

## Grades K-5 Science Fiction Reading List

### Akron-Summit County Public Library

#### Picture Books:

Fletcher, Tom. **There's an Alien in Your Book**, 2020. JE

Encourages the reader to shake, tilt, and wiggle the book in an effort to launch the alien back into space, because aliens do not belong on Earth--or maybe they do.

Kelly, John. **Fixer the Robot**, 2018. JE

Fixer is a robot whose delight in life is to help the other machines do their jobs. Every morning, Fixer robot trundles up the hill to help the other robots as they dig and push and drill.

Park, Linda Sue. **Gurple & Preen: a Broken Crayon Cosmic Adventure**, 2020. JE

When Gurple and Preen crash land onto a strange alien planet, they must work together to build something new from their mistake in order to save their mission.

Pyle, Nathan. **Strange Planet: the Sneaking, Hiding, Vibrating Creature**, 2021. JE

When the nearest star rises, Lifegiver has an exciting quest planned for Offspring! Follow along as they observe a strange creature that sneaks, hides, and vibrates around their house. Hilarity ensues as the blue beings try to mimic this talented creature.

Sharmat, Andrew. **Nate the Great and the Earth Day Robot**, 2021. JRDR

The Earth Day Fair is days away, but Nate's classroom project--a robot named Mr. Butler--has disappeared. Nate the Great and his dog, Sludge, take on the unusual case, and they are soon searching high and low in and around the school. Will Nate find the robot in time for the fair?

Sima, Jessie. **Love, Z**, 2018. JE

When a small robot named Z discovers a message in a bottle signed "*Love, Beatrice*," they decide to find out what "love" means. Unable to get an answer from the other robots, they leave to embark on an adventure that will lead them to Beatrice--and back home again, where love was hiding all along.

Trofa, Sara. **Taxi Ride with Victor**, 2019. JE

Victor is everyone's favorite extraterrestrial taxi driver, but he has a big problem. His memory is terrible! He can never remember his way around the galaxy. When he drops off his passengers at the wrong locations, there are some unexpected and hilarious high jinx.

Twohy, Mike. **Spacebot**, 2020. JE

When a mysterious visitor arrives in the night from outer space, it's up to the family dog to determine if they're friend or foe. This rhyming read-aloud by award-winning author-illustrator Mike Twohy will surprise and delight young readers.

Wiesner, David. **Robobaby**, 2020. JE

Excited by the arrival of a new baby, a family of robots is nearly undone by technical difficulties until big sister steps in and repairs the situation.

**Fiction:**

Bondor-Stone, Annabeth. **Jaclyn Hyde**, 2019. JFIC

In this heartwarming and hilarious reimagining of *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, a secret potion accidentally turns eager-to-please eighth grader Jaclyn into Jackie, a goblin-like monster who'll do anything to win at everything she does--no matter how much chaos she creates along the way.

Gibbs, Stuart. **Space Case: A Moon Base Alpha Novel**, 2014. JFIC

Dashiell Gibson, who lives on Moon Base Alpha, has to solve a murder of one of the moon's most prominent doctors.

Hernandez, Carlos. **Sal & Gabi Break the Universe**, 2019. JFIC

In order to heal after his mother's death, Sal learned how to meditate. But no one expected him to be able to take it further and 'relax' things into existence. Turns out he can reach into time and space to retrieve things from other universes.

Himmelman, John. **Albert Hopper Science Hero: Worming to the Center of the Earth**, 2020. JFIC

Albert Hopper, Science Hero is on a mission: to travel to the center of the earth! With his wormlike ship *Wiggles* and the help of his niece and nephew, trusty Junior Science Heroes Polly and Tad, Hopper is ready to go where no frog has gone before.

Mbalia, Kwame. **Last gate of the Emperor**, 2021. JFIC

An Afrofuturist adventure about a mythical Ethiopian empire. Sci-fi and fantasy combine in this journey to the stars. Yared Heywat lives an isolated life in Addis Prime -- a hardscrabble city with rundown tech, lots of rules, and not much to do. His worrywart Uncle Moti and bionic lioness Besa are his only family... and his only friends. Often in trouble for his thrill-seeking antics and smart mouth, those same qualities make Yared a star player of the underground augmented reality game, *The Hunt for Kaleb's Obelisk*.

Messinger, Jonathan. **The Fuzzy Apocalypse**, 2020. JFIC

Eight-year-old Finn is the first kid born in space and he spends his days looking for a new planet to call home with his three best friends and his robot, Foggy. He's used to wild, galaxy hopping adventures. But when Explorer Troop 301 gets stuck on a planet that's about to explode, Finn and his friends will have to face giant aliens, a leader with mind control powers, and one evil, fluffy bunny rabbit in order to save the planet . . . and themselves.

Ormsbee, K.E. **Midnight on Strange Street**, 2020. JFIC

Avery is looking for a fresh start, away from all the bomb sirens and talk of war in Los Angeles. She expects to find a haven in Callaway, Texas, where the cool new substance 'glow' was first discovered. What she doesn't count on is making friends with glowboard skaters Dani, Bastian, and Lola, AKA the Sardines. But the Sardines start to discover more about themselves - like how they can share thoughts

and move objects with their minds. When the Sardines receive an ominous, otherworldly message, they must decide if they can use their newfound powers to stop an impending disaster.

Patterson, James. **Not So Normal Norbert**, 2018. JFIC

A kooky kid is banished to another planet in this hilarious adventure about a futuristic world where different is dangerous, imagination is insanity, and creativity is crazy!

Rodkey, Geoff. **We're Not From Here**, 2019. JFIC

After a year on Mars, a young boy and his family migrate to the planet Choom, but the inhabitants of Choom, the Zhuri, who look like giant mosquitoes, don't like humans, and it is up to the boy and his family to change their minds if they hope to survive.

Scieszka, Jon. **Astronuts Mission One: the Plant Planet**, 2019. JFIC

Carbon dioxide is out of control on Earth, and the fate of humankind rests in the paws of four experimental, untested Animal Astronauts (AlphaWolf, SmartHawk, LaserShark, and StinkBug) who are seeking another habitable planet; first destination is the Plant Planet which at first looks perfect, except that the abundant plant life can think for itself--and it thinks that it really does not like the AstroNuts.

Sorosiak, Carlie. **Leonard: My Life as a Cat**, 2021. JFIC

While no cat can be called ordinary, Leonard is definitely no ordinary cat. In fact, he is an alien, sent on an earthly sabbatical and mistakenly given the body of a rather scruffy stray.

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