**Cedar Falls Public Library**

**Youth Book Discussion Kits**

**Anderson, John David Ms. Bixby’s Last Day 25**

 Ms. Bixby is a one-of-a-kind teacher, who makes school seem worthwhile. When she unexpectedly announces she won’t be able to finish the school year, Topher, Brand, and Steve come up with a risky plan to give Ms. Bixby the last day she deserves. *Youth. Grades 3-7*

**Angleberger, Tom** **Darth Paper Strikes Back (Origami Yoda Series Book 2) 25**

Harvey is upset when his **Darth Paper** finger puppet brings humiliation and gets Dwight suspended, but Origami Yoda asks Tommy and Kellan, now in seventh grade, to make a new case file to persuade the School Board to reinstate Dwight. *Youth. Grades 3-7*

**Angleberger, Tom The Strange Case of Origami Yoda (Origami Yoda Series Book 1) 26**

Sixth-grader Tommy and his friends describe their interactions with a paper finger puppet **of Yoda,** worn by their weird classmate Dwight, as they try to figure out whether or not the puppet can really predict the future. The book includes instructions for making **Origami Yoda. *Youth. Grades 3-7***

**Applegate, Katherine The One and Only Ivan 20**

**When Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the mall, he decides he must find her a better life.** *Youth. Grades 4-6*

**Balliett, Blue Chasing Vermeer (Hyde Park Series Book 1) 25**

When strange and seemingly unrelated events start to happen and a precious Vermeer painting disappears, eleven-year-olds Petra and Calder combine their talents to solve an international art scandal. *Youth. Grades 5-8*

**Birdsall, Jeanne The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale of Four Sisters, 23 Two Rabbits, and a Very Interesting Boy (Penderwick Series Book 1)**

This enjoyable tale of four sisters, a new friend, and his snooty mother is rollicking fun. The girls' father is a gentle, widowed botany professor who gives his daughters free reign but is always there to support or comfort them. Problems are solved and lessons learned in this wonderful, humorous book that features characters whom readers will immediately love. *Youth. Grades 4-6*

**Blume, Judy Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing 24**

 Peter finds his demanding two-year-old brother an ever-increasing problem. *Youth. Grades 4-6*

**Burt, Marissa Storybound 25**

Shy, twelve-year-old Una Fairchild is suddenly transported by a mysterious book into the Land of Story, where characters from books hope to be cast into a tale of their own, and Una attends the Perrault Academy while trying to discover why she is there. *Youth. Grades 4-7*

**Buyea, Rob Because of Mr. Terupt (Terupt Trilogy Book 1) 20**

Seven fifth-graders at Snow Hill School in Connecticut relate how their lives are changed for the better by their rookie teacher, **Mr. Terupt, who makes the classroom a fun place, until one snowy winter day when an accident changes them all. *Youth. Grades 4-7***

**Choldenko, Gennifer Al Capone Does My Shirts (Al Capone Series Book 1) 11**

A twelve-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards' families were housed there, and has to contend with his extraordinary new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister. *Youth. Grades 5-9*

**Cleary, Beverly The Mouse and the Motorcycle (Ralph Trilogy Book 1) 25**

 A young mouse named Ralph is thrown into a world of excitement when a boy and his shiny toy motorcycle check into the Mountain View Inn. Ralph vows to one day ride the red toy motorcycle, and takes his chance when the boy leaves the bike unattended in his room. But with all this freedom on the motorcycle comes a lot of unexpected obstacles. *Youth. Grades 3-7*

**Clements, Andrew Frindle 11**

When he decides to turn his fifth grade teacher's love of the dictionary around on her, clever Nick Allen invents a new word and begins a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control. *Youth. Grades 4-7*

**Clements, Andrew Things Not Seen 22**

When fifteen-year-old Bobby wakes up and finds himself invisible, he and his parents and his new blind friend Alicia try to find out what caused his condition and how to reverse it. *Youth. Grades 4-7*

**Cole, Henry A Nest for Celeste 20**

Celeste, a mouse longing for a real home, becomes a source of inspiration to teenaged Joseph, assistant to the artist and naturalist John James Audubon, at a New Orleans, Louisiana, plantation in 1821. *Youth. Grades 3-5*

**Colfer, Eoin Artemis Fowl (Artemis Fowl Series Book 1) 15**

When a twelve-year-old evil genius tries to restore his family fortune by capturing a fairy and demanding a ransom in gold, the fairies fight back with magic, technology, and a particularly nasty troll. Twelve-year-old Artemis Fowl is a most ingenious criminal mastermind, and heir to the Fowl family empire, a centuries-old clan of underworld figures and famous con artists. When Artemis kidnaps Holly Short, one of the Fairy People, to help him on his quest for gold, he takes on a Fairy world determined to rescue Holly. *Youth. Grades 5-7*

**Collins, Suzanne Gregor the Overlander (Gregor the Overlander Series Book 1) 25**

When eleven-year-old Gregor and his two-year-old sister are pulled into a strange underground world, they trigger an epic battle involving men, bats, rats, cockroaches, and spiders while on a quest foretold by ancient prophecy.  *Youth. Grades 5-9*

**Connor, Leslie All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook 25**

Eleven-year-old Perry was born and raised by his mom at the Blue River Co-ed Correctional Facility in Surprise, Nebraska. His mom is a resident of Cell Block C, and so far Warden Daugherty has made it possible for them to be together. That is, until a new district attorney discovers the truth—and Perry is removed from the facility and forced into a foster home. *Youth. Grades 3-7*

**Connor, Leslie Crunch 25**

 Dewey Marriss is stuck in a crunch. He never guessed that the gas pumps would run dry the same week he promised to manage the family’s bicycle-repair business. Suddenly *everyone* needs a bike. And *nobody* wants to wait. Meanwhile, the crunch has stranded Dewey’s parents far up north. It’s up to Dewey and his older sister, Lil, to look after their younger siblings and run the bike shop all on their own. *Youth. Grades 5-6*

**Creech, Sharon Walk Two Moons 16**

After her mother leaves home suddenly, thirteen-year-old Sal and her grandparents take a car trip retracing her mother's route. Along the way, Sal recounts the story of her friend Phoebe, whose mother also left. *Youth. Grades 6-9*

**Curtis, Christopher Paul The Watsons Go to Birmingham-1963 9**

The ordinary interactions and everyday routines of the Watsons, an African American family living in Flint, Michigan, are drastically changed after they go to visit Grandma in Alabama in the summer of 1963. *Youth. Grades 4-8*

**Dahl, Roald The Witches 24**

There’s nothing that hates children more than a real witch, so there’s plenty of peril in this story of a boy and his grandmother who try to foil the powerful Grand High Witch’s plot to turn all of England’s children into mice. *Youth. Grades 3-5*

**De Lint, Charles The Cats of Tanglewood Forest 25**

 Lillian Kindred spends her days exploring the Tanglewood Forest, a magical, rolling wilderness that she imagines to be full of fairies. The trouble is, Lillian has never seen a wisp of magic in her hills—until the day the cats of the forest save her life by transforming her into a kitten. Now she must set out on a perilous adventure that will lead her through untamed lands of fabled creatures to find a way to make things right. *Youth. Grades 3-7*

**DiCamillo, Kate Because of Winn-Dixie 20**

Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie.  *Youth. Grades 4-6*

**Dicamillo, Kate Flora and Ulysses 24**

Rescuing a squirrel after an accident involving a vacuum cleaner, comic-reading cynic Flora Belle Buckman is astonished when the squirrel, Ulysses, demonstrates astonishing powers of strength and flight after being revived. *Youth. Grades 3-7*

**DiTerlizzi, Tony Field Guide (Spiderwick Chronicles Book 1) 25**

When the Grace children go to stay at their Great Aunt Lucinda's worn Victorian house, they discover a field guide to fairies and other creatures and begin to have some unusual experiences. *Youth. Grades 4-7*

**DuPrau, Jeanne The City of Ember (Books of Ember Series Book 1) 16**

 In the year 241, twelve-year-old Lina trades jobs on Assignment Day to be a Messenger to run to new places in her beloved but decaying city, perhaps even to glimpse Unknown Regions. *Youth. Grades 4-8*

**Foley, Lizzie K. Remarkable 30**

Ten-year-old Jane Doe, the only student average enough to be excluded from the town of **Remarkable'**s School for the Remarkably Gifted, is joined at her public school by the trouble-making Grimlet twins, who lead her on a series of adventures involving an out-of-control science fair project, a pirate captain on the run from a mutinous crew, a lonely dentist, and a newly constructed bell tower that endangers **Remarkable'**s most beloved inhabitant--a skittish lake monster named Lucky. *Youth. Grades 3-6*

**Funke, Cornelia Inkheart (Inkworld Series Book 1) 20**

Twelve-year-old Meggie learns that her father, who repairs and binds books for a living, can "read" fictional characters to life when one of those characters abducts them and tries to force him into service. *Youth. Grades 4-7*

**Gaiman, Neil**  **Coraline 15**

Looking for excitement, **Coraline** ventures through a mysterious door into a world that is similar, yet disturbingly different from her own where she must challenge a gruesome entity in order to save herself, her parents, and the souls of three others. *Youth. Graphic Novel. Grades 4-7*

**Gaiman, Neil Fortunately, the Milk** **25**

 While picking up milk for his children's cereal, a father is abducted by aliens and finds himself on a wild adventure through time and space. *Youth. Grades 3-7*

**Gantos, Jack Dead End in Norvelt 15**

**In** the historic town of **Norvelt**, Pennsylvania, twelve-year-old Jack Gantos spends the summer of 1962 grounded for various offenses until he is assigned to help an elderly neighbor with a most unusual chore involving the newly **dead**, molten wax, twisted promises, Girl Scout cookies, underage driving, lessons from history, typewriting, and countless bloody noses. *Youth. Grades 3-5*

**George, Jessica Day Tuesdays at The Castle 22**

Eleven-year-old Princess Celie lives with her parents, the king and queen, and her brothers and sister at Castle Glower, which adds rooms or stairways or secret passageways most every Tuesday, and when the king and queen are ambushed while travelling, it is up to Celie--the castle's favorite--with her secret knowledge of its never-ending twists and turns, to protect their home and save their kingdom. *Youth. Grades 3-6*

**Gibbs, Stuart Spy School (Spy School Series Book 1) 25**

 Twelve-year-old Ben Ripley leaves his public middle **school** to attend the CIA's highly secretive Espionage Academy, which everyone is told is an elite science **school. *Youth. Grades 3-7***

**Gidwitz, Adam A Tale Dark and Grimm (Grimm Trilogy Book 1) 18**

The story follows Hansel and Gretel as they walk out of their own story and into eight more tales, encountering such wicked creatures as witches, along with kindly strangers and other helpful folk. Based in part on the Grimms' fairy tales. *Youth. Grades 4-9*

**Gownley, Jimmy The Whole World's Crazy 12**

New school, new friends, and a new life are all in store for nine-year-old Amelia Louise McBride. *Youth. Graphic Novel. Grades 4-9*

**Grabenstein, Chris Escape From Mr. Lemoncello’s Library (Lemoncello Series Book 1) 25**

 In this cross between Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and A Night in the Museum, Agatha Award winner Chris Grabenstein uses rib-tickling humor to create a contest that takes place in a brand new town library. *Youth. Grades 4-7*

**Grabenstein, Chris The Island of Dr. Libris 25**

A twelve-year-old boy, worried that his parents may divorce, discovers that an island in the middle of the lake where he is spending the summer is the testing grounds of the mysterious Dr. Libris, who may have invented a way to make the characters in books come alive. *Youth. Grades 4-7*

**Grabenstein, Chris Mr. Lemoncello’s Library Olympics (Lemoncello Series Book 2) 20**

 Mr. Lemoncello has invited teams from all across America to compete in the first-ever Library Olympics. But something suspicious is going on…books are missing from Mr. Lemoncello’s library. Is someone trying to censor what the kids are reading? Now it’s not just a game—can Mr. Lemoncello find the real defenders of books and champions of libraries? In between figuring out mind-boggling challenges, the kids will have to band together to get to the bottom of this mystery. *Youth. Grades 3-7*

**Haddix, Margaret Peterson Among the Hidden (Shadow Children Series Book 1) 17**

In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, Luke has lived all his twelve years in isolation and fear on his family's farm, until another "third" convinces him that the government is wrong. *Youth. Grades 3-7*

**Hesse, Karen The Music of Dolphins 12**

After rescuing an adolescent girl from the sea, researchers learn she has been raised by **dolphins** and attempt to rehabilitate her to the human world. *Youth. Grades 4-7*

**Hiassen, Carl Flush 25**

With their father jailed for sinking a river boat, Noah Underwood and his younger sister, Abbey, must gather evidence that the owner of this floating casino is emptying his bilge tanks into the protected waters around their Florida Keys home. *Youth. Grades 5-7*

**Holm, Jennifer The Fourteenth Goldfish 20**

Ellie's scientist grandfather has discovered a way to reverse aging, and consequently has turned into a teenager--which makes for complicated relationships when he moves in with Ellie and her mother, his daughter.  *Youth. Grades 5-7*

**Holm, Jennifer L. Turtle in Paradise 20**

**In** 1935, when her mother gets a job housekeeping for a woman who does not like children, eleven-year-old **Turtle** is sent to stay with relatives she has never met **in** far-away Key West, Florida. *Youth. Grades 3-5*

**Jennings, Patrick Guinea Dog (Guinea Dog Series Book 1) 17**

 When his mother brings home a guinea pig instead of the dog he has always wanted, fifth-grader Rufus is not happy--until the rodent starts acting exactly like a dog. *Youth. Grades 3-5*

**Jennings, Patrick We Can't All Be Rattlesnakes 30**

When Crusher the snake is captured, her only thought is to escape but as time goes by and she befriends the other inmates of the "zoo," she realizes that freedom also means leaving companions behind. *Youth. Grades 3-6*

**Kadohata, Cynthia Cracker! The Best Dog in Vietnam 25**

 A young soldier in Vietnam bonds with his bomb-sniffing dog. *Youth. Grades 5-9*

**Kamkwamba, William The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind (Young Reader’s Edition) 25**

 William Kamkwamba was born in a country where magic ruled and modern science was mystery. It was also a land withered by drought and hunger. William had read about windmills and decided to build one that could bring electricity and running water to his family. *Youth. Nonfiction. Grades 5-6*

**Kelly, Jacqueline Evolution of Calpurnia Tate 10**

 In central Texas in 1899, eleven-year-old Callie Vee Tate is instructed to be a lady by her mother, learns about love from the older three of her six brothers, and studies the natural world with her grandfather, the latter of which leads to an important discovery.  *Youth. Grades 6-9*

**Khan, Hena Amina’s Voice 25**

 Amina has never been comfortable in the spotlight. She is happy just hanging out with her best friend, Soojin. Except now that she’s in middle school everything feels different. Soojin is suddenly hanging out with one of the “cool” girls in school and talking about changing her name to something more “American.” Does Amina need to start changing too? Or hiding who she is to fit in? While Amina grapples with these questions, she is devastated when her local mosque is vandalized.  *Youth. Grades 3-7*

**Kibuishi, Kazu The Stonekeeper (Amulet Book 1) 25**

After the tragic death of their father, Emily and Navin move with their mother to the home of her deceased great-grandfather, but the strange house proves to be dangerous. Before long, a sinister creature lures the kids' mom through a door in the basement. Em and Navin, desperate not to lose her, follow her into an underground world inhabited by demons, robots, and talking animals. Eventually, they enlist the help of a small mechanical rabbit named Miskit. Together with Miskit, they face the most terrifying monster of all, and Em finally has the chance to save someone she loves. *Youth. Graphic Novel. Grades 4-7*

**Korman, Gordon Schooled 25**

Capricorn (Cap for short) had lived every day of his life on Garland Farm growing fruits and vegetables. He was homeschooled by Rain, the only person he knew in the world. Life was simple for Cap. But when Rain falls out of a tree while picking plums and is hospital-ridden, he has to attend the local middle school and live with his new guidance counselor and her irritable daughter. While Cap knew a lot about Zen Buddhism, no amount of formal education could ready him for the trials and tribulations of public middle school.  *Youth. Grades 4-7*

**Korman, Gordon Shipwreck (Island Trilogy, Book 1) 25**

 Six kids--Luke, J.J., Will, Lyssa, Charla, and Ian--are thrown together against their will on a small boat that will make a one-month journey on the Pacific Ocean. They have all been sent for different reasons, but these six totally different kids have to learn to work together to survive a vicious storm and a shipwreck that leave them stranded in the middle of the ocean with no food, no water, and almost no hope for survival. *Youth. Grades 3-7*

**Korman, Gordon Survival (Island Trilogy, Book 2)** **24**

 Six kids. One shipwreck. One deserted island. After their ship sinks, Luke, Ian, J.J., Charla, Will, and Lyssa must find a way to survive. They have no food and very few supplies. They think they're all alone, but they're not. And that's even worse. *Youth. Grades 3-7*

**Korman, Gordon Swindle (Swindle Series Book 1) 25**

After unscrupulous collector S. Wendell Palamino cons him out of a valuable baseball card, sixth-grader Griffin Bing puts together a band of misfits to break into Palomino's heavily guarded store and steal the card back, planning to use the money to finance his father's failing invention, the SmartPick fruit picker. *Youth. Grades 4-7*

**Law, Ingrid Savvy (Savvy Series Book 1) 26**

Recounts the adventures of Mibs Beaumont, whose thirteenth birthday has revealed her "savvy" -- a magical power unique to each member of her family -- just as her father is injured in a terrible accident. *Youth. Grades 4-6*

**L’Engle, Madeleine A Wrinkle in Time (Time Quintet Book 1) 26**

Meg Murry and her friends become involved with unearthly strangers and a search for Meg's father, who has disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government. *Youth. Grades 5-8*

**Lin, Grace Where the Mountain Meets the Moon 15**

Minli, an adventurous girl from a poor village, buys a magical goldfish, and then joins a dragon who cannot fly on a quest to find the Old Man of the Moon in hopes of bringing life to Fruitless Mountain and freshness to Jade River. *Youth. Grades 3-5*

**Lloyd, Natalie A Snicker of Magic 23**

The Pickles are new to Midnight Gulch, Tennessee, a town which legend says was once magic--but Felicity is convinced the magic is still there, and with the help of her new friend Jonah the Beedle she hopes to bring the magic back. *Youth. Grades 3-7*

**Mack, W.C**. **Athlete vs. Mathlete (Athlete vs. Mathlete Series Book 1)** **15**

 When their two worlds collide in seventh grade, fraternal twins and opposites Owen and Russell find themselves in direct competition at school, on the court, and at home. *Youth. Grades 4-6*

**Mack, W.C**. **Athlete vs. Mathlete: Double Dribble (Athlete vs. Mathlete Series Book 2) 20**

 Fraternal twins Russ and Owen's domination of the seventh-grade basketball team falters when identical twins Mitch and Marcus Matthews arrive and prove their skills on the court *and* in the classroom. *Youth. Grades 4-6*

**Malone, Marianne The Sixty-Eight Rooms (Sixty-Eight Rooms Series Book 1) 19**

Sixth-graders Ruthie and her best friend, Jack, are on a class visit to Chicago’s Art Institute, where they see the famous Thorne Rooms. Filled with incredible miniatures, the rooms, representing different time periods, fascinate Ruthie. When she finds a key that shrinks her and allows her to get inside the rooms, Ruthie wants to return as soon as possible. Jack is a willing partner, and when a way is found to shrink him, too, the adventure really begins. *Youth. Grades 4-6*

**Martin, Ann M. Rain Reign 25**

When a storm hits their rural town, rivers overflow, the roads are flooded, and Rose’s beloved dog, Rain, goes missing. Now Rose must find her dog, even if it means leaving her routines and safe places to search. *Youth. Grades 4-6*

**Mass, Wendy 11 Birthdays (Willow Falls Series Book 1) 24**

After celebrating their first nine birthdays together, Amanda and Leo, have a falling out on their tenth birthday and haven’t spoken to each other for the last year. They are now preparing to celebrate their eleventh birthday separately but peculiar things begin to happen as the day of their birthday begins to repeat itself over and over again. *Youth. Grades 3-5*

**Mass, Wendy A Mango-Shaped Space 23**

 Thirteen-year-old Mia is afraid she is crazy because she sees a special color with every letter, number, and sound. She keeps this a secret until she becomes overwhelmed by school, changing relationships, and the death of her beloved cat, Mango. *Youth. Grades 5-8*

**Mass, Wendy Candymakers 9**

When four twelve-year-olds compete in the Confectionary Association's annual contest, they unexpectedly become friends and uncover secrets about themselves during the process. *Youth. Grades 4-6*

**Mass, Wendy Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life 10**

Just before his thirteenth birthday, Jeremy Fink receives a keyless locked box--set aside by his father before his death five years earlier--that purportedly contains the meaning of life. *Youth. Grades 4-7*

**McMann, Lisa** **The Unwanteds (The Unwanteds Series Book 1) 18**

The society of Quill annually divides its 13-year-olds into three classes that determine their futures. The ruthless and intelligent “Wanteds” – go to the university and future roles in government or the military. “Necessaries” train for menial jobs. Creative, non-conformist “Unwanteds” are eliminated – thrown in a lake of boiling oil. At least that’s what Unwanted Alex believes will be his fate until he finds himself instead sent to a paradise where he and other Unwanteds train in art and magic while preparing for a conflict with the land they left behind. *Youth. Grades 4-7*

**Nielsen, Jennifer The False Prince (The Ascendance Trilogy Book 1) 25**

In **the** country of Carthya, a devious nobleman engages four orphans in a brutal competition to be selected to impersonate **the** king's long-missing son in an effort to avoid a civil war. No magic here, but political intrigue abounds. *Youth. Grades 5-9*

**Nesbet, Anne Cloud and Wallfish 25**

 Noah Keller has a pretty normal life, until one wild afternoon when his parents pick him up from school and head straight for the airport, telling him on the ride that his name isn’t really Noah and he didn’t really just turn eleven in March. He can’t even ask them why, because asking questions is against the newly instated rules. *Youth. Grades 5-9*

**Palacio, R.J. Wonder 24**

Ten-year-old Auggie Pullman, who was born with extreme facial abnormalities and was not expected to survive, goes from being home-schooled to entering fifth grade at a private middle school in Manhattan, which entails enduring the taunting and fear of his classmates as he struggles to be seen as just another student.  *Youth. Grades 3-7*

**Pennypacker, Sara Pax 20**

 Pax and Peter have been inseparable ever since Peter rescued him as a kit. But one day, the unimaginable happens: Peter’s dad enlists in the military and makes him return the fox to the wild. *Youth. Grades 3-7*

**Primavera, Elise Ms. Rapscott’s Girls 19**

Nestled inside a lighthouse, Great Rapscott School for the Daughters of Busy Parents takes its motto from Amelia Earhart: Adventure is worthwhile in itself. Headmistress Ms. Rapscott couldn’t agree more, but her students, who are shipped to the school in boxes, could use a little convincing. *Youth. Grades 3-7*

**Ray, Delia Here Lies Linc** **26**

While researching a rumored-to-be-haunted grave for a local history project, twelve-year-old Lincoln Crenshaw unearths some startling truths about his own family. *Youth. Grades 3-7*

**Reynolds, Jason Ghost (Track Series Book 1) 25**

Running is all that Ghost has ever known. But Ghost has been running for the wrong reasons—it all started with running away from his father, who once chased Ghost and his mother through their apartment, then down the street, with a loaded gun, aiming to kill. Since then, Ghost has been the one causing problems, until he meets Coach, an ex-Olympic Medalist who sees something in Ghost: crazy natural talent. If Ghost can stay on track, he could be the best sprinter in the city. *Youth. Grades 5-6*

**Rocklin, Joanne The Five Lives of Our Cat Zook 31**

Oona and her brother, Fred, love their cat, Zook (short for Zucchini), but Zook is sick. As they conspire to break him out of the vet's office, Oona tells the stories of his previous lives, ranging in style from fairy tale to grand epic to slice of life. Each of Zook's lives have echoes in Oona's own family life, which is going through a transition she's not yet ready to face. *Youth. Grades 3-6*

**Schmidt, Gary D. The Wednesday Wars 41**

During the 1967 school year, on Wednesday afternoons when all his classmates go to either Catechism or Hebrew school, seventh-grader Holling Hoodhood stays in Mrs. Baker's classroom where they read the plays of William Shakespeare and Holling learns much of value about the world he lives in. *Youth. Grades 5-9*

**Scieszka, Jon Knucklehead: Tall Tales & Mostly True Stories of Growing Up Scieszka 35**

 Author Jon Scieszka tells stories of growing up as one of six brothers -- Catholic school, comic books, lazy summers at the lake with time to kill, babysitting misadventures, TV shows, explosions, broken bones, an infamous joke told at family dinner, and so much more! *Youth. Non-fiction. Grades 3-6*

**Snyder, Laurel Any Which Wall 26**

In the middle of an Iowa cornfield, four children find a magic wall that enables them to travel through time and space. *Youth. Grades 3-5*

**Stauffacher, Sue Donuthead 30**

 Franklin Delano Donuthead, a fifth-grader obsessed with hygiene and safety, finds an unlikely friend and protector in Sarah Kervick, the tough new student who lives in a dirty trailer, bonds with his mother, and is as "irregular" as he is. *Youth. Grades 3-6*

**Stead, Rebecca When You Reach Me 18**

 As her mother prepares to be a contestant on the 1980s television game show, "The $20,000 Pyramid," a twelve-year-old New York City girl tries to make sense of a series of mysterious notes received from an anonymous source that seems to defy the laws of time and space. *Youth. Grades 3-6*

**Stevenson, Robert Louis Treasure Island 15**

A piracy tale set in the eighteenth century that includes a mysterious treasure map and a host of sinister characters charged with diabolical intentions. Seen through the eyes of Jim Hawkins, the cabin boy of the *Hispaniola*, the adventure takes place on the perilous sea journey across the Spanish Main, a mutiny led by the infamous Long John Silver, and a lethal scramble for buried treasure on an exotic isle. Y*outh. Grades 2-4*

**Stewart, Trenton Lee Mysterious Benedict Society Mysterious Benedict Society Series Book 1) 24**

After passing a series of mind-bending tests, four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules. *Youth. Grades 4-9*

**Tashjian, Janet My Life as a Book (My Life As Series Book 1) 31**

Dubbed a "reluctant reader" by his teacher, twelve-year-old Derek spends summer vacation learning important lessons even though he does not complete his summer reading list. *Youth. Grades 3-5*

**Tolan, Stephanie Surviving the Applewhites (Applewhites Series Book 1) 12**

 Jake, a budding juvenile delinquent, is sent from homeschooling to the arty and eccentric Applewhite family's Creative Academy, where he discovers talents and interests he never knew he had. *Youth. Grades 5+*

**Vanderpool, Clare Moon Over Manifest 14**

Twelve-year-old Abilene Tucker is the daughter of a drifter who, in the summer of 1936, sends her to stay with an old friend in Manifest, Kansas, where he grew up, and where she hopes to find out some things about his past. *Youth. Grades 5-9*

**West, Jacqueline The Shadows (Books of Elsewhere Series Book 1) 23**

When eleven-year-old Olive and her distracted parents move into an old Victorian mansion, Olive finds herself ensnared in a dark plan involving some mysterious paintings, a trapped and angry nine-year-old boy, and three talking cats. *Youth. Grades 3-5*

**Wolk, Lauren Wolf Hollow 22**

 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. *Youth. Grades 5-6*