

**Suggested Reading for Children
@ the New Brunswick Free Public Library**

Animal Fiction Books

Recommended for Grades 2 and Up

Birdbrain Amos by Michael Delaney

Amos the hippopotamus takes his tick bird, Amoeba, and her family on what he hopes will be a fun vacation, but he finds himself competing with Amoeba's imaginary friend.

Call Number: J F DEL

Mr. Popper's Penguins by Richard and Florence Atwater

The unexpected delivery of a large crate containing an Antarctic penguin changes the life and fortunes of Mr. Popper, a house painter obsessed by dreams of the Polar regions.

Newberry Honor Book

Call Number: J F ATW

Winnie the Pooh by A.A. Milne

The adventures of Christopher Robin and his friends, in which Pooh Bear uses a balloon to get honey, Piglet meets a Heffalump, and Eeyore has a birthday.

Call Number: J F MIL

Recommended for Grades 4 and up

No Ordinary Mouse: The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo

Despereaux Tilling is banished from his mouse colony because of his unusual talents and his fondness for reading, but that is only the beginning of his adventures with the castle's sinister rats and with the lovely Princess Pea.

Newberry Medal Winner

Call Number: J F DIC

The Underneath by Kathy Appelt

An old hound that has been chained up at his hateful owner's run-down shack and two kittens born underneath the house endure separation, danger, and many other tribulations in their quest to be reunited and free.

Newberry Honor Book

ALA Notable Children's Book

Call Number: J F APP

The World According to Humphrey by Betty G. Birney

Humphrey, pet hamster at Longfellow School, learns that he has an important role **to** play in helping his classmates and teacher.

Black Eyed Susan Book Award

Keystone to Reading Book Award

Call Number: J F BIR

Ribsy by Beverly Cleary

While Henry Huggins and his family are on a shopping expedition, Ribsy gets lost in the parking lot. Thinking he's found the car, he hops in and falls asleep, only to be awakened by five noisy children.

Ribsy's adventures have just begun as he tries to get back to Henry.

Call Number: J F CLE

Charlotte's Web by E.B. White

The story of Wilbur, the pig, smallest of the litter, who is raised by the farmer's daughter, and who finds a friend in Charlotte, the spider.

Surrey School's Book of the Year

Massachusetts's Children's Book Award

Call Number: J F WHI

Stuart Little by E.B. White

The adventures of the debonair mouse Stuart Little as he sets out in the world to seek out his dearest friend, a little bird that stayed for a few days in his family's garden.

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The Mouse and the Motorcycle by Beverly Cleary

A reckless young mouse named Ralph makes friends with a boy in room 215 of the Mountain View Inn and discovers the joys of motorcycling.

Call Number: J B CLE

Stone Fox by John Reynolds Gardiner

Little Willy hopes to pay the back taxes on his grandfather's farm with the purse from a dog sled race he enters.

Call Number: J F GAR

The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame

The escapades of four animal friends who live along a river in the English countryside - Toad, Mole, Rat, and Badger. When Mr. Toad gets a new motor car, he gets them all in trouble.

Call Number: J F GRA

Misty of Chincoteague by Henry

Set on an island off the coast of Virginia, a brother and sister have their hearts set on owning a wild pony and her colt, who according to legend, are descendants of the Moorish ponies who survived a Spanish shipwreck long ago.

Newberry Honor Book

Call Number: J F HEN

Babe: The Gallant Pig by Dick King-Smith

A piglet destined for eventual butchering arrives at the farmyard, is adopted by an old sheep dog, and discovers a special secret to success.

ALA Notable Children's Book

Call Number: J F KIN

The Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling

Presents the adventures of Mowgli, a boy reared by a pack of wolves, and the wild animals of the jungle.

Call Number: J F KIP

Warriors: Into the Wild by Erin Hunter

For generations, four clans of wild cats have shared the forest. When their warrior code is threatened by mysterious deaths, a house cat named Rusty may turn out to be the bravest warrior of all.

Call Numbers: J F HUN

& J CMX WAR

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH by Robert C. O'Brian

When a little field mouse falls ill, his mother, Mrs. Frisby, seeks help from the other animals and discovers a secret laboratory.

Newberry Medal Winner

Call Number: J F OBR

Gooseberry Park by Cynthia Rylant

When a storm separates Stumpy the squirrel from her newborn babies, her animal friends come to the rescue.

Call Number: J F RYL

Everything For A Dog by Ann M. Martin

In parallel stories, Bone, an orphaned dog, finds and loses a series of homes, Molly, a family pet, helps Charlie through the grief and other after-effects of his brother's death, and lonely Henry pleads for a dog of his own.

Call Number: J F MAR

Tumtum & Nutmeg: Adventures Beyond Nutmouse Hall by Emily Bearn

Wealthy, married mice Tumtum and Nutmeg find adventure when they secretly try to help two human siblings who live in a tumbledown cottage with their absent-minded inventor father.

Call Number: J F BEA

The Trumpet of the Swan by E.B. White

Knowing how to read and write is not enough for Louis, a voiceless Trumpeter Swan; his determination to learn to play a stolen trumpet takes him far from his wilderness home.

William Allen White Children's Book Award

Call Number: J F WHI

The Cricket in Times Square by George Selden

A country cricket falls into a picnic basket and ends up in New York City.

Massachusetts Children's Book Award

Call Number: J F SEL

Abel's Island by William Steig

Castaway on an uninhabited island, Abel, a very civilized mouse, finds his resourcefulness and endurance tested to the limit as he struggles to survive and return to his home.

Call Number: J F STE

Kenny the Dragon by Tony DiTerlizzi

Book-loving Kenny the rabbit has few friends in his farming community, so when one, bookstore owner George, is sent to kill another, gentle dragon Grahame, Kenny must find a way to prevent their battle while satisfying the dragon-crazed townspeople.

Call Number: J F DIT

Redwall by Brian Jacques

When the peaceful life of ancient Redwall Abbey is shattered by the arrival of the evil rat Cluny and his villainous hordes, Matthias, a young mouse, determines to find the legendary sword of Martin the Warrior which, he is convinced, will help Redwall's inhabitants destroy the enemy.

Parent's Choice Award

**Call Numbers: J CMX RED
& YA F JAC**

Realistic Stories That Contain Animals:

Marley: A Dog Like No Other by John Grogan

Call Number: J 636.752 GRO

Sounder by William Howard Armstrong

Angry and humiliated when his sharecropper father is jailed for stealing food for his family, a young black boy grows in courage and understanding by learning to read and with the help of his devoted dog Sounder.

Newberry Medal

Call Number: J F ARM

Shiloh by Naylor

When he finds a lost beagle in the hills behind his West Virginia home, Marty tries to hide it from his family and the dog's real owner, a mean-spirited man known to shoot deer out of season and to mistreat his dogs.

Call Number: J F NAY

Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls

A young boy living in the Ozarks achieves his heart's desire when he becomes the owner of two redbone hounds and teaches them to be champion hunters.

Massachusetts Children's Book Award

Call Number: J F RAW

Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo

Ten-year-old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida, and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie.

New York Times Notable Children's Book

ALA Notable Children's Book

School Library Journal Best Books

Call Number: J F DIC

* Unless otherwise noted all book summaries are taken from Novelist