A Select List of Brown County Library Children’s Books

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*= toddler picks

**Mice: Picture Books, Folktales, and Beginning Readers**

*Alexander and the Wind-Up Mouse* by Leo Lionni
*All for Pie, Pie for All* by David Martin
*Benny and Penny* (beginning reader comics) by Toon Book
*Big and Little* by John Stadler
*Big Bad Bunny* by Franny Billingsley
*Boris and the Wrong Shadow* by Leigh Hodgkinson
*Cat & Mouse* by Ian Schoenherr*
*Cheer Up, Mouse!/Good Night, Mouse!* by Jed Henry*
*Chopsticks* by Jon Berkeley

A lonely white mouse lends his name to the enchanting tale “Chopsticks,” by Jon Berkeley. Chopsticks lives in the nooks and crannies of a grandiose floating restaurant in Hong Kong where he meets a most unlikely friend. On New Year’s night, Chopsticks is stunned to learn that the ornate wooden dragon upon the restaurant’s archway can speak. At first, Chopsticks distrusts the colossal creature, but finds himself enthralled as the dragon shares his wish to come alive so he can fly beneath the full moon. The entrancing song of the dragon’s carver is the only thing that can bring the magnificent creature to life. Wanting to see the world with his wistful companion, our rodent hero sets off to find Old Fu, the retired woodcarver who created the dragon many years ago. Chopsticks learns the melody and plays it to the dragon on the next full moon. Glorious paintings capture the exhilaration and freedom as the valiant mouse and his winged companion soar over sparkling cities and fogcocooned forests, returning in time for the dragon to transform back into a carving by dawn. A serene closing scene features the tiny mouse curled in the wooden dragon’s mouth where the duo sleep by day, dreaming of the next moonlit tour. Lyrical language meets stunning artwork in this short, yet poetic, fable for ages 5-8.

*Cinco de Mouse-Q!* by Judy Cox
*Doctor De Soto* by William Steig
*Do You Want to be My Friend?* by Eric Carle*
*Dragon is Coming!* by Valeri Gorbachev
*Frederick* by Leo Lionni
*Gorilla! Gorilla!* by Jeanne Willis
*Help!: A Story of Friendship* by Holly Keller
*Hopper and Wilson/Hopper and Wilson Fetch a Star* by Maria Van Lieshout
*If You Give a Mouse a Cookie/If You Take a Mouse to the Movies/If You Take a Mouse to School* by Laura Numeroff
*Lauren Thompson’s Mouse books* *
*Library Mouse* (series) by Daniel Kirk
Lily and Milo (series) by Pauline Oud*
Lilly’s Big Day/Lilly’s Purple Plastic Purse by Kevin Henkes
Lindberg: The Tale of a Flying Mouse (ages 6+) by Torben Kuhlmann
The Little Mouse, the Red Ripe Strawberry, and the Big Hungry Bear by Don Wood*

The Lion & the Mouse by Jerry Pinkney
Little Mouse’s Big Fears by Emily Gravett
Lunch by Denise Fleming*
Maisy (series) by Lucy Cousins*
Matthew’s Dream by Leo Lionni
Me and My Big Mouse by Ethan Long

“Meow” said the Mouse by Beatrice Barbey
Mommy, Where Are You? by Leonid Gore*

The Mother’s Day Mice by Eve Bunting
Mouse Count/Mouse Paint/Mouse Shapes by Ellen Stoll Walsh
Mouse & Lion by Rand Burker
Mouse and Mole (beginning reader series) by Wong Herbert Yee
Mouse Mess by Linnea Riley*
Mouse Soup/Mouse Tales (beginning reader) by Arnold Lobel
Mouse was Mad by Linda Urban
Mousterpiece by Jane Zalben

Mousetronaut Goes to Mars by Mark Kelly
Norman the Doorman by Don Freeman
A Piece of Cake by LeUyen Pham

The Princess Mouse: A Tale of Finland by Aaron Shepard
Riff Raff the Mouse Pirate (beginning reader) by Susan Schade
The Secret by Lindsay Barrett George

Seven Blind Mice by Ed Young

A visually stunning and timeless fable, Ed Young’s adaption of “Seven Blind Mice,” despite the blindness of the central characters, is an eye-opening work. Hyper-pigmented hues combine with cut-paper collage to create a visual feast of texture, color, and contrast. Seven mice come across a mysterious object or creature, and six of them take a trek across a part of what they call “the Something.” Each of the six rodents is sure that they know the identity of the curious thing, and each guess is wildly different, from a rope to a fan to a snake. The viewer only sees a part of the object at a time, giving them the opportunity to make educated guesses alongside the mice. Only the seventh mouse, the most intrepid of the group, has the inquisitiveness to explore the entire Something. The wisdom of knowing the whole story provides the seventh mouse with the true answer, which is confirmed in the final illustration to be an elephant. This tale of curiosity and patience will be enjoyed by ages 3 and up.

Shy Charles by Rosemary Wells
Snoring Beauty by Sudipta Bardhan –Quallen
Ten in the Den by John Butler*
Thank You, Bear by Greg Foley*

Theodore and the Talking Mushroom by Leo Lionni
Tiny & Hercules by Amy Schwartz

Toby (series) by Cyndy Szekeres*
Cuy the guinea pig is a quick-witted, creative thinker, which is the only thing that keeps him from being a snack. In his village in the Andes, both people and foxes enjoy the plump rodents as a tasty treat. Cuy’s nemesis, gullible fox Tio Antonio, is tired of being tricked, and Cuy is looking for a more leisurely lifestyle. Trying his luck as a farmhand, the tiny rodent, unconvincingly disguised as a tiny man, spends his days eating the farmer’s alfalfa crop. The oblivious farmer sets a trap to catch the thief and Cuy finds himself in his stickiest predicament yet (literally), just as a hungrier-than-ever Tio Antonio happens to be passing by. Will our tiny trickster be able to foil two captors at once? In this fantastical folktale, even the clever characters are amusingly foolish. Ages 5+

Max and Mo (beginning reader series) by Patricia Lakin

Nibbles: A Green Tale/Nibbles Garden by Charlotte Middleton

The Pied Piper’s Magic by Steven Kellogg

Rat and Roach: Friends to the End/Rat and Roach Rock On! by David Covell

Ready for Pumpkins by Kate Duke*

Sammy the Classroom Guinea Pig by Alix Berenzy

10 Minutes till Bedtime by Peggy Rathmann

Valentino Finds a Home by Andy Whiteside

What the Rat Told Me: A Legend of the Chinese Zodiac by Marie Sellier

Chapter Books Starring Mice

Angelina’s Diary by Katharine Holabird

Babymouse (graphic novel series) by Jennifer Holm

Bless this Mouse by Lois Lowry

Geronimo Stilton/Thea Stilton (series) shelved under “Geronimo”

The Mouse and the Motorcycle/Ralph S. Mouse by Beverly Cleary

The Mouse with the Question Mark Tail by Richard Peck

Mousenet (series) by Prudence Breitrose

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh by Robert O’Brien

A Nest for Celeste by Henry Cole

Poppy Stories (series) by Avi

Redwall (series) by Brian Jacques

Song of the Winns (series) by Frances Watts

Stuart Little by E.B. White
The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo
Tumtum and Nutmeg: Adventures beyond Nutmose Hall/Tumtum and Nutmeg: The Rose Cottage Tales by Emily Bearn
Young Fredle by Cynthia Voight

Chapter Books: The Rest of the Pocket-Sized Rodents

Captain Awesome to the Rescue! by Stan Kirby
Einstein the Class Hamster by Janet Tashijian
Emmy (series) by Lynne Jonell
The Golden Hamster Saga (series) by Dietlof Reiche
Guinea Dog by Patrick Jennings
Great Critter Capers (series) by Katie Davies
Humphrey Adventures (series) by Betty Birney
Malcolm at Midnight by W.H. Beck
The Mysterious Woods of Whistle Root by Christopher Pennell
Obi, Gerbil on the Loose/Obi, Gerbil on a Mission by M.C. Delaney
Rats on the Page by Michael Dahl
Rats on the Roof and Other Stories by James Marshall
The Spindlers by Lauren Oliver
Roger the Rat is on the Loose! by Brooke Smith
When You Wish Upon a Rat by Maureen McCarthy

Mice and More: Non-Fiction

Caring for your Gerbil by Kathy Feeney
The Facts on Rats by David Armentrout
Gerbils and Hamsters by Sally Morgan
Hamsters and Gerbils by Jinny Johnson
How to Look After your Guinea Pig by David Alderton
Love your Hamster by Judith Heneghan
My Pet Guinea Pig by Jill Foran
Nibbles Guide to Caring for your Hamster by Anita Ganeri
Oh, Rats! The Story of Rats and People by Albert Marrin
Pet Crafts by Megan Friday
Rats and Mice by Jinny Johnson
Rodents Rule! by Meredith Phillips
Your Neighbor the Mouse by Greg Roza

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