Funny Books for Grades K to 5
Akron-Summit County Public Library

Picture Books, Easy Readers, and Non-Fiction:

Once there was a bridge and a terrible and VERY hungry troll lived underneath it. When the three Billy Goats Gruff decide to clip-clop across the bridge to get to the grassy ridge, the troll is already imagining all the way to prepare a delicious goat dinner. But the troll underestimates those seemingly sweet but oh-so-savvy goats!

Forsythe, Matthew. Pokko and the Drum, 2019. JE
When Pokko plays her drum in the forest, she suddenly finds herself surrounded by an entire band of animal musicians.

A Confusing collection of hilarious homonyms and sound-alike sentences.

Lieb, Josh. Chapter Two is Missing!, 2019. JE
Chapter Two is Missing is a hilarious mystery starring a hopelessly lost narrator, an unqualified detective, and a very sneaky janitor, who are all surprised to discover that the second chapter of the very book of which they are a part is missing.

Maloney, Brenna. Buzzkill: A Wild Wander Through the Weird and Threatened World of Bugs, 2022. JNF 595.7 M257b
A humorous and engaging nonfiction book about bugs.

Martin, Stephen W. I Can't Draw, 2022. JE
Max recruits his friend Eugene to teach him how to improve his drawing, but none of Eugene's helpful tips fit Max's style.

McAnulty, Stacy. Save the People!: Halting Human Extinction, 2022. JNF 576.84 M114s
Packed with science, jokes, and black and white illustrations, Save the People! examines the worst-case scenarios that could (but hopefully won't) cause the greatest mass extinction—our own.
Improbable, ridiculous remedies accumulate when there is gum stuck in your hair.

In the big city, people wear all kinds of hats. Not everyone wears a toad as a hat, but some people do... and some of those toad hats can be VERY bossy!

A lazy alligator comes up with a plan to lure his prey by opening up a restaurant for birds--until he realizes that birds are even better as friends.

Follow Mel on her journey from downward fall to triumphant flight in this tale of self-confidence and taking a leap of faith.

Triceratops, Pterodactyl, Brontosaurus, and T-Rex each have an itch, but Dino-Mo reminds them of the sign with a very important rule: Dinosaurs do not scratch.

A little boy tries to justify all his bad habits to his mother with increasing unlikely explanations.

Anything is possible in the multiverse, including a madcap adventure starring a plucky two-headed chicken. But look out--there's a chicken-hungry moose in pursuit!
Armstrong, Jade. **Scout is Not a Band Kid**, 2022. JGN
Scout joins her middle school's band in order to go on the band's annual trip and meet her favorite author, but she is forced to face the music when the trombone section leader realizes Scout does not know how to play.

Atinuke. **Too Small Tola**, 2021. JFIC
Three tales of an endearing and enduring character, Tola, who lives in an apartment in the busy city of Lagos, Nigeria, with her sister, brother and grandmommy.

Atkinson, Cale. **Simon and Chester: Super Detectives!**, 2021. JGN
Sir Simon Spookington, professional scarer, gets transferred to a house to haunt, but something changes when he meets Chester. Book #1

Calabrese, Keith. **Wild Ride**, 2022. JFIC
When Charley's brother Greg ditches her for a date night downtown and gets their mom's boyfriend's super-expensive Mustang towed, he needs her help to get it back. Only now the Mustang has a stowaway named Mitch who's guarding a world-changing secret.

Hale, Shannon. **Amethyst, Princess of Gemworld**, 2021. JGN
Amaya, Princess of House Amethyst in Gemworld, is sent to mundane Earth to teach her that magic is a privilege, but after Amy has long settled into ordinary middle school life, a Prince of the Realm brings her home to restore her magical destiny.

Kim, Jessica. **Stand Up, Yumi Chung!**, 2020. JFIC
When eleven-year-old Yumi Chung stumbles into a kids' comedy camp, she is mistaken for another student, so she decides to play the part.

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.
Mian, Zanib. *Accidental Trouble Magnet*, 2020. JFIC
Imaginative Omar goes through the ups and downs of starting a new school and making new friends with the help of his wonderful (and silly) Muslim family.

Jo Jo Makoons Azure is a spirited seven-year-old who moves through the world a little differently than anyone else on her Ojibwe reservation. Even though Jo Jo loves her #1 best friend Mimi (who is a cat), she's worried that she needs to figure out how to make more friends. Because Fern, her best friend at school, may not want to be friends anymore.

Rex, Michael. *Your Pal Fred*, 2022. JGN
Accidentally activated in a future world where only the savage survive, a life-size toy named Fred is programmed to be a friend and spread kindness and good will wherever he goes, but in this world that is going to be difficult--so Fred decides that his first task is to get Lord Bonkers and Papa Mayhem, two warlords, to make peace and become friends.

Reynolds, Justin A. *It's the End of the World and I'm in My Bathing Suit*, 2022. JFIC
When the electricity goes out, twelve-year-old Eddie and his friends set out to investigate what is going on when they make the startling discovery that they are the only ones left in their neighborhood--and perhaps the only people left anywhere.

Best friends Pizza and Taco agree on nearly everything. But when Pizza claims to be the best of all, they debate and compete to define what being the best really means. Book #1