A Select List of Brown County Library Children’s Books
(Mid Elementary-Middle School)
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**Bad Kitty** – Nick Bruel
Bad Kitty is a magnet for disaster. (Series - start with: Bad Kitty Needs a Bath)

**Big Nate** – Lincoln Peirce
Nate is the classic clever kid who hates school and whose antics land him in increasingly hotter water with grumbly teachers. (Series - start with: In a Class by Himself)

**Black Lagoon Adventures** – Mike Thaler
Follow Hubie on his adventures in the Black Lagoon, where rumors can make a student create a monster of any teacher! (Series - start with: The Class Trip from the Black Lagoon)

**Bone** – Jeff Smith
The three Bone cousins are separated and lost in a vast uncharted desert. One by one, they find their way into a deep, forested valley where they come face to face with grand adventures. (Series - start with: Out From Boneville)

**Charlie Joe Jackson's Guide to Not Reading** – Tom Greenwald
A fast-moving look at middle-school life through the eyes of a kid who would rather clean his room than pick up a book. (Series - start with: Charlie Joe Jackson’s Guide to Not Reading)

**Dragonbreath** – Ursula Vernon
It’s not easy for Danny Dragonbreath to be the sole mythical creature in a school for reptiles and amphibians. (Series - start with: Dragonbreath)

**The First Day of School Forever** – R.L. Stine
Today is just like the day before. Can Artie find a way to change it, before it’s the first day of school . . . forever?

**“Guys Read” Anthologies** – compiled by Jon Scieszka
Three thematic short-story collections “Sports Pages,” “Thrillers,” and “Funny Business,” ensure there is a selection of short stories for every guy’s tastes.

**Holes** – Louis Sachar
Stanley Yelnats is cursed with bad luck, including being sent to a boy’s detention camp in the middle of nowhere. The boys are ordered to dig holes all day long, but Stanley wants to find out the warden’s real motives.

**How to Survive Middle School** – Donna Gephart
Eleven-year-old David Greenberg dreams of becoming a TV superstar like his idol, Jon Stewart. But in real life, David is just another kid terrified of starting his first year at Harman Middle School.
**Killer Pizza** – Greg Taylor
Fourteen-year-old Toby Magill gets a summer job flipping dough at Killer Pizza, which is actually a front for a secret monster-hunting organization. (Series - start with: *Killer Pizza*)

**Knights of the Lunch Table** – Frank Cammuso
Artie King’s first day of middle school improves when he is able to open a magic locker with bully defeating powers. (Series - start with: *The Dodgeball Chronicles*)

**Lunch Lady** – Jarrett Krosoczka
Lunch Lady doesn’t just serve sloppy joes—she serves justice! (Series - start with: *Lunch Lady and the Cyborg Substitute*)

**Magic Pickle** – Scott Morse
Meet the Magic Pickle, a dilly of a superhero who's fighting the food fight against a brotherhood of evil fruits and vegetables who are plotting to take over the world! (Series - start with: *Magic Pickle*)

**Meanwhile** – Jason Shiga
A Choose Your Own Adventure + Graphic Novel = 3,856 Story Possibilities.

**Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life** – James Patterson
With his best friend Leonardo the Silent awarding him points, Rafe tries to break every rule in his school's oppressive Code of Conduct. (Series - start with: *Middle School: The Worst Years of my Life*)

**Mischief Maker’s Manual** – John Hargrave (818.602 H223M)
This is the definitive guide to pranking and mayhem.

**My Life as a Book** – Janet Tashjian
Derek prefers real adventures to books, but finds some intriguing mystery in an old newspaper clipping. Illustrated by the author’s 14-year-old son. (Series - start with: *My Life as a Book*)

**My Weird School** – Dan Gutman
Second-grader A. J. hates school, but he has to admit that Miss Daisy isn't like any teacher he has had before. (Series - start with: *Miss Daisy is Crazy*)

**Nathan Abercrombie, Accidental Zombie** – David Lubar
Things couldn’t get any worse for Nathan Abercrombie...until he gets doused with an experimental serum that turns him into a half-dead zombie. (Series - start with: *My Rotten Life*)

**The Nutty News** – Ron Barrett
Fake news with silly illustrations about French presidents who are gerbils, and other fantastical journalism.

**Origami Yoda** – Tom Angleberger
Dwight talks to his classmates via an origami finger puppet of Yoda. If that weren’t strange enough, the puppet is uncannily wise. (Series - start with: *The Strange Case of Origami Yoda*)

**Schooled** – Gordon Korman
Homeschooled on a hippie commune, Cap enrolls in public middle school where he is a big shock to his new classmates.
**Time Warp Trio** - Jon Scieszka

Can the Time Warp Trio escape death and destruction and still make it back to the 20th century for lunch? (Series - start with: *The Knights of the Kitchen Table*).

**Weenies** – David Lubar

A collection of bizarre short stories that are as scary as they are funny. (Series - start with: *In the Land of the Lawn Weenies: and Other Warped and Creepy Tales*).

**Girl Power**

**Babymouse** – Jennifer Holm

It’s the same thing every day for Babymouse. Where is the glamour? The excitement? The adventure? Nothing ever changes, until . . . (Series - start with: *Babymouse: Queen of the World*).

**Bake Sale** – Sarah Varon

Cupcake’s life is pretty good. He’s got his bakery and his band and his best friend, Eggplant. But he can’t help but feel that something is missing...

**Dear Dumb Diary** – Jim Benton

Middle school may be grim, but it’s no fairy tale. And crazy doesn’t even begin to cover it. (Series - start with: *Dear Dumb Diary – Let’s Pretend This Never Happened*).

**Dork Diaries** – Rachel Russell

Dork Diaries follows eighth grader Nikki Maxwell as she chronicles through text and sketches, her move to a snooty new school. (Series - start with: *Dork Diaries: Tales from a Not-So-Fabulous Life*).

**Middle School is Worse than Meatloaf** – Jennifer Holm

Diary entries, refrigerator notes, cards from Grandpa, and IM screen messages convey a year full of ups and downs.

**Moxy Maxwell** – Peggy Gifford

The clock ticks down as Moxy, master procrastinator, tries to finish a first day of school book report on the last day of summer. (Series - start with: *Moxy Maxwell Does Not Love Stuart Little*).

**Popularity Papers** – Amy Ignatow

Before they leave elementary school behind, two fifth-grade best friends are determined to uncover the secrets of popularity by observing, recording, discussing, and replicating the behaviors of the cool girls. (Series - start with: *Popularity Papers: Research...*).

**Smile** – Raina Telgemeier (741.5 TELGMEIER)

Raina just wants to be a normal sixth grader, but braces get in the way in this autobiographical graphic novel.

**Write Before Your Eyes** – Lisa Williams Kline

Twelve-year-old Gracie is astonished to discover that her new journal has magical powers: it seems that if she writes something, it happens.

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