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Title – I Survived the Eruption of Mount Saint Helens, 1980

Author – Lauren Tarshis

Call Number – JF TARSHIS

Book Description -

Eleven-year-old Jessie Marlowe has grown up with the beautiful Mount St. Helens always in the background. She's hiked its winding trails, dived into its cold lakes, and fished for trout in its streams. Just looking at Mount St. Helens out her window made Jess feel calm, like it was watching over her somehow. Of course, she knew the mountain was a volcano...but not the active kind, not a volcano that could destroy and kill!

Then Mount St. Helens explodes with unimaginable fury. Jess suddenly finds herself in the middle of the deadliest and most destructive volcanic event in U.S. history. Ash and rock are spewing everywhere. Can Jess escape in time?

Title – Bink & Gollie: Best Friends Forever

Author – Kate DiCamillo

Call Number – JF DiCAMILLO

Book Description -

Gollie is quite sure she has royal blood in her veins, but can Bink survive her friend's queenly airs — especially if pancakes are not part of the deal? Bink wonders what it would be like to be as tall as her friend, but how far will she stretch her luck to find out? And when Bink and Gollie long to get their picture into a book of record holders, where will they find the kudos they seek?

Title – Skeleton Creek – The Phantom Room

Author – Patrick Carman

Call Number – JF CARMAN

Book Description -

Experience the world of Skeleton Creek through Ryan's journal and all new online videos. Ryan and Sarah have lived in Skeleton Creek all their lives, uncovering ghostly mysteries no one else can figure out. But when their investigations lead to the Skeleton Creek cemetery and a haunted room, they discover a chilling secret even they're not ready for. Nothing could prepare them for what they found in the Phantom Room. The Phantom Room. Enter if you dare.

Title – Cavemice: Sea Monster Surprise

Author – Geronimo Stilton

Call Number – JF STILTON

Book Description -

Bart Barnacle, the prehistoric pirate who has been visiting the cavemice, is ready to return to his pirate island home. It's so far away that the Stiltonoots offer to accompany him on the long, treacherous journey over the sea. On the way, they encounter megalithic danger and hungry sea monsters! What an adventure!

Title - Jingle

Author – Gordon Korman

Call Number – JF KORMAN

Book Description -

Griffin Bing and his friends are NOT happy. Instead of going away for winter break, they've been signed up to volunteer at a local Christmas extravaganza . . . as elves.

It's not easy being an elf. Not when Santa is bad news and Rudolph is being played by a Doberman who makes up his own rules wherever he goes.

But being an elf is *nothing* compared to being blamed when a prized Christmas possession -- worth over ten million dollars -- is stolen right from under your nose.

It's time for these elves to get off the shelf and track down a Christmas thief!

Title – Frank Einstein and the Evoblaster Belt

Author – Jon Scieszka

Call Number – JF SCIEZKA

Book Description -

Kid-genius and inventor Frank Einstein loves figuring out how the world works by creating household contraptions that are part science, part imagination, and definitely unusual. In the series opener, an uneventful experiment in his garage-lab, a lightning storm, and a flash of electricity bring Frank's inventions — the robots Klink and Klank — to life! Not exactly the ideal lab partners, the wisecracking Klink and the overly expressive Klank nonetheless help Frank attempt to perfect his inventions. In the fourth book in the series, Frank — along with his best friend, Watson, and Klink and Klank — once again finds himself in competition with his classmate and archrival T. Edison and his sign-language-speaking sidekick, Mr. Chimp, over Frank's newest invention: the EvoBlaster Belt, which allows the user to evolve and devolve into other forms of life, blasting from one species to another.

Integrating real science facts with wacky humor, a silly cast of characters, and science fiction, this uniquely engaging series is an irresistible chemical reaction for middle-grade readers. With easy-to-read language and graphic illustrations on almost every page, this chapter book series is a must for reluctant readers. The Frank Einstein series encourages middle-grade readers to question the way things work and to discover how they, too, can experiment with science. In a starred review, *Kirkus Reviews* raves, "This buoyant, tongue-in-cheek celebration of the impulse to 'keep asking questions and finding your own answers' fires on all cylinders," while *Publishers Weekly* says that the series "proves that science can be as fun as it is important and useful."

Title – The Bronze Key

Author – Holly Black & Cassandra Clare

Call Number – JF BLACK

Book Description -

From Holly Black and Cassandra Clare comes the third installment in the *New York Times* bestselling series that defies what you think you know about the worlds of good and evil.

Title – A Land Remembered (Volume 1)

Author – Patrick Smith

Call Number – JF SMITH

Book Description -

A Land Remembered has become Florida's favorite novel. Now this Student Edition in two volumes makes this rich, rugged story of the American pioneer spirit more accessible to young

readers. Patrick Smith tells of three generations of the MacIveys, a Florida family battling the hardships of the frontier. The story opens in 1858, when Tobias and Emma MacIvey arrive in the Florida wilderness with their son, Zech, to start a new life, and ends in 1968 with Solomon MacIvey, who realizes that his wealth has not been worth the cost to the land. Between is a sweeping story rich in Florida history with a cast of memorable characters who battle wild animals, rustlers, Confederate deserters, mosquitoes, starvation, hurricanes, and freezes to carve a kingdom out of the Florida swamp. In this volume, meet young Zech MacIvey, who learns to ride like the wind through the Florida scrub on Ishmael, his marshtackie horse, his dogs, Nip and Tuck, at this side. His parents, Tobias and Emma, scratch a living from the land, gathering wild cows from the swamp and herding them across the state to market. Zech learns the ways of the land from the Seminoles, with whom his life becomes entwined as he grows into manhood.

Title – A Land Remembered (Volume 2)

Author – Patrick Smith

Call Number – JF SMITH

Book Description -

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