



# MAMMOTH LAKES FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2019

## ***Proposed Bylaws Change***

MLFOL is proposing bylaws changes that will make our elections for the five Board Members, with those members then determining who holds which positions. With a smaller number of active meeting attendees, this will allow a quorum for votes from interested members while allowing some flexibility in which Directors take on which Officer positions.

The proposed amendments are:

### PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BYLAWS

#### ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 6.1 – Officers. The Officers of this Corporation shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Board members shall serve without compensation; however, reasonable expenses incurred for carrying out duties, including travel, shall be subject to reimbursement by the Corporation.

Section 6.2 – Board of Directors. The authorized number of Directors shall be five unless changed by an amendment to these bylaws. The Officers plus one or more Member-at-Large, also known as Directors, shall constitute the Board of Directors, hereinafter referred to as the Board.

Section 6.7 – Nomination of Board of Directors. ~~Officers and~~ Directors for the ensuing year shall be nominated from among the members by a Subcommittee of no less than three members (including the Subcommittee chair) that are selected by the President and approved by the current Board (the “Nominating Subcommittee”). The Nominating Subcommittee shall notify the Board in writing of its nomination of ~~Officers and~~ Directors with sufficient time prior to the annual election to allow the names of the nominees to be included in the meeting notice. The Board will confirm the nominations when presented. Nominations may be made from the

floor at the time of the annual election. An individual’s consent must be obtained before his or her name may be entered into nomination. Limitations on consecutive years of service on the Nominating Subcommittee shall be set forth in the Standing Rules.

Section 6.8 – Election of ~~Officers and~~ Directors. ~~Officers and~~ Directors shall be elected by the members at the last meeting of the fiscal year to serve a one-year term commencing on the first day of the next fiscal year. Election shall be by ballot. If there is only one candidate for an office, then election may be by voice vote, unless voting by ballot is demanded before the voting begins by any member at the meeting. If there are more than two candidates for an office, the candidate with the most votes shall be elected, even if the votes do not constitute a majority.

**At the first Board Meeting of the new fiscal year, the Board will determine who will hold which Officer positions.**

*These amendments to the bylaws will be voted on by the general membership at the September 9, 2019 general meeting.*

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***Ten members minimum are needed to vote on this MLFOL Bylaws Change and the Board of Directors slate below, so please mark your calendars and come vote:***

***9/9/2019 at 1:00PM at the library  
(vote will occur in first 10 minutes)***  
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## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

### Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> 2019

Mammoth Lakes Friends of the Library will be considering the following slate of Board members for the fiscal year October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020. This general meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 9, 2019, in the Ellie Randol Reading Room at the Mammoth Lakes Library, 400 Sierra Park Road. The annual meeting for the installation of officers and presentation of annual reports is scheduled for the October meeting. All meetings commence at 1:00 PM, voting will occur at the beginning of the meeting. Slate of candidates for 2019-2020 is:

Edyth Irvine,  
Brigitte Berman,  
Cathy Foye,  
Jo Bacon,  
OJ Zeleny

Thank you to all of our qualified nominees for consenting to stand for election. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the September meeting if the nominee is present, is qualified, and consents.



“Here is where people,  
One frequently finds,  
Lower their voices  
And raise their minds. “

~Richard Armour, ‘Library’

## **Getting to know our new Youth Library Program Manager, Carisa Devine**

### **by Edyth Irvine, MLFOL President**

Born in Pennsylvania, Carrisa comes from a family that includes 4 brothers and sisters. While attending Lebanon Valley College, a small private liberal arts college, she studied philosophy and religion. Carrisa said her professors inspired her to believe in herself and realize she could attain her dreams. One professor encouraged her to apply for a Fulbright Scholarship, which she received. Her project took her to India. While researching in India, she became inspired to work with and teach young people. She describes young people as being open, having a sense of curiosity and enthusiasm.

Carissa’s travels also took her to South East Asia. In Bangkok, she taught English at a private school for 10 months. While there she became reacquainted with a friend and traveled to Germany. She studied the German language and became a part time intern in a school in Dresden. As a result of her studies, she received an International Baccalaureate Degree. Her teaching experience in Germany included a part-time job teaching grades 6, 7, and 8 and a part-time library assistant position.

Due to family illnesses, Carrisa returned to the United States and assisted in care giving. She moved to Bishop, California to help her brother. He is a member of the Disabled Sports Program and has learned to ski. Carrisa has had the opportunity to explore Bishop, engage in road cycling, hiking, and skiing. Last summer she felt the need to again work with young people. She assumed the position of Library Media Tech at Bishop High School, where she worked with and encouraged young people as well as introduced new research programs.

In her own words, Carrisa stated, “In sum, my work thus far and my work at BUHS culminated in a most gratifying feeling— namely that I am just where I want to be. My undergraduate studies which was a study of the soul of the human—the human condition— ultimately led me to an unexpected aim: to empower other humans as much as I could, to show them how smart, strong, and capable they are, and young people are simply more teachable than older individuals. Coming from a disadvantaged background and learning through my professors the extent of my capacity

left me wanting to do the same for other youngsters. There is no youth that I know better than the rural America youth. If I can show them that learning and being aware, conscious, and a human is cool, then I feel like a winner.”

## **From the desk of the County Library Director, Christopher Platt**

Hello Friends colleagues!

I'm pleased to report it has been an eventful Summer here at Mammoth Lakes Library. Under Cindy Sprague's coordination Summer Reading at Mammoth Lakes saw a sign up of 70 participants who participated in programs offered 3 days a week during July for a total attendance of 320. The program was wrapped up with a pizza party and special back-to-school packages that included a book, pens, and a ruler. It was terrific to walk the floor on those days and see so many young people engaged in reading, programs, taking accelerated reading tests and checking out books.

Carissa Devine, our new Youth Library Programming Manager is finally on staff! Carissa's initial assignments include revising the youth collections layout to better serve youth programming and marketing of the materials, reviewing our early literacy work, and reaching out to MUSD stakeholders to build the pipeline of youth from the schools to the library, especially teens. Along with Lori Michelin, our new Maker Space Coordinator, the Mammoth Lakes Library is poised to engage with local young people, their parents and grandparents in new and exciting ways. Stay tuned for updates!

Wildcare Eastern Sierra came back after many years' absence to deliver a family program on Saturday August 10<sup>th</sup> that had over 40 attendees. It was among the first programs we pushed on our new Instagram account - **@monoctylibraries** – it reached 835 area people with 47 “likes, loves, shares and comments”, showing a whole new avenue to reach parents. Instagram's user demographic is largely ages 18-45, aligning nicely with the age of parents of our youngest library users, so we know it's an important avenue of event promotion. I encourage you to follow us on your own Instagram accounts and tell your friends!

Similarly, when we did an Instagram post in mid-July promoting our new books, it reached

over 3,700 people and garnered 621 “likes, loves, shares and comments”. People love libraries and books and this is a convenient way to remind them they have libraries to love right here in Mono County. Another way I'm working to improve awareness of reading and libraries is through partnering with Stacey Adler to launch a new podcast: *Oxygen Starved – Adventure, Books and Conversations at 11,000 Feet*. It's still new and we're working through “newbie” kinks, but details can be found at [www.oxygenstarvedpodcast.com](http://www.oxygenstarvedpodcast.com). Framing it within this 'ABC' structure allows us to shine a light on the area and why people love it, and more importantly bring in local individuals who help bring our corner of the world to life and have them help us underscore the importance of reading. In this sense it helps us not only promote the act of reading, it also builds on our local history collections with these mini ‘oral history’ style interviews. The most current episode as of this writing is Episode 4 which includes Carole Lester discussing her roles as June Lake Librarian and Education Coordinator at SNARL/Valentine. Releasing every other Tuesday, upcoming episodes will include conversations with Kathy Copeland and Tim Alpers, I encourage you to subscribe on Apple Podcasts, Soundcloud, IHeartRadio, or wherever you get your podcasts.

Speaking of new books, I want to personally thank the Mammoth Lakes Friends of the Library for their generous donation in support of hundreds and hundreds of new children's and young adult titles to refresh our local collection. They arrived in time to help support Summer Reading and are poised to help us reach young people as school begins again. We know they're already being used, over 400 checkouts and renewals of these well reviewed and award-winning titles have occurred already and they have only been on the shelves for a few months! *[Editor's Note: the MLFOL contribution was made possible through the generosity of the Langston Program Endowment.]*

To close, I want to thank you for your continued support for literacy, the pursuit of knowledge, the satisfying of curiosity, and the sparking of inspiration that any local library quietly brings to its community day after day. Many of you will have seen the Summer Recommendations from Library Friends brochure at the Book Chalet or in the Library which illustrates and acknowledges that support.

## Summer 2019 Reading Recommendations from Library Friends!

- *Notes From a Small Island* by Bill Bryson – Veering from the ludicrous to the endearing and back again, this book is a delightfully irreverent jaunt around the unparalleled floating nation that has produced zebra crossings, Shakespeare, Twiggie Winkie’s Farm, and places with names like Farleigh Wallop and Titsey. - Carolyn Crawford, Lee Vining Library
- *We Were the Lucky Ones* by Georgia Hunter – This is the author’s first book, written after she discovered that she is from a large and close Polish Family that survived World War Two. An amazing tale of strength, skill and deep love. - Jil Stark, June Lake Library
- *The Night Window* by Dean Koontz – Jane Hawk’s one-woman war comes to an explosive climax as the rogue FBI agent gambles everything against a terrifying conspiracy, for vengeance, for justice, and for humanity’s freedom. The novel follows its extraordinary heroine to her long-sought objective, in a stunning, unforgettable finale. (publisher) - Brock Thoman, Crowley Lake Library
- *The Threat: how the FBI protects America in the age of terror and Trump* by Andrew McCabe – *The Threat* tells the true story of what the FBI is, how it works, and why it will endure as an institution of integrity that protects America. McCabe, an FBI expert in terrorism and Russian organized crime, has compelling insights to the FBI upholding our Constitution and President Trump’s undermining of it. - O J Zeleny, Mammoth Lakes Library
- *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean – How do you recover from a massive fire that ruins thousands of books and other collections at the Los Angeles Central Library? Orlean’s book documents the recovery of the materials as well as the sense of community that surrounds this vital part of downtown Los Angeles. - Jo Bacon, Mammoth Lakes Library
- *A Confederacy of Dunces* by John Kennedy O’Toole – Pulitzer Prize winning farce, set in New Orleans, telling about Ignatius J. Reilly and his various attempts at employment and one-man wars. Amazing characters. A story

you can smell and feel. - Marcia Givven, June Lake Library

- *Sourdough* by Robin Sloan – Leavened by the same infectious intelligence that made Robin Sloan’s *Mr. Penumbra’s 24-Hour Bookstore* such a sensation, while taking on even more satisfying challenges, *Sourdough* marks the triumphant return of a unique and beloved young writer. - Norward Vios, Crowley Lake Library
- *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles – Brimming with humor, a glittering cast of characters, and one beautifully rendered scene after another, this singular novel casts a spell as it relates a Russian count’s endeavor to gain a deeper understanding of what it means to be a man of purpose in a post-Revolutionary Russia that changed all the rules. - Mary Ljung, Lee Vining Library
- *Educated* by Tara Westover – Born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, Tara Westover was 17 the first time she set foot in a classroom. An unforgettable memoir about a young girl who, kept out of school, leaves her family and goes on to earn a PhD from Cambridge University. - Joslyn Rogers, Lee Vining Library



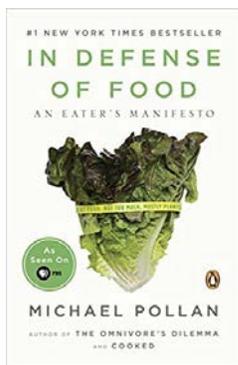
### Brown Bag Book Club 2019

We are again meeting this summer for a book club discussion over a Brown Bag lunch at the Library at noon on the last Monday of the month.

Our June selection was *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt, and July was *the woman in the window* by A. J. Finn. Both books provided the basis for good discussions and chances to share our thoughts on art, adapting to life-changing moments, mysteries, classic movies, etc.

Our August 26<sup>th</sup> selection is *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle. Join us if you can for discussion of this classic Young Adult book which is really for "children of all ages."

Finally, our September 30<sup>th</sup> selection is *In Defense of Food* by Michael Pollan. We will discuss his premise "eat food, not too much, mostly plants."



## The Gallery Wall

We have had two successful Gallery Wall Exhibits this year (so far)!

During tax season, the Out of the Block quilters displayed a number of wall hangings, including many depicting local destinations. The quilts were not only a visual break for the Tax Aide Volunteers and clients, but also a great fundraiser for MLFOL.

Eleven quilts were sold for a total of \$1,103.00, with MLFOL "earning" \$330.90 in donations from the artists who commit to giving us 30% of each sale.

The popular Eastern Sierra Photography exhibit, featuring fifteen local photographers, is our current exhibit which will be displayed through September 30<sup>th</sup>. While some have already sold, there are still more beautifully framed original photographs which might easily fit onto one of your walls.

Check out the exhibit during regular library hours.

## Book Chalet News

- OJ Zeleny, manager

On **July 4<sup>th</sup>** the Book Chalet's usual Children's Book Give-Away did not occur due to a lack of volunteers. In lieu of this, the store held a 50% off all merchandise sale on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Of the 234 visitors to the store those days, \$2,369 worth of merchandise was purchased giving the store \$1,184.50 in receipts. MLFOL extends a profound thank you to these patrons!

We found two more volunteers who like to browse in bookstores, like to interface with customers, and are comfortable handling money and using a simple cash register, namely Natalie Mather and Jennifer Crittenden! Thank you both for helping Book Chalet support our local library through Mammoth Lakes Friends of the Library.

**50% off all merchandise** at the Book Chalet leading into Labor Day Weekend on **August 28-31**. Give a book, DVD, book on CD, and/or music a new home at half the price! Cash or check only.

>> **SALE!** **Labor Day!** **SALE!**<<

>> **SALE!** **½ Price!** **SALE!**<<



"Iris with Dew" by Bob Rice



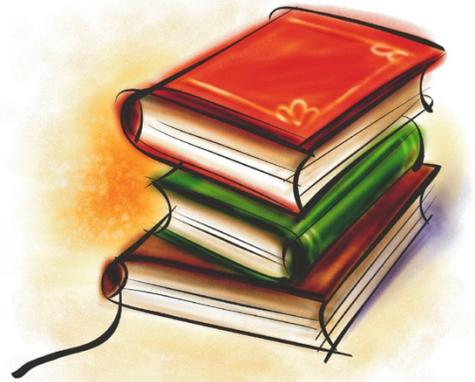
## MLFOL Book Scholarships Awarded

Eleven Mammoth High School students in the graduating class of 2019 have been awarded \$200 by the Mammoth Lakes Friends of the Library to help cover their first semester book purchases in the upcoming college year. Those students are:

Stella Anderson,  
Eva Bissonette,  
Alexia S. Craven,  
Orion Ellis,  
Janelle Weinert,  
Frances Lackey,  
Ismerai Lopez Pantoja,  
Lucas Strazzere,  
Jasmine Mariah Ramirez-Garcia,  
Ryann Richie, and  
Anastasia Seator.

If you are a Mammoth High School student graduating in 2020, or if you know someone who is, keep in mind that the Mammoth Lakes Friends of the Library provides a book award to college-bound graduating seniors. Students who qualify have an active library card and have used it in the past year, have attended MHS for at least 3 years, and have a 3.0 GPA or have substantially volunteered at the library or in the local community.

For more information visit the MLFOL web site ([monocountylibraries.org/friends-of-the-library/mammoth-lakes](http://monocountylibraries.org/friends-of-the-library/mammoth-lakes)) or contact us at 760-934-4777. Our email address is [mlfol@monocoe.org](mailto:mlfol@monocoe.org). You can also use this contact information to donate to MLFOL, become a member, or to begin participating as a volunteer.



## READING FOR LIFE!

*The Health Benefits by Nancy Monson, certified health coach and freelance writer and artist*

Cracking a book is one of life's great pleasures, allowing you to escape to worlds far, far away. And now there's news that reading books can boost your well-being and extend your life. For one thing, reading is relaxing. A study from the University of Sussex in England found that reading reduces stress, probably by distracting people from everyday worries: Just six minutes of reading per day reduced stress levels by 68 percent. (Listening to music and taking a walk were other effective stress-busters.)

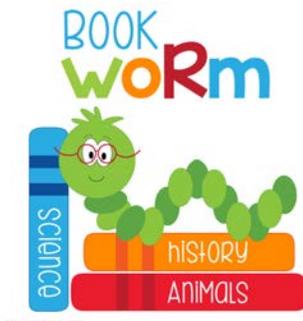
In another study, researchers from the Yale School of Public Health showed that reading a book for 30 minutes a day can add two years to your life span. The researchers questioned 3,635 people over the age of 50 from different backgrounds, and found that book readers had a 20 percent lower chance of dying over 12 years compared with those who read magazines and newspapers and those who didn't read at all.

"Reading may keep the brain active enough to prevent a decline in thinking and processing-what's known as cognition- that is associated with a variety of diseases, such as Alzheimer's," says Avni Bavishi, the study's lead author. This may be because reading helps to build cognitive reserves, extra processing power that can compensate for the

loss of brain cells damaged by aging and disease.

Your reading skills can even make you healthier by improving your ability to understand medical instructions and explanations. “About one-third of adults in the United States struggle with understanding health information,” says Steven Coughlin of Augusta University, who studies health literacy. This makes it difficult for them to access important facts about diet, exercise and treatments that can translate to positive health behaviors.

Additional research reveals that reading improves vocabulary, reasoning, concentration, empathy, social perception and emotional intelligence. In short, reading is a learning jackpot, helping you to grow emotionally and intellectually.



*Becoming a Bookworm by Stephanie Sheaffer, a writer based in Arizona*

According to a 2018 study by the Pew Research Center, 24 percent of American adults reported that they haven't read one book (or even "part of a book") in the previous year. That's 1 in 4 Americans. The question for most people is this: How can I fit reading into. My already full life?

I am a business owner, writer and mother of four children (ages 1-11). Last year, I read more than 50 books (this year my goal is to hit 75). Here are some of my tips for adding books to your week.

*Read to your kids:* Shared books lead to the very best discussions about life, love and how to persevere through hard times. Find a fun series. Use voices. Cuddle under blankets.

*Read in front of your kids:* Don't feel guilty about reading in front of your kids. It's good for kids to see that their parents enjoy reading.

*Move on:* Let's say you start a book, but are less than impressed. Drop it. There are too many wonderful books in the world to get derailed by one that doesn't capture your interest.

*Set a goal:* Each year, I set a reading goal on Goodreads.com. When I finish a book, I write a two- to three-sentence review. At the end of the year, Goodreads puts together a personalized infographic with my reading stats.

*Turn off the TV:* According to 2018 data from Nielsen, Americans age 2 years and older spend four hours and 16 minutes per day watch TV. Turn off the screen and you may find 250 more minutes to spare in your day.

*Listen instead:* Audiobooks allow you to drive to work, do laundry or make dinner while learning something new or being whisked away on a fictional adventure.

*Sleep on it:* Two tips that I can almost guarantee will help you read more: (1) Keep a book on your nightstand; and (2) Don't bring your phone into your bedroom at night. Renaissance scholar Erasmus knew what he was saying when he quipped, "Before you sleep, read something that is exquisite, and worth remembering." Exquisite things are generally not found on Facebook.

*Start small:* American educational reformer Horace Mann gives excellent advice on this topic: "Resolve to edge in a little reading every day, if it is but a single sentence." A little reading every day trumps grand notions and stacks gathering dust.

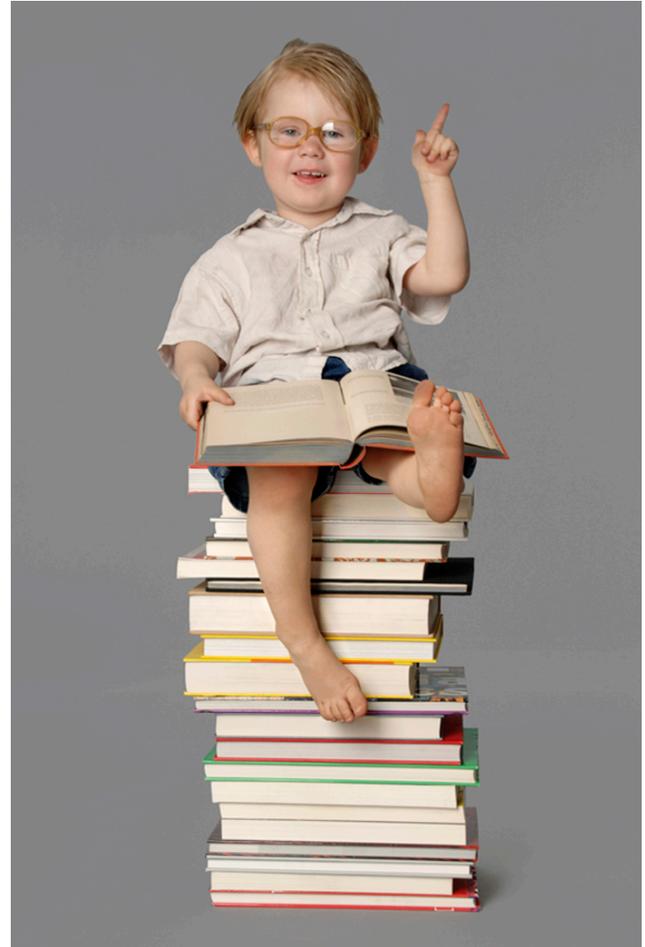




## READING RAMP-UP

With just a few changes in your habits, you can add more reading to your life. The typical reading pace is 250 words (about a page) per minute. To improve your reading speed while maintaining your comprehension, read frequently and focus on building up your vocabulary.

A familiar adage puts it this way: “readers are leader and leaders are readers.” Warren Buffett, for example, reads 500-plus pages every day and estimates he spends as much as 80 percent of his day reading. Melinda Gates rarely leaves home without a book. The late Barbara Bush would listen to audiobooks for hours every day. – SS



*It is, however, not to the museum, or the lecture-room, or the drawing-school, but to the library, that we must go for the completion of our humanity. It is books that bear from age to age the intellectual wealth of the world.*

**- Owen Meredith, from *Inspirational Quotes About Libraries, Librarians and Book Collections***



### **NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS**

#### **Rosie Revere and the Raucous Riveters by Andrea Beatty. Illustrated by David Roberts.**

Rosie Revere is no stranger to flops and fails, kerfuffles and catastrophes. After all, engineering is all about perseverance! But this time, Rosie has a really important project to tackle—one that feels much bigger than herself

#### **Petra by Marianna Coppo.**

Petra is a little rock who believes she is a mighty mountain . . . until a dog fetches her for its owner, and she is tossed into a bird's nest. A mountain? No, Petra is now an egg! An egg of the world in a world of possibility. Until she's flung into a pond, and becomes an amazing island . . . and, eventually, a little girl's pet rock. What will she be tomorrow? Who knows? But she's a rock, and this is how she rolls!

#### **Memphis, Martin, and the Mountaintop by Alice Faye Duncan. Illustrated by R. Gregory Christie.**

This historical fiction picture book presents the story of nine-year-old Lorraine Jackson, who in 1968 witnessed the Memphis sanitation strike--Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s final stand for justice before his assassination--when her father, a sanitation worker, participated in the protest.

#### **Tomorrow Most Likely by Dave Eggers. Illustrated by Lane Smith.**

Rather than focusing on going to bed—and what kid wants to think about going to bed?—this book explores all of the dreamy, wonderful, strange things the next day might bring.

#### **The Book of Mistakes by Corinna Luyken**

As one artist incorporates accidental splotches, spots, and misshapen things into her art, she transforms her piece in quirky and unexpected ways, taking readers on a journey through her process. Told in minimal, playful text, this story shows readers that even the biggest “mistakes” can be the source of the brightest ideas—and that, at the end of the day, we are all works in progress, too.

#### **The Dinosaur Expert by Margaret McNamara. Illustrated by G. Brian Karas.**

Join Mr. Tiffin's class as they learn about dinosaurs big and small, feathered and scaly, winged and ocean-dwelling. And root for Kimmy, the dinosaur expert . . . who might just learn something about herself.

#### **Night Animals by Gianna Marino. Something's out there in the dark!**

First Possum hears it. Then Skunk. Then Wolf comes running.

*“What could it possibly be?”* asks Bat.

*“Night Animals!”* the animals declare.

*“But you are night animals,”* Bat informs this not-so-smart crew.

#### **How to Give Your Cat a Bath by Nicola Winstanley. Illustrated by John Martz.**

In this hilarious and clever “how-to,” a little girl and a know-it-all narrator are thwarted by a cat who refuses to take a bath. The perfect read-aloud for fans of *Snapsy the Alligator* and *Interrupting Chicken*.



## **LIBROS MARAVILLOSOS DE LA SALA DE NIÑOS**

### **Amigos por Eric Carle.**

Una historia de amor y determinación, ilustrada por la extraordinaria pluma de Eric Carle. Para todos los que cruzan ríos y escalan montañas por un amigo querido, este tierno relato provocará emotivas respuestas. (School Library Journal)

### **Una Gran Ayuda por Daniel Fehr y Benjamin Leroy.**

Tejón está sentado llorando. Ha perdido su osito de peluche. Pero Oso ha tenido una idea: *Yo puedo ayudarte! Encontrare tu osito!*

### **A de Activista por Martha Gonzalez y Innosanto Nagara.**

Este libro mostro, y es esencial que la niñez sepa, que el mundo en que vivimos es imperfecto. Y que todos y todas tenemos la habilidad de cambiarlo para hacerlo mejor para todo mundo. *Pablo Alvarado*

### **Sonadores por Yuyi Morales.**

Y si soñaras con una nueva vida y se hiciera realidad?

### **Las Zanahorias Maleficas por Aaron Reynolds y Peter Brown.**

Al conejito Jasper le encantan las zanahorias. Y Siempre que le apetecen, va al campo de los Saltamontes Locos y elige las más grandes y crujientes. Bueno, eso era así hasta que empezaron a perseguirle...

### **El Gato Ensombreado por Dr. Seuss.**

Todo estaba mojado y el sol sin alumbrar. Nos quedamos en casa sin salir a jugar...

### **Estamos en un libro! Por Mo Willems.**

En *Estamos en un Libro!* Gerald y Cerdito descubren el placer de que los lean. Pero que va a pasar cuando se acabe el libro?

### **El Conejito Knuffle for Mo Willems.**

Trixie, Pap, y el conejito Knuffle van a la lavandería del barrio. Pero la fabulosa aventura da un vuelco dramático cuando Trixie se da cuenta de que un cierto conejito se ha quedado atrás...

## **NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL FICTION**

### **The True Blue Scouts of Sugar Man Swamp by Kathi Appelt.**

Newbery Honoree Kathi Appelt's story of care and conservation has received five starred reviews, was selected as a National Book Award finalist, and is funny as all get out and ripe for reading aloud.

### **Finding Wonders — Three Girls Who Changed Science by Jeannine Atkins.**

A gorgeously written novel in verse about three girls in three different time periods who grew up to become groundbreaking scientists. Told in vibrant, evocative poems, this stunning novel celebrates the joy of discovery and finding wonder in the world around us.

### **Lions & Liars by Kate Beasley. Illustrated by Dan Santat.**

Frederick Frederickson has a food-chain theory about life. There are lions, like the school bully. Gazelles, like the bullied kids. There are meerkats, and the fleas that live on the butts of meerkats. Frederick's a flea. Kate Beasley outdoes herself in this hilarious, whip-smart tale of brotherhood, survival, and what it really means to be a friend.

### **Miss Ellicott's School for the Magically Minded by Sage Blackwood.**

Chantel would much rather focus on her magic than on curtsying, which is why she often finds herself in trouble at Miss Ellicott's School for Magical Maidens. But when Miss Ellicott mysteriously disappears along with all the other sorceresses in the city, Chantel's behavior becomes the least of her problems.

### **Sisters of Glass by Naomi Cyprus.**

One girl fears magic, one worships it. But when a legendary mirror connects them, Nalah and Halan finally meet—and must work together to save their two worlds, before everything they know is shattered forever.

### **The Game of Silence by Louise Erdrich.**

Living with her family on an island in Lake Superior during the mid-1800s, a young Ojibwe girl, living a quiet and happy life with her family, begins to fear for the worst when the rumors that the white men are coming to remove her entire tribe from their land begins to gain more credence with every passing day.

**The Seventh Most Important Thing by Shelley Pearsall.**

Arthur T. Owens grabbed a brick and hurled it at the trash picker. Arthur had his reasons, and the brick hit the Junk Man in the arm, not the head. But none of that matters to the judge—he is ready to send Arthur to juvie forever. Amazingly, it's the Junk Man himself who offers an alternative: 120 hours of community service . . . working for him.

**God Got a Dog by Cynthia Rylant. Illustrated by Marla Frazee.**

What if God was living a human existence? What might God do to pass the time? Write a fan letter? Get a desk job? Make spaghetti? Take a bath? Get a dog?

**NEW YOUNG ADULT NOVELS****Piper Perish by Kayla Cagan.**

"There may not be another book published ... that is more perfect for artistic [readers] who love stability yet crave adventure." —*Teen Vogue*

**Even the Darkest Stars by Heather Fawcett.**

The first in a sweeping and action-packed debut fantasy duology loosely inspired by the early climbers of Mt. Everest—perfect for fans of Cindy Pon and Alison Goodman.

**More Than We Can Tell by Brigid Kemmerer.**

*New York Times* bestselling author Brigid Kemmerer pens a new must-read story of two teens struggling under the burden of secrets, and the love that sets them free.

**Neanderthal Opens the Door to the Universe by Preston Norton.**

Razor sharp, moving, and outrageously funny, *Neanderthal Opens the Door to the Universe* is an unforgettable story of finding your place in an imperfect world.

**This Savage Song by Victoria Schwab.**

There's no such thing as safe in a city at war, a city overrun with monsters. In this dark urban fantasy from acclaimed author Victoria Schwab, a young woman and a young man must choose whether to become heroes or villains—and friends or enemies—with the future of their home at stake.

**Dress Codes for Small Towns by Courtney Stevens.**

As the tomboy daughter of the town's preacher, Billie McCaffrey has always struggled with fitting the mold of what everyone says she should be. She'd rather wear sweats, build furniture, and get into trouble with her solid group of friends: Woods, Mash, Davey, Fifty, and Janie Lee.

**The Last Star by Rick Yancey.**

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