

To: Teachers and Media Specialists
Re: Classroom Loan Bags for 2020-2021 School Year

Lincoln City Libraries provides sets of select titles written for children. Each set contains approximately 15-25 copies of the same title. We make these bags available on a monthly basis to teachers to use in their classrooms from August through July. As with any book, we recommend that teachers read the book before they use it in their classroom to determine if it is appropriate for their needs. The following guidelines apply to the use of these bags:

- Bags must be picked up and dropped off at **Bennett Martin Public Library** (136 S. 14th St.) during regular business hours. They can't be left in a book drop.
Hours are:
Monday through Thursday: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday & Saturday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sunday: Noon to 6 p.m.
- Up to two bags can be reserved per a calendar month by contacting Bennett Martin Public Library staff in person or by phone at **402-441-8530**.
- Bags may be **picked up on the 1st** of the reserved, and are **due back on the 26th** of that month.
- The borrower may renew their checked out Classroom Loan Bag for an additional month if it hasn't been reserved by someone else. Renewal inquiries must be done by phoning **402-441-8530** or visiting Bennett Martin Public Library by the 25th of the month.
- There are no longer late fees for youth materials, including Classroom Loan Bags. However, please be considerate of the next teacher in line.

The following Classroom Loan Bags are available:

New titles are available for all of the Chapter Book Nominees for the 2020-2021 Golden Sower Award. These are in [underlined blue text](#). Grade level suggestions come from NoveList K-8 Plus.

Absolutely Almost, by Lisa Graff (gr. 4-6).

Ten-year-old Albie has never been the smartest, tallest, best at gym, greatest artist, or most musical in his class, as his parents keep reminding him, but new nanny Calista helps him uncover his strengths and take pride in himself.

All the Answers, by Kate Messner (gr. 4-6).

Twelve-year-old Ava finds an old pencil in her family's junk drawer and discovers, during a math test, that it will answer factual questions. She and her best friend Sophie have a great time--and Ava grows in self-confidence--until the pencil reveals a truth about her family that Ava would rather not know.

Apple Blossom the Possum, by Holly Goldberg Sloan (gr. 4-6). A young possum strikes out on her own and winds up trapped in a human house before her brothers can rescue her.

Baker's Magic, by Diane Zahler (gr. 3-6).

Bee steals a bun from a bakery, and to her surprise the baker offers her a place at his shop. As she learns to bake, Bee discovers that she has a magical power. When a new friend needs her help against an evil mage, Bee wonders what a small orphan girl with only a small bit of magic can do.

***Bob*, by Wendy Mass & Rebecca Stead (gr. 3-6)**. When Livy and her family visit Livy's grandmother in Australia again after five years, Livy has the feeling she's forgotten something really important about Gran's house. It turns out she's right—Bob, a short, greenish creature dressed in a chicken suit, didn't forget Livy, or her promise. He's been waiting five years for her to come back and keep her promise to help him find his way back home.

Candymakers, The, by Wendy Mass (gr. 4-8).

When four twelve-year-olds, including Logan, who has grown up never leaving his parents' Life Is Sweet candy factory, compete in the Confectionary Association's annual contest, they unexpectedly become friends and uncover secrets about themselves during the process.

***Captain Superlative*, by J. S. Puller (gr. 4-7)**. Red mask, blue wig, silver swimsuit, rubber gloves, torn tights, high top sneakers and . . . a cape? Who would run through the halls of Deerwood Park Middle School dressed like this? And why? Janey can't resist the urge to uncover the truth behind the mask. The answer pulls Janey into the spotlight and leads her to an unexpected friendship with a superhero like no other.

Chocolate Touch, by Patrick Skene Catling (gr. 3-4).

A boy acquires a magical gift that turns everything his lips touch into chocolate.

Crenshaw, by Katherine Applegate (gr. 4-6).

Jackson and his family have fallen on hard times. There's no more money for rent and not much for food, either. His parents, his little sister, and their dog may have to live in their minivan—again. Crenshaw is a cat. He's large, he's outspoken, and he's imaginary. He has come back into Jackson's life to help him. But is an imaginary friend enough to save this family from losing everything?

Doughnut Fix, The, by Jessie Janowitz (gr. 3-6).

When his family moves to tiny Petersville, eleven-year-old Tris stops focusing on his perfect sister, Jeanine, by using his cooking expertise to revive a town tradition of chocolate cream doughnuts.

El Deafo, by Cece Bell (gr. 2-6).

The author recounts in graphic novel format her experiences with hearing loss at a young age, including using a bulky hearing aid, learning how to lip read, and determining her "superpower."

Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library, by Chris Grabenstein (gr. 4-7).

Twelve-year-old Kyle gets to stay overnight in the new town library, designed by his hero (the famous gamemaker Luigi Lemoncello), with other students but finds that come morning he must work with friends to solve puzzles in order to escape.

Fourteenth Goldfish, The, by Jennifer L. Holm (gr. 4-6).

Ellie's scientist grandfather has discovered a way to reverse aging, and consequently has turned into a teenager--which makes for complicated relationships when he moves in with Ellie and her mother, his daughter.

Fuzzy Mud, by Louis Sachar (gr. 3-5).

Two middle-grade kids, fifth grader Tamaya Dhilwassi and seventh grader Marshall Walsh, take a shortcut home from school and discover what looks like fuzzy mud but is actually a substance with the potential to wreak havoc on the entire world.

Garvey's Choice, by Nikki Grimes (gr. 4-8).

Garvey's father has always wanted him to be athletic, but Garvey isn't interested in sports. Feeling like a failure, he comforts himself with food. Garvey is kind, funny, smart, a loyal friend, and he is also overweight, teased by bullies, and lonely. When his only friend encourages him to join the school chorus, Garvey's life changes.

Hope in the Holler, by Lisa Lewis Tyre (gr. 5-8). Right before Wavie's mother died, she gave Wavie a list of instructions to help her find her way in life. But little did Wavie's mom know that events would conspire to bring Wavie back to Conley Hollow, the Appalachian hometown her mother tried to leave behind. Now Wavie's back in the Holler--and in the clutches of her Aunt Samantha Rose.

Joyful Noise, by Paul Fleischman (gr. 3-5).

Written to be read aloud by two voices--sometimes alternating, sometimes simultaneous--here are irresistible poems that celebrate the insect world.

Kindred Souls, by Patricia MacLachlan (gr. 3-5).

Ten-year-old Jake shares a special bond with his grandfather, Billy, but when Billy asks Jake to build him a sod house, Jake is not sure he wants to do it.

Lemonade War, The, by Jacqueline Davies (gr. 3-5).

Evan and his younger sister, Jesse, react very differently to the news that they will be in the same class for fourth grade and they battle it out through lemonade stands, each trying to be the first to earn 100 dollars. Includes mathematical calculations and tips for running a successful lemonade stand.

Lemons, by Melissa Savage (gr. 3-6). Lemonade Liberty Witt is forced to live with a grandfather she's never met after her mother passes away. Eleven-year-old Tobin Sky, the CEO of Bigfoot Detectives Inc., invites Lem to be his assistant for the summer, and they set out to capture a shot of the elusive beast on film.

Magic Misfits, The, by Neil Patrick Harris (gr. 4-6).

Six young magicians and illusionists team up to save their small town from a crooked carnival owner and his goons.

Max and the Midnighters, by Lincoln Peirce (gr. 4-6). Max and a group of friends dubbed the Midnighters go on a quest to rescue the Kingdom of Byjovia from the mean King Gastley.

Maxi's Secrets (or What You Can Learn from a Dog), by Lynn Plourde (gr. 4-6).

Fifth-grader Timminy, who's small for his age and new in town, isn't eager to start middle school--but he gets a great consolation prize in Maxi, a big, deaf, lovable dog.

The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl, by Stacy McAnulty (gr. 4-6). A lightning strike made Lucy, twelve, a math genius. But after years of homeschooling, her grandmother enrolls her in middle school and she learns that life is more than numbers.

***Moo: A Novel*, by Sharon Creech (gr. 3-6).**

When Reena, her little brother, Luke, and their parents first move to Maine, Reena doesn't know what to expect. Her parents "volunteer" Reena and Luke to work for an eccentric neighbor named Mrs. Falala, who has a pig named Paulie, a cat named China, a snake named Edna—and that stubborn cow, Zora.

The Next Great Paulie Fink, by Ali Benjamin (gr. 5-8). Led by new student Caitlyn, seventh-graders at a tiny rural school in Vermont create a reality-show inspired competition to determine who will replace the school's legendary class clown, Paulie Fink.

***Perfect Score, The*, by Rob Buyeah (gr. 4-6).**

The whole school is in a frenzy with the statewide assessment tests approaching. When one of the kids has a big idea for acing the tests, they're all in.

Ruby in the Sky, by Jeanne Zulick Ferruolo (gr. 3-6). Twelve-year-old Ruby Moon Hayes does not want her new classmates to ask about her father or to know her mother has been arrested. And she definitely does not want to make any friends. But keeping to herself isn't easy when Ahmad Saleem, a Syrian refugee, decides he's her new best friend. Or when she meets "the Bird Lady," a recluse named Abigail who lives in a ramshackle shed near Ruby's house. Before long Ahmad and Abigail have become Ruby's friends—and she realizes there is more to their stories than everyone knows.

***Rump: The true story of Rumpelstiltskin*, by Liesl Shurtliff (gr. 3-6).**

Relates the tale of Rumpelstiltskin's childhood and youth, explaining why his name is so important, how he is able to spin straw into gold, and why a first-born child is his reward for helping the miller's daughter-turned-queen.

***Save Me A Seat*, by Sara Weeks & Gita Varadarajan (gr. 3-6).**

Joe has lived in the same town all his life, and was doing just fine until his best friends moved away and left him on his own. Ravi's family just moved to America from India, and he's finding it pretty hard to figure out where he fits in. Joe and Ravi don't think they have anything in common, but soon enough they have a common enemy (the biggest bully in their class) and a common mission: to take control of their lives over the course of a single crazy week.

Saving Winslow, by Sharon Creech (gr. 3-6). When Louie's father brings home a sickly newborn mini donkey, Louie names him Winslow and is determined to save him. Taking care of him helps Louie feel closer to his brother, Gus, who is far away in the army. As Louie's bond with Winslow grows, surprising and life-altering events prove that this fragile donkey is stronger than anyone could have imagined.

***Seventh Most Important Thing, The*, by Shelley Pearsall (gr. 4-7)**

Arthur threw a brick at the trash picker and the judge is ready to send Arthur to juvie for the foreseeable future. Amazingly, it's the Junk Man himself who offers an alternative: 120 hours of community service . . . working for him.

Shiloh, by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor (gr. 4-8). When he finds a lost beagle in the hills behind his West Virginia home, Marty tries to hide it from his family and the dog's real owner, a mean-spirited man known to shoot deer out of season and to mistreat his dogs.

Sidetracked, by Diana Asher (gr. 4-6).

Joseph Friedman spends most of his time avoiding school bully Charlie Kastner and hiding out in the Resource Room. But on the first day of seventh grade, two important things happen. First, his Resource Room teacher encourages him to join the school track team, and second, he meets Heather, a crazy-fast runner who isn't going to be pushed around by Charlie Kastner or anybody else.

Sky at Our Feet, The, by Nadia Hashimi (gr. 5-8).

Discovering that his Afghan mother has been living illegally in the United States since his father was killed in Afghanistan, American-born Jason fears that she has been deported and runs away to New York City to seek a family member who might be able to help.

Slacker, by Gordon Korman (gr. 4-7).

When eighth-grader Cameron Boxer creates the Positive Action Group at school he intends it as a diversion to fool his parents, teachers, and sister into letting him continue to concentrate on his video-gaming. Before he knows it other kids are taking it seriously, and soon he finds himself president of the P.A.G. and involved in community service.

Small Steps: The Year I Got Polio, by Peg Kehret (gr. 4-6).

The author describes her battle against polio at age thirteen and her efforts to overcome its debilitating effects

Soar, by Joan Bauer (gr. 4-6).

Moving to Hillcrest, Ohio, when his adoptive father accepts a temporary job, twelve-year-old Jeremiah, a heart transplant recipient, has sixty days to find a baseball team to coach.

SOS File, The, by Betsy Byars (gr. 4-6).

The students in Mr. Magro's class submit stories for the SOS file about their biggest emergencies, and then they read them aloud for extra credit.

Stone Fox, by John Reynolds Gardiner (gr. 4-6).

Little Willie hopes to pay the back taxes on his grandfather's farm with the prize money from a dog sled race he enters.

Strongheart: Wonder Dog of the Silver Screen by Candace Fleming (gr. 4-6). When movie director Larry Trimble travels to Berlin searching for his next big star, he finds Etzel, a fierce, highly trained three-year-old German shepherd police dog. Larry sees past the snarls and growls and brings Etzel back to Hollywood, where he is renamed Strongheart. Along with screenwriter Jane Murfin, Larry grooms his protégé to be a star of the silver screen.

Towers Falling, by Jewell Parker Rhodes (gr. 4-8).

While learning about September 11th, fifth grader Dèja (who was born after the attacks) realizes how much the events still color her world.

The Unsung Hero of Birdsong, USA., by Brenda Woods (gr. 4-6). When Gabriel accidentally rides his new bike right into the path of a car, a Black man named Meriwether pushes him out of the way just in time and fixes his damaged bike. As a thank you, Gabriel gets him a job at his

dad's auto shop. Gabriel's dad hires him with some hesitation, however, anticipating trouble with the other mechanic, who makes no secret of his racist opinions.

Vanderbeekers of 141st Street, The, by Karina Yan Glaser (gr. 3-5).

The Vanderbeekers have always lived in the brownstone on 141st Street. When their reclusive, curmudgeonly landlord decides not to renew their lease, the five siblings have eleven days to do whatever it takes to stay in their beloved home and convince the dreaded Beiderman just how wonderful they are.

War that Saved My Life, The, by Kimberly B Bradley (gr. 4-6).

A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother.

Where the Red Fern Grows, by Wilson Rawls (gr. 7-9).

A young boy living in the Ozarks achieves his heart's desire when he becomes the owner of two redbone hounds and teaches them to be champion hunters.

Wild Robot, The, by Peter Brown (gr. 4-6).

Roz the robot discovers that she is alone on a remote, wild island with no memory of where she is from or why she is there. Her only hope of survival is to try to learn about her new environment from the island's hostile inhabitants.

Wishtree, by Katherine Applegate (gr. 4-8).

Red is an oak tree and the neighborhood "wishtree" - people write their wishes on pieces of cloth and tie them to Red's branches. You might say Red has seen it all, until a new family moves in. Not everyone is welcoming, and Red's experiences as a wishtree are more important than ever.