

## Recommended read-alouds on Hoopla eBooks

This week might be a good time to start some new family read-alouds at night as a way to let your kids lie in bed and listen to you read. These novels are all available right now by visiting <https://www.bozemanlibrary.org/elibrary/by-format/ebooks/hoopla> and there is no waiting! Audio books are also available but you know your kids often like your voice the best, right?

### Ages 8 and up

*Call of the Wild* by Jack London

The Call of the Wild tells the story of Buck, a domesticated dog ripped from a comfortable life when he is stolen from his home on a California ranch. Sold to a pair of men in Canada, Buck is trained as a sled dog in the cold wilderness of the Klondike region.

*Sideways Stories from Wayside School* by Louis Sachar

Accidentally built sideways and standing thirty stories high, Wayside School has some of the wackiest classes in town, especially on the thirtieth floor. That's where you'll meet Bebe, the fastest draw in art class; John, who only reads upside down; Myron, the best class president, ever; and Sammy, the new kid-he's a real rat. Looking for humor? This is it!

*Because of Winn-Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo

One summer's day, ten-year-old India Opal Buloni goes down to the local supermarket for some groceries – and comes home with a dog. But Winn-Dixie is no ordinary dog. It's because of Winn-Dixie that Opal begins to make friends. In fact, as Opal admits, just about everything that happens that summer is because of Winn-Dixie.

*The Giver* by Lois Lowry

The Newbery-winning novel centers on twelve-year-old Jonas, who lives in a seemingly ideal, if colorless, world of conformity and contentment. Not until he is given his life assignment as the Receiver of Memory does he begin to understand the dark, complex secrets behind his fragile community. Lois Lowry has written three companion novels to *The Giver*, including *Gathering Blue*, *Messenger*, and *Son*.

*The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan

Part 1 of the Percy Jackson and the Olympians series. Percy Jackson is about to be kicked out of boarding school. . . again. And that's the least of his troubles. Lately, mythological monsters and the gods of Mount Olympus seem to be walking straight out

of the pages of Percy's Greek mythology textbook and into his life. *Hoopla* has dozens of novels by Rick Riordan.

*The Girl Who Drank the Moon* by Kelly Barnhill

Newbery Medal Winner! Every year, the people of the Protectorate leave a baby as an offering to the witch who lives in the forest. They hope this sacrifice will keep her from terrorizing their town. But the witch is kind; she rescues the children and delivers them to welcoming families on the other side of the forest, nourishing the babies with starlight on the journey.

*Artemis Fowl* by Eoin Colfer

Twelve-year-old Artemis is a millionaire, a genius-and above all, a criminal mastermind. But Artemis doesn't know what he's taken on when he kidnaps a fairy, Captain Holly Short of the LEPrecon Unit. These aren't the fairies of the bedtime stories. eBook also includes author video.

*Fablehaven* by Brandon Mull

For centuries, mystical creatures of all description were gathered to a hidden refuge called Fablehaven to prevent their extinction. The sanctuary is one of the last strongholds of true magic. Enchanting? Absolutely. Exciting? You bet. Safe? Well, actually, quite the opposite!

*Pax* by Sara Pennypacker

Pax and Peter have been inseparable ever since Peter rescued him as a kit. But one day, the unimaginable happens: Peter's dad enlists in the military and makes him return the fox to the wild.

*Anne of Green Gables* by Lucy Maud Montgomery

This first book in the series follows the adventures of Anne, a young, red-haired orphan who has spent her entire childhood being passed around from one foster home to the next. Until one day, she is sent to Marilla and Matthew Cuthbert by mistake. While trying to adopt a boy to help work on their farm, the Cuthbert's ended up with Anne. After reading this aloud, you can watch the movie or the new Netflix series.

## **Ages 4-8**

*Frog & Toad Together* by Arnold Lobel

Frog and Toad are best friends-they do everything together. When Toad admires the flowers in Frog's garden, Frog gives him seeds to grow a garden of his own. When

Toad bakes cookies, Frog helps him eat them. And when both Frog and Toad are scared, they are brave together.

*Mercy Watson to the Rescue* by Kate DiCamillo

To Mr. and Mrs. Watson, Mercy is not just a pig – she's a porcine wonder. And to the portly and good-natured Mercy, the Watsons are an excellent source of buttered toast, not to mention that buttery-toasty feeling she gets when she snuggles into bed with them.

*Little House in the Big Woods* by Laura Ingalls Wilder

This digital version features Garth Williams's classic illustrations. This beloved story of a pioneer girl and her family begins in 1871 in a log cabin on the edge of the Big Woods of Wisconsin. Four-year-old Laura lives in the little house with her Pa, her Ma, her sisters Mary and Carrie, and their dog, Jack.

*The Boxcar Children* by Gertrude Chandler Warner

The classic story of four orphaned siblings, Henry, Jessie, Violet, and Benny, who find an abandoned boxcar in the forest and decide to make it their home.

*Paddington* by Michael Bond

Over fifty years ago, a small bear set out on the adventure of a lifetime. With nothing but a suitcase, several jars of marmalade, and a label around his neck that read, "Please look after this bear. Thank you," he crossed the ocean heading for England. When he arrived at London's busy Paddington Station, he was discovered by Mr. and Mrs. Brown.