



Wayland Public Library

Gift Guide

Handpicked book recommendations
for every reader on your list



CHILDREN'S BOOK GIFT GUIDE

2023 titles selected by the Wayland Library Children's Room Staff.

Ages 0-2

Mazal Bueno!

by Sarah Aroeste & Taia Morley

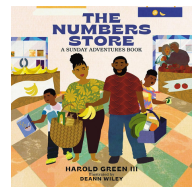
Parents celebrate baby's first grin to baby's first word in this book featuring Ladino words.



The Numbers Store: Sunday Adventures Series

by Harold Green III & DeAnn Wiley

Join the counting fun as a family shops and adds more items to their basket amid the backdrop of a bustling market.



Good Night, Baby

by Little Bee Books

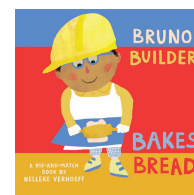
Babies from all over the world get ready for bed and say good night in fifteen of the world's most spoken languages.



Bruno Builder Bakes Bread

by Nelleke Verhoeff

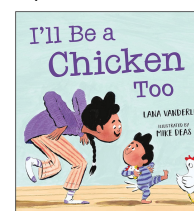
Mix and match characters in this interactive split-page book to learn about different jobs and create fantastical ones!



I'll Be a Chicken Too

by Lana Vanderlee & Mike Deas

Children and their caregivers imagine themselves as a variety of animals in a playful day of dress-up and make-believe.



Whose Prints?

by Kari Allen & Kim Smith

Go on a snowy adventure through the woods and match animals to their tracks in this beautiful book with die-cuts!



Ages 2-5

Some of These Are Snails

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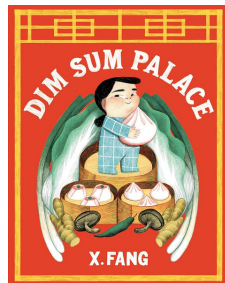
carter higgins

by Carter Higgins

Press Here meets Eric Carle in a concept book that makes familiar ideas exciting and surprising. A page-turner for first-time page-turners.

Dim Sum Palace

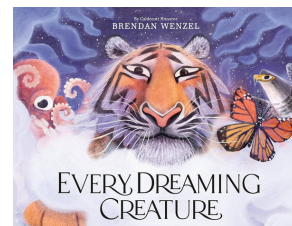
by X. Fang



A little girl's love of dim sum spills over into her dreams, taking her on a fantastical food-filled adventure, in this picture book love letter to Sendak's *In the Night Kitchen*.

Every Dreaming Creature

by Brendan Wenzel



An exploration of the sensory experiences of different animals through the perspective of dreams.

Come Over to My House

by Eliza Hull and Sally Rippin & Daniel Gray-Barnett



A cast of characters invite friends over for play. There's fun to be had, food to eat and families to meet! Inclusive text explores the characters' various disabilities.

I'm Going to Build a Snowman

by Jashar Awan



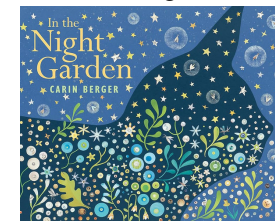
I'm Going to Build a SNOWMAN

A boy's snow day efforts show that perfection is relative and what's important is taking pride in what you do!

Ages 4-6

In the Night Garden

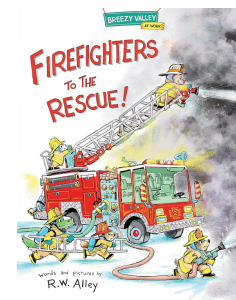
by Carin Berger



A gentle bedtime read about the often mysterious and always beautiful experiences to be found in nighttime spaces.

Firefighters to the Rescue!

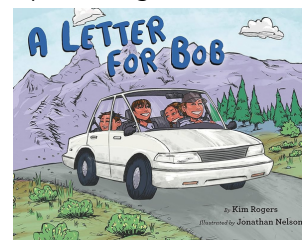
by R.W. Alley



A funny and informative picture book all about firefighters that features lively animal characters, a rollicking story, and detail-packed illustrations.

A Letter for Bob

by Kim Rogers & Jonathan Nelson



A humorous and tender story about a beloved family car and all the stories and love carried along for the ride.

Little Land

by Diana Sudyka



Inspire a love of nature in young readers with this gorgeous, simple guide--and learn how, through millennia of transformations, life and land have always found a way to begin anew

The Lost Mitten

by Jannie Ho



Rabbit and Mouse find a mitten! But who could it belong to? Join the two friends as they journey through the forest in this graphic novel for emerging readers.

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Something, Someday

by Amanda Gorman & Christian Robinson



With intimate and inspiring text and powerfully stunning illustrations, this book reveals how even the smallest gesture can have a lasting impact.

The Knight of Little Import

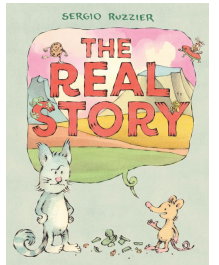
by Hannah Batsel



Charlie cannot find a single beast to slay, until she discovers there are monsters all around, and only she knows what to do to help her town.

The Real Story

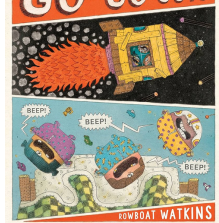
by Sergio Ruzzier



A hilarious, imaginative whodunit in which Cat and Mouse debate the truth behind a broken cookie jar, which makes for a perfect read-aloud story.

Go-Go Guys

by Rowboat Watkins



Kids and parents who know how hard it is to wind down for bed will enjoy every moment of this zany rhyming read-aloud that will elicit endless giggles!

Baking with Mi Abuelita

by Julissa Mora



Family members head into the kitchen to help Abuelita bake a tres leches cake for Papi's birthday. Spanish words are sprinkled throughout this early reader.

Ages 6-9

Frankie and Friends: Breaking News

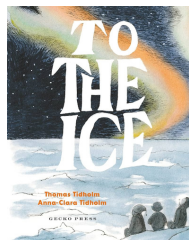
by Christine Platt & Alea Marley



In this new chapter book series, Frankie emulates her journalist mama by reporting on household news with the help of her sister and an unlikely news crew.

To the Ice

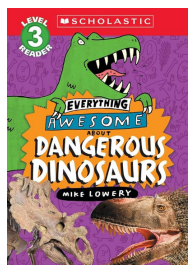
by Thomas Tidholm & Anna-Clara Tidholm



Three children go on a polar expedition in this thrilling adventure story for newly independent readers that blurs realism and imagination.

Everything Awesome About: Dangerous Dinosaurs

by Mike Lowery



With a highly visual approach that mixes cartoons and engaging photos, this is a one-stop shop for the dinosaur-obsessed kid who wants to start reading on their own!

The Story of Gumluck the Wizard

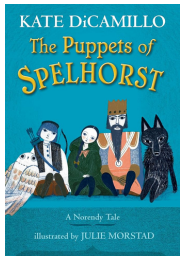
by Adam Rex



In this tall tale about a short wizard, celebrated author Adam Rex proves once and for all that the biggest heroes often come in the smallest nightgowns.

The Puppets of Spelhorst

by Kate DiCamillo & Julie Morstad



Five puppets, shut up in a trunk by a taciturn old sea captain with a secret, confront circumstances beyond their control with patience, cunning, and high spirits.

Ages 9-12

Dogtown

by Katherine Applegate and Jennifer Choldenko & Wallace West



A humorous and moving middle-grade, illustrated novel about a shelter that houses stray dogs - and robot dogs! - from two powerhouse authors.

Ember and the Island of Lost Creatures

by Jason Pammert



A tiny boy living alone in a city of giants finds himself at the heart of an otherworldly mystery in this story of friendship and self-discovery, in a gorgeously illustrated world perfect for fans of *Hilda*.

Greeking Out: Epic Retellings of Classic Greek Myths

by Kenny Curtis and Jillian Hughes & J. Espila



This kid-friendly collection of tales from Greek mythology showcases familiar favorites from the well-loved *Greeking Out* podcast as well as brand-new, never-before-aired stories.

The Chaos Monster (Secrets of the Sky #1)

by Sayantani DasGupta & Sandara Tang



Twins Kiya and Kinjal are whisked away to a magical realm, and must use Kiya's scientific skills and Kinjal's love of books and language to help untangle a nefarious environmental plot.

Final Word (The Winterton Deception #1)

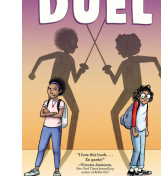
by Janet Sumner Johnson



Twins enter a spelling bee to save their family from financial ruin, and find themselves in a cut-throat competition to uncover a fortune and dark secrets about the wealthy relations they've never known.

Duel

by Jessixa Bagley & Aaron Bagley



A rivalry between sisters culminates in a fencing duel in this funny and emotional debut graphic novel sure to appeal to readers of Raina Telgemeier and Shannon Hale.