

# SUGGESTED READS



Primary Five: Basic

## UNIT 1

# HEARTBEATS IN THE DARK

Check out these books at the public libraries!



**TITLE: HAVE NO FEAR!  
(FIX-IT FRIENDS, BOOK 1)**  
**AUTHOR: NICOLE C. KEAR**  
**CALL NO.: JS KEA**

Because being scared stinks! Seven-year-old Veronica Conti knows a thing or two. She knows that recess is the best part of the day. And if someone, like Maya, doesn't play at recess because she's too afraid of bugs, well, that's a HUGE problem! And it has to be fixed, pronto! But when Veronica's big ideas to help Maya backfire, she learns that sometimes, to help others, you need a little help yourself.

Publisher: Imprint, 2017 | From: [us.macmillan.com](http://us.macmillan.com)



**TITLE: DARLING DOLL  
(HAUNTIQUES)**  
**AUTHOR: THOMAS KINGSLEY TROUPE**  
**CALL NO.: J TRO**

When Casey Willis and Hai Boone see a creepy old doll standing in a neighbourhood window, they try to shrug it off. But soon they realize the doll is more than just creepy. It's possessed. The boys launch an investigation alongside their fellow hauntique hunters, Liz and Beth Markle. If the hunters can discover who's haunting this handmade toy, will the doll start to play nice?

Publisher: Stone Arch Books, 2017



**TITLE: EVIE'S GHOST**  
**AUTHOR: HELEN PETERS**  
**CALL NO.: J PET**

Evie has been sent to stay with her godmother in a secluded, old house. As soon as night falls, she is visited by a ghostly apparition. The frightened girl runs out into the corridor only to find that she has been transported to 1814 and is dressed like a housemaid. Whatever is going on in this house?

Publisher: Nosy Crow, 2017



**TITLE: UNDERSTANDING ANXIETY  
(HEALTH MATTERS)**  
**AUTHOR: HOLLY DUHIG**  
**CALL NO.: J 152.4 DUH**

These informative and factual titles take a look at some common health conditions affecting children. From causes and symptoms to treatments and long-term management strategies, we examine in-depth a range of health issues and the effects they have on children's lives.

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



# LATE BUT NOT LAST

Check out these books at the public libraries!



**TITLE: ANXIOUS ADAM BRAVES THE TEST (WORRY WARRIORS)**  
**AUTHOR: MARNE VENTURA**  
**CALL NO.: JS VEN**

Adam is dyslexic so he has to work extra hard to learn to read. He'd rather be playing sports or drawing in his sketchbook. When it's time for the Big Test at school he's a nervous wreck. Even when he knows the answers, he's not a good test-taker! What if he fails? Will he have to repeat fourth grade? Will everyone think he's not smart?

Publisher: Stone Arch Books, 2017 | From: [www.capstonepub.com](http://www.capstonepub.com)



**TITLE: MUSTACHES FOR MADDIE**  
**AUTHORS: CHAD MORRIS & SHELLY BROWN**  
**CALL NO.: J MOR**

Maddie is a normal twelve-year-old girl. Well, except for the fake mustaches she carries in her pocket. She likes to make people laugh and slapping on a mustache, especially a fuzzy pink or neon green one, always gets a smile. Maddie hopes that the class queen, Cassie, will find her mustaches as funny as she does and want to play with her at recess. She's been self-conscious lately because her right arm only feels normal when it's curled against her chest and she's constantly tripping over her feet. But that's probably just part of growing up and not something weird, right?

Publisher: Shadow Mountain, 2017 | From: [shadowmountain.com](http://shadowmountain.com)



**TITLE: ALL'S FAIRE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**AUTHOR: VICTORIA JAMIESON**  
**CALL NO.: J JAM**

Eleven-year-old Imogene (Impy) has grown up with two parents working at the Renaissance Faire, and she's eager to begin her own training as a squire. First, though, she'll need to prove her bravery. Luckily Impy has just the quest in mind— she'll go to public school after a life of being homeschooled! But it's not easy to act like a noble knight-in-training in middle school. Impy falls in with a group of girls who seem really nice (until they don't) and starts to be embarrassed of her thrift shop apparel, her family's unusual lifestyle, and their small, messy apartment. Impy has always thought of herself as a heroic knight, but when she does something really mean in order to fit in, she begins to wonder whether she might be more of a dragon after all.

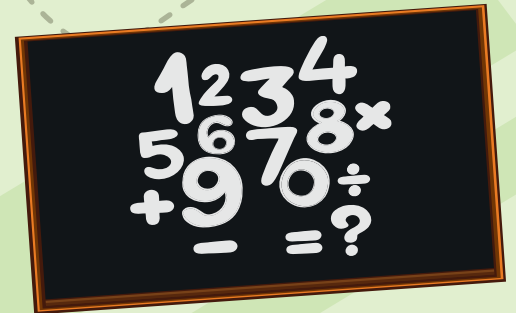
Publisher: Dial Books for Young Readers, 2017 | From: [www.penguinrandomhouse.com](http://www.penguinrandomhouse.com)  
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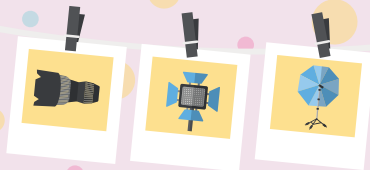


**TITLE: NOTHING STOPPED SOPHIE: THE STORY OF UNSHAKABLE MATHEMATICIAN SOPHIE GERMAIN**  
**AUTHOR: CHERYL BARDOE**  
**CALL NO.: J 510.92 BAR**

When her parents took away her candles to keep their young daughter from studying math... nothing stopped Sophie. When a professor discovered that the homework sent to him under a male pen name came from a woman... nothing stopped Sophie. And when she tackled a math problem that male scholars said would be impossible to solve... still, nothing stopped Sophie. For six years Sophie Germain used her love of math and her undeniable determination to test equations that would predict patterns of vibrations. She eventually became the first woman to win a grand prize from France's prestigious Academy of Sciences for her formula, which laid the groundwork for much of modern architecture (and can be seen in the book's illustrations).

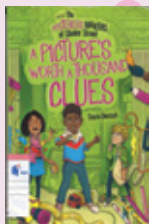
Publisher: Little, Brown, 2018 | From: [www.lbyr.com](http://www.lbyr.com)





# BASIC PHOTOGRAPHY

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**TITLE: A PICTURE'S WORTH A THOUSAND CLUES (MYSTERIOUS MAKERS OF SHAKER STREET)**  
**AUTHOR: STACIA DEUTSCH**  
**CALL NO.: JS DEU**

Ten-year-old Michael Wilson notices that strange things are happening at old Mrs. Vernon's house, just two doors down from his Shaker Street home. Crates are going in and out of the house all night long, and Mrs. Vernon, a curator at an art museum, has wet paint in her yard, of all places. Can Michael and his friends Liv and Leo put their maker skills to work and create some gadgets to figure out what the odd, old woman is up to?

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



**TITLE: TAME TAHOE TESSIE (MONSTER HUNTERS)**  
**AUTHOR: JAN FIELDS**  
**CALL NO.: J FIE**

The Monster Hunters head to Nevada where their destination is Lake Tahoe. While seeking a monster called Tahoe Tessie, they discover how much damage invasive species can do. A close call underwater shows the team the importance of scientific research, and a glimpse of Tahoe Tessie!

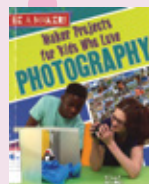
Publisher: Magic Wagon, 2015 | From: [abdobooks.com](http://abdobooks.com)



**TITLE: GET INTO PHOTOGRAPHY (GET-INTO-IT GUIDES)**  
**AUTHOR: RACHEL STUCKEY**  
**CALL NO.: J 770 STU**

Smartphones and basic digital cameras have made photography more accessible than ever before, and the creative possibilities are endless! This engaging title takes readers through photography basics and photo editing techniques, giving them the skills to creatively picture their world. Exciting photography ideas and tips encourage readers to refine their skills and create personal photo projects.

Publisher: Crabtree, 2017 | From: [www.crabtreebooks.com](http://www.crabtreebooks.com)



**TITLE: MAKER PROJECTS FOR KIDS WHO LOVE PHOTOGRAPHY (BE A MAKER!)**  
**AUTHOR: KELLY SPENCE**  
**CALL NO.: J 770 SPE**

From high-powered cameras to smartphones, photography is a popular and accessible interest of many individuals today. This title helps young photographers explore the history of this important art, and the pioneers who innovated and created some of the world's most notable cameras and photos. Readers will learn about lenses, filters, composition, and lighting. They will also be encouraged to create their own photography projects using different styles and mediums, and changing their photos into forms that suit their ideas and concepts.

Publisher: Crabtree, 2017 | From: [www.crabtreebooks.com](http://www.crabtreebooks.com)





UNIT 4

# THE HOT SPRINGS OF SEMBAWANG

Check out these books at the public libraries!



**TITLE: WHERE'S HALMONI?**  
**AUTHOR: JULIE KIM**  
**CALL NO.: J KIM**

Two young children pay a visit to Halmoni (grandmother in Korean), only to discover she's not home. As they search for her, noticing animal tracks covering the floor, they discover a window slightly ajar, new to their grandmother's home. Their curiosity gets the best of them, and they crawl through and discover an unfamiliar fantastical world, and their adventure begins. As they continue to search for their grandmother and solve the mystery of the tracks, they go deeper into a world of Korean along the way, and learn more about their cultural heritage.

Publisher: Little Bigfoot, 2017 | From: [www.sasquatchbooks.com](http://www.sasquatchbooks.com)



**TITLE: OPEN: A BOY'S WAYANG ADVENTURE**  
**AUTHOR: EVA WONG NAVA**  
**CALL NO.: J SING WON**

Open is a ten-year-old boy with a curiosity for life and the things that happen around him. He is on the autism spectrum, loves to draw and is especially good at drawing monkeys. When his class is chosen to put up a Chinese opera based on the Monkey King and the Journey to the West, Open must find it in himself to overcome his obstacles and boldly step on stage.

Publisher: Ethos Books, 2018 | From: [www.ethosbooks.com.sg](http://www.ethosbooks.com.sg)



**TITLE: ARCHER'S QUEST**  
**AUTHOR: LINDA SUE PARK**  
**CALL NO.: J PAR**

Twelve-year-old Kevin Kim is shocked when a young man, complete with bow and arrows, crash-lands on his bedroom floor— especially when that man, Skilful Archer, claims to be a legendary ruler from ancient Korea. As much as Kevin enjoys teaching Archie about contemporary life and learning about Korean history from Archie's stories, Kevin needs to help Archie get back home— or history will be changed forever.

Publisher: Yearling, 2008 | From: [www.hmbooks.com](http://www.hmbooks.com)



**TITLE: STORIES OF THOR: THREE NORSE MYTHS (USBORNE YOUNG READING. LEVEL 2)**  
**AUTHOR: ALEX FRITH**  
**CALL NO.: J 398.2 FRI -[FOL]**

Three dramatically illustrated stories about Thor, the Norse god of thunder, specially written for readers who are growing in confidence. Thor never backs down from a fight, and can't resist a challenge. Here he wrestles a huge sea serpent, faces a cave full of giants and has to fight a frost giant— without his magical hammer.

Publisher: Usborne, 2016 | From: [www.usborne.com](http://www.usborne.com)





# TEN

Check out these books at the public libraries!



**TITLE: FOREST'S FIRST HOME  
(WILD CHILD, BOOK 1)**  
**AUTHOR: TARA ZANN**  
**CALL NO.: JS ZAN**

A shy girl teaches a wild boy everything about modern living so he can impress Gam Gam at a family dinner.

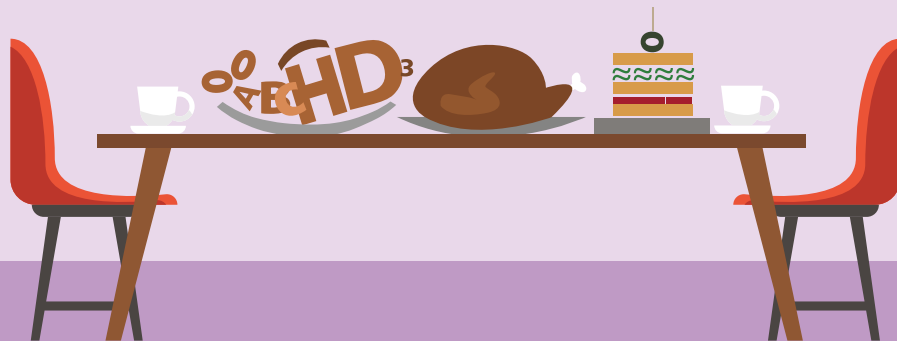
Publisher: Imprint, 2017 | From: [us.macmillan.com](http://us.macmillan.com)



**TITLE: ESPECIALLY AMELIA  
(STRAWBERRY SISTERS)**  
**AUTHOR: CANDY HARPER**  
**CALL NO.: J HAR**

Amelia, the oldest in a family with four sisters, worries that her best friend is keeping secrets from her and that she will be terrible as a soloist in the upcoming school concert.

Publisher: Simon & Schuster, 2016 | From: [www.simonandschuster.co.uk](http://www.simonandschuster.co.uk)



**TITLE: DO YOU SPEAK CHOCOLATE?**  
**AUTHOR: CAS LESTER**  
**CALL NO.: J LES**

Jaz is outgoing, rebellious, gumptious and a little bit bloshy— but it doesn't stop her from finding it hard that she doesn't have a best friend at school anymore. Not since Lily went off with Kara... She's not one to get down about things, though— and things start to look up when Nadima comes into their classroom.

Publisher: Piccadilly, 2017 | From: [www.picadillypress.co.uk](http://www.picadillypress.co.uk)



**TITLE: FRENEMIES IN THE FAMILY: FAMOUS BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO BUTTED HEADS AND HAD EACH OTHER'S BACKS**  
**AUTHOR: KATHLEEN KRULL**  
**CALL NO.: J 306.875 KRU**

One minute you can't live without them... the next minute you don't want them breathing your air! Siblings everywhere will relate to this humorous look at famous brothers and sisters whose important bonds have shaped their accomplishments... (mostly) for the better.

Publisher: Crown, 2018 | From: [penguinrandomhouse.com](http://penguinrandomhouse.com)



# THINGS YOU MAY NEVER HAVE NOTICED

Check out these books at the public libraries!



**TITLE: THE TRAIN OF LOST THINGS**  
**AUTHOR: AMMI-JOAN PAQUETTE**  
**CALL NO.: J PAQ**

Marty goes in search of the mythical Train of Lost Things, hoping that by finding his heart's possession he can save his father from cancer, but he discovers that, without a driver and conductor, the train is malfunctioning and only Marty and his new friends can fix it.

Publisher: Philomel Books, 2018 | From: [www.penguinrandomhouse.com](http://www.penguinrandomhouse.com)



**TITLE: THE SECRET SUBWAY**  
**AUTHOR: SHANA COREY**  
**CALL NO.: J 388.4 COR**

New York City in the 1860s was a mess: crowded, disgusting, filled with garbage. You see, way back in 1860, there were no subways, just cobblestone streets. That is, until Alfred Ely Beach had the idea for a fan-powered train that would travel underground. On February 26, 1870, after fifty-eight days of drilling and painting and plastering, Beach unveiled his masterpiece— and throngs of visitors took turns swooshing down the track.

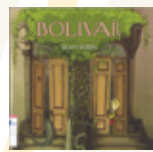
Publisher: Schwartz & Wade Books, 2016 | From: [www.penguinrandomhouse.com](http://www.penguinrandomhouse.com)



**TITLE: UP, UP AND AWAY!**  
**(SHIFTY MCGIFTY AND SLIPPERY SAM)**  
**AUTHOR: TRACEY CORDEROY**  
**CALL NO.: JS COR**

Three stories of bravery and derring-do from our favourite baker boys: Shifty and Sam lead the way in a wacky race that has been sabotaged by the one and only Red Rocket! But they soon thwart his dastardly ways and the rightful winner takes home the prize; when a mysterious parcel is delivered to the cafe, both Shifty and Sam claim ownership. A rift grows between the boys until a small knight rides to the rescue; and when rich old Lady Poshington is staying at the fanciest hotel in town, just as a spate of burglaries takes place. Can Shifty and Sam go undercover to catch the thief?

Publisher: Nosy Crow, 2017 | From: [nosycrow.com](http://nosycrow.com)



**TITLE: BOLIVAR**  
**AUTHOR: SEAN RUBIN**  
**CALL NO.: J RUB**

Sybil knows that there is something off about her next door neighbour, but she can't seem to get anyone to believe her. Everyone is so busy going about their days in the busy streets of New York City that they don't notice Bolivar. They don't notice his odd height, his tiny arms, or his long tail. No one but Sybil sees that Bolivar is a dinosaur. When an unlikely parking ticket pulls Bolivar into an adventure from City Hall to New York's Natural History Museum, he must finally make a choice: Bolivar can continue to live unnoticed, or he can let the city see who he really is.

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



# THE INTERNET

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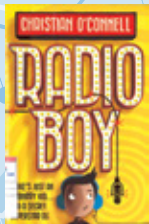
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**TITLE: VIRUS  
(4U2READ)  
AUTHOR: TOMMY DONBAVAND  
CALL NO.: JS DON**

When Nahim sends a virus into Polly and Amina's computer, he has no idea he'll end up inside the net! Can the three friends escape?

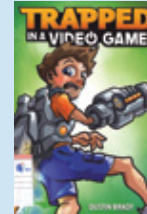
Publisher: Barrington Stoke, 2017 | From: [www.barringtonstoke.co.uk](http://www.barringtonstoke.co.uk)



**TITLE: RADIO BOY  
(RADIO BOY, BOOK 1)  
AUTHOR: CHRISTIAN O'CONNELL  
CALL NO.: J OCO**

Spike's your average awkward 11-year-old, funny and cheeky and with a mum to reckon with. When he becomes the first presenter ever to be sacked from hospital radio, he decides to carry on from a makeshift studio in the garden shed, with the help of his best friends Artie and Holly, disguising his voice and going by the moniker Radio Boy. Week by week, word gets around and soon Spike is a star if only people knew it was actually him. When Spike begins to believe his own hype, and goes too far with his mocking of the school headmaster, a hunt is launched for the mysterious Radio Boy. Can Spike remain anonymous? Will he get to marry the girl of his dreams, Katherine Hamilton? Will he become famous and popular? The answer to most of these questions is no.

Publisher: HarperCollins Children's Books, 2017 | From: [www.harpercollins.co.uk](http://www.harpercollins.co.uk)



**TITLE: TRAPPED IN A VIDEO GAME  
(TRAPPED IN A VIDEO GAME, BOOK 1)  
AUTHOR: DUSTIN BRADY  
CALL NO.: J BRA**

After getting sucked in the new game Full Blast with his friend Eric, Jesse starts to see the appeal of vaporising man-sized praying mantis while cruising around by jet pack, but pretty soon, a mysterious figure begins following Eric and Jesse, and they discover they cannot leave the game.

Publisher: Andrews McMeel, 2018 | From: [publishing.andrewsmcmeel.com](http://publishing.andrewsmcmeel.com)



**TITLE: ONLINE SAFETY FOR CODERS  
(KIDS GET CODING)  
AUTHORS: HEATHER LYONS & ELIZABETH TWEEDALE  
CALL NO.: J O04.67 LYO**

Learn tips about online safety for coders in this kid-friendly, easy-to-follow book, featuring real-world examples and fun illustrations. Online and offline activities also boost learning and skills.

Publisher: Lerner, 2017

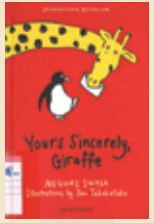
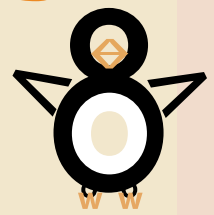




# UNIT 8

## AMAZING FRIENDS

Check out these books at the public libraries!



**TITLE: YOURS SINCERELY, GIRAFFE**  
**AUTHOR: MEGUMI IWASA**  
**CALL NO.: JS IWA**

Giraffe is bored, as usual. He'd love a friend to share things with. So he writes a letter and sends it as far as possible across the other side of the horizon. There he finds a pen pal— Penguin. Giraffe knows nothing about penguins and his letters are full of questions. What does a penguin look like? Where is a penguin's neck? And so the letters begin to fly from horizon to horizon.

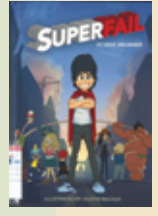
Publisher: Gecko, 2016 | From: [geckopress.com](http://geckopress.com)



**TITLE: FOLLOW THAT TINY-DACTYL (MICROSAURS, BOOK 1)**  
**AUTHOR: DUSTIN HANSEN**  
**CALL NO.: JS HAN**

Danny and Lin never say no to adventure, so when Danny's spy camera captures a tiny dinosaur crashing into Lin's helmet during her skateboarding tryouts, they *know* they have to investigate. But even they weren't prepared for a secret laboratory filled with amazing inventions (including the Shrink-a-Fier and the Expand-o-matic 2) and astonishing discoveries (Triceratops are NOT fond of the color red!). Who knew that tracking one tiny pterodactyl would open up such a giant world of adventure with the Microsaurs!?!

Publisher: Feiwel & Friends, 2017 | From: [us.macmillan.com](http://us.macmillan.com)



**TITLE: SUPERFAIL**  
**AUTHOR: MAX BRUNNER**  
**CALL NO.: J BRU**

Twelve-year-old Marshall Preston is a Defective— a person with superhuman abilities who is limited by human setbacks— so when he discovers a plot to destroy the greatest superhero team of all time, he teams up with other Defectives to stop it.

Publisher: Running Press Kids, 2017 | From: [www.hachattebookgroup.com](http://www.hachattebookgroup.com)  
This book is also available on eReads at [www.nlb.gov.sg](http://www.nlb.gov.sg).



**TITLE: RACISM AND INTOLERANCE (CHILDREN IN OUR WORLD)**  
**AUTHOR: LOUISE SPILSBURY**  
**CALL NO.: J 305.8 SPI**

The Children in Our World non-fiction picture book series helps children make sense of the larger issues and crises that dominate the news in a sensitive and appropriate manner. Where issues aren't appropriate to describe in words, award-winning illustrator Hanane Kai's striking and sensitive illustrations help children visualise the ways in which racism and intolerance affect people all around the world with images that are suited to their age and disposition.

Publisher: Wayland, 2017 | From: [www.hatchette.com.au/kids](http://www.hatchette.com.au/kids)



# WRITE A CHAIN FRACTURED FAIRY TALE WITH FRIENDS!

The first person writes a short narrative (2 to 3 sentences) based on the introduction. The second person will pick up the story where the first has left off. This continues until everyone has had a turn. The last person must attempt to end the fractured fairy tale.



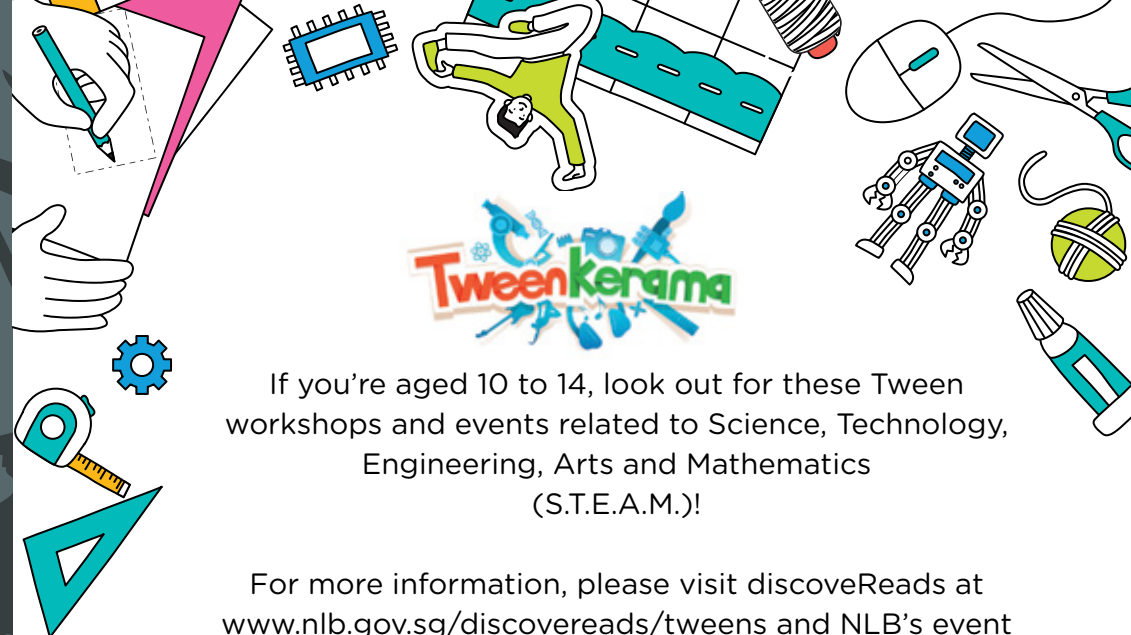
## WRITING TIP: WRITE FICTION THAT *SHOWS* INSTEAD OF *TELLS*.

Example of telling: Snow White is an evil person.

Example of showing: Holding the poison apple in her hand, Snow White glanced to see if anyone was watching her before placing it on Humpty Dumpty's dinner plate.

There was an eerie chill in the air.  
Something seemed amiss in Toadstool Town, but what?

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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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