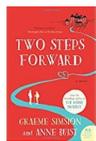


2018 Book Buying Guide



Curated by Librarians from Wright Memorial Public Library

For Adults



Two Steps Forward

by Graeme Simsion

“...a story of taking chances and learning to love again as two people, one mourning her husband and the other recovering from divorce, cross paths on the centuries-old Camino pilgrimage from France to Spain.” – Goodreads.

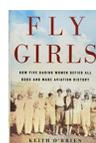
“It makes me want to hike the Camino trail!” -Library Director Kristi Hale



The Witch Elm

by Tana French

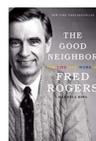
“I love mysteries, and this one was really good, even though I figured out the plot twist before the end (which never happens). I like how her books are all stand-alones, so you don't feel like you are missing out if you don't start with the first one.” - Kirsten, Adult Services Librarian



Fly Girls: How Five Daring Women Defied All Odds and Made Aviation History

by Keith O'Brien

“Keith O'Brien has brought these women—mostly long-hidden and forgotten—back into the light where they belong. And he's done it with grace, sensitivity and a cinematic eye for detail that makes *Fly Girls* both exhilarating and heartbreaking.” –USA Today



The Good Neighbor: The Life and Work of Fred Rogers

by Maxwell King

“*The Good Neighbor*, the first full-length biography of Fred Rogers, tells the story of this utterly unique and enduring American icon.” –Amazon

For Teens



Emergency Contact

by Mary H. K. Choi

“From debut author Mary H.K. Choi comes a compulsively readable novel that shows young love in all its awkward glory” –Amazon



Darius the Great Is Not Okay

by Adib Khorram

“Darius doesn't think he'll ever be enough, in America or in Iran. Hilarious and heart-breaking, this unforgettable debut introduces a brilliant new voice in contemporary YA.” –Amazon



The Tales of Beedle the Bard: The Illustrated Edition (Harry Potter)

by J.K. Rowling (Author)

Lisbeth Zwerger (Illustrator)

“... stories of adventure, cunning, heartache, and, of course, magic. They are to the wizarding community what the tales of the Brothers Grimm are to Muggle families.” –Amazon

For Upper Elementary



Atlas of Adventures: Wonders of the World

by Ben Handicott (Author), Lucy Letherland (Illustrator)

“Travel around the world to scale the Eiffel Tower, trek the Great Wall of China, and raft through the Yosemite Valley.” –Amazon



Timelines of Everything

By DK

“Explore an illustrated history of the world through timelines for kids. From dinosaurs and Vikings to the history of robots and espionage, discover incredible world history in this lavish collection of timelines.” –Amazon



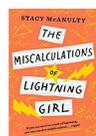
Upper Elementary continued



Willa of the Wood

by Robert Beatty

“Set in 1900 in the Great Smoky Mountains, it's the story of an orphaned girl--gentle of heart, but brimming with the ancient forest powers of her people--who must struggle to survive in a changing world.” –Amazon



The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl

by Stacy McAnulty

“A lightning strike gave her a super power...but even a super genius can't solve the problem of middle school. This smart and funny novel is perfect for fans of *The Fourteenth Goldfish*, *Rain Reign*, and *Counting by Sevens*.” –Amazon



The Truth as Told by Mason Buttle

by Leslie Connor

“Mason Buttle is the biggest, sweatiest kid in his grade, and everyone knows he can barely read or write. Mason's learning disabilities are compounded by grief.” –Amazon



Endling #1: The Last

by Katherine Applegate

“In this first book of an epic middle grade series, Katherine Applegate takes us on an unforgettable journey.” –Amazon



How We Got To Now: Six Innovations That Made the Modern World

by Steven Johnson

“This adaptation of Steven Johnson's adult book and popular PBS series explores the fascinating and interconnected stories of innovations--like clean drinking water and electricity--that changed the way people live.” –Amazon

For Early Elementary

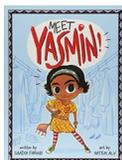


Dragons in a Bag

by Zetta Elliott (Author), Geneva B (Illustrator)

“When Jaxon is sent to spend the day with a mean old lady his mother calls Ma, he finds out she's not his grandmother--but she is a witch! She needs his help delivering baby dragons to a magical world” –Amazon

Early Elementary Continued



Meet Yasmin!

by Saadia Faruqi (Author), Hatem Aly (Illustrator)

“Yasmin is a spirited second-grader who's always on the lookout for those "aha" moments to help her solve life's little problems.

Taking inspiration from her surroundings and her big imagination, she boldly faces any situation, assuming her imagination doesn't get too big, of course!” –Amazon

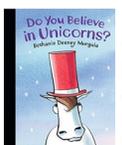


Megabat

by Anna Humphrey (Author), Kass Reich (Illustrator)

“A sweet and hilarious chapter book about a boy and a bat, two unlikely friends who bond over loneliness, jellyrolls and Darth Vader.” –Amazon

Picture Books



Do You Believe in Unicorns?

by Bethanie Murguia

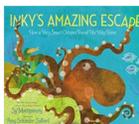
“Is believing in magic the key to seeing a unicorn? If you keep your eyes open to wonder, the possibilities are endless.” –Amazon



Yellow Kayak

by Nina Laden (Author), Melissa Castrillon (Illustrator)

“A child and his beloved best friend go on a grand sea adventure in this magical picture book by the author and artist who created *If I Had a Little Dream*.” –Amazon



Inky's Amazing Escape: How a Very Smart Octopus Found His Way Home

by Sy Montgomery (Author), Amy Schimler-Safford (Illustrator)

“Montgomery's expertise and the gorgeous illustrations make this a fine purchase for libraries serving early elementary students.” —*School Library Journal*



The Eye That Never Sleeps: How Detective Pinkerton Saved President Lincoln

by Marissa Moss (Author), Jeremy Holmes (Illustrator)

“Everyone knows the story of Abraham Lincoln, but few know anything about the spy who saved him!” –Amazon