Cats

The Whizz Pop Chocolate Shop / Kate Saunders
Eleven-year-old twins Oz and Lily are recruited by a talking cat to assist her and MI6 in foiling the dastardly plans of their great-great-uncle, a chocolatier who used magic to make a candy that bestows immortality. Gr. 4+

The Cricket in Times Square / George Selden
A Connecticut cricket befriends a little boy, a mouse, and a cat in New York City. Gr. 3-5

Ghost Cats / Susan Shreve
Ghosts of pet cats mysteriously return to visit four siblings. Gr. 4-6

Ship’s Cat Doris / Jane Simmons
Doris, a male kitten with a girl’s name, tries to establish his place on a ship and develop friendships with the other animals, who do not seem to like him at all. Gr. 3-5

Carbonel, the King of the Cats / Barbara Sleigh
A girl is persuaded by an old woman to buy an ordinary looking broom and a cat she can’t afford—which both turn out to be magical. Gr. 5+

Binky the Space Cat series / Ashley Spires (j GRAPHIC BINKY)
Binky, a beloved house cat, tries to prepare a rocket ship so that he can explore outer space, but he has second thoughts about taking off as he wonders how his owners would protect themselves against aliens if he weren’t there to help them. Gr. 1-4

Sam the Cat series / Linda Stewart
Sam the Cat’s clients are other cats, but he catches human crooks. jpb 5-Gr. 3-5

Casebook of a Private (Cat’s) Eye / Mary Stolz
Cat detective Eileen O’Kelly tries to solve the case that has left the Boston cat police baffled. Gr. 3-5

Cat Walk / Mary Stolz
A kitten sets out on a journey to find his place in the world. Gr. 3-5

Great-Grandmother Cat Tales / Jan Wahl
Great-grandmother cat tells her three grandkittens about her exciting nine lives. Gr. 2-4

Suggestions from the Mt. Lebanon Public Library

The following titles may be found in juvenile fiction unless otherwise noted.

The Town Cats and Other Tales / Lloyd Alexander
Eight tales of remarkable cats. Gr. 4-6

Whittington / Alan Armstrong
A descendant of Dick Whittington’s famous cat from English folklore, tells his ancestor’s story at a rundown barn. A Newbery honor book. Gr. 5+

Jenny series / Esther Averill
Jenny Linsky, a black cat who lives with Captain Tinker in New York City, has many adventures. Gr. 3-5

The Mousehole Cat / Antonia Barber
An old fisherman’s cat calms the fury of the Great Storm-Cat during a sea voyage. Gr. 2-4

Lantern Sam and the Blue Streak Bandits / Michael D. Beil
In 1938, ten-year-old Henry Shipley must rely on a talking cat named Lantern Sam to help solve the kidnapping of a young heiress aboard a passenger train. Gr. 4+

Ghost Cat / Beverly Butler
Fourteen-year-old Annabel unravels a mystery that involves a crying cat, an abandoned house, murder, and her own grandparents. Gr. 5+

Cat Diaries: Secret Writings of the MEOW Society / Betsy Byars
On one night every year, cats in the MEOW Society, which stands for ‘Memories Expressed In Our Writing,’ gather to read from their diaries, hearing stories of a gypsy cat, a Caribbean pirate cat, a library cat, and many others. Gr. 2-4

Socks / Beverly Cleary
A happy cat must adapt to a new baby to his household. Gr. 3-5

The Cat Who Went to Heaven / Elizabeth Coatsworth
A little cat brings a poor Japanese artist good fortune. Gr. 3-5

Lionboy / Zizou Corder
Kidnapped scientist parents, a son who can speak to cats, and rescued circus lions combine to create an exciting adventure. The first of a series. Gr. 4-8
The Cheshire Cheese Cat: A Dickens of a Tale / Carmen Agra Deedy
A community of mice and a cheese-loving cat form an unlikely alliance at London’s Cheshire Cheese, an inn where Charles Dickens finds inspiration and Queen Victoria makes an unexpected appearance. Gr. 5+

Little Bo series / Julie Andrews Edwards
A small cat befriends a sailor, becomes a ship’s cat, and has adventures at sea. Gr. 3-5

The Familiars / Adam Jay Epstein
When an alley cat named Aldwyn passes himself off as a magical companion to Jack, a wizard in training, Aldwyn and his fellow ‘familiars,’ a blue jay and tree frog, must save the kingdom after the queen of Vastia kidnaps Jack and two others. Gr. 4+

The Diary of a Killer Cat / Anne Fine
A cat with attitude, in trouble for killing a bird, is accused of other neighborhood crimes. Gr. 2-5

The Trouble with Cats / Martha Freeman
A boy adjusts to a new school and a new stepfather with four cats. Gr. 2-4

The Cats of Roxville Station / Jean Craighead George
Thrown into a river by a cruel human, a young tiger-striped cat fights to survive amid feral cats and other creatures near Roxville train station, aided by Mike, an eleven-year-old foster boy who is not allowed to have a pet. Gr. 4+

Scratch Kitten series / Jessica Green
Scratch Kitten runs away to sea, but once he has stowed away on a ship bound for the South Seas, he discovers that life on the ocean is harder than he thought. Gr. 2-4

Abandoned / G. D. Griffiths
A kitten, abandoned by her owners, learns to survive in the wilds of England. Gr. 3-5

Nero Corleone: A Cat’s Story / Elke Heidenreich
A bold tom cat establishes his neighborhood dominance wherever he lives and rules comfortably for many years. Gr. 3-5

Manhattan is Missing / E. W. Hildick
A cat is kidnapped. Gr. 4-6

The Stink Files series / Holm & Hamel
James Edward Bristlefur, a sophisticated British secret agent cat, is called Mr. Stink in his new home from where he solves curious crimes. Gr. 3-5

Pioneer Cat / William H. Hooks
When a young pioneer girl smuggles a cat aboard a wagon. Gr. 2-4

The Tygrine Cat / Inbali Iserles
Lost and alone, Mati seeks acceptance from a pack of feral cats at Cressida Lock, but in order to defeat the assassin on his trail, Mati must unlock the secret of his true identity and learn to harness an ancient and deadly feline power. Gr. 4+

The Catlady / Dick King-Smith
A kind and eccentric Englishwoman lives with dozens of cats. Gr. 3-5

Martin’s Mice / Dick King-Smith
A farm cat keeps a family of mice as pets in the barn. Gr. 3-5

The Nine Lives of Aristotle / Dick King-Smith
A little white kitten lives with a witch in an old cottage. Gr. 3-5

The Cat that Walked by Himself / Rudyard Kipling
How the wild cat managed to become a house cat and still remain wild. Gr. 2-4

Catwings / Ursula K. Le Guin
Four cats with wings search for a place to live. First of a series. Gr. 2-4

Highway Cats / Janet Taylor Lisle
A hard-bitten group of mangy highway cats is changed forever after the mysterious arrival of three kittens. Gr. 4-6.

Anton and Cecil: Cats at Sea / Lisa Martin
The high-seas adventures of two cat brothers. Gr. 3+

Jenny’s Cat / Miska Miles
A stray cat moves in with a girl and her mother in their new apartment. Gr. 2-4

Long Tail Kitty / by Lark Pien (j GRAPHIC PIEN)
A cat shows his house, street, neighborhood, and the town where he lives. Gr. 1-3

The Nine Lives of Romeo Crumb, Life One series / L. Rifkin
A house cat discovers that he is destined to battle the Fidel, the evil leader of the “alleys.” Gr.5+

The Five Lives of Our Cat Zook / Joanne Rocklin
As ten-year-old Oona and younger brother Fred conspire to break their sick cat Zook out of the veterinary clinic, Oona tells the story of Zook’s previous lives. Gr. 4+

Lighthouse Family series / Cynthia Rylant
Pandora the cat and Seabold, a canine sailor, raise three mouse orphans. Gr. 2-4