Grades 5 and 6

Clarice Bean Spells Trouble (Series) by Lauren Child
Clarice Bean tries to keep out of trouble as she attempts to help a friend in need. JFIC

The Doom Machine: A Novel by Mark Teague
Juvenile delinquent, Jack, and studious Isadora form an unexpected alliance to keep a group of aliens from stealing Uncle Bud's space travel machine. JFIC

Half Magic by Edward Eager
Jane finds a strange coin that grants wishes—but only by half. JFIC

I am a Genius of Unspeakable Evil and I Want to Be Your Class President by Josh Lieb
Oliver is about to find out that ruling the world is a lot easier than getting other kids to vote for him. JFIC

Knucklehead: Tall Tales and Mostly True Stories About Growing Up by Jon Scieszka
How did Jon Scieszka get to be so funny? Read on. JB Scieszka

A Mother to Embarrass Me by Carol Lynch Williams
Laura’s mother continually embarrasses her, especially when her mother becomes pregnant. JFIC

Never Mind!: A Twin Novel by Avi and Rachel Vail
Meg is determined to be popular at her new school and her twin Edward is determined to stop her. JFIC

Not Just a Witch by Eva Ibbotson
Heckie is a good witch who can change people into animals. Will the conniving Lionel Knapsack be able to use Heckie’s powers for his own evil purposes? JBK

Pure Dead Batty by Debi Gliori
When a beloved nanny disappears, a mysterious silver thread and a magical camera give the family hope of finding her. JFIC

Regarding the Bathrooms: A Privy to the Past by Kate Klise
A school bathroom renovation leads to the discovery of stolen Roman antiquities. JFIC, JBK

Snarf Attack, Underfoolde, and the Secret of Life: The Riot Brothers Tell All by Mary Amato
The Riot Brothers capture a crook, find a hidden treasure, and overthrow a king. JFIC & JBK

The Teacher’s Funeral: A Comedy in Three Parts by Richard Peck
In 1904, fifteen year old Russell dreams of quitting school, only to have his older sister take over the schoolhouse. JFIC

Top Ten Sports Bloopers and Who Made Them by Jeff Savage
Profiles of ten athletes in various sports who each made a big mistake. J796.097S

The Twinkie Squad by Gordon Korman
When Douglas arrives after being kicked out of every private school in Washington, D.C., Thaddeus G. Little School will never be the same. JFIC

This guide to surviving in the great outdoors will help you avoid a polar bear attack, escape from quicksand and find a bathroom in the woods. J613.69B

You Must Be Joking Two: Even Cooler Jokes Plus Tips for Laughing Yourself into Your Own Stand-up Comedy Routine by Paul Brewer
Jokes, riddles, and knock-knocks about monsters, aliens, cyberspace, school, pirates and animals. J828 B

HUMOROUS STORIES

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The children's librarians at The Ferguson Library enthusiastically recommend the following books as good places to start some rib-tickling reading. Want more? Ask a librarian for suggestions.

**Grades 1 and 2**

- **Amelia Bedelia Talks Turkey**  
  **Series**  
  by Herman Parish  
  Amelia fills in as film director for the third grade and mixes everything up.  
  EBEG

- **The Big Elephant in the Room**  
  by Lane Smith  
  One donkey tells his friend that they need to talk about “the big elephant in the room.”  
  EPIC

- **Buying, Training and Caring for Your Dinosaurs**  
  by Laura Joy Rennert  
  Humorous instructions for taking care of a pet dinosaur.  
  EPIC

- **Chickens May Not Cross the Street and Other [but true] Laws.**  
  by Kathi Linz  
  A collection of humorous laws from across the country.  
  E348.73L

- **Elephants Cannot Dance**  
  **Series**  
  by Mo Willems  
  Elephant thinks he cannot dance until his friend convinces him he can.  
  EBEG

- **The Hair of Zoe Fleefenbacher Goes to School**  
  by Laurie Halse Anderson  
  Zoe’s untamed hair does not impress her first grade teacher.  
  EPIC

- **How to Drive Your Sister Crazy**  
  by Diane Zuhone Shore  
  A younger brother offers advice on how to annoy older sisters.  
  EBEG

- **Minnie and Moo Go to the Moon**  
  **Series**  
  by Denys Cazet  
  A tractor ride turns into a trip to the moon for a couple of silly cows.  
  EBEG

- **Pick a Pumpkin, Mrs. Millie!**  
  by Judy Cox  
  A silly teacher mixes up all her words when she takes a class on a field trip.  
  EPIC

- **Robot Zot!**  
  by Jon Scieszka  
  Robot Zot and his mechanical sidekick battle kitchen appliances that try to conquer the earth.  
  EPIC

- **Sleep, Big Bear, Sleep!**  
  by Maureen Wright  
  Bear thinks Old Man Winter is trying to keep him from sleeping when he is ready to hibernate.  
  EPIC

- **Sophie Peterman Tells the Truth!**  
  by Sarah Weeks  
  A disgruntled big sister reveals some unpleasant facts about babies.  
  EPIC

- **Spells**  
  by Emily Gravett  
  A series of misadventures occur when a frog wants to kiss a princess.  
  EPIC

**Grades 3 and 4**

- **Annabel the Actress Starring in “Gorilla My Dreams”**  
  by Ellen Conford  
  Annabel’s first acting job is being a gorilla at a birthday party.  
  JFIC

- **Big Nate: In a Class by Himself**  
  by Lincoln Pierce  
  Big Nate accidentally gets into mischief and is definitely not the teacher’s pet.  
  JFIC

- **The Brotherhood of the Traveling Underpants**  
  by Greg Trine  
  Melvin travels back in time to stop the Bad Brotherhood from taking away the young Melvin’s superhero powers.  
  JFIC

- **Dial M for Mongoose**  
  **Series**  
  by Bruce Hale  
  Detective Chet Gecko and his associate investigate a series of mishaps at school.  
  JFIC

- **Happy Birthday Bad Kitty**  
  **Series**  
  by Nick Bruel  
  It’s Bad Kitty’s birthday and all her neighborhood pals join in the fun.  
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- **Invasion of the Relatives**  
  by Alexander Stadler  
  Julian Rodriguez, imaginary space warrior, endures the hateful festivities of the genetically linked minibrains.  
  JFIC