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Here are suggested classic and contemporary book titles either for a great start to or enhancement of your home library, an ever-present resource for children and adults. The American Library Association - Children’s Book Council Joint Committee and the ALSC Quicklists Consulting Committee recommend these titles for children ages 8-11.

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Can an ordinary boy solve the mystery of disappearing children—before he becomes one of them?

Frogs who eat snakes, frogs with see-through skin, frogs who live for months at a time buried in dried mud - who knew frogs were so fascinating?


Lina and Doon live in a world with no sun. Light comes from a generator which is starting to fail. Can they find a way out?

Warning! This is not your average fairytale. Read only if you want to know the true, funny, creepy, tragic, heroic story behind Hansel and Gretel and other fairytales. You have been warned!

Seven-year-old Grace prides herself on her teeny-tiny superpower of knowing how people are feeling, but when she tries to help a neighbor feel better, her good intentions backfire.

In 1935, eleven-year-old Turtle moves to Key West, where she learns the trials of boy cousins and the wonders of sugar apple ice cream.

When Milo goes through the Phantom Tollbooth, he discovers a land where watchdogs have actual clocks, the Mathemagician rules the land of numbers, and “Whichs” are not so wicked.

In this retelling of a true story, Henry “Box” Brown escapes from slavery by being mailed in a box to free Philadelphia.

Following directions from a grateful goldfish, Minli sets out on a quest to Never-Ending Mountain in hopes of changing her community’s fortunes.

Alvin’s worst fear has been realized - camping! Can his night-vision goggles, water purifying tablets, and heavy-duty flashlight keep him safe from the great outdoors?

An autistic brother, a paraplegic boy, and a new friend teach Catherine that the rules of normal behavior are not as important as friendship and acceptance.

In true Nancy Drew form, Judy sets out to solve the case of the missing puppy.

After a young boy is stolen, his father and the Mother Elements who raised him search the earth to find him again.

Four dogs and a cat can’t fill the hole left in their family when the father leaves...or can they help the family find the magic?

When he receives a mysterious locked box left to him by his deceased father, Jeremy begins a journey to find the keys to unlock the meaning of life.

Fans of baseball can spout statistics and list their favorite players, but some of the greatest players of the game were never really famous.

Two lonely children create a magical kingdom, and declare themselves king and queen, in the woods by their homes.

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Third-grader Clementine gains several unique hairstyles, confronts friendships issues, and helps banish pesky pigeons from the front of her apartment building.

Stanley Yelnats carries the burden of the family curse brought upon by his no-good-dirty-rotten-pig-stealing great-great-grandfather, which brings him to a memorable summer at Camp Greenlake.

Growing up with five brothers, piles of comic books and lots of free time gave Jon Scieszka plenty of accidents, jokes and misadventures to write about.

Beautiful drawings help to tell the story of an orphan secretly living inside the walls of a Paris train station.

This poetry collection includes more than 130 never-before-seen poems and drawings.

Twelve-year-old Miranda must unravel the mystery of a never-before-seen poems and drawings.

In 1968, three young sisters are sent to live with the poet mother who abandoned them years before and have trouble adjusting to her bohemian lifestyle and Black Panther involvement.