

## Non-Fiction

***Magic Tree House Survival Guide***—J 613.6 OSB  
Would you know how to survive a stampede? A tsunami? An encounter with an octopus? This Magic Tree House special edition tells you how to stay safe.

***Engineering***—J 624 JAC  
Crammed with mega machines, breathtaking buildings, and all the technology in between, this book has the real insider view on engineering.

***Mission to Pluto: The First Visit to an Ice Dwarf and the Kuiper Belt***—J 629.43 CAR  
Follow a spacecraft the size of a piano, named New Horizons, on the first ever spacecraft mission to Pluto, the space entity formerly known as a planet, in the latest addition to the epic and authoritative Scientists in the Field series.

***Fitness Math***—J 513 MAR

### ***Science Comics***—various

Every volume of Science Comics offers a complete introduction to a particular topic—dinosaurs, coral reefs, the solar system, volcanoes, bats, flying machines, and many more. These gorgeously illustrated graphic novels offer wildly entertaining views of their subjects. Available topics include: Trees (NEW J 582.16 HIR) and Dinosaurs (J 567.9 REE).

## Biography

***Some Writer: The Story of E. B. White***—NEW J BIOG WHITE  
The life of the author of the classic story Charlotte's Web is told thru personal letters, photos, and family memorabilia and the author's own artwork. This is the first fully illustrated biography of this author.

***I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsberg Makes Her Mark***—NEW J BIOG GINSBERG  
Traces the achievements of the celebrated Supreme Court justice through the lens of her many famous acts of civil disagreement against inequality, unfair treatment, and human rights injustice.

***Muhammad Ali***—NEW J BIOG ALI

## Popular Non-Fiction Subjects

Ghosts: 133.1  
Science Experiments: 507.8  
Space: 523  
Mammals: 599  
Pets: 636  
Drawing: 741.2  
Magic: 793.8  
Sports: 796  
Joke Books: 818

## Suggested Authors

Avi  
Natalie Babbitt  
Judy Blume  
Beverly Cleary  
Andrew Clements  
Sharon Creech  
Chris Colfer  
Bruce Coville  
Roald Dahl  
Paula Danziger  
Kate DiCamillo  
Dan Gutman  
James Howe  
Gordon Korman  
Lois Lowry  
Ann M. Martin  
Wendy Mass  
Scott O'Dell  
Mary Pope Osborne  
Katherine Paterson  
Gary Paulsen  
Richard Peck  
*Dav Pilkey*  
J.K. Rowling  
Louis Sachar  
Brian Selznick  
Lemony Snicket  
Jerry Spinelli  
Rebecca Stead  
Lauren Tarshis  
Clare Vanderpool  
E.B. White  
[Gene Luen Yang](#)

# Riverdale Public Library Recommended Books For 4th Graders

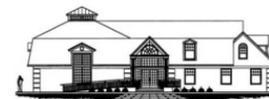


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## Fiction

### ***Origami Yoda*** —J Angleberger

Not so long ago, in a middle school not so far away, a 6th grader named Dwight folded an origami puppet of Yoda. For class oddball Dwight, this isn't weird. What *is* weird is that Origami Yoda is so wise...

### ***The One and Only Ivan*** — J Applegate

When Ivan, a gorilla who has lived for years in a down-and-out circus-themed mall, meets Ruby, a baby elephant that has been added to the mall, he decides that he must find her a better life.

### ***The Indian in the Cupboard***—J Banks

When a 9-year-old boy receives a plastic Indian, a cupboard, and a little key for his birthday, he finds himself involved in an adventure when the Indian comes to life.

### ***The Last Grand Adventure***—NEW J Behrens

In 1967, unhappy with her newly-blended family, twelve-year-old Bea agrees to accompany Pidge, her grandmother, to Atchison, Kansas, where Pidge believes her long-lost sister, Amelia Earhart, will meet them.

### ***Franny K. Stein*** —J Benton

Franny K. Stein is not your average girl—she's a mad scientist! She prefers poison ivy to daisies and uses her pet snake for jumping rope. With experiments ranging from cloning to time travel, Franny shows that science can be a blast!

### ***Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*** —J Blume

Grown-ups think 4-year-old Fudge is simply adorable, but his older brother, Peter, knows the truth: Fudge is a tiny terror in disguise, causing mischief everywhere.

### ***Cici's Journal***—J Chamberlain

In a graphic novel interwoven with journal notes, scrapbook pieces, and doodles, Cici assembles clues about the odd and wonderful people she's uncovered, even as she struggles to understand the mundane: her family and friends.

### ***Frindle*** —J Clements

Nick Allen's teacher loves the dictionary. So when Nick decides to play a trick on her by inventing a new word, he starts a chain of events that gets out of control.

### ***The Secret Life of Ben Braver***— NEW J Emerson

Ben Braver is sent to a secret school where kids with super abilities learn to control their powers, even though he does not have any super abilities and no one has ever thought he could be special.

### ***The Matchstick Castle***—J Graff

Enduring a boring summer with relatives while his scientist father is stationed far away, Brian and his cousin, Nora, discover a huge wooden castle in the forest where an eccentric family battles fantastic monsters and a crazed demolitionist.

### ***Honus and Me***—J Gutman

Twelve-year-old Joe Stoshack finds a valuable 1909 Honus Wagner card and travels back in time to meet the Hall of Famer.

### ***Flashback Four*** —J Gutman

Action-packed series featuring time-traveling kids and real history.

### ***Full of Beans***—J Holm

Ten-year-old Beans Curry, a member of the Keepsies, the best marble playing gang in Depression-era Key West, Florida, engages in various schemes to earn money while "New Dealers" from Washington, D.C., arrive to turn run down Key West into a tourist resort.

### ***From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler***— J

Konigsburg

Having run away with her younger brother to live in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, twelve-year-old Claudia strives to keep things in order in their new home and to become a changed person and a heroine to herself.

### ***The Mad Wolf's Daughter*** — NEW J Magras

In 1210 Scotland, when invading knights capture 12-year-old Drest's father, the Mad Wolf of the North, and her beloved brothers who make up his fearsome war-band, she sets off to rescue them from the castle prison, taking along a wounded knight as her captive to trade for her family's freedom.

### ***11 Birthdays***—J Mass

Amanda and Leo, best friends with the same birthday, had a falling out on their 10th birthday and have not spoken since. But peculiar things begin to happen as the day of their 11th birthday repeats itself again and again.

### ***The Creeper Diaries*** — (NEW) J Minecraft

The launch of an exciting, hilarious new series narrated by an underdog every Minecrafter can relate to. Ideal for fans of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* and *Big Nate*.

### ***Shiloh***—J Naylor

When Marty finds a lost beagle in the hills behind his West Virginia home, he tries to hide it from his family and the dog's real owner, a mean-spirited man.

### ***The Unicorn in the Barn***—J Ogburn

Fifth-grader Eric's life transforms when he encounters a unicorn in the woods around Chinaberry Creek and discovers a special veterinary clinic that cares for "supernatural exotic patients."

### ***Timmy Failure*** —J Pastis

Meet Timmy Failure, the clueless CEO of the best detective agency in town, and his assistant, a polar bear named Total.

### ***Withering-by-Sea*** — J Rossell

Stella, eleven, gets her dreamed-of adventure when something she should not have seen in the damp, dull hotel where she lives with three dreadful aunts on a cliff above Withering-by-Sea sends her on the run from stage magician Professor Starke and his thugs, eluding danger, making new friends, and facing questions about herself.

### ***Playing Atari With Saddam Hussein*** — J Roy

At the start of 1991, eleven-year-old Ali Fadhil was consumed by his love for soccer, video games, and American television shows. Then, on January 17, Iraq's dictator Saddam Hussein went to war with thirty-four nations led by the United States. Cinematic, accessible, and timely, this is the story of one ordinary kid's view of life during war.

### ***Sideways Stories From Wayside School*** —J Sachar

Humorous episodes from the classroom on the 30th floor of Wayside School, which was accidentally built sideways with one classroom on each story.

### ***Five Worlds***— (NEW) J Siegel

A story (series) that explores new worlds packed with amazing adventures; ancient mysteries; the unlikely bond of a clumsy dancer, a boy from the poorest slums, and a superstar athlete--and their quest to save one small, distant galaxy from the forces of evil. Available titles: [The Sand Warrior](#) and [The Cobalt Prince](#).

### ***Cupcake Diaries*** — J Simon

### ***Spirit Animals (series)***— J Spirit

As a dark force engulfs the land, the fate of Erdas has fallen on the shoulders of four young strangers who each have forged a rare bond with their spirit beasts -- a bond that gives great powers to all of them.

### ***Wild Rescuers***— NEW J Stacyplays

Stacy was raised by wolves. She's never needed humans to survive and, from what she sees of humans, they're dangerous and unpredictable. But as the forest changes and new dangers begin lurking, are Stacy and the wolves prepared for the perils that await them?

### ***I Survived...***—J Tarshis

From the destruction of Pompeii to the bombing of Pearl Harbor, incredible stories of survival throughout history.

### ***Action Presidents*** - NEW J Van Lente

An ALA award-winning author-illustrator duo bring George Washington to life like kids have never seen him before—as the hero of a nonfiction comic-style biography in a hilarious, all-too-true, fully illustrated paper-over-board middle grade adventure. Also available: Abraham Lincoln.

### ***Front Desk*** — NEW J Yang

After emigrating from China, ten-year-old Mia Tang's parents take a job managing a rundown motel, despite the nasty owner while she works the front desk and tries to cope with fitting in at her school.

### ***Secret Coders***— J Yang

Welcome to Stately Academy, a school which is just crawling with mysteries to be solved! The founder of the school left many clues and puzzles to challenge his enterprising students. Using their wits and their growing prowess with coding, Hopper and her friend Eni are going to solve the mystery of Stately Academy no matter what it takes!