

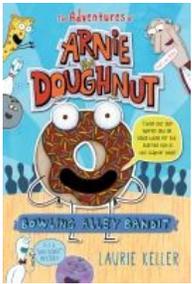
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Recent books for kids that the Children's Library staff have read & loved & that we think you will too!

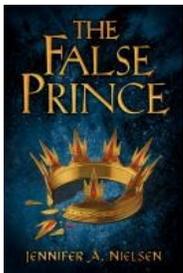
The Adventures of Arnie the Doughnut: Bowling Alley Bandit by Laurie Keller J Fiction

This fun title, filled with lots of silly humor, is the first in a new beginning chapter book series, based on the popular picture book, *Arnie the Doughnut*. The book begins by recalling how, in the first story, Arnie became Mr. Bing's doughnut dog pet and his friend. In this book, Arnie and Mr. Bing enjoy their Tuesday night outings to the bowling alley with Mr. Bing's friends. Mr. Bing's team, the Bingbats, is up against the Yada-Yadas in the bowling championship, and if they can hold onto their lead for one more round, they will win first place. But Mr. Bing, a very good bowler, starts throwing gutter balls. Arnie and his friends, including Betsy, the bowling ball, and Peezo, a slice of pizza, decide they need to figure out why this is happening. They have many adventures as they solve the mystery. This book, with comic type illustrations, will entertain children who enjoy humor, puns, and silliness. For Grades 2-4.



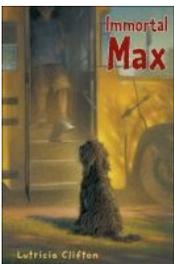
The False Prince: The Ascendance Trilogy, Book One by Jennifer Nielsen - YA Fiction, YCDFic

Three young orphans are captured and trained to be presented as a lost prince of the Kingdom of Carthya. In the two weeks of training their abilities, loyalties, and characters are truly tested. This great example of high fantasy has short chapters that will keep you reading. Just when you think you have things figured out, author Jennifer A. Nielsen throws a curve that changes everything. The book is filled with court intrigue double crosses, and political suspense. Book One of The Ascendance Trilogy will leave you wishing for the other two. Highly recommended for readers in grades 4 - 7, even those who aren't big fantasy fans!

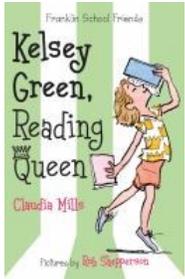


Immortal Max by Lutricia Clifton - J Fiction

12-year-old boy named Sam desperately wants a purebred dog of his own. He already has a wonderful sweet rescue dog named Max who loves him wholeheartedly, but Sam has his heart set on a puppy that he can raise and train. Money is tight around his house, so if he wants a dog he's going to have to come up with the funds himself. Sam gets a summer job walking dogs to try and save, but many things conspire against him. Is he ever going to get a dog of his own? Or maybe realize that he already has one that will do just fine? A great dog story that also touches on bullying, growing up, and taking responsibility, appropriate for grades 3 - 6.



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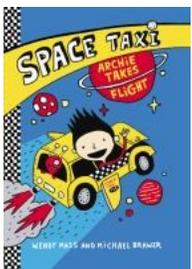
Kelsey Green, Reading Queen by Claudia Mills - J Fiction

This is the first book in Claudia Mills' series, *Franklin School Friends*. Kelsey loves books and reading and is the best reader in her third grade class, with the possible exception of Simon who is also an avid reader. When the principal announces a school wide reading contest, with a prize for the winning class and an award for the best reader in each class, Kelsey wants to win the award and lead her class to victory. As the contest progresses, Kelsey feels frustrated with a slow reader who isn't reading for the contest, and ends up helping him. She also suspects Simon of cheating, and doesn't understand why her best friends aren't more eager to read numerous books for the contest. She eventually realizes that she loves reading just for the pleasure of reading, not simply to win the contest. Students will identify with the contest, Kelsey's competitive spirit and her frustrations, as well as the feelings of her friends and classmates. This is a good beginning chapter book for grades 2-4.



A Snicker of Magic by Natalie Lloyd - J Fiction, JCD

Felicity and her mom and little sister have been wanderers for years. Just as the girls start to get settled in to a place, their mom gets antsy again. Now they've finally returned to the small town of Midnight Gulch, Tennessee, where their mama grew up. Supposedly Midnight Gulch used to be a town full of magic, but that was long before Mama lived there. These days the magic is all gone, or so people say. But right away, Felicity feels like this is a special place. Felicity is a word collector - everywhere she goes she sees words. And the first time she's ever seen the word "home" is when she arrives in Midnight Gulch. She's never been good at making friends or talking in front of people before, but here she is quickly befriended by a boy named Jonah. Jonah knows everyone, and introduces her around and soon Felicity feels like she's been in Midnight Gulch all her life. Felicity realizes that there still may be a snicker of magic left in the town, and it is up to her to bring it back. With its quirky characters and magical realism, this book will be perfect for fans of *Savvy* or *A Tangle of Knots*. Recommended for grades 4-6.



Space Taxi: Archie Takes Flight by Wendy Mass and Michael Brawer - J Fiction

This is the first title in a new series for younger chapter book readers. Eight-year-old Archie is excited to go to work with his dad, who is an overnight taxi cab driver. But what Archie finds out is that his dad is actually an inter-galactic space taxi cab driver! Archie's first visit into space becomes a wild adventure packed with wormholes connecting distant galaxies, strange planets, and crime fighting cats that talk and shoot lasers from their tails. Anyone who likes *The Magic Treehouse* books or the *Time Warp Trio* series will also enjoy this new adventure. Don't miss the next book in the series, *Space Taxi: Water Planet Rescue*, which comes out in September 2014.

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For babies - those entering grade 5.