Looking for the perfect book for a holiday gift? Our youth librarians suggest their favorite titles of 2018!

PICTURE BOOKS

What if... by Samantha Berger
Illustrated by Mike Curato
A beautifully illustrated rhyming story about the drive to create. Little, Brown

Hello Lighthouse by Sophie Blackall
Join the lighthouse keeper and his family for a special year of living, working, and keeping sailors safe. Little, Brown

We Don’t Eat Our Classmates by Ryan T. Higgins
Penelope Rex can’t keep her teeth to herself because all her classmates are...children! Disney-Hyperion

The Greedy Goat by Petr Horáček
What happens when Goat decides to eat everything in sight? Candlewick

The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo
Xiomara can’t change her body or her family, but poetry helps her find her voice. HarperCollins

The Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi
Zélie must fight to save her family, her village, and the very existence of magic. Henry Holt

Dread Nation: Rise Up by Justina Ireland
Uncovering political conspiracy, trained bodyguard Jane McKeen discovers dangers even greater than the threat of The Dead. Balzer + Bray

Binti: The Night Masquerade by Nnedi Okorafor
The thrilling conclusion to the Binti series is science fiction at its best. Macmillan

Photographic: The Life of Graciela Iturbide by Isabel Quintero and Zeke Pena
A graphic novel that allows you to see through the lens of Mexican American photographer, Graciela Iturbide. Abrams

Animus by Antoine Revoy
Two friends unwind the neighborhood mystery tied to ghostly activity in their playground. First Second

I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter by Erika L. Sánchez
Julia deals with family expectations and secrets while striving to go to college. Knopf

What... by Julián is a Mermaid by Jessica Love
You’ll dig through the closets and create your own majestic costume to join the parade. Candlewick

We Are Brothers by Yves Nadon
Illustrated by Jean Claverie
A boy admires his older brother as the two play at a swimming hole. Creative Editions

Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx by Joe Todd-Stanton
Marcy must journey through mythological Egypt to save her father, encountering strange gods and dangerous beasts. Flying Eye

The Day You Begin by Jacqueline Woodson
Illustrated by Rafael Lopez
A book for anyone who has ever felt like they don’t quite fit in. Penguin

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## FOLK/FAIRYTALES

### Red

**Red by Jed Alexander**
What is the Big Bad Wolf up to? Probably not what you think! Cameron

### The Dragon Slayer: Folktales from Latin America by Jaime Hernandez
Vibrant graphic novel collection of three Latin American folktales. Toon Graphics

### The Little Red Fort by Brenda Maier
Illustrated by Sonia Sanchez
All siblings can relate to this adaptation of the Little Red Hen tale. Scholastic

### The King of the Birds: Gamayun Tales by Alexander Utkin
Translated by Lada Morozova
This graphic novel presents daring tales of bravery and loyalty inspired by Russian folklore. Nobrow

### Power to the Princess: 15 Favorite Fairytales Retold with Girl Power by Vita Murrow
Illustrated by Julia Bereciartu
Smart, intrepid princesses take charge in new retellings of favorite old tales. Lincoln

### Under the Canopy: Trees Around the World by Iris Volant
Illustrated by Cynthia Alonso
Explore the diverse trees and read their stories from worldly folktales. Flying Eye

### Luna and the Moon Rabbit by Camille Whitcher
An enchanting romp that is perfect for bedtime reading. Scribblers

## BEGINNING READERS

### Kick It, Mo! by David A. Adler
Illustrated by Sam Ricks
Join your favorite sports star, Mo, in a thrilling game of soccer. Penguin

### Houndsley and Catina and Cousin Wagster by James Howe
Illustrated by Marie-Louise Gay
When charming and talented Cousin Wagster visits, Houndsley worries Catina will like Wagster better. Penguin

### Dance, Dance, Dance! by Ethan Long
Horse and Buggy will have readers up and dancing long before the final page. Holiday House

### Pedro’s Tricky Tower by Fran Manushkin
Illustrated by Tammie Lyon
Pedro gets creative to solve a puzzle in the classroom. Picture Window

### Baby Monkey, Private Eye by Brian Selznick and David Serlin
Sometimes the hardest part about being a detective is putting on a pair of pants. Scholastic

### Fox the Tiger by Corey R. Tabor
Fox is a tiger! Turtle is a racecar! Rabbit is a robot! Until rain wrecks their plans... HarperCollins

### New Shoes by Sara Varon
Francis and his friends go on a jungle adventure for shoe-making supplies. First Second

## CHAPTER BOOKS

### Estranged by Ethan M. Aldridge
A human boy and his fae counterpart switched places at birth, and now both must face the consequences. Harper Collins

### Marcus Vega Doesn’t Speak Spanish by Pablo Cartaya
After trouble in school, Marcus and his family visit Puerto Rico for the first time, where he hopes to meet his father. Viking

### Out of Left Field by Ellen Klages
Ace pitcher Katy Gordon fights the no girls allowed Little League rule in 1957. Viking

### All Summer Long by Hope Larson
Music is an unexpected haven when Bina’s summer doesn’t turn out the way she’d planned. Farrar, Straus, & Giroux

### Love to Everyone by Hilary McKay
Clary faces love, loss, and cruel realities while pawning her way in England during WWII. McElderry

### The Prince and the Dressmaker by Jen Wang
An aspiring artist; an unconventional socialite; a secret identity: not your average happily ever after. First Second

### Harbor Me by Jacqueline Woodson
Six kids, no teacher, and countless stories to share. Penguin

## NONFICTION

### Mae Among the Stars by Roda Ahmed
Illustrated by Stasia Burrington
Mae Jemison took her dream all the way into outer space. Harper Collins

### Brazen: Rebel Ladies Who Rocked the World by Pénélope Bagieu
All rad ladies, but not JUST for ladies, these comics biographies will make you cheer. First Second

### We Rise, We Resist, We Raise Our Voices edited by Wade Hudson and Cheryl Willis Hudson
A luminous and hopeful collection of poems and essays about activism by rock star authors. Random House

### The Girl with a Mind for Math: The story of Raye Montague by Julia Finley Mosca
Illustrated by Daniel Rieley
The astonishing and inspiring life story of a hidden figure. Innovation

### Rad Girls Can: Stories of Bold, Brave, and Brilliant Young Women by Kate Schatz
Illustrated by Miriam Klein Stahl
Meet awesome and empowering young women who are determined to change the world. Ten Speed

### The Girl Who Drew Butterflies: How Maria Merian’s Art Changed Science by Joyce Sidman
A curious mind and steady hand dubbed this 17th century naturalist “the caterpillar lady.” Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

### We are Grateful: Otsaliheliga by Traci Sorell
Illustrated by Frané Lessac
Drawing from Cherokee culture, a series of heart-felt reminders to cherish everyday moments. Charlesbridge