



**Belleville Area
District Library's
3rd and 4th Grade
Best Bets
*Too!***

Armstrong, Jennifer. *Black Eyed Susan*

Ten-year-old Susan shares her father's love for their Dakota Territory homestead. Yet Susie's mother is faced with loneliness and sadness. Susie tries to find a way to bring joy and happiness to her mother's life.

Avi. *Poppy*

Poppy the deer mouse urges her family to move next to a field of corn big enough to feed them all forever, but Mr. Ocax, a terrifying owl, has other ideas.

Auch, Mary Jane. *I Was a Third Grade Spy*

Believe it or not—and you better believe it—Josh's dog Arful can talk! This is very useful to Josh and his pals who want to win the school talent contest. First the boys have to find out what the girls are planning for the contest.

Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker. *Ruthie's Gift*

Eight-year-old Ruthie hates being an "only", as in the only girl in the middle of six brothers and the only third-grade student in her one-room schoolhouse.

Bulla, Clyde Robert. *The Sword in the Tree*

After his father is reported dead and his wicked uncle takes over the castle, eleven-year-old Shan hides his father's precious sword and, after escaping with his mother, makes his way to King Arthur's court to seek help in winning back his inheritance.

Bunting, Eve. *Nasty, Stinky Sneakers*

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.

Byars, Betsy. *Me Tarzan*

Each time Dorothy practices her Tarzan yell, it becomes more powerful, and the neighborhood animals start acting strangely.

Cutler, Jane. *'Gator Aid*

Second-grader Edward can't convince anyone that he has seen a baby alligator in the lake at the local park.

Cutler, Jane. *No Dogs Allowed*

Five-year-old Edward Fraser thinks he's a dog, and his older brother, Jason, is none too pleased.

Cutler, Jane. *Rats!*

Edward faces a haunted house for a pre-Halloween party, Jason is forced to have dinner with an unwanted girlfriend, and Spike, their pet rat, unexpectedly has babies.

Danziger, Paula. *Amber Brown is Not a Crayon*

Amber and Justin have been best friends for practically forever. Then disaster strikes when Justin has to move to Alabama.

Delton, Judy. *Angel Bites the Bullet*

Angel and her best friend try to find a way to get rid of the well-meaning, but disaster-prone family friend who has moved into Angel's bedroom.

Fleischman, Sid. *The Midnight Horse*

An orphan boy named Touch enlists the help of The Great Chaffalo, a ghostly magician, to stop his great-uncle's plans to put him into the orphan house.

Gardiner, John Reynolds. *Stone Fox*

Little Willie hopes to pay the back taxes on his grandfather's farm with the purse from a dog sled race he enters.

George, Jean Craighead. *There's an Owl in the Shower*

Bardy the owlet likes taking showers, riding on the handlebars of Borden's bike, and watching the late late show from Leon's shoulder.

Holt, Kimberly Willis. *Mister and Me*

Jolene's family was just Momma and Grandpa until big, loud Leroy Redfield started taking Momma dancing. Jolene refuses to call him anything but "Mister." Without a name, he isn't a real person to her. But then Jolene learns that Mister wants to marry Momma. Is there anything Jolene can do to make him go away?

Howe, James. *It Came from Beneath the Bed!*

Determined to be a famous writer like his Uncle Harold, the clever, brave and sensitive dachshund Howie tries his hand at a tale of terror and triumph.

McDonald, Megan. *Judy Moody Saves the World!*

When her design for an adhesive-bandage gets only an honorable mention in a contest, Judy Moody sets her sights on something bigger. As her class learns about the

destruction of the rain forests, Judy is in the mood to whip the planet into shape.

McDonald, Megan. *Judy Moody Gets Famous!*

Jealous of classmate Jessica Finch, who gets her picture on the front page of the newspaper, Judy sets off in pursuit of her own fame and happiness!

Scieszka, Jon. *Sam Samurai*

A haiku-writing assignment lands Joe, Sam, and Fred in what might be their scariest adventure yet among Samurai warriors and really big swords.

Scieszka, Jon. *Knights of the Kitchen Table*

When Joe, Fred, and Sam are sent back in time by a magic book, they find themselves face-to-face with giants, dragons, wizards, and the Knights of the Round Table.

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