The Ferguson Youth librarians have selected the following books that will remind you of *The Diary of a Wimpy Kid*. To make this list these read-alikes had to have one or more of the following elements:

- Diary format
- Fun cartoon drawings
- Stories of embarrassing or annoying situations with friends or family

**Wimps, dorks, or nerds rule!**

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**Amelia’s 6th-grade Notebook**  
(Series) by Marissa Moss  
Problems arise for Amelia when she starts sixth grade and gets the school’s meanest teacher for three of her classes. JFIC

**Cowboy Boy**  
by James Proimos  
With advice from his grandmother, timid Ricky Smootz transforms himself into Cowboy Boy and stands up to the bully who terrorizes his middle school. JBEK

**The Day My Butt Went Psycho**  
(Series) by Andy Griffiths  
Zack Freeman tells his story of a brave young boy and his crazy runaway butt. JPBK

**Dear Dumb Diary**  
(Series) by Jim Benton  
Middle school student Jamie Kelly tries to triumph over her nemesis, the beautiful and popular Angeline. JPBK

**Dilly’s Summer Camp Diary**  
by Cynthia Lewis  
The diary of a frog-loving girl’s first summer camp experience. JBEK

**Doodlebug**  
by Karen Romano Young  
Doreen “Dodo” Bussey uses a blank notebook to chronicle the move to a new home, with a new school and friends. In the process, she reinvents herself as the Doodlebug. JComic

**Dork on the Run**  
(Series) by Carol Gorman  
Jerry finds his opponent playing dirty tricks on him in the campaign for sixth grade president. JFIC

**Ellie McDoodle: Have Pen, Will Travel**  
by Ruth McNally Barshaw  
An 11-year-old sketches her adventures while camping with her relatives. JFIC

**Light Walks Among Us**  
(Franny K. Stein Series) by Jim Benton  
A mad scientist who prefers all things spooky and creepy, has trouble making friends at her new school so she experiments with fitting in – which works until a monster erupts from the trashcan. JBEK, JPBK

**Lawn Boy** by Gary Paulsen  
Things get out of hand for a twelve-year-old boy when a neighbor convinces him to expand his summer lawn mowing business. JFIC

**How to Train Your Dragon**  
(Series) by Cressida Cowell  
Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III tries to pass the initiation test of his Viking clan, the Tribe of the Hairy Hooligans, by catching and training a dragon. JFIC

**Geronimo Stilton**  
(Series) by Geronimo Stilton  
This mouse with the heart of a lion likes to write (and live) adventure stories. JPBK

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**Big Nate in a Class by Himself**  
(Series) by Lincoln Peirce  
A supremely confident middle schooler manages to make detention seem like an achievement. JFIC

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**The Legend of Spud Murphy**  
by Eoin Colfer  
9-year-old William and his brother dread being dropped off at the library, but they are surprised at how things turn out. JFIC
Middle School is Worse Than Meatloaf
by Jennifer Holm and Elicia Castaldi
The first year of middle school can be exciting or scary – just ask Ginny. JFIC

My Weird School
(Series) by Dan Gutman
Wacky tales from a mixed-up school where the teachers are worse than weird – they’re crazy! JBEG, JPBK

Niagra Falls, or Does It?
(Hank Zipster series) by Henry Winkler
Fourth-graders Hank, Ashley, and Frankie are preparing for a magic show at the Rock ‘N Bowl when Hank gets grounded the week of the show. JFIC

Oggie Cooder
(Series) by Sarah Weeks
Quirky fourth-grader Oggie Cooder wins a slot on a popular television talent show, but he soon learns the perils of being a celebrity – and having a neighbor girl as his manager. JFIC

Sideways Stories from Wayside School
(Series) by Louis Sachar
Wayside School is 30 stories high with only one room on each floor, and on the top floor is Mrs. Jewls’ class, where order has been abandoned in favor of nonsense and silliness. JFIC, JPBK

Snarf Attack, Underfoodle, and the Secret of Life: The Riot Brothers Tell All
(Series) by Mary Amato
The hilarious story follows the antics of two boys with overactive imaginations. JFIC

Spaceheadz
by Jon Scieszka
On his first day in 5th grade, Michael is teemed up with two very strange students who happen to be aliens. JFIC

Time Warp Trio
(Series) by Jon Scieszka
Three boys travel time, thanks to a magic book that plunges them into adventures both dangerous and absurd. JFIC

The Werewolf Club
(Series) by Daniel J. Pinkwater
Fourth-grader Norman Gnormal, who behaves a lot like a dog, finds his first real friends when the principal signs him up for the Werewolf Club at school. JBEG

To keep up with the latest news about the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series, check out Wimpykid.com, the website dedicated to Grey Heffley and his adventures.

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