BOOKS FOR FOURTH GRADE

The following books are enthusiastically recommended for kids in fourth grade. The list contains new books which the Ferguson librarians have especially enjoyed, as well as old favorites which have proven popular over the years. We hope you will find this list a good place to start your reading. Ask your librarian for additional suggestions by these and other authors.

FICTION

BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE
by Kate DiCamillo
When Opal moves to Florida, she quickly makes new friends—all because of a big ugly dog. JFIC, JPBK, JAU DI O

BIRDBRAIN AMOS, MR. FUN
by Michael Delaney
Crocodile traffic jams and strange beasts test the patience and funny bone of Mr. Fun. JFIC

BUNNICULA STRIKES AGAIN
by James Howe
Bunnicula the rabbit acts strangely and the Monroe dogs and cats once again wonder if the rabbit is actually a vampire. JFIC, JPBK, JAUDIO

A CRAZY MIXED-UP SPANGLISH DAY
by Marisa Montes
Gabi is angry when she has to work on a school project with her worst enemy, Johnny Wiley. JFIC

DA WILD, DA CRAZY, DA VINCI
by Jon Scieszka
In the latest Time Warp Trio Series, Sam, Fred, and Joe go back in time and meet Leonardo da Vinci, the famous painter. JFIC

THE EARTH DRAGON AWAKES: THE SAN FRANCISCO EARTHQUAKE OF 1906
by Laurence Yep
Henry and his friend Chin experience the frightening earthquake of 1906. JFIC

FOURTH GRADE FUSS
by Johanna Hurwitz
Yard sales, ice skating, and surprise parties make fourth grade fun for Julio and his friends despite the upcoming state tests. JFIC

GRANNY TORRELLI MAKES SOUP
by Sharon Creech
Granny Torrelli’s secret recipes and warm words help to mend a rift between Rosie and her best friend. JFIC, JPBK, JSP A, JAUDIO

IDA B. . . . and HER PLANS to MAXIMIZE FUN, AVOID DISASTER, and (POSSIBLY) SAVE the WORLD
by Betsy Byars
Maggie and Vern try to settle their family problems while their Grandpa is in jail and their Mom is traveling with the rodeo. JFIC, JPBK, JAUDIO

THE MEANEST DOLL IN THE WORLD
by Ann Martin
Annabelle Doll and Tiffany Funchat go to school hidden in Kate’s backpack where they encounter the meanest doll of all. JFIC, JAUDIO

MISTY OF CHINCO TEGUE
by Marguerite Henry
Two youngsters are determined to own a Chincoteague pony. JFIC, JPBK, JAUDIO

MORNING GIRL
by Michael Dorris
Morning Girl and her brother describe their life in America before the arrival of Christopher Columbus. JFIC, JAUDIO

THE NOT-JUST-ANYBODY FAMILY
by Betsy Byars
Feisty Mia joins the co-ed basketball team and there is plenty of action on and off the court. JFIC

THE REAL LUCKY CHARM
by Charisse K. Richardson
Irresistible Rosy Cole writes her memoir and what happens next is explosive. JFIC

KNEE-KNOCK RISE
by Natalie Babbitt
What kind of creature moans on rainy nights on top of Knee Knock Rise? JFIC, JAUDIO

NONFICTION

ALMOST GONE: THE WORLD’S RAREST ANIMALS
by Steve Jenkins
Read about the world’s most captivating endangered animals before they disappear. E591.68J

AT HER MAJESTY’S REQUEST: AN AFRICAN PRINCESS IN VICTORIAN ENGLAND
by Walter Dean Myers
Rescued from certain death, a young African princess is brought to England and raised with royalty. JB Bonetta

FOR LAUGHING OUT LOUD
Selected by Jack Prelutsky
Rib-tickling poems by Eve Merriam, John Ciardi, and many others. J821.08F

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SARAH, PLAIN AND TALL
by Patricia MacLachlan
Caleb and Anna grow to love their father’s mail-order bride. JFIC, JPBK, JAUDIO

THE SKIRT
by Gary Soto
Miata loses her folklorico skirt and has to find it without her parents knowing. JFIC, JPBK, JAUDIO

THE TERRIBLE, WONDERFUL TELLIN’ AT HOG HAMMOCK
by Kim L. Siegelson
Jonas tells a story for the first time at the town Storytelling Contest. JFIC
GREAT GAMES: OLD & NEW, INDOOR/OUTDOOR, TRAVEL, BOARD, BALL
by Sam Taggar
Ball games, board games, and even multicultural games are found in this fun-filled book. J793T

GROSS UNIVERSE
By Jeff Szperiglas
This book of gross things will make kids realize science is never boring. J612S

HA! HA! HA!: 1000 JOKES, RIDDLES, FACTS & MORE
by Lyn Thomas
A book of humor with jokes, riddles, brain teasers and more for the whole family. J793.73T

HIDDEN FOLK: Stories of Fairies, Dwarves, Selkies and other Secret Beings
by Lise Lunge-Larsen
Eight tales of magical creatures that lurk just out of sight. J398.2L

HOW ANGEL PETERSON GOT HIS NAME
by Gary Paulsen
Shooting a waterfall in a barrel and wrestling with a bear are some of the everyday events in Angel’s life. J B Paulsen

THE JUMBO BOOK OF EASY CRAFTS
by Judy Ann Sadler
Loads of ideas to make zany animals, silly games, and nature crafts. J745.5S

KOKO—LOVE! CONVERSATIONS WITH A SIGNING GORILLA
by Francine Patterson
The true story of a California gorilla who uses sign language. E599.88P

LANGSTON HUGHES
Edited by Arnold Rampersad & David Roessel
A brief profile of the African-American poet, Langston Hughes, accompanies some of his poems for children. J821H

A MILLION DOTS
by Andrew Clements
If you want to see what a million dots look like, open this book. E513.211C

ON BOARD THE TITANIC: WHAT IT WAS LIKE WHEN THE GREAT LINER SANK
by Shelley Tanaka
A young passenger experiences the sinking of the Titanic. J910.4T

SPACE JUNK
by Isaac Asimov
How do we get rid of 100,000 pieces of junk floating around the earth? J629.416A

WALTER WICK'S OPTICAL TRICKS
by Walter Wick
A series of optical illusions for kids of all ages. J152.148W

WACKIEST WHITE HOUSE PETS
by Kathryn Davis
You would be amazed at the variety of pets that many of our presidents owned. J636.088D

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