



Belleville Area District Library's 4th and 5th Grade **Best Bets Too!**

Clements, Andrew. *Frindle*

Of all Nick's ideas, the frindle is his most successful. What's a frindle? It's a pen, or what used to be called a pen before Nick began his brilliant campaign.

Clements, Andrew. *The School Story*

Twelve-year-old Natalie gets her friend to be her agent and succeeds in getting her first book published. Even better, it becomes a hit!

Creech, Sharon. *Granny Torrelli Makes Soup*

Twelve-year-old Rosie and her best friend, Bailey, don't always get along. But Granny Torrelli seems to know just how to make things right again with her interesting stories and family recipes.

Curtis, Christopher Paul. *Bud, Not Buddy*

Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in

search of a legendary jazz musician who he believes is his father.

DiCamillo, Kate. *Because of Winn-Dixie*

Colin thinks he has a good chance to win a prize for his smelly shoes, which are so foul that his mom won't even let them in the house.

Eriskson, John R. *The Original Adventures of Hank the Cowdog*

Hank the Cowdog, Head of Ranch Security, is framed for the murder of a chicken and becomes an outlaw with the coyotes.

Hahn, Mary. *Time for Andrew*

Andrew can feel the presence of his ancestors in Great-Aunt Blythe's old house. His fantasies of ghosts and the past become all too real when another Andrew, who lived at the beginning of the century and died young, appears.

Hearne, Betsy. *Wishes, Kisses, and Pigs*

Eleven-year-old Louise wishes her brother would turn into a pig, and he does!

Love, D. Anne. *The Puppeteer's Apprentice*

A medieval orphan girl called Mouse gains the courage she needs to follow her dreams of becoming a puppeteer's apprentice.

Maguire, Gregory. *Four Stupid Cupids*

The students' scheme to find a love match for their beloved teacher on Valentine's Day turns into a comedy of errors when four stupid cupids from Ancient Greece try to help.

McNamee, Graham. *Sparks*

Todd is both happy and anxious about trying to fit in with the regular fifth grade class but feels confused about how to relate to his former friends in the Special Needs class.

Napoli, Donna Jo. *The Prince of the Pond*

Having been turned into a frog by a hag, a frog-prince makes the best of his new life as he mates, raises a family, and instills a new kind of thinking into his frog family.

Nelson, Theresa. *Ruby Electric*

Twelve-year-old Ruby Miller, movie buff and aspiring screen writer, tries to resolve the mysteries surrounding her little brother's stuffed woolly mammoth and their father's five year absence.

Potter, Ellen. *Olivia Kidney*

Twelve-year-old Olivia explores her new apartment building and finds a psychic, talking lizards, a shrunken ex-pirate, an exiled princess, ghosts, and other unusual characters.

Sachar, Louis. *Sideways Stories from Wayside School*

You can imagine the confusion at Wayside School when the builder made a terrible mistake. You see, instead of building 30 classrooms side-by-side, he built them one on top of another.

Stanley, Diane. *The Mysterious Matter of I. M. Fine*

Noticing that a popular series of horror novels is having a bizarre effect on the behavior of its readers, Franny and Beamer set out to find the mysterious author.

Winkler, Henry. *I Got a "D" in Salami*

After getting three D's on his report card, a panicked Hank and his friends go to his mom's deli. His report card winds up in the meat grinder, and Hank watches as his D's are ground into a big salami.

Yep, Laurence. *When the Circus Came to Town*

Ten-year-old Ursula, who lives with her parents at an early-twentieth-century Montana stagecoach stop, enjoys reading dime novels, dreams of seeing a circus, and plays pirates with her friends. Then she develops smallpox, which leaves her face pitted and scarred.