**Socks** by Beverly Cleary
An adorable young tabby cat is happy living with Mr. and Mrs. Bricker—until the baby comes! J Fic

**The Original Adventures of Hank the Cowdog** (Series) by John R. Erickson
Hank is not too cute and he's not too smart, but Hank the Cowdog, "Head of Ranch Security" finds himself in plenty of trouble in this first book of the hysterical series. J Pbk

**Third Grade Pet** by Judy Cox
Can animal-loving Rosamary get over her fear of the new class pet in time to save him from danger? J Beg

**Wackiest White House Pets** by Kathryn Gibbs Davis
Did you know that the White House has been home to not only Presidents, but also to the dogs, cats, grizzly bears and alligators that were their pets? J 636.088D

---

**Grades 5 and 6**
(All titles are J Fic, unless otherwise noted)

**A Bear Named Trouble** by Marion Dane Bauer
Jonathan, an animal lover, is excited to see a wild bear up close—until one of Jonathan's favorite zoo animals crosses the bear's path.

**Birds of Prey: Explore the Fascinating Worlds of Eagles, Falcons, Owls, Vultures** by Laura Evert
Everything you need to know about these beautiful birds, including what they eat, where they hunt, and why some of them are endangered. J 598.9 E

**ER Vets: Life in an Animal Emergency Room** by Donna M. Jackson
From swallowed bottlecaps to broken wings, emergency room veterinarians can deal with all sorts of animal emergencies. J 636.089 J

**The Hoboken Chicken Emergency** by Daniel Manus Pinkwater
Arthur goes to the butcher to pick up a turkey for Thanksgiving, but comes back with a live 266-lb. chicken.

**I, Freddy** by Dietlief Reiche
Freddy, a golden hamster, learns to read and type on a computer, then decides to escape captivity and live on his own.

**I Was a Rat!** by Philip Pullman
A boy named Roger wreaks havoc in the streets of London when he insists that he used to be a rat.

**Jackie's Wild Seattle** by Will Hobbs
Even in a big city like Seattle, Shannon and her brother find lots of wild animals that need help at the rescue center.

**The Man-Eating Tigers of the Sundarbans** by Sy Montgomery
The enchanted forest known as the Sundarban Tiger Reserve is home to more than five hundred tigers. And only here do the tigers actively hunt men. J 599.756 M

**Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH** by Robert O'Brien
When Mrs. Frisby, a widowed mouse, learns that her home is in danger, she asks for help from the brilliant laboratory rats who learned to read at the lab before they escaped.

**Poppy** by Avi
A timid deer mouse finds the courage to stand up to Ocas, the fearsome owl.

**Shark Life: True Stories About Sharks and the Sea** by Peter Benchley
Combining high adventure with real information about sharks, this book includes how to avoid an attack whenever possible. J 597.3 W

**Tiger, Tiger** by Lynne Reid Banks
Two tiger cubs are taken to live in ancient Rome—one the cherished pet of Caesar's daughter, the other a ferocious man-eater in the Colosseum.

**Whittington** by Alan Armstrong
When a cat called Whittington arrives at a rundown barnyard, he not only keeps the rat problem under control, but he also gives a boy the courage to learn to read.

**Working Like a Dog: The Story of Working Dogs Through History** by Gena K. Gorrell
Some dogs are happiest with a job to do. Learn which jobs are best for which breeds, and see how some dogs can even become heroes. J 636.73 G
If you like reading about animals, you'll enjoy these stories. They range from true, real life animal stories, to tales about pets, exotic animals and even imaginary creatures. The Youth librarians at the Ferguson Library enthusiastically recommend the following animal books. And remember, your librarians can help you with additional suggestions by these and other authors.

**Grades 1 and 2**

**Amanda Pig (Series)** by Jean Van Leeuwen
A precocious little pig has adventures with her best friend Lollipop and her brother Oliver. E Beg

**Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock** by Eric A. Kimmel
Anansi the spider uses a mysterious moss-covered rock in the forest to trick all his animal friends. E398.2 K

**Animal Faces** by Darlyne Murakowski
This photographic book features all the important parts of animal faces whether furry, scaly or feathered. E 573.87

**Animal Antics: The Beast Jokes Ever** by Sam Schultz
Jokes about all kinds of animals to tickle your funny bone. J 827 S

**Commander Toad (Series)** by Jane Yolen
Commander Toad and the crew of spaceship Star Warts fight evil all over the galaxy. E Beg

**Dogs** by Seymour Simon
This book about man's best friend gives a visual overview to a very popular pet. E 636.7 S

**Frog and Toad (Series)** by Arnold Lobel
From sledding to eating ice cream on hot summer days, these best friends stick together all year round. E Beg

**Gigantic! How Big Were the Dinosaurs?** by Patrick O'Brien
Colossal dinosaurs are compared to familiar objects to portray their awesome actual sizes. E 567.3 O

**Gus and Gertie and the Lucky Charms** by Joan Lowry Nixon
These penguins take part in the Animal Winter Olympics. J Beg

**Inspector Hopper** by Doug Cushman
Inspector Hopper, with the help of his trusty assistant McBug, attempts to solve the case of the missing Mrs. Ladybug. E Beg

**Little Bear (Series)** by Else Holmelund Minarik
Little Bear is a friendly bear cub who has gentle adventures with his friends Duck, Hen and Cat. E Beg

**The Magic School Bus Inside a Beehive** by Joanna Cole
With a mixture of magic and scientific fact, Miss Frizzle's class travels inside a beehive in their magic school bus. J 595.799 C

**Minnie and Moo (Series)** by Denys Cazet
This pair of cows really know how to get things done from saving Christmas to tackling runaway beds. E Beg

**One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish** by Dr. Seuss
Simple words, exciting pictures and enjoyable rhymes engage new readers with word play. E Beg

**Grades 3 and 4**

**Abel's Island** by William Steig
Abel, the mouse who has it all, is swept away to a deserted island and must learn to survive by himself. J Fic

**Animal Disguises** by Belinda Weber
Are you a shape shifter? Can you turn green when you lie in the grass? Learn about how different animals disguise themselves to keep themselves safe from predators. J 591.472 W

**Baby Whale Rescue: The True Story of J. J.** by Caroline Arnold and Richard Hewett
J. J., an orphaned baby gray whale, is taken to live at Sea World and later returned to the wild. J 599.522A

**Charlotte's Web** by E. B. White
A sweet pig named Wilbur becomes an overnight sensation when his friend Charlotte the spider spins special phrases into the webs she weaves above his barnyard pen. J Fic

**Diary of a Killer Cat** by Anne Fine
Is Tuffy the cat a cold blooded killer or merely a misunderstood feline? J Beg

**The Enormous Crocodile** by Roald Dahl
The Enormous Crocodile is hungry and on a mission to discover whether children are tough and chewy, or juicy and yummy. J Beg

**Higglety Pigglety Pop!** by Maurice Sendak
Jenni, a selfish terrier, wants to be the star of the World Mother Goose theatre, but first must get a little life experience. J Beg

**How to Talk to Your Cat** by Judith St. George
E 636.7 G
**How to Talk to Your Dog** by Judith St. George
E 636.8 G

Learn how your pet communicates through their behavior and sounds and how you can talk back to them.

**Jake: A Labrador Puppy at Work and Play** by Robert F. Jones
Follow the first year of Jake's life as he grows from an adorable Lab puppy to a full grown, trained hunting dog. J 636.752 J

**Little Rat Sets Sail** by Monika Bang-Campbell
She can't swim and is afraid of the water—so what will Little Rat do when her parents sign her up for sailing lessons? J Beg

**Mean Margaret** by Tor Seidler
Newlywed woodchucks Phoebe and Fred are happy until they discover a cranky toddler named Margaret on their doorstep. J Fic

**Rikki Tikki Tavi** by Rudyard Kipling; Illustrated by Jerry Pinkney
A brave little mongoose protects a boy and his family from the evil cobra snakes. J Beg