



# *Title I Program*

## *December 2018 Book List*



Our theme for the December Book List is *Family & Friends*.

***I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel. – Maya Angelou***

| <u>Title</u>   | <u>Grades Pre-K - 2</u> | <u>Author</u>          |
|--|-------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Bowwow Powwow: Bagozenjige-nimi'idim</b>  |                         | <b>Brenda J. Child</b> |
| When Uncle and Windy Girl attend a powwow, Windy watches the dancers and listens to the singers. She eats tasty food and joins family and friends around the campfire. Later, Windy falls asleep under the stars. Uncle's stories inspire visions in her head: a bowwow powwow, where all the dancers are dogs. In these magical scenes, Windy sees veterans in a Grand Entry, and a visiting drum group, and traditional dancers, grass dancers, and jingle-dress dancers--all with telltale ears and paws and tails. All celebrating in song and dance. All attesting to the wonder of the powwow. |                         |                        |
| <b>Carrot and Pea</b>  |                         | <b>Morag Hood</b>      |
| Although he is different in size, color, and shape, the peas like and accept their friend, Colin the carrot.   |                         |                        |
| <b>King Alice</b>  |                         | <b>Matthew Cordell</b> |
| A young girl wakes her father by informing him that she is King Alice, then draws him and other family members into her imaginative activities, from writing a book to a sleepover with fairies.   |                         |                        |
| <b>The Liszts</b>  |                         | <b>Kyo Maclear</b>     |
| The Liszts make lists. They make lists most usual and lists most unusual. They make lists in winter, spring, summer and fall. They make lists every day except Sundays, which are listless. Mama Liszt, Papa Liszt, Winifred, Edward, Frederick and Grandpa make lists all day long. So does their cat. Then one day a visitor arrives. He's not on anyone's list. Will the Liszts be able to make room on their lists for this new visitor? How will they handle something unexpected arising?  |                         |                        |
| <b>The Mellops Go Diving for Treasure</b>  |                         | <b>Tomi Ungerer</b>    |
| One day Mr. Mellops finds a dusty old trunk in his attic, and before they know it, the family are embarking on a journey of discovery. But treasure is not the only thing waiting for these intrepid pigs below the ocean's surface.   |                         |                        |
| <b>Mother Bruce</b>  |                         | <b>Ryan T. Higgins</b> |
| Bruce is a grumpy bear who likes no one and nothing but cooked eggs, but when some eggs he was planning to boil hatch and the goslings believe he is their mother, he must try to make the best of the situation.  |                         |                        |
| <b>Penguin Problems</b>  |                         | <b>Jory John</b>       |
| A penguin whines about the uncontrollable problems in his life.  |                         |                        |
| <b>Quackers</b>  |                         | <b>Liz Wong</b>        |
| Quackers has always believed that he is a duck, but when he meets new friends who look like him and call themselves cats, he has to find a way to combine the best of both worlds.   |                         |                        |

| <u>Title</u>   | <u>Grades 3-5</u> | <u>Author</u>           |
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| <b>Book Uncle and Me</b>   |                   | <b>Uma Krishnaswami</b> |
| Every day, nine-year-old Yasmin borrows a book from Book Uncle, a retired teacher who has set up a free lending library next to her apartment building. But when the mayor tries to shut down the rickety bookstand, Yasmin has to take her nose out of her book and do something. But what can she do? The local elections are coming up but she's just a kid. She can't even vote! Still, Yasmin has friends -- her best friend, Reeni, and Anil, who even has a black belt in karate. And she has grownup family and neighbors who, no matter how preoccupied they are, care about what goes on in their community. Then Yasmin remembers a story that Book Uncle selected for her. It's an old folktale about a flock of doves trapped in a hunter's net. The birds realize that if they all flap their wings at the same time, they can lift the net and fly to safety, where they seek the help of a friendly mole who chews a hole in the net and sets them free. And so the children get to work, launching a campaign to make sure the voices of the community are heard. |                   |                         |
| <b>The Story of Diva and Flea</b>  |                   | <b>Mo Willems</b>       |
| In the bustling city of Paris, a small yet brave dog, Diva, and an adventurous cat named Flea become two unlikely friends.   |                   |                         |

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| <b>The First Rule of Punk</b>          | Twelve-year-old María Luisa O'Neill-Morales (who really prefers to be called Malú) reluctantly moves with her Mexican-American mother to Chicago and starts seventh grade with a bang—violating the dress code with her punk rock aesthetic and spurning the middle school's most popular girl in favor of starting a band with a group of like-minded weirdos.   | <b>Celia C. Perez</b>      |
| <b>The Lottery Plus One</b>            | Once upon a time, two couples with Jamaican, Mohawk, Indian, and Scottish ethnic roots won the lottery and bought a big house where all of them, four adults and seven adopted and biological children, could live together in harmony--but change is inevitable, especially when a disagreeable grandfather comes to stay.   | <b>Emma Donoghue</b>       |
| <b>Narwhal: Unicorn of the Sea</b>     | A happy-go-lucky, waffle-loving narwhal and a cynical, no-nonsense jellyfish forge an unlikely friendship and share adventures while exploring the ocean together. Narwhal is a happy-go-lucky narwhal. Jelly is a no-nonsense jellyfish. The two might not have a lot in common, but they do they love waffles, parties and adventures. Join Narwhal and Jelly as they discover the whole wide ocean together. | <b>Ben Clanton</b>         |
| <b>Saffy's Angel</b>                   | After learning that she was adopted, thirteen-year-old Saffron's relationship with her eccentric, artistic family changes, until they help her go back to Italy where she was born to find a special memento of her past.   | <b>Hilary McKay</b>        |
| <b>The Saturdays</b>                   | Four New York City siblings decide to pool their resources so that each can do a special thing on the Saturday that is his turn to receive the combined allowance.  | <b>Elizabeth Enright</b>   |
| <b>The Year of the Book</b>            | Follows a young Chinese American girl, as she navigates relationships with family, friends, and her fourth-grade classroom, and finds a true best friend.   | <b>Andrea Cheng</b>        |
| <u>Title</u>                           | <u>Grades 6-8</u>   | <u>Author</u>              |
| <b>All Summer Long</b>                 | Thirteen-year-old Bina faces her first summer without her best friend, Austin, who has left for soccer camp.  | <b>Hope Larson</b>         |
| <b>Be Prepared</b>                     | A misfit girl and her brother attend summer camp, where they struggle with primitive plumbing, snobby tentmates, and boys-versus-girls competitions.  | <b>Vera Brosgol</b>        |
| <b>Best Man</b>                        | Archer has four important role models in his life--his dad, his grandfather, his uncle Paul, and his favorite teacher, Mr. McLeod. When Uncle Paul and Mr. McLeod get married, Archer's sixth-grade year becomes one he'll never forget.  | <b>Richard Peck</b>        |
| <b>Harbor Me</b>                       | When six students are chosen to participate in a weekly talk with no adults allowed, they discover that when they're together, it's safe to share the hopes and fears they have to hide from the rest of the world.   | <b>Jaqueline Woodson</b>   |
| <b>In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse</b> | Teased for his fair coloring, eleven-year-old Jimmy McClean travels with his maternal grandfather, Nyles High Eagle, to learn about his Lakota heritage while visiting places significant in the life of Crazy Horse, the nineteenth-century Lakota leader and warrior, in a tale that weaves the past with the present.  | <b>Joseph Marshall III</b> |
| <b>Nightbird</b>                       | Twig, aged twelve, is practically ignored by classmates and other residents of Sidwell, Massachusetts, but gets along fine with just her mother and brother, whose presence must be kept secret, until descendants of the witch who cursed her family move in next door and want to be her friends.   | <b>Alice Hoffman</b>       |

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