

**The Small Adventure of Popeye and Elvis / Barbara O'Connor**

Popeye's summer becomes an adventure when Elvis, the boy who lives in a visiting motor home, joins him in solving the mystery of strange boats floating down the backyard creek. (ages 9+)

**Tom's Midnight Garden / A. Philippa Pearce**

When the grandfather clock strikes thirteen, Tom discovers a beautiful garden where only a deserted alley exists during the day, and where he makes a new friend who seems to be different ages every time they meet. (ages 9+)

**A Long Way from Chicago / Richard Peck**

During the Great Depression two siblings visit their larger-than-life grandmother. (ages 9+)

**Riding Freedom / Pam Munoz Ryan**

The exciting story of Charley Parkridge, a girl who ran away from an orphanage, posed as a boy, moved to California, and fooled everyone by her appearance. (ages 6+)

**The Good Master / Kate Seredy**

City-born Kate is an enthusiastic visitor to her cousin's Hungarian home. (ages 9+)

**The Mysterious Benedict Society / Trent Lee Stewart**

Four children are selected for a secret mission that requires them to go undercover at the Learning Institute for the Very Enlightened, where the only rule is that there are no rules. (ages 9+)

**Stuart Little / E. B. White**

The adventures of Stuart Little, who is only two inches tall and resembles a mouse in every way. Also *Charlotte's Web* and *The Trumpet of the Swan* by the same author. (ages 6+)

**The Mysterious Howling / Maryrose Wood**

Fifteen-year-old Miss Penelope Lumley, a recent graduate of the Swanburne Academy for Poor Bright Females, is hired as governess to three young children who have been raised by wolves and must teach them to behave in a civilized manner quickly, in preparation for a Christmas ball. (ages 9+)

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# Great Family Read-Alouds

*Chapter books for families to enjoy together*

*Suggestions from the Mt. Lebanon Public Library*

**The Wolves of Willoughby Chase / Joan Aiken**

Two young girls are left in the care of the villainous Miss Sleighcarp in an eerie house surrounded by snow and hungry wolves. (ages 9+)

**Mr. Popper's Penguins / Richard Atwater**

A shy painter receives a mysterious package in the mail. (ages 6+)

**The Indian in the Cupboard / Lynne Reid Banks**

A nine-year-old boy accidentally brings a three-inch plastic Indian and his cowboy friend to life. (ages 6+)

**The Penderwicks / Jeanne Birdsall**

While vacationing with their widowed father in the Berkshire Mountains, four lovable sisters, ages four through twelve, share adventures with a local boy, much to the dismay of his snobbish mother. (ages 6+)

**A Bear Called Paddington / Michael Bond**

A very small bear found by Mr. and Mrs. Brown at Paddington station becomes one of the family. (ages 6+)

**Millions / Frank Cottrell Boyce**

Two brothers find a huge amount of money which they must spend quickly before England switches to the new European currency, but they disagree on what to do with it. (ages 9+)

**Caddie Woodlawn** / Carol Ryrie Brink

Based on the remembrances of the author's grandmother, this is the story of her tomboyish adventures on the Wisconsin frontier. (ages 6+)

**The Wish Giver** / Bill Brittain

Wishes come true for three youngsters in a New England town, but the results aren't at all what they expected. (ages 9+)

**Freddy the Detective** / Walter R. Brooks

Freddy the pig does some detective work in order to solve the mystery of the missing toy train. One of a classic series. (ages 6+)

**The Enormous Egg** / Oliver Butterworth

When the oversized egg in the hen house hatches into a prehistoric triceratops, everything changes for a New Hampshire farm family. (ages 6+)

**Fantastic Mr. Fox** / Roald Dahl

Three farmers, each one meaner than the other, try all-out warfare to get rid of the fox and his family. (ages 6+)

**The Wheel on the School** / Meindert DeJong

A group of Dutch schoolchildren hope their efforts will entice a stork to come and nest on the roof of their schoolhouse. (ages 6+)

**Because of Winn-Dixie** / Kate DiCamillo

Ten year old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in a new town where good things happen because of her big ugly dog Winn Dixie. (ages 6+)

**Half Magic** / Edward Eager

What starts off as a dull summer for four children, turns into a series of exciting and fun adventures when they find a coin that is magic—well, it is only half magic. (ages 6+)

**Understood Betsy** / Dorothy Canfield Fisher

Timid nine-year old Elizabeth Ann discovers self-confidence when she goes to live with her relatives on a farm in Vermont and her life becomes one adventure after another. (ages 6+)

**The Great Brain** / John Fitzgerald

Set in Utah at the turn of the century, this humorous adventure revolves around seven year old J. D. as he relates the escapades of T. D., his clever older brother. (ages 6+)

**The Wind in the Willows** / Kenneth Grahame

The adventures of a group of animals who live in the English countryside—bashful Mole, boastful Toad, practical Badger and world-wise Rat. (ages 6+)

**Journey to the River Sea** / Eva Ibbotson

Sent with her governess to live with the dreadful Carter family in exotic Brazil in 1910, Maia endures many hardships before fulfilling her dream of exploring the Amazon River. (ages 9+)

**Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat** / Lynne Jonell

When Emmy discovers that she and her formerly loving parents are being drugged by their evil nanny with rodent potions, she and her friends try everything to return things to normal. (ages 9+)

**The Contests at Cowlick** / Richard Kennedy

Little Wally saves his town by outwitting a band of ferocious outlaws. (ages 6+)

**From the Mixed-Up files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler** / E. L. Konigsburg

Twelve-year old Claudia and her brother run away to New York city where they solve the mystery of a statue donated to the Metropolitan Museum of Art. (ages 9+)

**Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle** / Betty MacDonald

From her upside-down house, the eccentric Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle provides marvelous cures for such common children's diseases as Won't-Put-Away-Toys-itis, Answerback-ism, and Fighter-Quarrelitis. (ages 6+)

**Wolf Story** / William McCleery

When Waldo the Wolf attempts to capture Rainbow the Hen, Jimmy Tractorwheel comes to her rescue. (ages 6+)

**Homer Price** / Robert McCloskey

Hilarious adventures of an inventive boy. (ages 6+)

**Snow Treasure** / Marie McSwigan

The exciting story of some Norwegian children who use their sleds to transport nine million dollars worth of gold past German soldiers when the Nazis invade their Norwegian village in 1940. (ages 6+)

**Secret Letters from 0 to 10** / Susie Morgenstern

Ernest's boring life is enlivened when a spunky girl named Victory enters his class. (ages 9+)

**Owls in the Family** / Farley Mowat

The funny adventures of a Canadian boy and his two pet owls that create havoc throughout his neighborhood as well as his animal-filled home. (ages 6+)

**Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH** / Robert C. O'Brien

Having no one to help her with her problems, a widowed mouse visits the rats whose former imprisonment in a laboratory made them wise and long lived. (ages 9+)