Jack was a petty thief. And Little Red Riding Hood? Spoiled rotten! It’s all about point of view. Pull up a chair, and get the full scoop straight from the mouths of the wicked stepmother, the giant, the prince, Baby Bear, and the wolf. Get the *Other Side of the Story!*

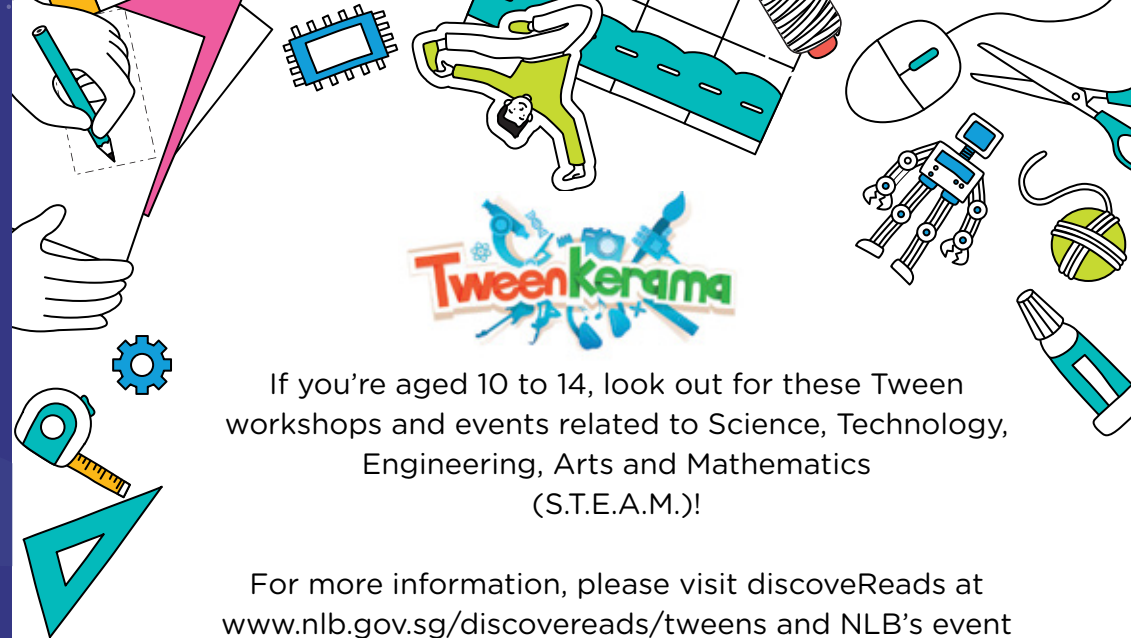
Publisher: Picture Window Books, 2015 | From: [www.capstonepub.com](http://www.capstonepub.com)



**TITLE: SNOW WHITE STORIES AROUND THE WORLD: 4 BELOVED TALES (MULTICULTURAL FAIRY TALES)**  
**AUTHOR: JESSICA GUNDERSON**  
**CALL NO.: J 398.2 GUN -[FOL]**

Think there’s just one fairy tale with a beautiful girl and an evil stepmother? Think again! Cultures all around the world have their own Snow White stories. Visit Albania, Germany, Mozambique, and Turkey, and find out who meets 40 dragons instead of seven dwarfs, and on whose forehead a bright star shines.

Publisher: Picture Window Books, 2015 | From: [www.capstonepub.com](http://www.capstonepub.com)



If you’re aged 10 to 14, look out for these Tween workshops and events related to Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (S.T.E.A.M.)!

For more information, please visit discoverReads at [www.nlb.gov.sg/discovereads/tweens](http://www.nlb.gov.sg/discovereads/tweens) and NLB’s event portal at [www.nlb.gov.sg/golibrary](http://www.nlb.gov.sg/golibrary).

### **Tweens STEAM Lab (Nov)**

The Tweens S.T.E.A.M. Lab is an annual event with a variety of exciting hands-on and experiential learning activities.

### **Tweenkerama Workshops (Mar, Jun, Nov, Dec)**

The workshops aim to provide tweens with a safe environment to explore and learn through a series of exciting workshops related to S.T.E.A.M. subjects such as augmented reality, coding and digital photography.





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