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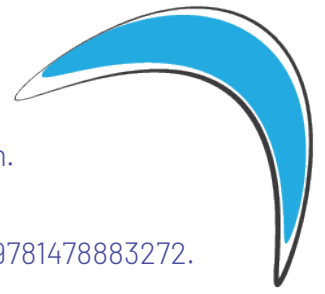
• KINDERGARTEN — 2ND GRADE •

LIBRARIAN READ. LIBRARIAN CHOSEN.

From the hundreds of newly published books voted on by school librarians across the country, here are the top vote-getters, starting with the top 25!

1. **The History of We.** Written & illustrated by Nikkolas Smith. ISBN 9780593619681. Penguin Young Readers / Kokila. K-2
2. **I Am Not Your Hat!** Written & illustrated by Lisa Bentley. ISBN 9781665955362. Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing / Beach Lane Books. K-2
3. **Scarecited on the First Day of School.** Written by Alliah L. Agostini. Illustrated by Lala Watkins. ISBN 9780374390020. Macmillan Children's Publishing / Farrar Straus Giroux Books for Young Readers. K-2
4. **POP! Goes the Nursery Rhyme.** Written by Betsy Bird. Illustrated by Andrea Tsurumi. ISBN 9781454960461. Union Square & Co. / Union Square Kids. K-2
5. **Buzz! Boom! Bang!: The Book of Sounds.** Written & illustrated by Benjamin Gottwald. ISBN 9780735846036. NorthSouth Books. K-2
6. **The Gathering Table.** Written by Antwan Eady. Illustrated by London Ladd. ISBN 9780593480601. Random House Children's Books / Alfred A. Knopf BFYR. K-2
7. **Stalactite & Stalagmite: A Big Tale from a Little Cave.** Written & illustrated by Drew Beckmeyer. ISBN 9781665926638. Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing / Atheneum BFYR. K-2
8. **Axolotl and Axolittle.** Written by Jess Hitchman. Illustrated by Sarah Rebar. ISBN 9781464237904. Sourcebooks / Sourcebooks Jabberwocky. K-2
9. **Fish Fry Friday: A Picture Book.** Written by Winsome Bingham. Illustrated by C. G. Esperanza. ISBN 9781419766930. ABRAMS / Abrams Books for Young Readers. K-2
10. **Sadie Mouse Wrecks the House.** Written by Elliott Kalan. Illustrated by Tim Miller. ISBN 9780062998392. HarperCollins. K-2
11. **Mama Car.** Written by Lucy Catchpole. Illustrated by Karen George. ISBN 9780316578035. Little, Brown and Company / Little, Brown Books for Young Readers. K-2
12. **The Tree of Life: Lift-the-flap book about the amazing animals that live in trees around the world.** Written by Nalini Nadkarni. Illustrated by Kendra Binney. ISBN 9781684494644. Macmillan Children's Publishing / Neon Squid. K-2
13. **Astronaut Sisters.** Written & illustrated by Julie Fortenberry. ISBN 9780823458127. Holiday House / Margaret Ferguson Books. K-2
14. **Goats Afloat.** Written by Lezlie Evans. Illustrated by Julia Patton. ISBN 9781662520259. Amazon Publishing / Two Lions. K-2





15. **E-I-UFO: Old MacDonald Had a Farm.** Written by Zach von Zonk. Illustrated by Benjamin Chaud. ISBN 9781797223896. Chronicle Books. K-2
 16. **Good Luck, Ice Cream Truck!** Written by Sorche Fairbank. Illustrated by Terry Runyan. ISBN 9780062842114. HarperCollins / Greenwillow Books. K-2
 17. **Babies Are Not Bears.** Written by Linda Lodding. Illustrated by Lara Dombret. ISBN 9781478883272. Reycraft Book / Benchmark Education. K-2
 18. **Popo the Xolo.** Written by Paloma Angelina Lopez. Illustrated by Abraham Matias. ISBN 9781623544577. Charlesbridge Publishing. K-2
 19. **They Work: Honey Bees, Nature's Pollinators.** Written by June Smalls. Illustrated by Yukari Mishima. ISBN 9781641709651. Familius. K-2
 20. **A Maker of Dresses.** Written by Violet Lemay and Michael Sampson. Illustrated by Violet Lemay. ISBN 9781612547213. Brown Books Publishing Group / Brown Books Kids. K-2
 21. **A Cat Like That.** Written by Lester L. Laminack. Illustrated by Nicole Wong. ISBN 9781682635230. Peachtree / Margaret Quinlin Books. K-2
 22. **No More Gnomes.** Written & illustrated by Beth Mills. ISBN 9798765643457. Lerner Publishing Group / Carolrhoda Books. K-2
 23. **Orson and the World's Loudest Library.** Written by Laura Gehl. Illustrated by Stephanie Ross Sisson. ISBN 9781662602085. Astra Books for Young Readers / Astra Young Readers. K-2
 24. **Waiting for Winter: A True Story of Resilience and Joy in the Face of Climate Change.** Written & illustrated by Stephen Gorman. ISBN 9781630793210. Capstone / Capstone Editions. K-2
 25. **Calm Your Roar Like a Dinosaur: How to Relax Muscle by Muscle.** Written by Brenda S. Miles and Colleen A. Patterson. Illustrated by John Joseph. ISBN 9781433844652. American Psychological Association / Magination Press. K-2
- Alice Alone.** Written by Jessica Shaw. Illustrated by Olga Herrera. ISBN 9798889880141. The Creative Company / Amicus Ink. K-2
- Amy's Travels.** Written by Kathryn Starke. Illustrated by Jennifer Carter, Laura Starke Barrick, Charlotte Barrick, and Charity Wells. ISBN 9798218184124. Creative Minds Publications. K-2
- Awesome of the Day.** Written by Ellen Javernick. Illustrated by Bhagya Madanasinghe. ISBN 9781662521966. Amazon Publishing / Two Lions. K-2
- Balloon.** Written by Bruce Handy. Illustrated by Julie Kwon. ISBN 9781797215044. Chronicle Books. K-2
- Bea's Balikbayan Box of Treasures.** Written by Christine Alemshah. Illustrated by Dream Chen. ISBN 9798885546416. Free Spirit Publishing. K-2
- Bearsuit Turtle Makes a Friend: A Picture Book.** Written & illustrated by Bob Shea. ISBN 9781419771552. ABRAMS / Abrams Books for Young Readers. K-2
- The Big Snowdown.** Written & illustrated by Katy Hudson. ISBN 9781684469123. Capstone / Capstone Editions. K-2

The Biggest Dog in the Book. Written by Ben Lerwill. Illustrated by Mark Chambers. ISBN 9780593965405. DK. K-2

The Biggest Smallest Thing. Written by Sara de Waal. Illustrated by Ana Stretcu. ISBN 9781773219455. Annick Press. K-2

Body Beautiful: A Picture Book. Written by Susan Verde. Illustrated by Steph Littlebird. ISBN 9781419777462. ABRAMS / Abrams Books for Young Readers. K-2

Caboose: A Picture Book. Written by Travis Jonker. Illustrated by Ruth Chan. ISBN 9781419765032. ABRAMS / Abrams Books for Young Readers. K-2

Chalk the Walk. Written by Chelsea Tornetto. Illustrated by Laurel Aylesworth. ISBN 9781641709682. Familius. K-2

Charley Mouse Cleans House. Written & illustrated by Katerina Gorelik. ISBN 9781636551418. Red Comet Press. K-2

Clara and the Man With Books in his Window. Written by María Teresa Andruetto. Illustrated by Martina Trach. ISBN 9781778402517. Greystone Books / Aldana Libros. K-2

Croco. Written by Azul López. Translated by Kit Maude. Illustrated by Azul López. ISBN 9798988749974. Tapioca Stories. K-2

Cute Animals That Could Kill You Dead. Written by Booke Hartman. Illustrated by María García. ISBN 9781728285290. Sourcebooks / Sourcebooks Explore. K-2

Dark Skies. Written by Lindsey Hobson. Illustrated by Makenzie McCarthy. ISBN 9781956378351. The Little Press. K-2

Dear Acorn (Love, Oak). Written by Joyce Sidman. Illustrated by Melissa Sweet. ISBN 9780358334767. HarperCollins / Clarion Books. K-2

Dinosaur Surprise! Written by Rebecca Gardyn Levington. Illustrated by Teresa Bellon. ISBN 9781639623501. Highlights. K-2

Don't Trust Fish. Written by Neil Sharpson. Illustrated by Dan Santat. ISBN 9780593616673. Penguin Young Readers / Dial Books. K-2

Emmie Builds Something New. Written & illustrated by Marjorie Crosby-Fairall. ISBN 9781636551395. Red Comet Press. K-2

The Fib. Written by Pedro Iniguez. Illustrated by Nathan Kwan. ISBN 9781962351300. Gloo Books. K-2

Fish Don't Go to School. Written & illustrated by Deb Pilutti. ISBN 9780316565271. Little, Brown and Company / Little, Brown for Young Readers / Christy Ottaviano Books. K-2

George & Lenny Are Always. Written & illustrated by Jon Agee. ISBN 9780593857731. Penguin Young Readers / Rocky Pond Books. K-2



Grandpas, Piranhas, and Other Stories. Written & illustrated by Rocio Bonilla. ISBN 9788000076072. Albatros Media. K-2

The Grumpy Ghost Upstairs. Written & illustrated by Mamiko Shiotani. ISBN 9781782509264. Floris Books. K-2

Heave Ho. Written & illustrated by Sally Anne Garland. ISBN 9781503772540. PHOENIX International Publications, Inc. / Sunbird Books. K-2

Hello, Tobi! Written & illustrated by Andrea Cáceres. ISBN 9781536222807. Candlewick Press. K-2

Here Is a Book: A Picture Book. Written & illustrated by Elisha Cooper. ISBN 9781419766756. ABRAMS / Abrams Books for Young Readers. K-2

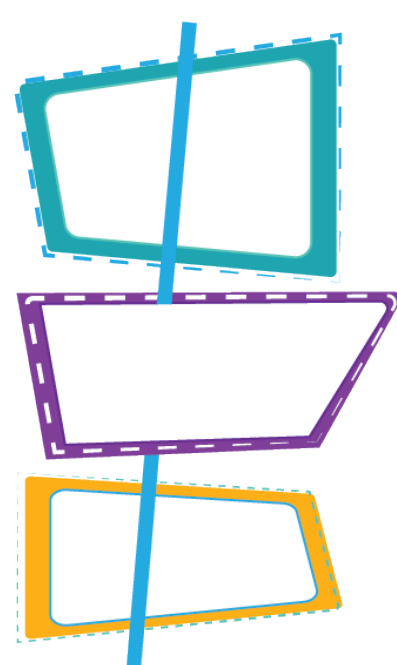
How To Reach the Moon. Written by Nicolás Schuff. Translated by Lawrence Schimel. Illustrated by Ana Sender. ISBN 9781662522963. Amazon Publishing / Amazon Crossing Kids. K-2

I Rock My Hair: Pretty and Protected by the CROWN Act. Written & illustrated by Angel Tate. ISBN 9781957655444. Gnome Road Publishing. K-2

I Said No: A Kid-to-Kid Guide to Keeping Private Parts Private. Written by Kimberly King. Illustrated by Susan Szecsi. ISBN 9781958325391. Marble Press. K-2

Luna and the Case of the Missing Mooncakes. Written by Natasha Yim. Illustrated by Violet Kim. ISBN 9781623544669. Charlesbridge Publishing. K-2

Max and Chaffy: Welcome to Animal Island. Written & illustrated by Jamie Smart. ISBN 9780593965306 . DK. K-2



Miya Wears Orange. Written by Wanda John-Kehewin. Illustrated by Erika Rodriguez Medina. ISBN 9781774921258. Portage & Main Press / HighWater Press. K-2

Pencil. Written & illustrated by Hye-eun Kim. ISBN 9781662665530. Astra Books for Young Readers / TOON Books. K-2

Piccolo. Written & illustrated by Dan Yaccarino. ISBN 9780316574563. Little, Brown and Company / Little, Brown for Young Readers / Christy Ottaviano Books. K-2

Rainy Day for Tortas Fritas. Written & illustrated by Lau Moraiti. ISBN 9781223189147. Paw Prints Publishing. K-2

Ramon Fellini the Dog Detective. Written & illustrated by Guilherme Karsten. ISBN 9780802856364. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers. K-2

Ready, Set, Mango! Written by Tamla T. Young. Illustrated by Raz Latif. ISBN 9781771475488. Owlkids Books. K-2

Recess: A Picture Book. Written & illustrated by Lane Smith. ISBN 9781419776892. ABRAMS / Abrams Books for Young Readers. K-2

Ruby René Always Gets Her Way. Written by Ashley Iman. Illustrated by Gladys Jose. ISBN 9780593858882. Penguin Young Readers / Kokila. K-2

Signs of Friendship. Written by Annie Silvestro. Illustrated by Ziyue Chen. ISBN 9781665941693. Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing / Beach Lane Books. K-2

The Slightly Spooky Tale of Fox and Mole. Written & illustrated by Cecilia Heikkilä. ISBN 9781782509530. Floris Books. K-2

A Snow Day for Amos McGee. Written by Phil C. Stead. Illustrated by Erin E. Stead. ISBN 9781250324733. Macmillan Children's Publishing / Roaring Brook Press. K-2

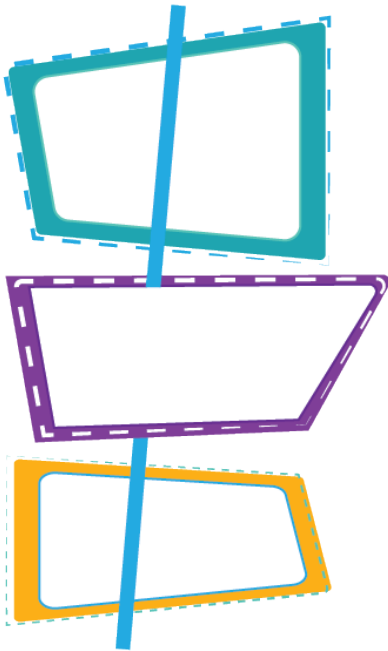
Some Days I'm the Wind. Written by Rebecca Gardyn Levington. Illustrated by Dinara Mirtalipova. ISBN 9798888596623. Barefoot Books. K-2

When You're a Boy. Written & illustrated by Blake Nuto. ISBN 9781631639876. North Star Editions / Jolly Fish Press. K-2

Why Do Okapis Look So Funny?: A Book about Rainforest Animals. Written by Jack Beard. Illustrated by Jayri Gomez. ISBN 9781486731145. Flowerpot Press. K-2

Wôpanâak Seasons: Seeqan, Neepun, Keepun, Pup8n. Written by Carrie Anne Vanderhoop. Illustrated by Mangeshig Pawis-Steckley. ISBN 9781926890418. Tradewind Books. K-2

Zebra & Yak Backwards Alphabet. Written & illustrated by Paul Friedrich. ISBN 9798217002108. Penguin Young Readers / G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers. K-2

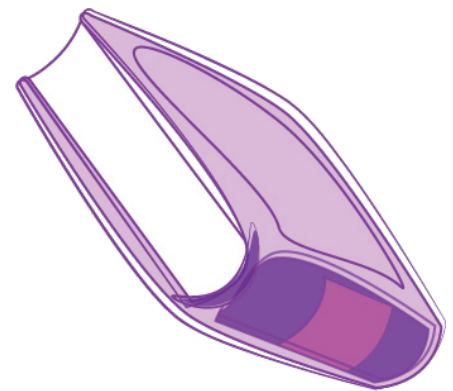


• 3RD — 5TH GRADE •

LIBRARIAN READ. LIBRARIAN CHOSEN.

From the hundreds of newly published books voted on by school librarians across the country, here are the top vote-getters, starting with the top 15!

1. **All the Blues in the Sky.** Written by Renée Watson. ISBN 9781547605897. Bloomsbury / Bloomsbury Children's Books. 3-5
2. **Catty Corner Lands on Her Feet.** Written by Julie Murphy. Illustrated by Eve Farb. ISBN 9781454956488. Union Square & Co. / Union Square Kids. 3-5
3. **Dino Poet: A Graphic Novel.** Written & illustrated by Tom Angleberger. ISBN 9781419772801. ABRAMS / Fanfare. 3-5
4. **Sketch.** Written & illustrated by Jacques Goldstyn. ISBN 9781778402777. Greystone Books / Aldana Libros. 3-5
5. **The Undead Fox of Deadwood Forest.** Written by Aubrey Hartman. ISBN 9780316575720. Little, Brown and Company / Little, Brown Books for Young Readers. 3-5
6. **Speechless: A Graphic Novel.** Written & illustrated by Aron Nels Steinke. ISBN 9781338849325. Scholastic / Graphix. 3-5
7. **Goat Magic.** Written & illustrated by Kate Wheeler. ISBN 9781637158050. Oni Press. 3-5
8. **The Cake Problem: Equivalent and Simplified Fractions.** Written by Bill Wise. Illustrated by Davilyn Lynch. ISBN 9798890630285. Clavis. 3-5
9. **Sign Up for Adventure!: The Doodling Duo vs. Spaghetti Monster.** Written & illustrated by Lavanya Karthik. ISBN 9781949528084. Sambasivan & Parikh / Modern Marigold Books. 3-5
10. **Return of the Terns: How Scientists Are Saving Island Birds.** Written by Jennifer Keats Curtis and Kim Abplanalp. Illustrated by Phyllis Saroff. ISBN 9781638173298. Arbordale Publishing. 3-5
11. **Rise Up!: Powerful Protests in American History.** Written by Rachel Katz. Illustrated by Sophie Bass. ISBN 9798888593684. Barefoot Books. 3-5
12. **Around the World on 80 Horses.** Written by Jill Newton. Illustrated by Jill Newton. ISBN 9781786288073. Child's Play, Inc. 3-5
13. **Astrologica: An Encyclopedia of Myths and Legends From the Planets, Stars and Skies.** Written by Suki Ferguson. Illustrated by Camelia Pham. ISBN 9780711293601. The Quarto Group / Wide Eyed Editions. 3-5
14. **Bunns Rabbit.** Written & illustrated by Alan Barillaro. ISBN 9781536214673. Candlewick Press. 3-5
15. **What Happened Then.** Written by Erin Soderberg Downing. ISBN 9781546124986. Scholastic / Scholastic Press. 3-5



Bad Badger. Written by Maryrose Wood. Illustrated by Giulia Ghigini. ISBN 9781454953456. Union Square & Co. / Union Square Kids. 3-5

Caring. Written by Kobi Yamada. Illustrated by Elise Hurst. ISBN 9781957891606. Compendium. 3-5

A Change is Gonna Come. Written by Sam Cooke. Illustrated by Nikkolos Smith. ISBN 9781499816150. Little Bee Books. 3-5

Chip and Chatti Save the Farm. Written by Heidi Paul. Illustrated by Heidi Paul, interiors; Karen Vermeulen, cover art. ISBN 9781963511048. Catalyst Press / Flare Kids. 3-5

Duck and Moose: Moose's Bad Hair Day! Written & illustrated by Kirk Reedstrom. ISBN 9781368115865. Disney Publishing / Disney Hyperion. 3-5

Einstein the Penguin. Written by Iona Rangeley. Illustrated by David Tazzyman. ISBN 9781684648504. Kane Miller Books. 3-5

Grind: An Ode on Skateboarding. Written by Carole Boston Weatherford. Illustrated by Néstor Omar García López. ISBN 9781478891864. Reycraft Book / Benchmark Education. 3-5

Growing Home. Written by Beth Ferry. Illustrated by Terry Fan and Eric Fan. ISBN 9781665942485. Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing / Simon & Schuster BFYR. 3-5

I Am We: How Crows Come Together to Survive. Written by Leslie Barnard Booth. Illustrated by Alexandra Finkeldey. ISBN 9781797226156. Chronicle Books. 3-5

Kwesi and Nana Ruby Learn to Swim. Written by Kobina Commeh. Illustrated by Bárbara Quintino. ISBN 9798888593639. Barefoot Books. 3-5

Let's Get Spooky. Written by Štěpánka Sekaninová. Illustrated by Lukáš Figel'. ISBN 9788000074498. Albatros Media. 3-5

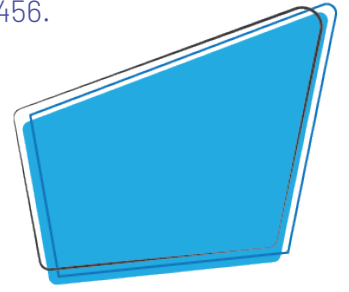
The Lighthouse Keeper. Written by Eugenio Fernández Vázquez. Translated by Kit Maude. Illustrated by Mariana Villanueva Segovia. ISBN 9798988749943. Tapioca Stories. 3-5

Magic Tree House Fact Tracker Graphic Novel: Dinosaurs. Written by Mary Pope Osborne. Adapted by Jenny Laird. Illustrated by Jomike Tejido. ISBN 9780593705858. Random House Children's Books / Random House BFYR. 3-5

Miss Camper: A Graphic Novel. Written & illustrated by Kat Fajardo. ISBN 9781338535617. Scholastic / Graphix. 3-5

Mythology Land: 12 Classic Legends Reimagined. Written by Claire Cock-Starkey. Illustrated by Pham Quang Phuc. ISBN 9780711294066. The Quarto Group / Frances Lincoln Children's Books. 3-5

The Nine Moons of Han Yu and Luli. Written by Karina Yan Glaser. ISBN 9780063284432. HarperCollins / Allida. 3-5



Not Extinct: The Przewalski's Horse Returns from Extinct in the Wild. Written by Darcy Pattison. ISBN 9781629442648. Mims House. 3-5

Passover on Everest. Written by Rachelle Burk. Illustrated by Craig Orback. ISBN 9781951365288. Intergalactic Afikoman. 3-5

Seabird. Written by Michelle Kadarusman. ISBN 9781772783490. Pajama Press. 3-5

The Smurfs: Who is That Smurf?. Written & illustrated by Tebo. ISBN 9781545816042. Mad Cave Studios / Papercutz. 3-5

The South Pole and the North Pole: Two Books in One. Written by Li Rongbin. Illustrated by Juliana Motzko. ISBN 9798890631404. Clavis. 3-5

Stuck! The Story of La Brea Tar Pits. Written by Joyce Uglow. Illustrated by Valerya Milovanova. ISBN 9781638191889. Bushel & Peck Books. 3-5

The Stuff That Stuff Is Made Of: The Things We Make With Plants. Written by Jonathan Drori. Illustrated by Raxenne Maniquiz and Jiatong Liu. ISBN 9781917366069. Magic Cat Publishing. 3-5

Three Blue Hearts. Written by Lynne Kelly. ISBN 9780593898390. Random House Children's Books / Delacorte Press. 3-5

A Very Asian Guide to Taiwanese Food. Written by Nancy Jeng. Illustrated by Felicia Liang. ISBN 9781962351232. Gloop Books. 3-5



• 6TH — 8TH GRADE •

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From the hundreds of newly published books voted on by school librarians across the country, here are the top vote-getters, starting with the top 15!

1. **J vs K.** Written by Kwame Alexander and Jerry Craft. Illustrated by Jerry Craft. ISBN 9780316582681. Little, Brown and Company / Little, Brown Books for Young Readers. 6-8
2. **Chickenpox.** Written & illustrated by Remy Lai. ISBN 9781250863294. Macmillan Children's Publishing / Henry Holt Books for Young Readers. 6-8
3. **Hick.** Written by Sarah Miller. ISBN 9780593649091. Random House Children's Books / Random House Studio. 6-8
4. **The Trouble With Heroes.** Written by Kate Messner. ISBN 9781547616398. Bloomsbury / Bloomsbury Children's Books. 6-8
5. **One Crazy Summer: The Graphic Novel.** Written by Rita Williams-Garcia. Illustrated by Sharee Miller. ISBN 9780062935588. HarperCollins / Quill Tree Books. 6-8
6. **Old School.** Written by Gordon Korman. ISBN 9780063238145. HarperCollins . 6-8
7. **War Games.** Written by Alan Gratz. ISBN 9781338736106. Scholastic / Scholastic Press. 6-8
8. **White House Secrets: Medical Lies and Cover-Ups.** Written by Gail Jarrow. ISBN 9781662681035. Astra Books for Young Readers / Calkins Creek. 6-8
9. **Mallory in Full Color.** Written by Elisa Stone Leahy. ISBN 9780063255531. HarperCollins / Quill Tree Books. 6-8
10. **Leyendas/Legends: 60 Latine People Who Changed the World.** Written by Mónica Mancillas. Illustrated by Isadora Zeferino. ISBN 9781797211985. Chronicle Books. 6-8
11. **Allyship as Action: 7 Ways to Advocate for Others.** Written by Tanya Boteju. Illustrated by Bithi Sutradhar. ISBN 9781459840478. Orca Book Publishers. 6-8
12. **Chinese Mythology: Legendary Tales of Heaven, Earth, Humanity, and Beyond.** Written by Aaron Hwang. Illustrated by Adela Li. ISBN 9780762487769. Hachette Book Group / Running Press Kids. 6-8
13. **Isle of Ever.** Written by Jen Calonita. ISBN 9781728277035. Sourcebooks / Sourcebooks Young Readers. 6-8
14. **The Winter of the Dollhouse.** Written by Laura Amy Schlitz. ISBN 9781536236088. Candlewick Press. 6-8
15. **Dream Warriors 1: A New World.** Written by Jesse Byrd. Illustrated by Berto Santiago. ISBN 9781223187129. Paw Prints Publishing. 6-8



Adi of Boutanga: A Story from Cameroon. Written by Alain Serge Dzotap. Illustrated by Marc Daniau. ISBN 9780802856296. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers. 6-8

Athlete is Agender. Written by Katherine Locke and Nicole Melleby. ISBN 9780316572002. Little, Brown and Company / Little, Brown for Young Readers / Christy Ottaviano Books. 6-8

Billions to Burn. Written by Taylor Banks. ISBN 9781368110419. Disney Publishing / Melissa de la Cruz Studio. 6-8

Bree Boyd is a Legend. Written by Leah Johnson. ISBN 9781368090100. Disney Publishing / Disney Hyperion. 6-8

Canine Connection: How Dogs and Humans Evolved Together. Written by Christopher Gudgeon. ISBN 9781459839496. Orca Book Publishers. 6-8

Catching Cryptids: The Scientific Search for Mysterious Creatures. Written by Kim Long. Illustrated by Nicole Miles. ISBN 9780762485758. Hachette Book Group / Running Press Kids. 6-8

Cosmo Park. Written by Madeleine Finlay. Illustrated by Tom Dearie. ISBN 9781838741303. Flying Eye Books. 6-8

Coven. Written by Soman Chainani. Illustrated by Joel Gennari. ISBN 9780062979681. HarperCollins / HarperAlley. 6-8

A Day at the Beach. Written by Gary D. Schmidt and Ron Koertge. ISBN 9780063380929. HarperCollins / Clarion Books. 6-8

El Niño. Written by Pam Muñoz Ryan. Illustrated by Joe Cepeda. ISBN 9781338068559. Scholastic / Scholastic Press. 6-8

Extra Large. Written by Tyler Page. ISBN 9781250851567. Macmillan Children's Publishing / First Second. 6-8

Game Changers: Stories of Hijabi Athletes from around the World. Written by Charlene Smith. Illustrated by Natalya Tariq. ISBN 9781459838048. Orca Book Publishers. 6-8

Hamburgers Don't Grow on Trees: Raising Beef on a Family Farm with Kindness. Written & illustrated by Liza F. Carter. ISBN 9780989018715. Saltwind Press. 6-8

Into the Rapids. Written by Ann Braden. ISBN 9780593856369. Penguin Young Readers / Nancy Paulsen Books. 6-8

Jella Lepman and Her Library of Dreams: The Woman Who Rescued a Generation of Children and Founded the World's Largest Children's Library. Written by Katherine Paterson. Illustrated by Sally Deng. ISBN 9781452182629. Chronicle Books. 6-8

Limelight: Curtain Up on Poetry Comics! Written by Renee LaTulippe. Illustrated by Chuck Gonzales. ISBN 9781623541422. Charlesbridge Publishing / Charlesbridge Moves. 6-8

The Lost Women of Science. Written by Melina Gerosa Bellows and Katie Hafner. Illustrated by Karyn Lee. ISBN 9780593896716. Random House Children's Books / Bright Matter Books. 6-8



Refugee: The Graphic Novel. Written by Alan Gratz. Illustrated by Syd Fini. ISBN 9781338733969. Scholastic / Graphix. 6-8

Ride or Die. Written by Delilah S. Dawson. ISBN 9780593486832. Random House Children's Books / Delacorte Press. 6-8

Rodeo Hawkins and the Daughters of Mayhem. Written by John Claude Bemis. Illustrated by Nicole Miles. ISBN 9780823445127. Holiday House / Margaret Ferguson Books. 6-8

Scientists Like Me: Stories, Advice, and Inspiration from 25 Trailblazers with Experiments to Try at Home. Written by JaNay Brown-Wood and Kamin Science Center. Illustrated by Kristen Uroda. ISBN 9781523516780. Hachette Book Group / Workman Kids. 6-8

The Six – Young Readers Edition: The Untold Story of America's First Women Astronauts. Written by Loren Grush. ISBN 9781534497047. Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing / Simon & Schuster BFYR. 6-8

The Totally Awesome World of Caitlin Clark: Learn All There Is to Know about Your Favorite All-Star. Written by Sara Weiss. ISBN 9780760396834. The Quarto Group / becker&mayer! kids. 6-8

The Unexplained: UFOs. Written & illustrated by Adam Allsuch Boardman. ISBN 9781838749477. Flying Eye Books. 6-8

The Village Beyond the Mist. Written by Sachiko Kashiwaba. Translated by Avery Fischer Udagawa. Illustrated by Miho Satake. ISBN 9781632063922. Restless Books / Yonder. 6-8



• 9TH — 12TH GRADE •

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From the hundreds of newly published books voted on by school librarians across the country, here are the top vote-getters, starting with the top 15!

1. **Banned Together: Our Fight for Readers' Rights.** Written by Ashley Hope Pérez. ISBN 9780823458301. Holiday House. 9-12
2. **The Art of Drag.** Written by Jake Hall. Illustrated by Sofie Birkin, Helen Li, and Jasjyot Singh Hans. ISBN 9781838749767. Flying Eye Books. 9-12
3. **Secret Astronomers.** Written & illustrated by Jessica Walker. ISBN 9780593692677. Penguin Young Readers / Viking Books for Young Readers. 9-12
4. **All Better Now.** Written by Neal Shusterman. ISBN 9781534432758. Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing / Simon & Schuster BFYR. 9-12
5. **Dear Manny.** Written by Nic Stone. ISBN 9780593308011. Random House Children's Books / Crown BFYR. 9-12
6. **Fake Skating.** Written by Lynn Painter. ISBN 9781665921268. Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing / Simon & Schuster BFYR. 9-12
7. **Shampoo Unicorn.** Written by Sawyer Lovett. ISBN 9781368108959. Disney Publishing / Hyperion. 9-12
8. **Up In Smoke.** Written by Nick Brooks. ISBN 9781250359933. Macmillan Children's Publishing / Henry Holt Books for Young Readers. 9-12
9. **Sunrise on the Reaping (A Hunger Games Novel).** Written by Suzanne Collins. ISBN 9781546171461. Scholastic / Scholastic Press. 9-12
10. **(S)Kin.** Written by Ibi Zoboi. ISBN 9780062888877. HarperCollins / Versify. 9-12
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12. **After We Burned.** Written by Marieke Nijkamp. ISBN 9781728291208. Sourcebooks / Sourcebooks Fire. 9-12
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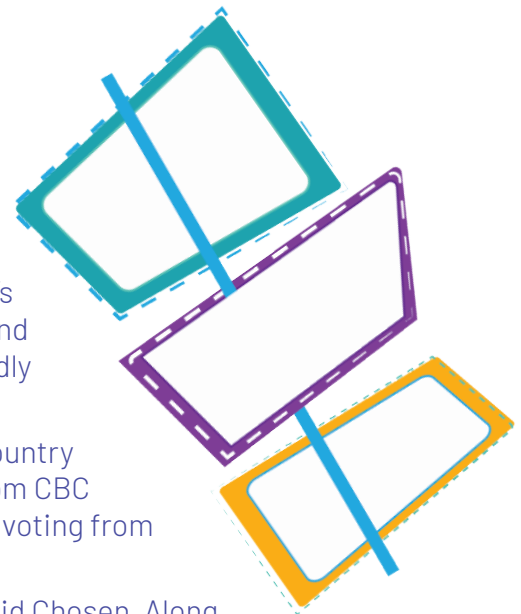


ABOUT THE KIDS FAVORITES PROGRAM

Launched in 1974, Children's Choices was a project co-sponsored by the Children's Book Council and the International Literary Association (ILA). ILA's regional coordinators took books into schools and conducted the reading and voting. After the program was suspended in 2020 due to COVID, the ILA kindly ceded the organization of the program to the CBC.

In 2021, renamed CBC Favorites, over 60 schools and libraries across the country were chosen by application to each receive 300-500 new books directly from CBC member publishers, set up displays, and organize school-wide reading and voting from August to February.

Now, in 2026, we have renamed the program KIDS FAVORITES: Kid Read. Kid Chosen. Along with the TEACHER and LIBRARIAN FAVORITES as voted on by the supervisors at the 60 voting schools and libraries.



ABOUT THE CHILDREN'S BOOK COUNCIL



The Children's Book Council (CBC) is the nonprofit trade association for children's book publishers in North America. The CBC manages a portfolio of national book awards, creates educational programming, promotes diversity in book publishing, compiles curated reading lists for teachers, librarians, and booksellers, and fights against the banning of books. CBC's awards include Best STEM Books, Social Justice Book Prize, CBC Favorites/Kid Chosen, the Free Speech Advocate of the Year, and more.

The CBC also oversees Every Child a Reader, an award-winning 501(c)(3) national organization that celebrates the powerful impact children's books have on young people by organizing national book celebrations, providing free books to students in need, fighting book bans, partnering with other major organizations, and producing free and diverse educational resources for classrooms and libraries. Every Child a Reader's major national campaigns include: Children's Book Week, the longest-running literacy initiative in the country since 1919; the National Ambassador for Young People's Literature, with the Library of Congress; Get Caught Reading, a free poster program of diverse role models reading new and classic books, now celebrating its 25th year; and the Anna Dewdney Read Together Award, promoting family reading time, now in its 10th year.