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.

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 Brigitha, 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.

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.
Marlene loves three things: books, her cool tâia 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 tâia Ruby, she slowly starts a journey to learn to appreciate and proudly wear her curly hair.

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.

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.

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!

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.