Fantasy Books for Grades K-5 Akron-Summit County Public Library

Picture books:



Davis, Kathy Ellen. **Ta-Da!**, 2018. JE Two young storytellers start with "once upon a time" but quickly realize that a good story needs action, danger, and most of all, a happy ending.



Denise, Christopher. **Knight Owl**, 2022. JE After achieving his dream of becoming a knight, a small owl protects the castle from a hungry dragon.



Ebbeler, Jeffrey. **I'm Ogre It**, 2022. JRDR Ollie is absorbed in the video game Smash Tower. He doesn't notice that, in the yard, his sister and an ogre named Tim have constructed an obstacle course that mirrors the levels of the game.



Gauld, Tom. **The Little Wooden Robot and the Log Princess**, 2021. JE When a wooden robot prince forgets to say the magic words that turn his sister from a log into a princess, she is thrown away, so he goes on an epic journey to find her and bring her back.



Hatke, Ben. Julia's House Goes Home, 2021. JE Julia's flying house has come down to earth--and sprouted legs! Now it roams the landscape looking for the perfect spot to settle down. Book #3 but can be read as a standalone.



Lyall, Casey. **A Spoonful of Frogs**, 2022. JE Young readers will have a hopping good time in this hilarious story about a witch who is having a hard time wrangling a bunch of frogs into her frog soup until she comes up with a surprising solution.



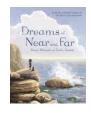
Pinkwater, Daniel. Kat Hats, 2022. JE

A trained cat who is able to form himself into specialty hats, Thermal Herman is world renowned for his warmth and agility, but when a friend wanders off with a brain freeze and finds themself in peril, Thermal Herman must rush in to save the day.



Sardà, Júlia. The Queen in the Cave, 2022. JE

Once upon a time there were three sisters: Franca, Carmela, and Tomasina. This is their story of adventure and discovery. A tale of hidden mysteries and new wonders, of finding a strange world beyond home and unlocking the secrets inside themselves.



Widmark, Martin. Dreams of Near and Far, 2021. JE

Noah and Mia have never met. They live far, far apart but look out upon the same sea. Noah is heartbroken when his old dog Gus dies. He slips into dreams, searching for his lost friend, but instead finds something unexpected.



Zollars, Jaime. The Truth About Dragons, 2020. JE

A girl's frightening and exciting first day of school is full of prowling dragons that aren't quite what they seem.

Fiction and Graphic Novels:



Alston, B.B. Amari and the Night Brothers, 2021. JFIC

Amari Peters has never stopped believing her missing brother, Quinton, is alive. Not even when the police told her otherwise, or when she got in trouble for standing up to bullies who said he was gone for good. When she finds a ticking briefcase in his closet, containing a nomination for a summer tryout at the Bureau of Supernatural Affairs, she is certain the secretive organization holds the key to locating Quinton.



Aster, Alex. Curse of the Night Witch, 2020. JFIC

After changing the fate he has known since birth, twelve-year-old Tor Luna, accompanied by his friends Engle and Melda, must visit the notorious Night Witch to break the curse he now faces. Book #1



Auxier, Jonathan. Willa the Wisp, 2020. JFIC

One day eight-year-old Auggie Pound, the caretaker of the rare animals in the Fabled Stables, ventures into the swamp to save a new rare creature, the wisp.



Clark, Zack Loran. **The Lock-Eater**, 2022. JFIC Melanie Gate, a foundling with a peculiar talent for opening the unopenable, agrees to accompany a gearling automaton named Traveler on his quest to find a home, only to be pursued by the most dangerous wizard in the land and, along the way, discover her true powers.



Cuevas, Adrianna. **The Total Eclipse of Nestor Lopez**, 2020. JFIC A Cuban-American boy must use his ability to communicate with animals to save the inhabitants of his town when they are threatened by a witch that transforms into animals.



Farrant, Natasha. **Eight Princesses and a Magic Mirror**, 2020. JFIC A magic mirror reveals itself to diverse princesses when each needs it most, illuminating how their power comes not from titles or beauty, but from inner strength.



Gidwitz, Adam. **The Creature of the Pines**, 2018. JFIC Elliot Eisner isn't excited about starting at a new school, but things take an unexpected turn when his class takes a field trip. Book #1



Hanna Alkaf. **The Girl and the Ghost**, 2020. JFIC Retells a Malaysian folk tale in which a lonely girl, Suraya, inherits from her grandmother a pelesit, a ghostly demon, who proves to be a good companion, bringing both danger and hope.



Leiknes, Mark. Quest Kids and the Dragon Pants of Gold, 2022. JFIC

Meet the Quest Kids crew: Gil, a wizard (well, wizard in training . . . the beard isn't his); Terra, a 700-year-old elf kid; Boulder, a rock troll who is more of a cook than a fighter; Ash, a flatulent pig-dog-maybe-lizard hybrid; and, Ned, the intrepid and overly optimistic leader with his own personal quest to find his missing parents.



Liu, Marjorie M. **Wingbearer**, 2022. JGN When a sinister force threatens the life-giving magic of the tree, Zuli, along with her guardian owl, Frowly, must get to the root of it. Book #1



Loux, Matthew. Prunella and the Cursed Skull Ring, 2022. JGN

There are whispers around the village that monsters are lurking outside the gates. Prunella doesn't pay this talk much mind--until she unearths a strange skull-shaped ring in her garden. When she places it on her finger she's transformed into a skeleton girl, terrifying her monster-fearing town!



Ostertag, Molly. The Witch Boy, 2017. JGN

In thirteen-year-old Aster's family, all the girls are raised to be witches, while boys grow up to be shapeshifters. Anyone who dares cross those lines is exiled. Unfortunately for Aster, he hasn't shifted, and he is fascinated by witchery. Book #1



Pasternack, Sofiya. Black Bird, Blue Road, 2022. JFIC

Pesah has lived with leprosy for years, and the twins have spent most of that time working on a cure. Then Pesah has a vision: The Angel of Death will come for him on Rosh Hashanah, just one month away. So Ziva takes her brother and runs away to find doctors who can cure him. But when they meet and accidentally free a half-demon boy, he suggests paying his debt by leading them to the fabled city of Luz, where no one ever dies--the one place Pesah will be safe.



Probert, Tim. Lightfall: Book one, The Girl & the Galdurian, 2020. JGN Bea and Cad, two unlikely friends, are swept up in an epic quest to save their world from falling into eternal darkness.



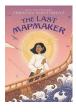
Riess, Natalie. Dungeon Critters, 2020. JGN

Join the Dungeon Critters--a tight-knit squad of animal companions--on a wild adventure investigating a sinister botanical conspiracy among the furry nobility.



Royce, Eden. Root Magic, 2021. JFIC

When Jez and Jay turn eleven, their uncle, Doc, tells them he's going to train them in rootwork. Jez and Jay have always been fascinated by the African American folk **magic** that has been the legacy of their family for generations--especially the curious potions and powders Doc and Gran would make for the people on their island. But Jez soon finds out that her family's true power goes far beyond small charms and elixirs... and not a moment too soon.



Soontornvat, Christina. The Last Mapmaker, 2022. JFIC

As assistant to Mangkon's most celebrated mapmaker, Sai plays the part of a well-bred young lady. In reality, her father is a commoner. When she joins a charting expedition, she isn't the only one aboard the ship with secrets.



West, Jacqueline. Long Lost, 2021. JFIC

Feeling lonely and out of place after her family moves to a new town, eleven-year-old Fiona Crane ventures to the local library, where she finds a gripping mystery novel about a small town, family secrets, and a tragic disappearance.



Young, Ethan. The Dragon Path, 2021. JGN

The Wong Clan must leave their ruined homeland for a better life in the mythical Old Land, but to get there they must follow the dragon path, where their sworn enemies, the Dragon Tribe, rule.