

Best Bets Too!



Belleville Area District Library's *Best Bets for* *2nd and 3rd Grade*

Avi. *Abigail Takes the Wheel*

When the first mate of the freight boat Neptune falls ill, it is up to Abigail, the captain's daughter, to steer the ship up the Hudson River from New Jersey to New York City.

Blume, Judy. *Ramona Quimby, Age 8*

Ramona Quimby has now reached third grade. Soon she is accidentally squashing a raw egg into her hair at the school cafeteria, being forced to play with her annoying young neighbor, and throwing up in her classroom.

Byars, Betsy. *Tornado*

A family makes room in their hearts and home for a very special pet after a tornado lands a doghouse, with a dog inside, in their backyard.

Cameron, Ann. *Gloria's Way*

Gloria shares many adventures with Julian and Huey including a parrot that ruins the Valentine card she made for her mother.

Cameron, Ann. *The Stories Julian Tells*

Julian's stories are magnificent, but they aren't always the truth, and they cause him some trouble.

Clements, Andrew. *Jake Drake, Bully Buster*

A fourth grader looks back over his years in school and his early experiences as a "bully magnet."

Conford, Ellen. *Annabel the Actress Starring in Gorilla My Dreams*

Annabel's dream is to be a famous actress, but when she finally lands her first role, it isn't quite what she had in mind.

Cox, Judy. *Mean, Mean Maureen Green*

Lilley is worried about being on the school bus with Mean Maureen. Luckily, her new friend Adam has some plans in mind for getting back at the school-bus bully.

Dagliesh, Alice. *The Bears on Hemlock Mountain*

"There are no bears on Hemlock Mountain, No bears, no bears at all..." Or so young Jonathan is told by the grown-ups as he sets out alone over Hemlock Mountain.

Duffy, Betsy. *Spotlight on Cody*

The third grade talent show is fast approaching, and Cody is destined for stardom--if only he can come up with an act.

Greene, Stephanie. *Owen Foote, Second Grade Strongman*

Owen Foote, whose grandfather was a professional strongman, is the smallest kid in the second grade.

Greene, Stephanie. *Owen Foote, Soccer Star*

Eight-year-old Owen and his best friend, Joseph, join a neighborhood soccer team.

Hopkinson, Deborah. *Pioneer Summer*

Congress has ruled that settlers will decide whether Kansas will enter the Union as a free or a slave state. Charlie's papa is an abolitionist, and he's moving the family to Kansas so he can cast his vote for freedom.

King-Smith, Dick. *Jenius the Amazing Guinea Pig*

Eight-year-old Judy tries to convince her parents and classmates that her brilliant guinea pig can do all the tricks which she says it can.

Lewis, Maggie. *Morgy Makes His Move*

When third-grader Morgy moves from wide-open, laid-back California to small-town, close-knit Massachusetts, he obviously has some adjustments to make.

Marshall, James. *Rats on the Range*

In eight stories the reader meets a rat family that vacations at a dude ranch and a pig who takes lessons in table manners.

Park, Barbara. *Junie B. Jones and her Big Fat Mouth*

When her kindergarten class has Job Day, Junie B. goes through much confusion and excitement before deciding on the "bestest" job of all.

Pinkwater, Daniel. *The Werewolf Club: The Magic Pretzel*

There is only one way to keep from turning into a werewolf, and that is with the help of a magic pretzel.

Rodowsky, Colby. *Not My Dog*

Ellie wants a puppy. It's not the same when her parents bring her Great Aunt Margaret's full grown mutt instead.

Sachar, Louis. *Marvin Redpost: Kidnapped at Birth?*

Marvin Redpost has finally figured out why he doesn't look like anyone in his family. He's not really Marvin Redpost—he's Robert, the lost prince of Shampoo!

Smallcomb, Pam. *Camp Buccaneer*

The sign said, "Learn to be a CARD-CARRYING PIRATE IN THREE WEEKS". Well, no one had to tell Marlon twice—she had only been dressing up as a pirate every Halloween since she could remember.

Stanley, Diane. *Roughing It on the Oregon Trail*

Aided by their grandmother's magic hat, twins Lenny and Liz and their grandmother travel back in time to 1843 to join a relative and her family on the Oregon Trail.