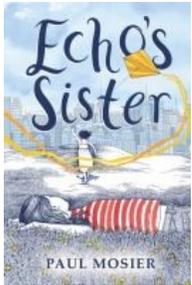


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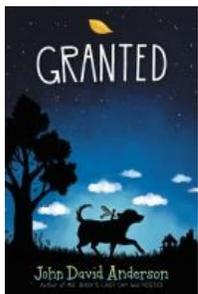
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Recent books for kids that the Children's Library staff have read & loved & that we think you will too!



Echo's Sister by Paul Mosier. J Fiction

Laughter is about to start seventh grade at a new private arts academy after attending public school all her life. She is sad about leaving her old friends behind, but also excited because she's going to introduce herself to everyone as "El" and finally be able to move away from her embarrassing name. El's father is a painter and her mother is a dress designer, and they actually met at this same school. El's first day goes off like gangbusters; she likes her teachers, the kids are nice, and there's even a cute boy who seems interested in her. But when she sees her dad waiting for her outside of school she immediately knows something is wrong. It turns out that her little sister, Echo, has been diagnosed with cancer. She is going to have to have chemotherapy to shrink the tumor and eventually surgery to take it out. It's going to be a long and expensive journey. Over the next few weeks El struggles to keep up at school while keeping her secret from her new classmates. She doesn't want to be known as the girl whose sister has cancer, and this situation is painful enough without everyone at school knowing as well. At home her parents are so busy with Echo that El feels forgotten. Money begins to be a problem too, and the chemo makes Echo sicker and sicker. Slowly however, El begins to open up to a few people, and as Echo's story spreads throughout their neighborhood, El realizes that their community is behind them. This one is sad, but also full of love and hope. Recommended for readers in grades 5 and up who like realistic fiction.



Granted by John David Anderson. J Fiction, JCD, eAudiobook

There are so many ways to make wishes - blowing out your birthday candles in one breath, flipping a coin into a fountain or wishing well, blowing dandelion fluff off (also in one breath). As you make a wish, do you ever wonder what happens next to determine if the wish will be granted or not? In the fairy realm there is a process and procedure for when and how wishes will come true. In this book we are introduced to Ophelia Delphinium Fidgets who is about to embark on her first excursion into the world of humans as a Granter. She receives the assignment to grant a wish for a girl named Kasarah, who dropped a coin into a fountain in a shopping mall in her town and wished for a bicycle to replace her old bike that had been stolen. Ophelia prepares for her journey to grant this wish with the help of camouflage and other protections given to her by the team of Modders -- expert Builders, Makers and Alchemists who create gadgets and gear for those who are going out into the field on missions. Along the way, as she endeavors to fulfill her assignment, Ophelia runs into complications. She ends up being aided by a scruffy, homeless dog named Sam. Their story is filled with completely unexpected twists and turns and also some really funny moments. This book would be great for 3rd graders and older to read on their own. The audio version of the book is also excellent and could be enjoyed by young and old alike.

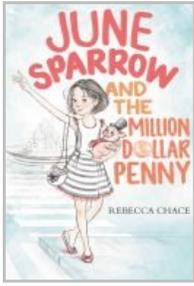
June Sparrow and the Million Dollar Penny by Rebecca Chace. J Fiction, JCD, eBook, eAudiobook

June Sparrow is an orphan - her parents died when she was a little girl. This hasn't stopped her from having a happy life however. Her parents just happened to be very rich, so even after they died June was able to remain in their luxury apartment in New York City, along with her miniature pet pig, Indigo Bunting.



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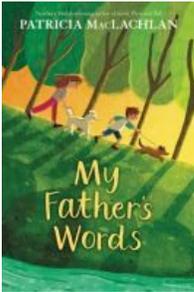
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On the night of her twelfth birthday June has celebrated by going to her favorite opera when she gets horrible news: her legal guardian and former CFO of her parent's company has lost all of her money in a Ponzi scheme. He's going to jail - and June is going to South Dakota. June's Aunt Bridget - who she's never even met! - lives there in the tiny town of Red Bank. There's no opera in Red Bank, much less anything else resembling any of her former life. Red Bank is a farm town, and Aunt Bridget is a no-nonsense farmer. June and Indigo are grudgingly accommodated, and June is directed to her mother's former room. There she finds some more casual clothes that more or less fit her - and a box of her mother's things from when she was June's age. Included is her mother's Penny Book, which mentions a valuable penny worth millions that her mother supposedly found years ago. This piques June's interest; if she can find the penny she'll be able to go back to her old life in New York. But the only clue is a cryptic message from her mother. Can June figure it out? This sweet mystery will be enjoyed by readers in grade 4-6 and is a good one to recommend for younger readers reading at a higher level.

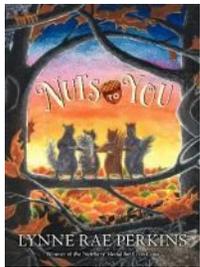
My Father's Words by Patricia MacLachlan. J Fiction, eBook, eAudiobook

Fiona O'Brien's father is one of those people whom everyone loves. He is kind and good and funny and has been the best father anyone could ever have. So when he is killed in a car accident his family is devastated. Fiona is especially worried about her little brother, Finn. He doesn't talk or laugh much anymore, and has nightmares almost every night and usually ends up coming in to her room for comfort. Then a neighbor suggest that Finn might like to volunteer at the local animal rescue shelter, where Finn meets a dog named Emma who is also grieving a loved one's death. No one has been able to reach her, and she spends her days huddled in a cage facing the wall. As Fiona and Finn begin to visit the shelter regularly, they both find comfort in the dogs and slowly begin to heal. This simple story is a quick read, but it will resonate long after the last pages. Recommend to kids in grades 3 and up who like sad stories and also as possible bibliotherapy for those dealing with their own losses.



Nuts to You by Lynne Rae Perkins. J Fiction, JCD, eBook

Could you be a hero at a moment's notice? Squirrels are hilarious creatures, zipping about and chattering, flicking their tails. What's the big deal, anyway? You can find out in this funny squirrel adventure by a Newbery Medal winning author. On an ordinary autumn day for the squirrels in the forest, everyone is busy gathering nuts for winter food and chattering away. When a hawk sweeps away their friend, two squirrels take off into the unknown to get them back. Told from one squirrel's point of view, this tale is as twisty-turny as a squirrel's path through the trees, meeting new friends and making surprising discoveries along the way. You'll experience the feelings that arise as the characters face danger, homelessness, moving to a new place, even natural disaster, and learn ways to work through them. The story touches on topics in current events: how communities are impacted by natural disasters or emergency migration and how humans affect nature around us. This is a fun story with loveable characters with just the right amount of adventure and wise words about how communities come together when things get tough. Frequent illustrations by the author add humor with speech bubbles and story panels. Recommended for ages 8 - 12 but would be a fun read-aloud for 6 and up too.



Shark Lady: The True Story of How Eugenie Clark Became the Ocean's Most Fearless Scientist by Jess Keating. JB Clark, JDVD

Swimming with Sharks: The Daring Discoveries of Eugenie Clark by Heather Lang. JB Clark

There are 2 new books at the library about Eugenie Clark, a scientist who was one of the first women to study ocean life and sharks especially. She was born in New York in 1922. When she was 9 years old she had an opportunity to visit the New York Aquarium and saw living sharks for the first time. From that day forward she wanted to learn everything she could about them. She started by studying any books she could find and joined the Queens County Aquarium as its youngest member. After high school she went on to college to study zoology. This was very unusual for that time in history. Women were expected to become secretaries or housewives and some of her professors didn't think a woman would be brave enough to explore the oceans. At that time also, most people viewed sharks as "mindless monsters" and Eugenie wanted more than anything to prove that "sharks are magnificent and misunderstood." Through her research we now know that sharks are amazing and smart and deserve to be studied and protected. These 2 books give lots more details about her life and discoveries and would be great to be read by 2nd graders and older, or for adults to share with younger children.

