

MIDD Reads:

Putting a Spotlight on

Beginning Chapter Books

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What are Beginning Chapter Books?

- 100 pages +/- 20
- Illustrations on many pages
- Large font size
- Often a series
- Reading Level:
 - 2nd - 3rd
 - L - P (F&P)
 - DRA 28 - 38

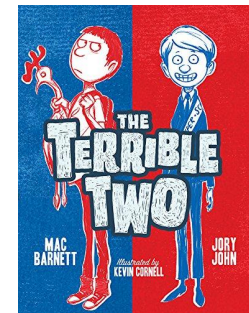
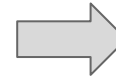
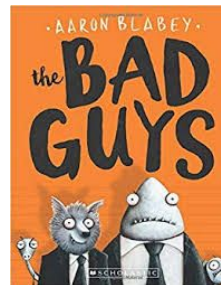
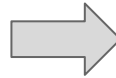
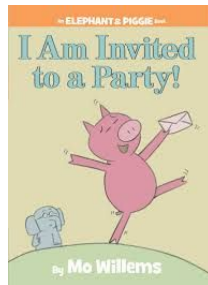
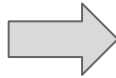
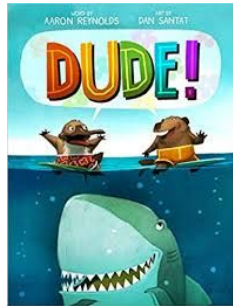
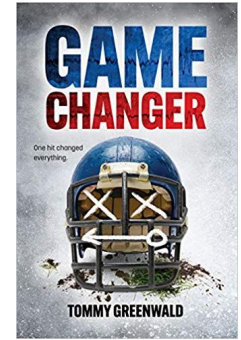
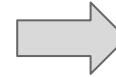
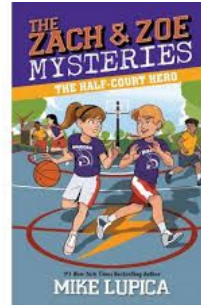
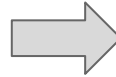
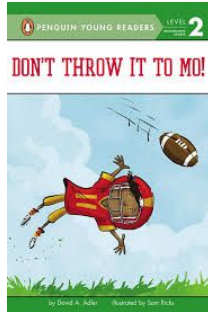
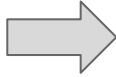
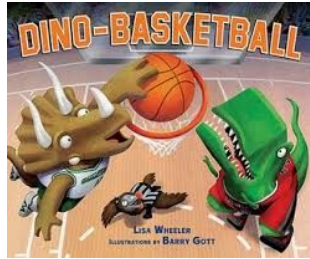


Why are Beginning Chapter Books Important?

- Predictability
 - Build Confidence
 - Increases Stamina
 - Improves Working Memory
- Functional Bridges
 - Learning to Read ⇨ Fluent Reader
 - Picture Book ⇨ Easy Reader ⇨ **Beginning Chapter Books** ⇨ Middle Grade Chapter Books



Why are Beginning Chapter Books Important?: Bridge



What is the MIDD Reads list?

- 24 - 30 books
- Beginning / Transitional Chapter Books
- Collaboratively selected
- Advertised through public and school library



Why MIDD Reads? - How it Began

- Most common patron request: Short, easy chapter books
- Gap in state lists
- Reaching out: Public and School Library Collaboration

Hi Julie!

There is a significant reading gap in the state-sponsored award lists - Red Clover picture books to Dorothy's List chapter books. I am putting together a list of transitional readers...Would you be interested in working with me to set up a local reading challenge?

Hi Tricia,

I do find many 3rd and 4th graders feel too old for Red Clover but too young for DCF. I am interested!



How? - Nuts and Bolts

Initial Meeting: IIsley Library and Mary Hogan Elementary (Tricia and Julie Altemose)

- Goal: Help 2nd and 3rd grade students make the jump to fluent, independent readers by suggesting high interest titles.
- Criteria: Books that target 2nd and 3rd grade readers with a wide range of reading levels
 - Recent titles and current series - at least one book published in the previous school year/summer.
 - Variety of genres
 - At least 5 available as Overdrive Audio
 - High appeal prioritized over educational content
- Vote: by May 15th
 - Students must read or listen to at least 5 titles on the list during the 17-18 school year. Only one book per series is counted toward the total number of books!
 - Celebration in school for those that vote!
 - A prize if you read 20!



Year One - Mechanics

25 Series/Books displayed at both Mary Hogan and Ilseley Public Library

Mary Hogan:

- Kids self-report reading
- 5 books = vote (google forms)
- 10 books or more invited to ice cream party

Discussion of Program with Abby at VLC 2018...



Year Two

3 people now coming up with a list

- Same Criteria
- Slightly different goals
- Books overlap, but lists are not the same

Shoreham Elementary School:

- Allow 4th - 6th grade students who are not reading on grade level to participate in a reading list program and vote



Major Outcomes

School:

First, Second, Third self-selecting just-right books

Public:

Collection for PreK read-aloud audience

Both:

Accessible collections of curated books for all level readers
(Red Clover, MIDD Reads, Dorothy's List)



A New Collection - Changes at Ilsley

Popularity of MIDD Reads collection outstrips other chapter books

After Year One: 1-Day Massive Shift of Transitional Readers

- 2 chapter book collections: Transitional and Middle Grade

Patron response: HOORAY!

After Year Two: Addition of Purple MIDD Reads Bookcase

- Half the books checked out within the week
- Continued high rate of turn-over



Collections



Mid-Grade Chapter Books

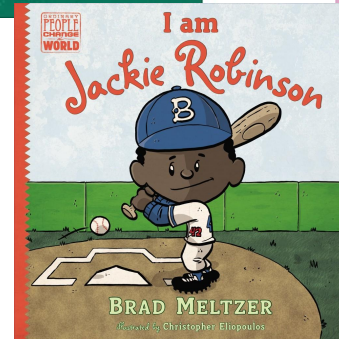
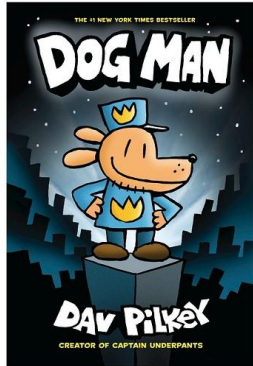
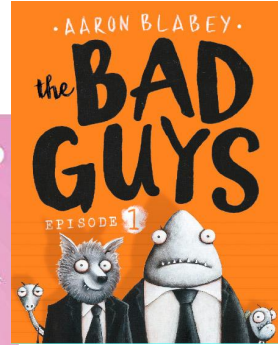
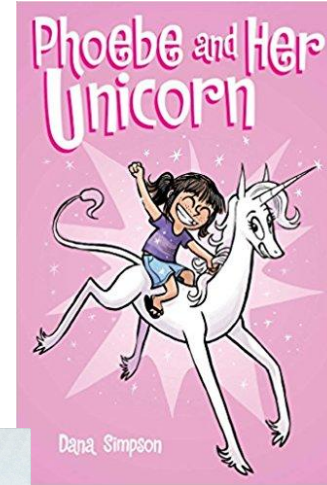
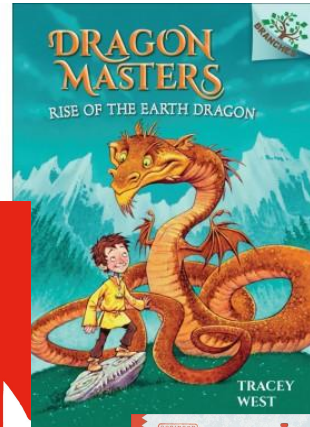
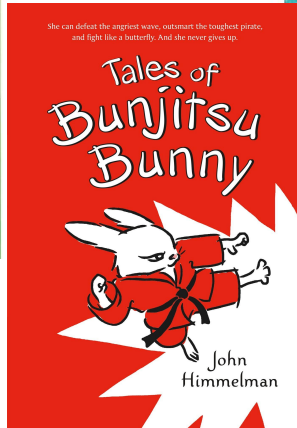
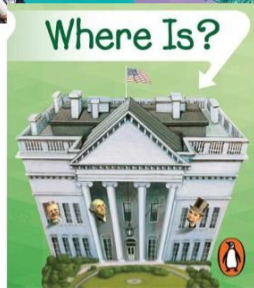


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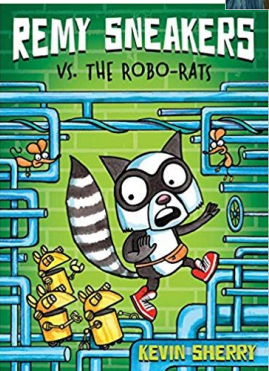
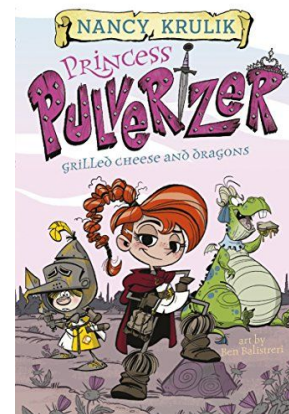
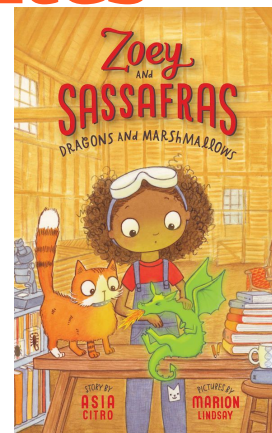
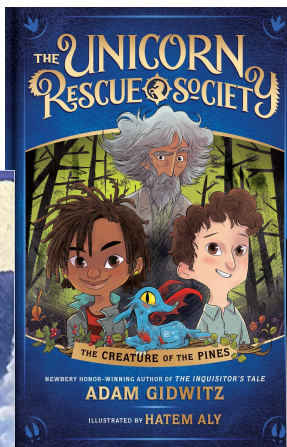
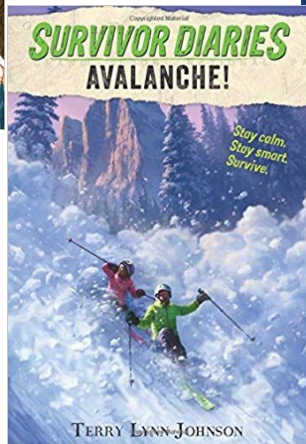


Transitional
Chapter Books

The Books - Year One Favorites

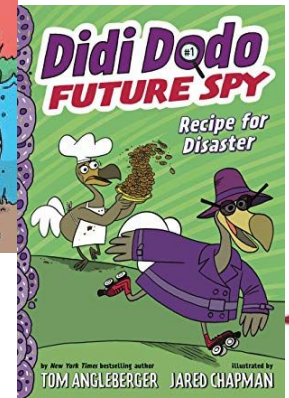
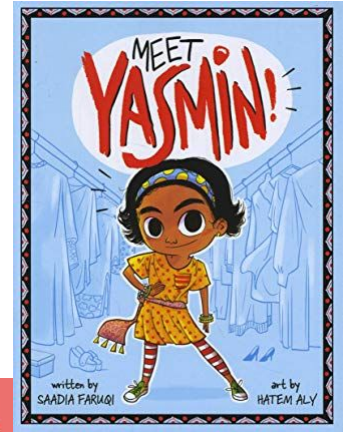
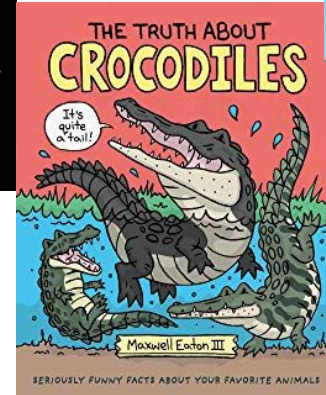
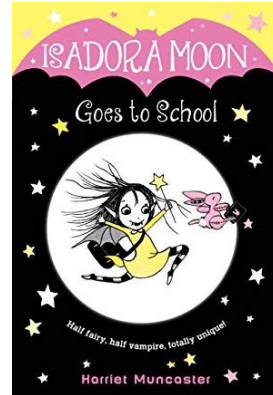
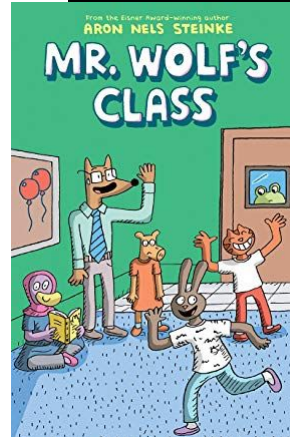


The Books - Year Two Favorites



The Books - Year Three!

Still working on final lists for 2019-2020!



What about you?

What are the high-interest titles of this kind in
YOUR collections?

Thank you!

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