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



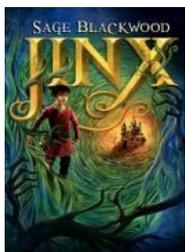
Anna Was Here by Jane Kurtz - J Fiction

When Anna's pastor father returns his family to the small Kansas town where he grew up, Anna is reluctant (to put it mildly) to settle in. She doesn't like being surrounded by so many family members who know all of her business and history. And she misses her Colorado home. Anna is a careful, cautious child who worries constantly about natural disasters. She keeps a Safety Notebook with instructions for handling any kind of incident from snakebites to floods. Unfortunately, there aren't instructions for dealing with unfriendly cousins or family feuds. And worst of all, Kansas has tornadoes! Anna is so bent on returning to Colorado that she doesn't realize that Kansas is becoming home after all. A quiet, sweet story for fans of Ruby Lavender or Ida B. Recommended for grades 4 and up.



Fly Away by Patricia MacLachlan - J Fiction

This story, like other books written by Patricia MacLachlan, is warm, gentle, and touching. Told from the perspective of Lucy, it is a story of family love, special secrets, strengths and fears. Lucy's family travels to Minnesota to help Aunt Frankie during flood season. Singing is an important part of life for this family, but Lucy can't sing like the rest of the family. She wants to be a poet and writes poetry. But along with the flooding comes danger and Lucy needs to sing to save her little brother, Teddy. This book will be enjoyed by Patricia MacLachlan fans of all ages, but would be especially appropriate for chapter book readers in Grades 2-4.



Jinx by Sage Blackwood - J Fiction

This is a fantasy adventure novel about the main character Jinx. Like Hansel and Gretel, Jinx is abandoned as a young child in the woods, or Urwald. A wizard takes him in and Jinx becomes his apprentice. There are countless reasons to fear the Urwald - trolls, werewolves and werewolves, nixies, and wizards and witches who cannot be trusted. Despite the dangers of the Urwald, Jinx loves and appreciates the forest in which he has grown up. As Jinx gets older, he acquires powers and magic that he does not quite understand. His knowledge and ability are tested when he goes on an adventure through the Urwald with two unlikely friends who are looking to have their curses removed. The captivating tale of Jinx will appeal to anyone who has read and loved Harry Potter. First in the series.



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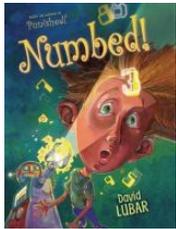
Like Bug Juice on a Burger by Julie Sternberg - J Fiction

In this endearing sequel to *Like Pickle Juice on a Cookie*, Eleanor is off to summer camp - the same one her mom attended as a girl. Eleanor's mom LOVED Camp Wallumwahpuck, but Eleanor isn't so sure she's cut out for life in the great outdoors... She isn't a good swimmer, she doesn't like the food, and all of the other girls seem to be friends from last year. After the first day, Eleanor wants out! How she makes it through the next two weeks is funny, true-to-life and inspirational too. A quick, sweet read for grades 2 - 4.



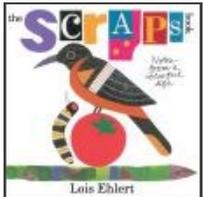
No Dogs Allowed by Stephanie Calmenson and Joanna Cole - J Fiction

I picked this short chapter book up because a library patron said her daughter just loved it. And it is a cute story! Two little girls who both love dogs buy a pair of matching pink dog bone necklaces at their favorite thrift store. Then they discover that the necklaces can turn them into actual dogs. As you can imagine, they have quite a bit of fun with this over the course of the book. This one will be great for kids who like funny stories or who love dogs.



Numbed by David Lubar. J Fiction

Logan and Benedict (featured in the book *Punished* by the same author) are good friends. Their class goes on a field trip to the Mobius Mathematics Museum. Mischievous Benedict wanders into an area of the museum which is off limits to the students, and Logan follows. They encounter a robot and are "numbed" by the robot when Benedict tells it that math is boring. Later they begin to realize that they have lost their math skills. They are unable to tell time or use money to buy a treat at the mall. In order to regain their math skills they need to complete puzzles, understand new concepts, and master challenges at the museum. The end up in a frantic race against the clock to regain their skills in time for a test in school that will be rewarded with prizes. Students will get caught up in the characters' challenges. This amusing and humorous story would make a great read aloud for Grades 3-5.



The Scaps Book: Notes from a Colorful Life by Lois Ehlert - JB Ehlert

What a beautiful and fun book! Author/illustrator Ehlert is one of my story time favorites. Like many of her works, this autobiographical book is a mixture of photos, collage, found objects and original art. Lois talks about her upbringing, her first book, where she gets her ideas from and how she goes about her creative process. She also includes several easy book related crafts for readers to do at home. I enjoyed seeing first drafts of many of my favorite Ehlert books too. This is a great little life snapshot for Ehlert fans, but just as much it's for kids of all ages who love art and/or being creative.

