

SUGGESTED READS



Primary Six: Basic

UNIT 1

KUSU ISLAND

Check out these books at the public libraries!



**TITLE: THE SECRET OF REDHILL
(IFUN SINGXPLORE, BOOK 1)
AUTHOR: TRAVIS LOW
CALL NO.: J SING LOW**

Bukit Timah may be the most familiar hill in Singapore, but there's another that's shrouded in myth and mystery?! An antique book full of ancient secrets... A little creature with unbelievable powers... And a fantastic journey through time itself... When a group of iFun High School students—the SingXplorers— stumble across a strange second-hand bookstore, they unexpectedly face all these and more, in a thrilling adventure into the distant past!

Publisher: Funic, 2015 | From: www.funic.com.sg



**TITLE: A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM
(USBORNE ENGLISH READERS. LEVEL 3)
RETOLD BY: MAIRI MACKINNON
CALL NO.: J MAC**

Shakespeare's most popular play is a story of magic and misunderstanding. Fairies and humans meet, fight and fall in love with all the wrong people in the forest one summer night.

Publisher: Usborne, 2017 | From: usborne.com



**TITLE: WHEN THE SEA TURNED TO SILVER
AUTHOR: GRACE LIN
CALL NO.: J LIN**

Pinmei's gentle, loving grandmother always has the most thrilling tales for her granddaughter and the other villagers. However, the peace is shattered one night when soldiers of the Emperor arrive and kidnap the storyteller. Everyone knows that the Emperor wants something called the Luminous Stone That Lights the Night. Determined to have her grandmother returned, Pinmei embarks on a journey to find the Luminous Stone alongside her friend Yishan, a mysterious boy who seems to have his own secrets to hide. Together, the two must face obstacles usually found only in legends to find the Luminous Stone and save Pinmei's grandmother— before it's too late.

Publisher: Little, Brown, 2016 | From: www.gracelin.com
This book is also available on eReads at www.nlb.gov.sg.



**TITLE: THE MAGIC URN AND OTHER TIMELESS TALES
OF MALAYSIA
AUTHOR: TUTU DUTTA
CALL NO.: Y 398.209595 DUT**

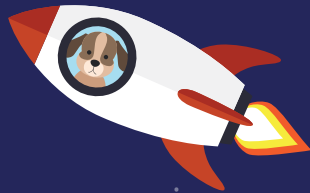
Elegant palaces, humble village houses, lush rice fields and verdant rainforests form the backdrops for the characters' search for truths, reversal of fortunes, sacrifices for the greater good, heartbreak, loss and the quest for love. In a world pervaded by magic, the heroes and heroines undertake journeys of personal growth, calling on the powers of love, memory, resilience, courage and wisdom to overcome the greatest odds.

Publisher: Marshall Cavendish, 2016 | From: www.marshallcavendish.com



WORKING DOGS

Check out these books at the public libraries!



TITLE: ONE AMAZING ELEPHANT
AUTHOR: LINDA OATMAN HIGH
CALL NO.: J HIG

Twelve-year-old Lily Pruitt loves her grandparents, but she doesn't love the circus— and the circus is their life. She's perfectly happy to stay with her father, away from her neglectful mother and her grandfather's beloved elephant, Queenie Grace. Then Grandpa Bill dies, and both Lily and Queenie Grace are devastated. When Lily travels to Florida for the funeral, she keeps her distance from the elephant. But the two are mourning the same man— and form a bond born of loss. And when Queenie Grace faces danger, Lily must come up with a plan to help save her friend.

Publisher: Harper, 2017 | From: www.harpercollins.com



TITLE: AMAZING DOGS
(DK READERS, LEVEL 2)
AUTHOR: LAURA BULLER
CALL NO.: J 363.7 BUL

Read about the many clever ways dogs help us with *DK Reader Amazing Dogs*. From rescuing to pulling power to being a friend, meet the many types of dogs that use their super sense, strength and hugs to help people.

Publisher: Dorling Kindersley, 2016 | From: www.penguinrandomhouse.com



TITLE: FOLLOWING BAXTER
AUTHOR: BARBARA KERLEY
CALL NO.: J KER

Eleven-year-old Jordie Marie Wallace has been waiting forever for someone to move in next door, so she is thrilled when Professor Reece arrives: she has a laboratory in her basement and an extraordinary dog named Baxter—who seems to understand everything Jordie says. Jordie and her younger brother T.J. begin walking Baxter and helping Professor Reece in the lab. But being lab assistants ends up being more than Jordie and T.J. bargained for and leads them to a secret neither of them expected.

Publisher: Harper, 2018 | From: www.harpercollins.com



TITLE: LUCY AND THE ROCKET DOG
AUTHOR: WILL BUCKINGHAM
CALL NO.: J BUC

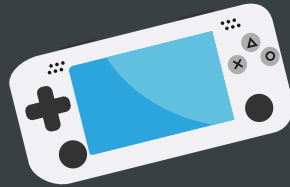
Lucy loves space. She loves to gaze up at the stars and bask in space's bigness and its here, there and everywhere. She loves it so much that she built a rocket ship in her backyard, hoping that one day she can use it to explore space herself. The ship is just Prototype I, though, so it's not ready to carry anyone into orbit yet. Or so she thinks. Laika doesn't give much thought to space— she is a dog, after all. The thing that Laika loves the most is Lucy. She loves Lucy so much that, one evening, she wanders into Prototype I looking for her— and is promptly launched into space. While Laika takes off on an intergalactic adventure, Lucy begins a lifelong scientific quest to bring her dog home.

Publisher: Alfred A. Knopf, 2017 | From: www.penguinrandomhouse.com

UNIT 3

COOLIE BOY

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TITLE: JOSH BAXTER LEVELS UP
AUTHOR: GAVIN BROWN
CALL NO.: J BRO

Josh Baxter is sick and tired of hitting the reset button. It's not easy being the new kid for the third time in two years. One mistake and now the middle school football star is out to get him. And Josh's sister keeps offering him lame advice about how to make friends, as if he needs her help finding allies! Josh knows that his best bet is to keep his head down and stay under the radar. If no one notices him, nothing can touch him, right? But when Josh's mom sees his terrible grades and takes away his video games, it's clear his strategy has failed. Josh needs a new plan, or he'll never make it to the next level, let alone the next grade. He's been playing not to lose. It's time to play to win.

Publisher: Scholastic, 2016 | From: www.scholastic.com
This book is also available on eReads at www.nlb.gov.sg.



TITLE: KARMA KHULLAR'S MUSTACHE
AUTHOR: KRISTI WIENTGE
CALL NO.: J WIE

Karma Khullar is about to start middle school, and she is super nervous. Not just because it seems like her best friend has found a newer, blonder best friend. Or the fact that her home life is shaken up by the death of her dadima. Or even that her dad is the new stay-at-home parent, leading her mother to spend most of her time at work. But because she's realized that she has seventeen hairs that have formed a mustache on her upper lip. With everyone around her focused on other things, Karma is left to figure out what to make of her terrifyingly hairy surprise all on her own.

Publisher: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2017 | From: www.simonandschuster.com



TITLE: THE CLOCKWORK WAR
AUTHOR: ADAM KLINE
CALL NO.: J KLI

Best friends Karlheinz Indergarten and Leopold Croak clash in an epic, imaginary battle waged in the branches of an enormous, ancient oak tree. But when lightning strikes young Leopold, he loses his imagination, and with it, his sense of right and wrong. The damaged boy grows to adulthood, treading a sinister path of industrial conquest. And Leopold's thirst for power soon threatens the tree, the village, and worst of all, the children within. But humble Karl discovers a gift for clockwork— the magic of gears and cogs— and assembles a mechanical army to fight back.

Publisher: Insight Editions, 2018 | From: www.simonandschuster.com



**TITLE: SMARTPHONE BULLYING
(STAND UP: BULLYING PREVENTION)**
AUTHOR: ADDY FERGUSON
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With texting, emailing, and social media accessible via smartphones, bullying is more difficult to avoid than ever before. But kids don't need to feel trapped by or scared of their smartphones. This volume teaches students how to handle bullies in this technological age, stay safe, and even prevent bullying.

Publisher: Rosen/Powerkids, 2015 | From: www.abebooks.com

PIRATES IN THE STRAITS OF MALACCA



Check out these books at the public libraries!



TITLE: CAPTAIN FIREBEARD'S SCHOOL FOR PIRATES
AUTHOR: CHAE STRATHIE
CALL NO.: J STR

Want to swap maths class for walking-the-plank lessons? Good idea! Except: this school's not good. It's bad! Welcome to Captain Firebeard's School for Pirates: the fiercest school on the Seven Seas. Forget yawnsome lessons in fractions. Here, you'll learn to swing a cutlass, speak pirate slang and attack enemy ships. Oh— and who needs rotten exams? These kids have real pirate missions as their tests! So grab your best eyepatch and join Tommy and his shipmates for their first term at this cool school.

Publisher: Scholastic, 2016 | From: clubs-kids.scholastic.co.uk



TITLE: THE PIRATE KING (SPACEJACKERS)
AUTHOR: HUW POWELL
CALL NO.: J POW

In the finale of the Spacejackers trilogy, the galaxy is experiencing a full-on war. With his friends and trusted allies captured, it is up to Jake Cutler— the young space pirate, and ruler of a secret planet— to restore peace. In order to do so, Jake must confront secrets and enemies from his past. Now, more than ever, it is every pirate for themselves! Will Jake finally be able to fulfil his destiny and save the entire universe from destruction? Or is the future a grim, black-hole?

Publisher: Bloomsbury, 2017 | From: www.bloomsbury.com



TITLE: THE PIRATE WHO'S BACK IN BUNNY SLIPPERS (SHIVERS!, BOOK 2)
AUTHORS: ANNABETH BONDOR-STONE & CONNOR WHITE
CALL NO.: J BON

Shivers must set sail again to get his beloved ship, the Land Lady, back from Mayor Sheila B. President. Shivers won't be going alone, however. He'll be bringing his best pal, Margo, and his loyal fishmate, Albee, on a clingy-clam and hot dog filled adventure. Like all good pirates, Shivers will just have to grab his swimmyies (and his bunny slippers) and jump right into this epic tale.

Publisher: Harper, 2016 | From: www.harpercollins.com



TITLE: PIRATES (DK FINDOUT)
AUTHOR: E.T. FOX
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For any kid that can't get enough of pirate facts, *DKFindout! Pirates* is packed with information, quizzes, fun facts and incredible images of every aspect of pirate life. Discover what pirates ate, what life was like onboard a ship, and the rules by which they lived.

Publisher: Dorling Kindersley, 2017 | From: www.penguin.com.au



PIRATES

The word “pirate” was first used by the ancient Greeks approximately 2,500 years ago. It meant “attacker”. Pirates have many names, including “buccaneers”, “freebooters” and “filibusters”. In the 1600s to 1700s, there were around 1,000 to 2,000 pirates in the Caribbean Sea at any one time!

Pirates still exist today in some parts of the world, especially near Asia and on the east coast of Northern Africa. Although they don’t have big sailing ships, modern pirates use modern technology like sonar and speedboats. Just like the early pirates, they steal precious cargo and kidnap people for ransom.

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

1 FACT OR FICTION

There were pirates who became kings.

2 FACT OR FICTION

All pirates were men.

3 FACT OR FICTION

A pirate flag is also known as a “Jolly Roger”.

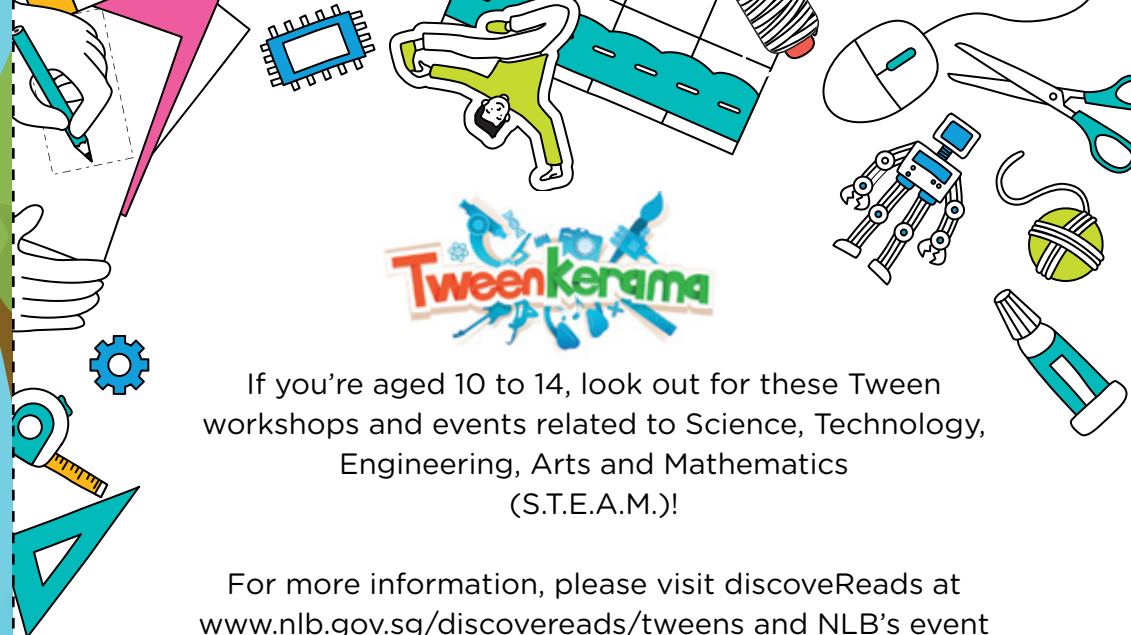
4 FACT OR FICTION

Pirates had their own code of laws.



Sourced from: _____
 Title: Surprising Facts About Pirates (Wow! I didn't know that)
 Author: Philip Steele
 Call No.: J 910.4 STE
 Publisher: Kingfisher, 2014.

Title: Captured by Pirates!: An Isabel Soto History Adventure
 Author: Agnieszka Biskup
 Call No.: J 910.4 BIS
 Publisher: Capstone, 2012.



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.)!

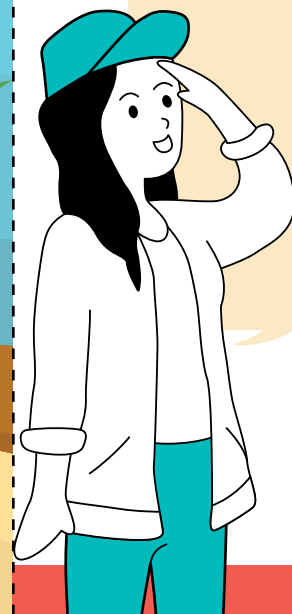
For more information, please visit discoverReads at www.nlb.gov.sg/discovereads/tweens and NLB’s event portal at www.nlb.gov.sg/golibrary.

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.

Tweenerama 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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