



Beginning Chapter Books:

A Select List of Brown County Library Children's Books (Kindergarten – Grade 3)



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ADVENTURE AND HUMOR for Boys and Girls:

[A to Z Mysteries \(Ron Roy\) 450-590L](#)

Pals Dink, John, and Ruth Rose solve not-too-scary mysteries. Young readers will feel a sense of accomplishment as they piece together clues.

[Bailey School Kids \(Dadey\) 330-700L](#) (easiest titles: Dragons Do Eat Homework, Reindeer Do Wear Striped Underwear)

More silly than scary, these books star third-graders at a distinctly strange school.

[Dinosaur Cove \(Stone\) 600-730L](#)

Tom and Jamie travel to prehistoric times in these adventures with bonus dino facts.

[Flat Stanley \(Brown\) 460-700L](#)

Due to an unfortunate bulletin board accident, Stanley is only 1/2 inch thick. This unusual trait allows him to travel by envelope and go on all sorts of adventures!

[Frankie Pickle \(Wight\) 530-600L](#)

Well-meaning but disaster prone Frankie is the star of these exuberant tales with retro comic book style illustrations.

[Geronimo Stilton *also available in Spanish \(Geronimo\) 410-730L](#)

(easiest titles: Paws Off Cheddar, Temple of the Ruby of Doom, Cat and Mouse in a Haunted House, I'm Not a Supermouse!)

Geronimo, an international rodent journalist, finds intrigue and adventure wherever he travels. Selected vocabulary within each text include color and style clues to evoke the meaning of the word or phrase. These clever visual aids, along with fast pacing and Geronimo's sprightly narration, make this series perennially popular.

[Ghostville Elementary \(Jones\) 510-640L](#)

From the authors of the "Bailey School Kids" series, comes another choice for fans of the silly and supernatural.

[Horrid Henry \(Simon\) 360-560L](#)

For fans of the slightly droll, these tales of Horrid Henry and Moody Margaret have a somewhat gothic tone.

[Johnny Boo \(Kochalka\) COMIC BOOKS for Early Readers 230L](#)

Adorable Johnny Boo and his trusty pet Squiggle have frequent run-ins with an Ice Cream Monster and other quirky misadventures.

[Magic Treehouse/La casa de arbol \(Osborne\) 280-590L](#) (easiest titles: Dolphins at Daybreak, Knight at Dawn, Dinosaurs before Dawn)

This tremendously popular series started 20 years ago with new entries still being released. Intrepid siblings Jack and Annie travel by enchanted treehouse through time and around the globe at a wizard's behest. This plot device allows limitless adventures and educational elements that captivate young readers.

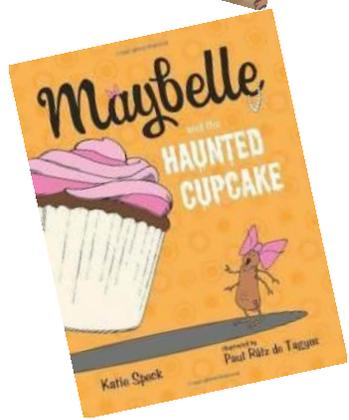
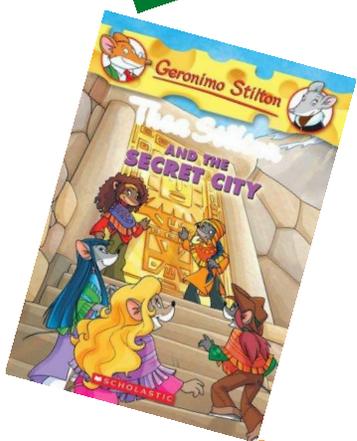
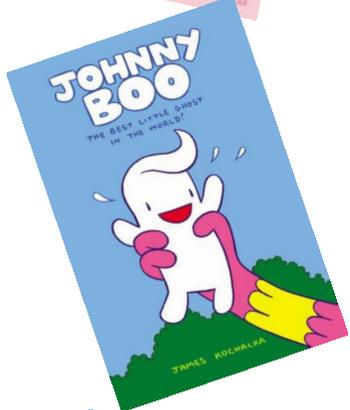
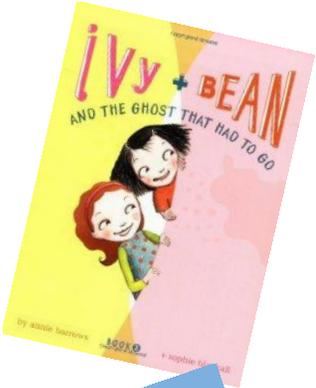
[Marvin Redpost \(Sachar\) 290-420L EASY SERIES!](#)

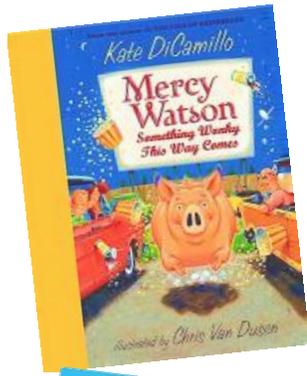
Third-grader Marvin deals with relatable issues in thought-provoking, funny installments.

[My Weird School \(Gutman\) 510-610L](#)

Reluctant student A.J. finds himself looking forward to school, since every one of his teachers is zany, loopy, wacky, or just plain weird.

[Pee Wee Scouts \(Delton\) 380-580L](#)





Scouting activities often go amok in these seasonal stories.

Roscoe Riley (Applegate) 380-470L

Roscoe is a mischievous first-grader with good intentions. Cartoon-style illustrations.

The Stink Books featuring Judy Moody's Brother (McDonald) 480-530L

Zippy little adventures star amiable second-grader "Stink," who may or may not have super powers.

Wayside School (Sachar) 440-630L

Short stories about the students on the 13th floor of a peculiar school 30 classrooms high.

Zack Files (Greenburg) 250-570L (easiest titles: My Grandma Major League Slugger, Dr. Jekyll Orthodontist) ONLY 64 PAGES EACH!

Ten-year-old Zack gains the power to read minds after a freak accident. This power exposes Jake to the quirky, spooky, and hilarious workings of the minds of everyone from a cat to his orthodontist.

GIRL POWER:

Anna Hibiscus (Atinuke) 500-690L

A collection of spirited stories set in modern Africa about Anna and her family.

Cam Jansen (Adler) 330-530L

Fifth-grader Cam uses her photographic memory to solve mysteries.

Clementine (Pennypacker) 670L

Spirited, imaginative third-grader Clementine experiences relatable ups and downs.

Ivy & Bean (Barrows) 500L

Best girl pals Ivy and Bean get into predicaments involving everything from school ghosts to bossy big sisters. These chapter books feature appealing illustrations and not too much text.

Judy Moody *also available in Spanish (McDonald) 390-590L

Judy is a spunky, opinionated third-grader who is sometimes moody but always original.

Little House Chapter Books (Wilder) 540-710L

Content from the original "Little House" books, adapted for younger readers.

Maybelle (Speck) 550L

Maybelle the cockroach's appetite for food leads her on adventures beyond her home beneath the refrigerator.

Mercy Watson (DiCamillo) 380-450L

Mercy, a sprightly pig adopted by doting human parents, is the star of these delightful tales set in 1950's suburbia. The full-color retro-esque illustrations add to the exuberant mood.

M and M (Ross) 350L EASY SERIES!

At 48 pages each and an average lexile of only 350, this series makes the transition from beginning reader to chapter book much smoother. M and M refers to Mandy and Mimi, best friends who handle every obstacle as a team.

Nancy Drew Clue Crew (Keene) 510-680L

This series introduces famous sleuth Nancy at the age of 8, along with her friends George and Bess, as they solve minor mysteries.

Princess Posey (Greene) 300-380 EASY SERIES!

Fans of *Fancy Nancy* beginning readers will feel right at home with this series about Posey, herself a fan of anything pink and sparkly. Very simple text and lots of pictures tell the trials and delights of the endearing and imperfect first-grader.

Uh-Oh, Cleo (Harper) 630-710L

Eight-year-old Cleo Small relates her life as part of a boisterous and affectionate family of eight.

