Bull Terrier, and an indomitable Siamese cat set out through the Canadian wilderness to make their way home to the family they love.

**Grades 5 to 6**

**White Fang** by Jack London
In this classic tale set in the Arctic, a wolf-dog endures great cruelty before he comes to know human kindness.

**Lassie Come-Home** by Eric Mowbray Knight
A collie undertakes a 1000 mile journey in order to reunite with his owner.

**Sounder** by William Howard Armstrong
When his sharecropper father is jailed for stealing food for his family, a young boy learns to read with the help of the devoted dog Sounder.

**Dogsong** by Gary Paulsen
A fourteen-year-old Eskimo boy journeys by dog sled across the tundra in search of his inner self.

**Where the Red Fern Grows** by Wilson Rawls
A young boy becomes the owner of two redbone hounds and teaches them to be champion hunters.

**Non-fiction**

**Dogs** by Gail Gibbons
Learn all about dogs—from how many teeth they have to how they have helped their human friends for thousands of years.

**A Dog’s Life: the Autobiography of a Stray** by Ann Martin
Squirrel, a stray puppy, tells her life story, from her nurturing mother and brother to making her own way in the world.

**A Dog’s Gotta Do What a Dog’s Gotta Do: Dogs at Work** by Marilyn Singer
Describes how dogs use their physical abilities, intelligence, and training to perform a variety of jobs, including working in the movies, catching burglars, delivering messages, and cheering up children in hospitals.

**Dog Heroes of September 11th: A Tribute to America’s Search and Rescue Dogs** by Nina Kilgore Bauer
Different breeds of dogs have important jobs on working farms.

**My New Puppy** by Harriet Hains
Jack makes friends with his new Golden Retriever puppy, Honey, and learns what puppies need and like to do.

**Nubs: The True Story of a Mutt, a Marine & a Miracle** by Major Brian Dennis, Kirby Larson, Mary Nethery
The incredible journey of an Iraqi dog “Nubs,” who “adopts” a marine in the harsh desert of war-torn Iraq.

**The Race to Nome; The Story of the Heroic Alaskan Dog Teams that Rushed Diphtheria Serum to Stricken Nome in 1925.** by Kenneth Ungermann

**Superpuppy** by Jill Pinkwater
A guide to buying, training, and caring for a dog, with special emphasis on understanding its personality, feelings, and reactions to new situations.

**Why Do Dogs Have Wet Noses** by Stanley Coren
Information on dogs in question-and-answer format.

**Teens**

**Letters from Wolfie** by Patty Sherlock
A 13-year-old boy has second thoughts about donating his dog to the Army’s scout program in Vietnam when the authorities will not confirm when and if he will ever return.

**Marley: A Dog Like No Other** by John Grogan
The true story of a Labrador Retriever who gets into all kinds of mischief but brings joy and love to his family.

**The Ferguson Library**
One Public Library Plaza, Stamford
www.fergusonlibrary.org
From pampered family pets to hard working animals, dogs are an important part of our human world. During the summer of 2010 it is “Reigning Cats and Dogs” in Stamford. To celebrate this event and our very own Dog Tales sculpture painted by artist Kathy Hirshon, our youth librarians have selected some choice books about our best friend in the animal kingdom.

Pre-School

**The Adventures of Taxi Dog**
by Debra and Sal Barraca
A stray dog in New York City shares adventures with the taxi driver who adopts him. EPIC

**Angus and the Cat**
by Marjorie Flack
Angus the Scottie chases the new cat, but when it disappears Angus misses his friend. EPIC

**Bark George**
by Jules Feiffer
A mother dog tries to teach her pup to bark and is surprised at the response. EPIC

**Bow-wow**
(Series) by Mark Newgarden
A persistent terrier is the star of this picture book series. EPIC

**Clifford’s Manners**
by Norman Bridwell
Clifford, the red dog, teaches his owner about how good manners. EPIC

**The Great Gracie Chase**
by Cynthia Rylant
A cumulative tale about a small dog named Gracie whose quiet life is disrupted by some noisy painters. EPIC

**Dear Mrs. Larue: Letters from Obedience School**
by Mark Teague
Gertrude LaRue receives typewritten and paw-written letters from her dog like, begging her to let him leave Canine Academy. EPIC

**Dog Wants to Play**
by Christine McDonnell
An adorable dog asks all the animals on the farm to play until he finds a willing playmate. EPIC

**The Dog Who Cried Wolf**
by Keiko Kasza
Tired of being a house pet, Moka the dog moves to the mountains to become a wolf but soon misses the comforts of home. EPIC

**Harry the Dirty Dog**
by Gene Zion
A dog who hates baths learns they are the only way his owners can recognize him. EPIC

**I Love Dogs**
by Barney Saltzberg
Dogs have many different traits and styles that can be loved and appreciated.

**Follow Carl!**
by Alexandra Day
Rottweiler Carl plays “leader,” and a pack of children have fun playing like a dog. EPIC

**May I Pet Your Dog?: The How-to Guide for Kids Meeting Dogs (And Dogs Meeting Kids)**
by Stephanie Calmenson
Harry the dog explains how to safely meet him and his friends. EPIC

**Martha Speaks**
by Susan Meddaugh
Problems arise when Martha, the family dog, learns to speak after eating alphabet soup. EPIC

**McDuff Moves In**
by Marjorie Flack
A little white dog that nobody seems to want finds just the right home — and a name. EPIC

**The King’s Taster**
by Kenneth Oppel
The new king refuses to eat any food prepared by his cook so the chef searches the world over for recipes the king will like. The cook’s lucky dog tells the story from his point-of-view as the king’s taster. EPIC

**Whistle for Willie**
by Ezra Jack Keats
Peter learns to whistle and gets Willie the dog to be his companion. EPIC

**The Stray Dog**
by Marc Simont
A family befriends a stray dog, names him Willy, and decides to keep him. EPIC

**Biscuit**
(Series) by Alyssa Satin Capucilli
A yellow lab puppy is cared for by a little girl who learns a dog’s needs. EBEG

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**Perros! Perros! Dogs! Dogs!**
by Ginger Fogelson Guy
Children encounter different types of dogs to help readers identify such differences as fast, slow, clean, dirty, wet, dry, wide, and narrow. EPIC SPA

**101 Dalmations**
by Glenn Close, Jeff Daniels, Joey Richardson
Crueilla DeVille plans to make a coat out of Dalmation puppies. Non-animated version. DVD.

**Because of Winn-Dixie**
by Kate DiCamillo
A big ugly dog named Winn-Dixie brings good things to his Sunnybank master and mistress. JFIC, JPK

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**Notso Hotso**
by Anne Fine
Anthony, a neglected pet dog, develops an irritating skin condition and has most of his hair shaved off, which embarrasses him greatly until he realizes he now looks like a lion. JEBG

**The Mixed Up Mask Mystery**
by Elizabeth Levy
Someone is trying to ruin the masked ball celebrating the opening of a new park. Can Fletcher unmask the real culprit before the dance turns into a disaster? JEBG

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**The Guide Dog Mystery**
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When they help out at a guide dog training school, the Alden children meet several people who seem obsessed with a dog named Ginger. JPK

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