

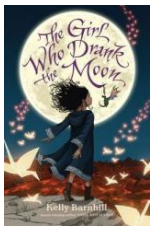
Fourth Grade Reading List 2023 Akron-Summit County Public Library

Fiction:



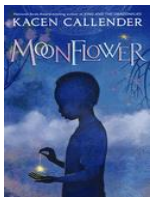
Baptist, Kelly J. **Isaiah Dunn is my Hero**, 2020. JFIC Lexile 700 BL 4.3

Isaiah is now the big man of the house. But it's a lot harder than his dad made it look. His little sister, Charlie, asks too many questions, and Mama's gone totally silent. Kelly J. Baptist's debut novel explores the indomitable spirit of a ten-year-old boy and the superhero strength it takes to grow up.



Barnhill, Kelly Regan. **The Girl who Drank the Moon**, 2016. JFIC Lexile 640

An epic fantasy about a young girl raised by a witch, a swamp monster, and a Perfectly Tiny Dragon, who must unlock the powerful magic buried deep inside her.



Callender, Kacen. **Moonflower**, 2022. JFIC BL 4.9

Moon is convinced that they do not belong to this world: that most of the time they are invisible (unless they stay still too long), that they belong to the stars, and want to go back to them. They live entirely in their imagination with an imaginary spirit guide who can appear in any shape and refuses to speak to anyone, lest their words tie them to a world they reject.



Christmas, Johnnie. **Swim Team**, 2022. JGN BL 2.6

Bree can't wait for her first day at her new middle school, Enith Brightha, home to the Mighty Manatees--until she's stuck with the only elective that fits her schedule, the dreaded Swim 101. Lucky for her, Etta, an elderly occupant of her apartment building and former swim team captain, is willing to help.



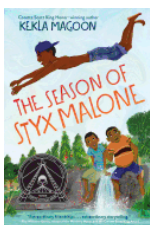
Dao, Julie C. **Team Chu and the Battle of Blackwood Arena**, 2022. (Team Chu Series #1) JFIC BL 4.0

Competitive siblings Sadie and Clip Chu must set aside their differences and work together when they get stuck in a virtual reality laser tag game.



Kuo, Jane. **In the Beautiful Country**, 2022. JFIC BL 4

Arriving in America, the so-called beautiful country, Anna, a young Taiwanese girl, finds it anything but beautiful as she and her family struggle to make a place for themselves in this world and learn the true meaning of home.



Magoon, Kekla. **The Season of Styx Malone**, 2018. JFIC Lexile 510 BL 3.8

Caleb Franklin and his younger brother, Bobby Gene, spend an extraordinary summer with their new, older neighbor, Styx Malone, a foster boy from the city in this lively and diverse story.



Ortega, Claribel A. **Frizzy**, 2022. JGN BL 3.0
 Marlene loves three things: books, her cool tãia Ruby, and hanging out with her best friend Camila. But according to her mother Paola, the only thing she needs to focus on is school and 'growing up.' That means straightening her hair every weekend so she could have 'presentable good hair.' With a few hiccups, a dash of embarrassment, and the much-needed help of Camila and tãia Ruby, she slowly starts a journey to learn to appreciate and proudly wear her curly hair.

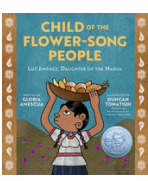


Saeed, Aisha. **Omar Rising**, 2022. JFIC BL 3.8
 In this compelling companion to *New York Times* bestseller AMAL UNBOUND, Amal's friend Omar must contend with being treated like a second-class citizen when he gets a scholarship to an elite boarding school.

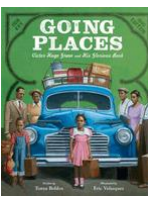


Willing McManis, Charlene. **Indian No More**, 2019. JFIC BL 4.4 Lexile 720
 When Regina's Umpqua tribe is legally terminated and her family must relocate from Oregon to Los Angeles, she goes on a quest to understand her identity as an Indian despite being so far from home.

Non-Fiction:



Amescua, Gloria. **Child of the Flower-Song People: Luz Kimenez, Daughter of the Nahua**, 2021. JBJO Jimenez, D J61c Lexile 1020 BL 5.3
 Illustrator Duncan Tonatiuh brings to life debut author Gloria Amescua's lyrical biography of an indigenous Nahua woman from Mexico who taught and preserved her people's culture through modeling for famous artists.



Bolden, Tonya. **Going Places: Victor Hugo Green and his Glorious Book**, 2022. JNF 305.896 G797b BL 3.9
 As a mail carrier, Victor Hugo Green traveled across New Jersey every day. But with Jim Crow laws enforcing segregation since the late 1800s, traveling as a Black person in the US could be stressful, even dangerous. So in the 1930s, Victor created a guide compiling information on where to go and what places to avoid so that Black travelers could have a safe and pleasant time.



Gravel, Elise. **Killer Underwear Invasion! : How to Spot Fake News, Disinformation and Conspiracy Theories**, 2022. JNF 070.43 G775k Lexile 500
 In this hilarious, yet fact-filled book, Elise Gravel uses her kid-friendly wit and quirky illustration style to break down what fake news is, why people spread it, and how to tell what is real and what isn't. And that's the truth!"



King-Cargile, Gillian. **Vaccines Change the World**, 2022. JNF 615.372 K52 Lexile 1170
 Unlike other science books for middle grade readers, this definitive guide to vaccines is told in an approachable, compelling narrative style. Fascinating stories, combined with fresh design elements, will help kids make connections to current events and get them thinking about where human ingenuity will take us next.