

# SUGGESTED READS



Primary Six

# COOLIE BOY

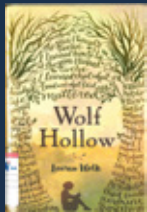
Check out these books at the public libraries!



**TITLE: DANCE TEAM BULLY  
(ACADEMY OF DANCE)**  
**AUTHOR: MARGARET GUREVICH**  
**CALL NO.: J GUR**

Grace doesn't love middle school. Everyone seems far too obsessed with who's wearing what and how much it costs. But at Ms. Marianne's Academy of Dance, Grace's tap dance skills take center stage. Unfortunately, when a mean girl from school joins the dance team, Grace's safe haven is no longer so secure...

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



**TITLE: WOLF HOLLOW**  
**AUTHOR: LAUREN WOLK**  
**CALL NO.: J WOL**

Growing up in the shadows cast by two world wars, Annabelle has lived a mostly quiet, steady life in her small Pennsylvania town. Until the day new student Betty Glengarry walks into her class. Betty quickly reveals herself to be cruel and manipulative, and while her bullying seems isolated at first, things quickly escalate, and reclusive World War I veteran Toby becomes a target of her attacks. While others have always seen Toby's strangeness, Annabelle knows only kindness. She will soon need to find the courage to stand as a lone voice of justice as tensions mount.

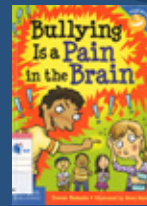
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This book is also available on eReads at [www.nlb.gov.sg](http://www.nlb.gov.sg).



**TITLE: UNSCHOOLED**  
**AUTHOR: ALLAN WOODROW**  
**CALL NO.: J WOO**

Fifth graders George and Lilly are best friends, but when they end up leading separate teams competing for the Spirit Week prize, it puts a strain on their friendship, especially when the competition generates a host of nasty pranks designed to sabotage their teams— and if Principal Klein finds out what is going on, Spirit Week will be canceled and everybody concerned will spend the rest of the year in detention.

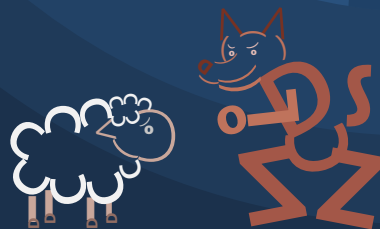
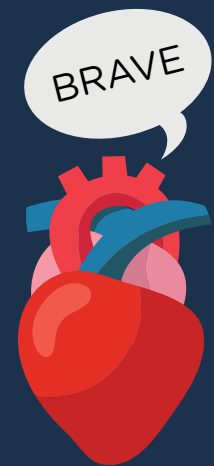
Publisher: Scholastic, 2017 | From: [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com)



**TITLE: BULLYING IS A PAIN IN THE BRAIN**  
**AUTHOR: TREVOR ROMAIN**  
**CALL NO.: J 302.343 ROM**

No one wants to be picked on, pushed around, threatened, or teased. With practical suggestions and humour, kids will learn to stop bullying in its tracks. Refreshed to reflect the latest research, this updated classic reassures kids that it's not their fault if they are bullied and describes realistic ways to become "Bully-Proof."

Publisher: Free Spirit, 2016 | From: [www.freespirit.com](http://www.freespirit.com)



## UNIT 2

# BOW WOW BRIGADE

Check out these books at the public libraries!



**TITLE: THE WEIRD BEARD  
(BAB SHARKEY AND THE ANIMAL MUMMIES, BOOK 1)**  
**AUTHOR: ANDREW HANSEN**  
**CALL NO.: J HAN**

When twelve-year-old Bab Sharkey finds a magical beard in the Egyptian desert, it attaches itself to his face, making him the Pharaoh and granting him strange powers. Bab also finds the friends he's always needed: a pair of undead animals wrapped in bandages called Scaler the Fish Mummy and Prong the Ibis Mummy. But the previous owner of the Beard, the ancient and evil sorceress the Unpharaoh, is determined to get it back. Can Bab and his new Animal Mummy friends banish the Unpharaoh back to the Afterworld?

Publisher: Walker Books, 2018 | From: [www.walkerbooks.com.au](http://www.walkerbooks.com.au)



**TITLE: CHESTER AND GUS**  
**AUTHOR: CAMMIE MCGOVERN**  
**CALL NO.: J MAC**

Chester has always wanted to become a service dog. When he fails his certification test, though, it seems like that dream might never come true—until a family adopts him to be a companion for their ten-year-old son, Gus, who has autism. But Gus acts so differently than anyone Chester has ever met. He never wants to pet Chester, and sometimes he doesn't even want him in the room. Chester's not sure how to help Gus since this isn't exactly the job he trained for— but he's determined to figure it out and show he's the right dog for the job. Because after all, Gus is now *his* person.

Publisher: Harper, 2017 | From: [www.harpercollins.com](http://www.harpercollins.com)



**TITLE: SIMON THORN AND THE WOLF'S DEN  
(SIMON THORN)**  
**AUTHOR: AIMÉE CARTER**  
**CALL NO.: J CAR**

Twelve-year-old Simon Thorn's life has never been easy or normal, but things like being bullied in school and living in a cramped Manhattan apartment with his uncle Darryl are nothing compared to his biggest secret: He can talk to animals. But when his mom is suddenly kidnapped by a herd of rats, Simon finds out that he, his mom, and his uncle are all Animalgams— people born with the ability to change into an animal at will. In search of his mom, Simon discovers the Animalgam Academy based at the Central Park Zoo. There he learns about the fractured five kingdoms— Mammals, Birds, Insects, Reptiles, and Underwater— that make up his secret world... and realizes he may be the only one who can save it.

Publisher: Bloomsbury, 2016 | From: [www.bloomsbury.com](http://www.bloomsbury.com)



**TITLE: FINDING GOBI: THE TRUE STORY OF ONE LITTLE DOG'S BIG JOURNEY**  
**AUTHOR: DION LEONARD**  
**CALL NO.: J 636.70092 LEO**

In 2016, Dion Leonard, an ultramarathon runner, stumbled across a little stray dog while competing in a gruelling 155-mile race across the Gobi Desert. The pup earned the name "Gobi", as she went step for step with Dion, keeping pace with him for nearly 80 miles. What Gobi lacked in size, she made up for in heart. Dion had always focused on winning, but as he witnessed the incredible determination of this small animal, he felt something inside him change. This is a story of a life changing friendship between one man and a little stray dog called Gobi.

Publisher: HarperCollins Children's Books, 2017 | From: [www.harpercollins.co.uk](http://www.harpercollins.co.uk)  
This book is also available on eReads at [www.nlb.gov.sg](http://www.nlb.gov.sg).

# DEFENDING THE SEAS: ASEAN VS THE PIRATES

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**TITLE: THE DANGER GANG AND THE PIRATES OF BORNEO!**  
**AUTHOR: STEPHEN BRAMUCCI**  
**CALL NO.: J BRA**

Ronald Zupan is a daring master adventurer! But he actually hasn't experienced any grand adventures... YET! When his world-traveling parents are kidnapped on his twelfth birthday, Ronald seizes the chance to prove himself with a dazzling, danger-defying rescue operation. Teaming up with his trusty butler Jeeves, his quick-witted fencing nemesis Julianne Sato, and his pet cobra Carter, Ronald sets course for the jungle of Borneo where his parents were last sighted. If they can crash-land a plane and outrun a hungry snow leopard, surely they can find the secret lair of Zeetan Z, the world's most ruthless pirate! But as their adventure becomes more and more dangerous, can Ronald and his companions muster enough courage to see this adventure through?

Publisher: Bloomsbury, 2017 | From: [www.bloomsbury.com](http://www.bloomsbury.com)



**TITLE: SINK OR SWIM WITH PIRATE SHIPS (PIRATES, READ ME!)**  
**AUTHOR: LIAM O'DONNELL**  
**CALL NO.: J 910.4 ODO**

Fast ships, big ships, they could be anywhere in the sea, waiting. Read this title to learn more about pirate ships and what it took to take care of them.

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



**TITLE: RACE TO THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA**  
**AUTHOR: LINDSAY EAGAR**  
**CALL NO.: J EAG**

When her parents, the great marine scientists Dr. and Dr. Quail, are killed in a tragic accident, "eleven-year-old" Fidelia Quail is racked by grief— and guilt. It was a submarine of Fidelia's invention that her parents were in when they died, and it was she who pressed them to stay out longer when the raging Undertow was looming. But Fidelia is forced out of her mourning when she's kidnapped by Merrick the Monstrous, a pirate whose list of treasons stretches longer than a ribbon eel. Her task? Use her marine know-how to retrieve his treasure, lost on the ocean floor. But as Fidelia and the pirates close in on the prize, with the navy hot on their heels, she realizes that Merrick doesn't expect to live long enough to enjoy his loot. Could something other than black-hearted greed be driving him? Will Fidelia be able to master the perils of the ocean without her parents— and piece together the mystery of Merrick the Monstrous before it's too late?

Publisher: Candlewick, 2017 | From: [www.penguinrandomhouse.com](http://www.penguinrandomhouse.com)



**TITLE: THE GREAT TREASURE HUNT (POCKET PIRATES, BOOK 4)**  
**AUTHOR: CHRIS MOULD**  
**CALL NO.: J MOU**

The Pocket Pirates have left the safety of their shelf to search for gold... but dangers await them. The skirting-board mice are on the prowl, and the shopkeeper has an unwelcome surprise in store! Will they find the treasure they seek... or return to their ship-in-a-bottle empty-handed?

Publisher: Hodder Children's Books, 2016 | From: [www.simonandschuster.com](http://www.simonandschuster.com)



# STOP THIEF!

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**TITLE: LET'S PRETEND WE NEVER MET**  
**AUTHOR: MELISSA WALKER**  
**CALL NO.: J WAL**

If it were up to Mattie Markham, there would be a law that said your family wasn't allowed to move in the middle of the school year. After all, sixth grade is hard enough without wondering if you'll be able to make new friends or worrying that the kids in Pennsylvania won't like your North Carolina accent. But when Mattie meets her next-door neighbor and classmate, she begins to think maybe she was silly to fear being the "new girl." Agnes is like no one Mattie has ever met— she's curious, hilarious, smart, and makes up the best games. If winter break is anything to go by, the rest of the school year should be a breeze. Only it isn't, because when vacation ends and school starts, Mattie realizes something: at school Agnes is known as the weird girl who no one likes. All Mattie wants is to fit in (okay, and maybe be a little popular too), but is that worth ending her friendship with Agnes?

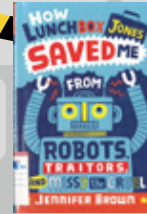
Publisher: Harper, 2017 | From: [www.harpercollins.com](http://www.harpercollins.com)



**TITLE: SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE DISAPPEARING DIAMOND (BAKER STREET ACADEMY)**  
**AUTHOR: SAM HEARN**  
**CALL NO.: J HEA**

John Watson has barely settled into his new school, Baker Street Academy, when his teacher announces a trip to one of London's top museums, home to the Alpine Star, the world's most famous jewel. But the gem has been stolen! The police are soon on the trail and the whole of the country is talking about the crime. When police catch the thief along with the stolen gem, it seems the case is closed. But Sherlock Holmes has other ideas. With John and Martha at his side, can he uncover the mystery behind this extraordinary gem?

Publisher: Scholastic, 2016 | From: [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com)



**TITLE: HOW LUNCHBOX JONES SAVED ME FROM ROBOTS, TRAITORS AND MISSY THE CRUEL**  
**AUTHOR: JENNIFER BROWN**  
**CALL NO.: J BRO**

Luke Abbott's school is the losing-est school in the history of losing. And that's just fine for him. He'd rather be at home playing video games and avoiding his older brother Rob and the Greatest Betrayal of All Time. But now he's being forced to join the robotics team, where surely he'll help uphold the school's losing streak. He'll also meet a colourful cast of characters, including: Mikayla, the girl who does everything with her toes; Jacob and Jacob, who aren't twins but might as well be; the sunflower seed-obsessed Stuart; and Missy the Cruel, Luke's innocent-looking bully since they were six-years-old. But it's an unlikely connection with a mysterious boy known only as "Lunchbox Jones" that will change Luke's life. Turns out, Luke and Lunchbox Jones have a lot more in common than just robots...

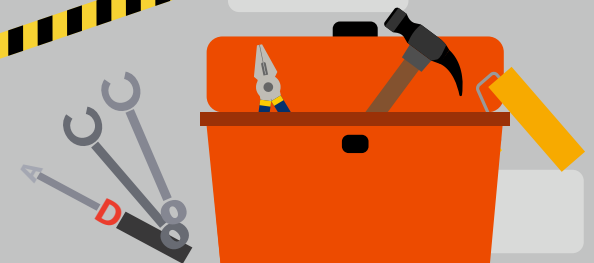
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**TITLE: 100 WAYS TO MAKE THE WORLD BETTER!**  
**AUTHOR: LISA M. GERRY**  
**CALL NO.: J 170 GER**

This uplifting book inspires the next generation to step up and make the world a better place. In keeping with the Nat Geo Kids mission, it is full of practical, positive, and powerful ideas that every kid can consider, from simple acts of kindness to creative adventures to good-for-the-planet projects. Kids get a sense of their own power to make a difference and an understanding of what actions contribute to positive outcomes. Who says kids can't change the world?

Publisher: National Geographic Kids, 2018 | From: [shop.nationalgeographic.com](http://shop.nationalgeographic.com)



## UNIT 5

# DEATH BEFORE DISHONOUR

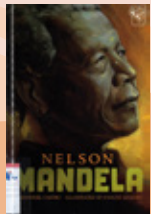
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**TITLE: LETTERS FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE**  
**AUTHOR: EMMA CARROLL**  
**CALL NO.: J CAR**

February, 1941. After months of bombing raids in London, twelve-year-old Olive Bradshaw and her little brother Cliff are evacuated to the Devon coast. The only person with two spare beds is Mr Ephraim, the local lighthouse keeper. But he's not used to company and he certainly doesn't want any evacuees. Desperate to be helpful, Olive becomes his post-girl, carrying secret messages (as she likes to think of the letters) to the villagers. But Olive has a secret of her own. Her older sister Sukie went missing in an air raid, and she's desperate to discover what happened to her. And then she finds a strange coded note which seems to link Sukie to Devon, and to something dark and impossibly dangerous.

Publisher: Faber & Faber, 2017 | From: [www.faber.co.uk](http://www.faber.co.uk)



**TITLE: NELSON MANDELA (GRAPHIC LIBRARY)**  
**AUTHOR: EMANUEL CASTRO**  
**CALL NO.: J 968.06 CAS**

In 1990, after 27 years of political imprisonment, Nelson Mandela regains his freedom ready to forgive and invite his people to follow in his footsteps, to heal the deep wounds of a divided society. Marking the end of Apartheid in South Africa, he becomes a symbol of the quest for world peace, but his story begins many years earlier. Discover, from the start, the life of the man who showed that love and hope can conquer hate and resentment.

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



**TITLE: WARNING CRY (GUARDIANS OF THE WILD)**  
**AUTHOR: KRIS HUMPHREY**  
**CALL NO.: J HUM**

*When a raven drops a white feather at the doorstep on the day of your birth, it is a symbol of your destiny. You are a Whisperer— a guardian of the wild. The kingdom of Meridina is under threat. When Nara and her leopard companion, Flame, receive the call to attend a Whisperers' council of war, they begin the long journey north. But signs of the shape-shifting Narlaw are everywhere. Can Nara and Flame make it to the palace or will the demons reach them first? The future of the natural world is resting on their shoulders...*

Publisher: Stripes, 2015 | From: [littletiger.co.uk](http://littletiger.co.uk)



**TITLE: IN THE MOUTH OF THE WOLF**  
**AUTHOR: MICHAEL MORPURGO**  
**CALL NO.: J MOR**

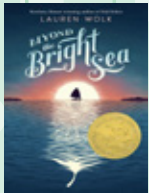
Francis and Pieter are brothers. As shadow of one war lingers, and the rumbles of another approach, the brothers argue. Francis is a fierce pacifist, while Pieter signs up to fight. What happens next will change the course of Francis's life forever... and throw him into the mouth of the wolf.

Publisher: Egmont UK, 2018 | From: [www.michaelmorpurgo.com](http://www.michaelmorpurgo.com)

UNIT 6

# WHAT SALLAMAN DIDN'T KNOW

Check out these books at the public libraries!



**TITLE: BEYOND THE BRIGHT SEA**  
**AUTHOR: LAUREN WOLK**  
**CALL NO.: J WOL**

Twelve-year-old Crow has lived her entire life on a tiny, isolated piece of the starkly beautiful Elizabeth Islands in Massachusetts. Abandoned and set adrift in a small boat when she was just hours old, Crow's only companions are Osh, the man who rescued and raised her, and Miss Maggie, their fierce and affectionate neighbor across the sandbar. Crow has always been curious about the world around her, but it isn't until the night a mysterious fire appears across the water that the unspoken question of her own history forms in her heart. Soon, an unstoppable chain of events is triggered, leading Crow down a path of discovery and danger.

Publisher: Dutton Children's Books, 2017 | From: [www.penguinrandomhouse.com](http://www.penguinrandomhouse.com)  
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**TITLE: EARTH TO DAD**  
**AUTHOR: KRISTA VAN DOLZER**  
**CALL NO.: J VAN**

When a new family moves onto Base Ripley, Jameson O'Malley makes an unlikely friend in Astra Primm, daughter of the country's leading climatologist, who died in an explosion on Mars. But as Jameson's friendship with Astra grows stronger, he begins to notice the flaws in his own family. Mom is growing distant, and something is wrong with Dad. He's not sending transmissions as frequently as he used to, and when he does there are bags under his eyes. Jameson begins to realize there's more to the story than he knows— and plenty people aren't telling him. Determined to learn the truth and discover what happened to their parents, Jameson and Astra embark on a journey exploring life, loss, and friendship that will take them to the edge of their universe.

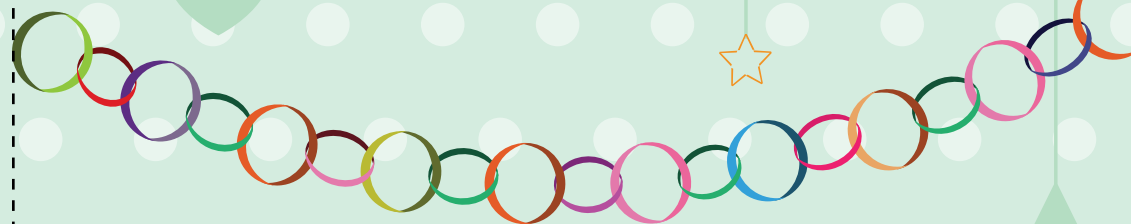
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**TITLE: PAPER CHAINS**  
**AUTHOR: ELAINE VICKERS**  
**CALL NO.: J VIC**

Katie and Ana are the kind of friends who share everything with each other. But there are some things you can't even share with your best friend. Katie has always known she was adopted, but recently she's been wondering about her birth parents and her birthplace. She worries that saying this out loud— even to her best friend— could mess up the perfect family she has now. Ana's family has been falling apart ever since her dad left, and it's up to her to hold it together. But Ana fears no matter how hard she tries, her family may never be whole again. At a time when they need each other the most, the links between the girls are beginning to break. Before they lose each other, they must work through the tangles of secrets to the shining truth underneath: friendship, just like family, is worth fighting for.

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# WARRIORS



A warrior is often a soldier or trained fighter who has shown great courage. The earliest warriors date back to the prehistoric times and battles were fought for many reasons, including ownership of land or property, leadership, independence, and fame and glory.

There are many famous and infamous warriors from different time periods and countries.

In the east of Britain, there was Boudicca, the warrior queen of a Celtic tribe called Iceni. When her husband passed away, he left half his kingdom to the Romans. But the Romans demanded the whole kingdom and attacked Boudicca's family. Outraged, she led more than 100,000 warriors to ravage Roman cities.

In Japan, there was Benkei the warrior monk. He had hoped to create a magic sword by collecting 1,000 swords from fallen Samurai who dared to pass the Gojo Bridge and challenge him. He was undefeated until his 1,000th duel with a young soldier called Yoshitsune.

In Northern India, Babur was the powerful leader of the Mughal Empire. Babur was a given nickname which means "tiger", and his army was extremely impressive. Not only did he have tens of thousands of elite horsemen, he also utilised war elephants as firing platforms for archers and spear throwers.

**Think you know a lot about warriors? See if you can separate fact from fiction in the statements below. Flip the booklet upside-down for the answers!**

### 1) FACT OR FICTION

Vikings wore horns on their helmets to scare the enemy

### 2) FACT OR FICTION

Maori warriors danced on the battlefield

### 3) FACT OR FICTION

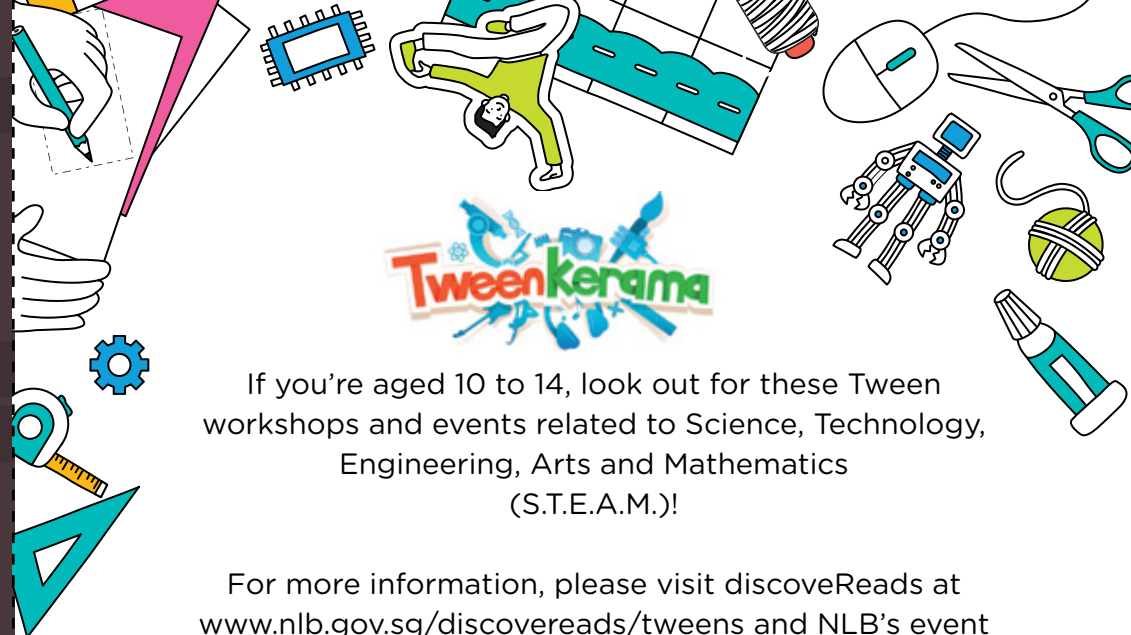
Joan of Arc was burned at the stake because she dressed as a man.

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Author: John Malam  
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Title: Top 10 Worst Ruthless Warriors You Wouldn't Want to Know About!  
Author: Fiona Macdonald  
Call No.: J 355.009 MAC  
Publisher: Book House, 2012.

Title: World War One Made Soldiers' Feet Go Rotten!: The Fact or Fiction Behind Battles & Wars  
Author: Kay Barnham  
Call No.: J 355.02 BAR  
Publisher: Wayland, 2014.



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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