The Joy of Libraries and Reading Book List





Younger Elementary

books than just words on pages.



Read All About It! by Laura Bush

(Picture Book, E BUS, AR Level: 3.3) Tyrone thinks books are so boring! But when strange visitors start dropping by the classroom for story hour, Tyrone discovers there's more to



The Library Book by Gabby Dawnay

(Picture Book, E DAW, AR Level: NA)
Zach would much rather watch TV than flip
through a boring book. But thanks to his friend's
stubborn efforts to show him the magic and
excitement of reading, Jack finally goes to the
library and finds a book he can't put down.



Otter: I Love Books! by Sam Garton

(Easy Reader, *E GAR, AR Level: 1.4)
Otter wants to go to the circus or sail a pirate ship, but when Otter Keeper takes him to the library instead, he learns about the adventures that can be found in books.



A Library by Nikki Giovanni

(Picture Book, E GIO, AR Level: NA)

In what other place can a child "sail their dreams" and "surf the rainbow" without ever leaving the room? This ode to libraries is a celebration for everyone who loves stories, and it will have kids and parents alike imagining where their library can take them.



<u>Digging for Words: José Alberto Gutiérrez</u> <u>and the Library He Built by Angela Burke</u> Kunkel

(Picture Book, E KUN, AR Level: 4.0) Based on the life of Jose Alberto Gutierrez, a garbage collector in Bogota, Colombia who started a library with a single discarded book found on his route.



The Little Library by Margaret McNamara

(Picture Book, E MCN, AR Level: NA) Jake is a slow and careful reader who often feels left behind on Library Day until Librarian Beck offers him an old, worn book. Jake checks the book out again and again, and at the end of the school year, he has the perfect gift idea for the librarian who changed his life.



Dreamers by Yuyi Morales

(Picture Book, E MOR, AR Level: 2.2)

In 1994, Yuyi Morales left her home in Xalapa, Mexico and came to the US with her infant son. She left behind nearly everything she owned, but she didn't come empty-handed. She brought her strength, her work, her passion, her hopes and dreams...and her stories.



Dear Librarian by Lydia Sigwarth

(Picture Book, E SIG, AR Level: 3.2)

Lydia has lived in many places, and nothing has ever been permanent, but when her mom introduces her to the library, Lydia finds her special spot and, with the help of the librarian, discovers a world beyond the walls that sparkles with joy.



Nonfiction

Good Books, Good Times! by Lee Bennett Hopkins

(Juvenile Nonfiction, j811 HOP, AR Level: NA)

A collection of witty and whimsical poems that celebrate the joy of reading.



The Man Who Loved Libraries: The Story of Andrew Carnegie by Andrew Larsen

(Juvenile Nonfiction, jB CARNEGIE, AR Level: 4.7)

A story about the life of Andrew Carnegie and how his philanthropy completely revolutionized public libraries.