

**PRAIRIE LOTUS\*** Linda Sue Park

In Dakota Territory in the 1880s, half-Chinese Hanna and her white father face racism and resistance to change as they try to make a home for themselves.

**FRAMED!** James Ponti

In Washington, D.C., twelve-year-old Florian Bates, a consulting detective for the FBI, and his best friend Margaret help thwart the biggest art heist in United States history.

**ROLL WITH IT\*** Jamie Sumner

Twelve-year-old Ellie, who has cerebral palsy, finds her life transformed when she moves with her mother to small-town Oklahoma to help care for her grandfather, who has Alzheimer's Disease.

**OTHER WORDS FOR HOME\*** Jasmine Warga

Sent with her mother to the safety of a relative's home in Cincinnati when her Syrian hometown is overshadowed by violence, Jude worries for the family members who were left behind as she adjusts to a new life with unexpected surprises.

Lexile Grade

730L 5-7

680L 3-6

740L 9-13

930L 4-8

TAKE THE

2022



**STUDENT'S INFORMATION - PLEASE PRINT**

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Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Book Selection (1st choice) \_\_\_\_\_

Book Selection (2nd choice) \_\_\_\_\_



**FOR GRADES 3-5**

The Bluestem Book Young Readers' Award is an annual award given to the author of the book voted most outstanding by students in grades 3-5 in participating Illinois schools and libraries.

**CHOOSE A CHALLENGE:**

1. Read or listen to at least three of this year's Bluestem books, and vote for your favorite in February 2022 at the library. **OR**
  2. Read or listen to all 20 Bluestem books, vote for your favorite in February 2022, and receive a free paperback book from the current list or a past Bluestem list.
- Return your Bluestem Challenge form to the first-floor desk by March 12, 2022.



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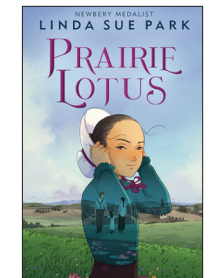
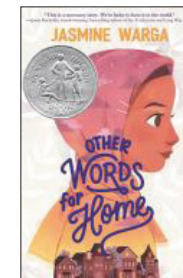
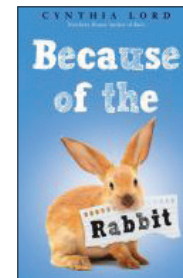
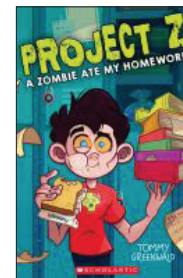
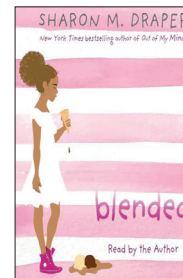
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### DOES IT FART?: A KID'S GUIDE TO THE GAS ANIMALS PASS

Nick Caruso & Dani Rabaiotti

An illustrated guide to whether or not various animals pass gas, infused with humor and scientific facts.

### KLAWDE: EVIL ALIEN WARLORD CAT\* Emily Chenoweth & Johnny Marciano

Klawde, the exiled ruler of the planet Lyttyrboks, and Raj, who just moved from Brooklyn to tiny Elba, Oregon, forge an unlikely friendship as they find their footing in a strange new world.

### ONE-THIRD NERD\* Gennifer Choldenko

Ten-year-old Liam and his two younger sisters, precocious third-grader Dakota and second-grader Izzy, who has Down syndrome, face the possibility of losing their beloved dog, Cupcake, who keeps urinating on their apartment's carpet.

### LET THE CHILDREN MARCH\* Monica Clark-Robinson

Under the leadership of Dr. Martin Luther King, children and teenagers march against segregation in Birmingham, Alabama, in 1963.

### THE UNSTOPPABLE GARRETT MORGAN: INVENTOR, ENTREPRENEUR, HERO Joan DiCicco

Garrett Morgan, a prolific African American inventor and entrepreneur, must test his latest invention in a daring rescue after an explosion at the Cleveland Waterworks.

### BLENDED\* Sharon M. Draper

Piano-prodigy Isabella, eleven, whose black father and white mother struggle to share custody, never feels whole, especially as racial tensions affect her school, her parents both become engaged, and she and her stepbrother are stopped by police.

### WHAT A WASTE: TRASH, RECYCLING, AND PROTECTING OUR PLANET\*

Jess French

Everything you need to know about what we're doing to our environment, good and bad, from pollution and litter to renewable energy and plastic recycling.

### UNICORN RESCUE SOCIETY: THE CREATURE OF THE PINES\* Adam Gidwitz

After encountering a Jersey Devil while on a field trip to the Pine Barrens, Elliot and his new friend Uchenna help their weird teacher Professor Fauna rescue the mythological creature from a pair of greedy billionaire brothers.

Lexile Grade

n/a K-3

590L 4-12

540L 4-8

650L 2-5

980L 2-5

610L 4-8

IG920L K-4

540L 3-7

### THE VANDERBEEKERS OF 141ST STREET\* Karina Yan Glaser

Told that they will have to move out of their Harlem brownstone just after Christmas, the five Vanderbeeker children, ages four to twelve, decide to change their reclusive landlord's mind.

### PROJECT Z: A ZOMBIE ATE MY HOMEWORK Tommy Greenwald

Arnold Z. Ombee has escaped a secret government zombie project -- but now can he survive human elementary school?

### THE OLDEST STUDENT: HOW MARY WALKER LEARNED TO READ

Rita Lorraine Hubbard

A picture book biography sharing the inspiring and incredible true story of the nation's oldest student, Mary Walker, who learned to read at the age of 116

### PIE IN THE SKY\* Remy Lai

A laugh-out-loud illustrated middle-grade novel about an eleven-year-old boy's immigration experience, his annoying little brother, and their cake-baking hijinks!

### HANA'S SUITCASE: A TRUE STORY Karen Levine

A biography of a Czech girl who died in the Holocaust, told in alternating chapters with an account of how the curator of a Japanese Holocaust center learned about her life after Hana's suitcase was sent to her.

### HANDIMALS: ANIMALS IN ART AND NATURE Silvia Lopez

Discover the beauty of Handimals: hands modeled and painted into animals paired with facts and photos of the corresponding animals in nature.

### BECAUSE OF THE RABBIT\* Cynthia Lord

Emma, a new student, and Jack, a hyperactive boy with no friends, are paired together and bond over a rescued rabbit.

### PLANET OMAR: ACCIDENTAL TROUBLE MAGNET\* Zanib Mian

Imaginative Omar goes through the ups and downs of starting a new school and making new friends with the help of his wonderful (and silly) Muslim family

Lexile Grade

810L 2-4

560L 4-6

AD830L K-3

720L 3-6

730L n/a

n/a 2-5

660L 2-5

820L 3-7