



5th-6th Grade Reads Winter 2017 Chelmsford Public Library

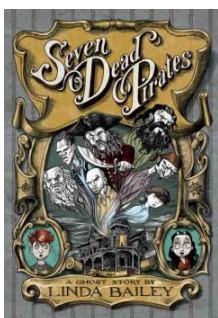
Genre Key

Adventure	AD	Humor	HU
Animals	AN	Mystery	MY
Fantasy	FA	Realistic	RE
Historical Fiction	HF	Sci-Fi	SF
Horror	HR	Sports	SP

Seven Dead Pirates

by Linda Bailey
J/Fic/Bailey

HR/HU



Lewis is eleven when his great-grandfather passes away and leaves Lewis's family with his decaying seaside mansion. Lewis is initially delighted with his new bedroom, a secluded tower in a remote part of the house. Then he discovers that it's already occupied—by the ghosts of seven dead pirates. Worse, the ghosts expect him to help them re-take their ship. The only problem is that this motley crew hasn't left the house in almost two hundred years and is terrified of going outside.

Soar

by Joan Bauer
Y/Fic/Bauer

SP



Jeremiah is the world's biggest baseball fan. He loves baseball and he knows just about everything there is to know about his favorite sport. So when he's told he can't play baseball following an operation on his heart, Jeremiah decides he'll do the next best thing and become a coach. Hillcrest, where Jeremiah just moved, is a town known for its baseball team. But Jeremiah finds the town caught up in a scandal and ready to give up on baseball. It's up to Jeremiah to get the town—and the team—back in the game.

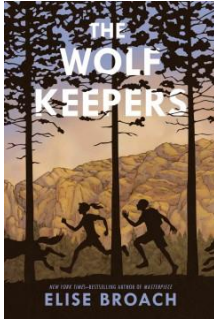
Addie Bell's Shortcut to Growing Up

by Jessica Brody
Y/Fic/Brody

SF/HU



Seventh grader Addie can't wait to grow up. Her parents won't let her have her own phone, and her best friend Grace isn't at all interested in make-up or boys. Then, on the night of her twelfth birthday, Addie makes a wish to be sixteen and wakes up to find her life has been fast-forwarded four years! Suddenly she has everything she's always wanted. But Addie soon discovers that a lot more has changed—including her friendship with Grace. Has she lost the chance to experience what could have been the best years of her life?

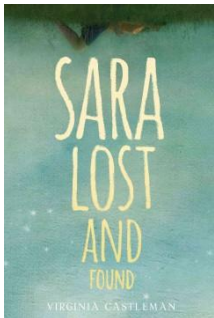


The Wolf Keepers

by Elise Broach
J/Fic/Broach

AN/MY

Lizzie and her dad have always had a zoo to call their home. Lizzie spends her days watching the animals. But everything changes one afternoon when she finds Tyler, a runaway who has secretly made the zoo his home. The two become friends and stumble into an investigation involving wolves who are suddenly dying. Little do they know, this mystery will draw them into a high-stakes adventure as they try to navigate safely while lost in Yosemite National Park.

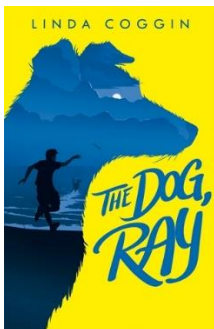


Sara Lost and Found

by Virginia Castleman
Y/Fic/Castleman

RE

Sara and Anna Olsen face an uncertain world. Their mother left home and may—or may not—be coming back. Their father is a drummer in a band and comes home long after the girls go to sleep—if he comes home at all. Too often, ten-year-old Sara and twelve-year-old Anna are left to fend for themselves. Then one night, three loud knocks at the door change everything: their father is in jail and social services has come to take the girls away. Rather than risk being split up, Sara and Anna decide to run away.

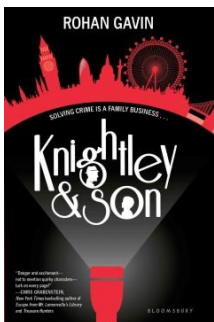


The Dog, Ray

by Linda Coggin
J/Fic/Coggin

AN/FA

Twelve-year-old Daisy has just died in a car crash. But in a twist of fate, Daisy ends up not where she is supposed to be, but in the body of a dog. Daisy may now be inhabiting a dog's body, but inside she is still very much Daisy, and is as bouncy, loyal, positive and energetic as she ever was. Daisy's only thought is to be reunited with her parents, whom she knows will be missing her. This is how she meets Pip, a boy who is homeless and on his own journey, and a lasting friendship between boy and dog/girl is formed.

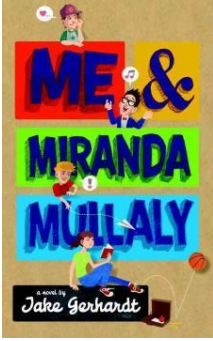


Knightley & Son

by Rohan Gavin
Y/Fic/Gavin

MY

The once highly in-demand detective Alan Knightley has just woken up after an unexplained incident kept him asleep for four years. While he was out cold, his son, Darkus, took it upon himself to read of all his dad's old cases, and he's learned a lot about the art of detection. It's a good thing too—because suddenly the duo find themselves caught up in a crazy conspiracy. But because Alan is still suffering the effects of his coma, he tends to fall asleep at the worst possible moments.



Me & Miranda Mullaly

by Jake Gerhardt

Y/Fic/Gerhardt

HU

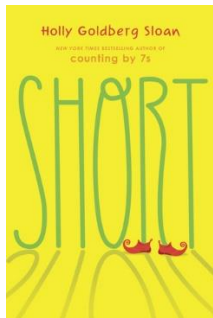
The fates of three 8th grade boys converge in biology class one day, as each falls desperately in love with the same girl. There's Sam, the class clown; Duke, the intellectual; and Chollie, the athlete. And the object of their collective affection? Miranda Mullaly—the girl who smiles like she means it, the girl who makes Christmas truly magic when she sings, the girl who barely realizes her admirers exist! But nothing will stop the guys from doing everything they can to get the girl, not even their inevitable confrontation.

Short

by Holly Goldberg Sloan

Y/Fic/Sloan

RE



Julia is very short for her age. She hasn't ever thought of herself as a performer, but when the director of *The Wizard 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!

The League of Seven

by Alan Gratz

J/Fic/Gratz

FA



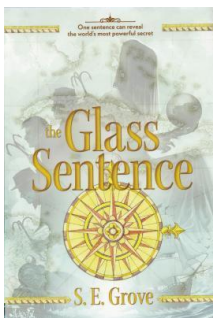
Archie knows there really are monster in the world. His parents are members of the Septemberist Society, whose job it is to protect humanity from hideous giants called the Mangleborn. Trapped in underground prisons for a thousand years, the giant monsters have been all but forgotten—but now they are rising again as the steam-driven America of 1875 rediscovers electricity, the lifeblood of the Mangleborn. When his parents are brainwashed, Archie must assemble a team of seven young heroes to save the world.

The Glass Sentence

by S. E. Grove

Y/Fic/Grove

FA



Sophia comes from a family of explorers who, for generations, have been traveling and mapping the New World—a world where all the continents were flung into different time periods. Eight years ago, her parents left her with her uncle Shadrack, the foremost cartologer in Boston, and went on an urgent mission. They never returned. Then Shadrack is kidnapped. And Sophia, who has rarely been outside of Boston, is the only one who can search for him.

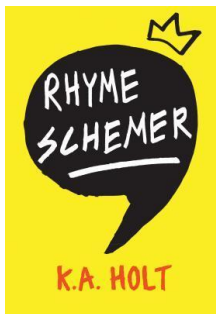


Underdogs

by Sara Hammel
Y/Fic/Hammel

SP / MY

When a popular teen beauty's body is discovered by the pool at an elite tennis club, the regulars are shocked—especially twelve-year-old Evie and her best friend, Chelsea. While everyone else is haunted by Annabel's death, Evie and Chelsea jump on the case, dogging the footsteps of the lead detective as he investigates. As temperatures soar over the summer, tensions rise, fingers are pointed, and a heroic act sets in motion a chain of events readers will never see coming.



Rhyme Schemer

by K. A. Holt
Y/Fic/Holt

HU

Kevin has a bad attitude. He's the one who laughs when you trip and fall. In fact, he may have been the one who tripped you in the first place. He has a real knack for rubbing people the wrong way--and he's even figured out a secret way to do it with poems. But what happens when the tables are turned and he is the one getting picked on?



Blackbird Fly

by Erin Entrada Kelly
Y/Fic/Kelly

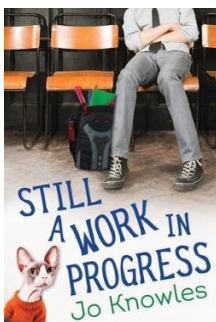
RE

Apple has always felt different from her classmates. She and her mother moved to Louisiana from the Philippines when she was little, and her mother still cooks Filipino foods, makes mistakes with her English, and chastises Apple for becoming "too American." It becomes unbearable in middle school, when the boys in Apple's class put her name on the Dog Log, the list of the most unpopular girls in school. When Apple's friends turn on her, Apple turns to music. If she can just save enough to buy a guitar, maybe she can change.

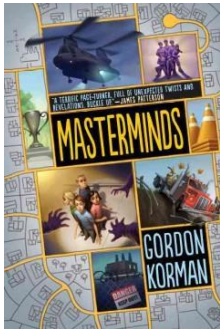
Still a Work in Progress

by Jo Knowles
Y/Fic/Knowles

RE



Noah is just trying to make it through seventh grade. The girls are confusing, the homework is boring, and even his friends are starting to bug him. Not to mention that his older sister, Emma, has been acting pretty strange, even though Noah thought she'd been doing better ever since the Thing They Don't Talk About. The only place he really feels at peace is in art class. As it becomes clear through Emma's ever-stricter food rules that she's not doing better at all, the normal year Noah was hoping for begins to seem unattainable.



Masterminds
by Gordon Korman
J/Fic/Korman

SF

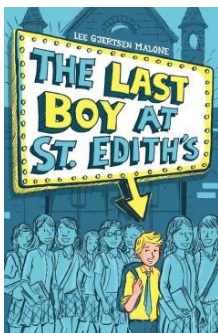
Eli lives in the most boring town in the world: Serenity, New Mexico. Only thirty kids live there, where every lawn is perfectly manicured and everyone has a pool and a basketball hoop. There is no crime. Eli has never left town. But everything changes the day he and his friend Randy bike to the city limits. Eli is suddenly struck with a paralyzing headache. Instantly, a crew of security descends via helicopter. Eli awakens in the hospital, and Randy and his family are gone. As Eli convinces his friends to help him investigate Randy's disappearance, it becomes clear that nothing is as it seems. So they hatch a plan for what could be the greatest breakout in history—but will they survive?



The Skeleton Tree
by Iain Lawrence
Y/Fic/Lawrence

AD

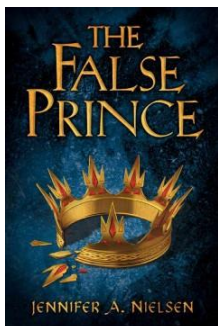
Less than 48 hours after Chris casts off on a trip to sail down the Alaskan coast with his uncle, their boat sinks. The only survivors are Chris and a boy named Frank, who hates Chris immediately. Chris and Frank have no radio, no flares, no food. Suddenly, they've got to find a way to forage, fish and scavenge supplies from the shore. But the boys have to get along if they want to survive. Because as the days get colder survival will take more than sheer force of will.



The Last Boy at St. Edith's
by Lee Gjersten Malone
Y/Fic/Malone

HU

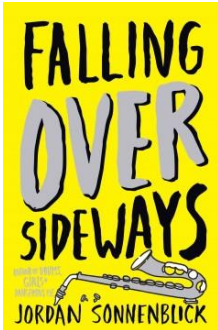
Jeremy has a girl problem. Or, more accurately, a girls problem. Four hundred and seventy-five of them. That's how many girls attend his school, St. Edith's Academy. Jeremy is the only boy left after the school's brief experiment in coeducation. And he needs to get out. His mom won't let him transfer, so Jeremy takes matters into his own hands: He's going to get expelled. Together with his best friend, Claudia, Jeremy unleashes a series of hilarious pranks in hopes that he'll get kicked out with minimum damage to his permanent record.



The False Prince
by Jennifer Nielsen
Y/Fic/Nielsen

AD

In a discontent kingdom, civil war is brewing. To unify the divided people, Conner, a nobleman, devises a cunning plan to find an impersonator of the king's long-lost son and install him as a puppet prince. Four orphans are recruited to compete for the role, including a defiant boy named Sage. Sage knows that Conner's motives are questionable, yet his life balances on a sword's point—he must be chosen to play the prince or he will certainly be killed. But Sage's rivals have their own agendas as well.



Falling Over Sideways

by Jordan Sonnenblick

Y/Fic/Stead

RE

Claire's life is a joke, but she's not laughing. While her friends seem to be leaping forward, she's dancing in the same place. The mean girls at school are living up to their mean name, and there's a boy, Ryder, who's just as bad, if not worse. And at home, nobody's really listening to her—if anything, they seem to be more in on the joke than she is. Then her dad has a medical emergency. Suddenly the joke has become very serious—and the only way Claire, her family, and her friends are going to get through it is if they can find a way to make it funny again.

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