Have fun reading about aliens and robots in these out-of-the-world stories. The Youth Librarians at the Ferguson Library enthusiastically recommend the following books as good places to start your science fiction reading. And don’t forget, your librarians can help you with additional suggestions of books to read by these and other authors.

**CAPTAIN RAPTOR AND THE MOON MYSTERY** by Kevin O’Malley
Captain Raptor from the planet Jurassica and his dinosaur crew blast off to investigate a UFO that landed on the moon Eon. E PIC

**COMMANDER TOAD SERIES** by Jane Yolen
Come along with Commander Toad and his crew aboard the spaceship Star Warts as they travel the galaxy in search of adventure. E BEG

**EVE OF THE EMPEROR PENGUIN (MAGIC TREE HOUSE SERIES # 40)** by Mary Pope Osborne
When Jack and Annie fall through the ice in Antarctica, they make an amazing discovery. J BEG

**EVE TO STELLA!** by Simon Puttock
While preparing for bed Stella takes an imaginary journey into space. E PIC

**FIRST GRADERS FROM MARS SERIES** by Shana Corey
Elementary school age Martians encounter the same problems faced by their human peers on Earth. E BEG

**FLOTSAM** by David Wiesner
An antique camera reveals a fantastical world to a boy who discovers it at the seaside. A Caldecott Medal winner. E PIC

**HAZEL NUTT, ALIEN HUNTER** by David Elliott
Hazel and her two-headed first mate encounter giant meatballs in space and strange aliens on the planet Wutt. E PIC

**LOTS OF BOTS** by Kiki Thorpe
WALL-E (from the movie of the same name) sees robots everywhere while he searches for his friend Eve. E PIC

**MARS NEEDS MOMS!** by Berkeley Breathed
Milo thought there was nothing special about moms, until Martians landed on Earth to kidnap his. E PIC

**MINNIE AND MOO AND THE POTATO FROM PLANET X** by Denys Cazet
A one-eyed green-haired potato lands his UFO near Minnie and Moo and asks them for help. E BEG

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**MY ROBOT** by Eve Bunting
This easy reader features Cecil, a robot that does many wonderful things for the boy who receives him as a birthday present. E BEG

**ROMEO AND LOU BLAST OFF!** by Derek Anderson
A polar bear and a penguin use snow to build a make-believe rocket ship. E PIC

**THE SECRET SCIENCE PROJECT THAT ALMOST ATE THE SCHOOL** by Judy Sierra
A third-grader fails to follow the instructions on her science project, and her Super Slime becomes a dangerous mess. E PIC

**SHEEP BLAST OFF!** by Nancy Shaw
In their seventh rhyming adventure, the silly sheep find a spacecraft in the pasture. E PIC

**SPACE CAT** by Doug Cushman
Space Cat and Earl the Robot have to land on a planet and ask for help after a space rock damages their ship’s fuel tank. E BEG

**SPACE STATION MARS** by Daniel San Souci
After a group of boys finds a rock they think is a meteor, they rename their clubhouse “Space Station Mars.” E PIC

**ALIEN FOR RENT** by Betsy Duffy
Third grader Lexie doesn’t know what to expect when she finds a Twinkie-eating alien in her lunchbox. J FIC, J PBK

**BE FIRST IN THE UNIVERSE** by Stephanie Spinner
Twins Tod and Tessa discover a secret store at the mall that rents some very unusual items. J FIC, J PBK

**THE BIG SCIENCE FAIR** by Dan Yaccarino
An Earth boy exchange student on another planet and an alien exchange student on Earth make projects for their school science fairs with unexpected results. J BEG

**ALIEN FOR RENT** by Betsy Duffy
This wordless graphic novel follows a dog and his robot through a year of experiences. J Comic

**SCIENCE VERSE** by Jon Scieszka
Parodies of famous poems cover a range of science topics from dinosaurs to astronauts to the human body. E PIC

**SPACE STATION RAT** by Michael J. Daley
A rat stowing away on a space station seeks out a lonely boy, first to get food and then for her very survival. J FIC

**STANLEY IN SPACE (FLAT STANLEY)** by Jeff Brown
When the President of the U.S. receives a message from creatures on the planet Tyrra, he recruits Flat Stanley and his family to meet with the aliens. J BEG

**STAR JUMPER: JOURNAL OF A CARDBOARD GENIUS** by Frank Asch
Alex makes a spaceship out of cardboard to escape Earth and his annoying little brother Jonathan. J FIC

**HANG A LEFT AT VENUS (THE ZACK FILES)** by Dan Greenburg
Zack and his dad are walking through Central Park at night when they have a close encounter with a pint-sized alien named BZ. J PBK

**ROBOT DREAMS** by Sara Varon
This wordless graphic novel follows a dog and his robot through a year of experiences. J Comic

**THE FRAN THAT TIME FORGOT** by Jim Benton
Mad scientist Franny K. Stein wants to go back in time to change her horrible middle name. J BEG
The Wonderful Flight to the Mushroom Planet by Eleanor Cameron
David and his best friend Chuck build a spaceship for the mysterious Mr. Bass—and set off on an incredible adventure. J FIC, J PBK

There's Nothing to do on Mars by Chris Gall
Davey complains there's nothing to do on Mars until he explores his new home with his robot dog Polaris.

The Angel Experiment by James Patterson
Max and her friends use special abilities bred into them in a laboratory to rescue one of their group from mutant wolf-humans. TEEN FIC, TEEN PBK

City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau
As the lights dim and the storerooms run out of food, Doon and Lina discover an old document that holds the path to survival. J FIC, J PBK, J TALK BK

Eager by Helen Fox
When Gavin's family replaces an old robot with a new, experimental model, the results are surprising. J FIC, J PBK

Found (The Missing, book 1) by Margaret Peterson Haddix
What is the connection between a strange plane full of babies and two 13-year-old friends who each get a mysterious letter that says he is one of the missing? J FIC

The Giver by Lois Lowry
In a “perfect” future world, Jonas is content until he discovers the terrible truth about the society in which he lives. A Newbery Award winner. J FIC, J PBK, J TALK BK

Understanding by Vivian Vande Velde
When Giannine plays a full immersion virtual reality game, she finds out how real the game is and how high the stakes are. J FIC

The House of the Scorpion by Nancy Farmer
Matt is the clone of a powerful drug lord, but he doesn’t know why he was created until his friend Tam Lin helps him see the terrible truth. J FIC, TEEN FIC, TEEN PBK, TEEN TALK BK

Larklight by Philip Reeve
Art lives happily with his sister and father in their home which orbits the Earth, until giant spiders attack them. J FIC

Life As We Knew It by Susan Beth Pfeffer
The news that a meteor is heading for the moon seems like an interesting diversion to Miranda until it hits, pushing the moon out of orbit with disastrous results. TEEN FIC, TEEN TALK BK

Little Brother by Cory Doctorow
When Marcus (also called winston) is accidentally included in a government round-up after a terrorist attack, the teen hacker decides to use his skills to take on the system that has turned the country into a police state. TEEN FIC

The Power of Un by Nancy Etchemendy
Gib thinks the Unner, which has the power to undo events, is a wonderful machine, until he discovers that rearranging the past is a tricky business. J FIC, J PBK

Simon Bloom, the Gravity Keeper by Michael Reisman
An extraordinary book gives a sixth-grader access to the formulas that control the laws of physics. J FIC

Space Race by Sylvia Waugh
After spending five years on Earth observing human beings, Thomas and his father must return to the planet Ormingat—but Thomas isn’t so sure he wants to go. J FIC, J PBK

The Supernaturalist by Eoin Colfer
Cosmo escapes from an orphanage and joins a group of young people trying to destroy creatures they believe prey on wounded and dying people. J FIC, J PBK, J TALK BK

Things Not Seen by Andrew Clements
Bobby wakes up one morning and discovers that he is invisible. How did he get that way, and is there anything he can do to become visible again? TEEN FIC, TEEN PBK, TEEN TALK BK

The True Meaning of Smekday by Adam Rex
Tip’s school essay tells the whole, hilarious story of the invasion of Earth by aliens called Boovs, including her road trip to Florida with a Boov named J. Lo. J FIC

Unwind by Neal Shusterman
In a future time, when abortion is outlawed but parents can essentially donate their teenagers part by part for transplants to other people, three teens marked for “unwinding” band together to survive.

Whales on Stilts by M. T. Anderson
In this zany sci-fi adventure, Lily and her friends try to stop an evil genius who wants to take over the world with an army of stilt-walking, laser-shooting whales. J FIC

A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L’Engle
Meg Murray, her little brother Charles Wallace and her friend Calvin O’Keefe travel across dimensions in search of her missing father in this Newbery award-winning book. J FIC, J PBK, J TALK BK, J Playaway