

For Older Readers

Owly, Vol. 1: The Way Home & The Bittersweet Summer by Andy Runton

Owly is a kind, yet lonely, little owl who's always on the lookout for new friends and adventure. The first, nearly wordless, graphic novel in the Owly series depicts Owly discovering the meaning of friendship, and learning that saying goodbye doesn't always mean forever. First graders and up will love the entire *Owly* series.

Robot Dreams by Sara Varon

Robot Dreams follows an ill-fated friendship between a dog and robot. After a Labor Day jaunt to the beach leaves Robot rusty and immobilized in the sand, Dog, unsure what to do, abandons him. As the seasons pass, Dog tries to replace his friend, making and losing a series of new ones. A great choice for upper elementary and middle school kids that deals with themes of loss, friendship and forgiveness.

The Arrival by Shaun Tan

Tan brings to life universal aspects of an immigrant's experience in this wordless book for young adults. Because the main character can't communicate in words, the book forgoes them too. A beautiful and surreal story about finding one's way.

Who We Are

About Us

The Children's Department at the Grafton-Midview Public Library is comprised of skilled children's librarians who love to read and share books. We are always happy to assist you with all of your information needs.

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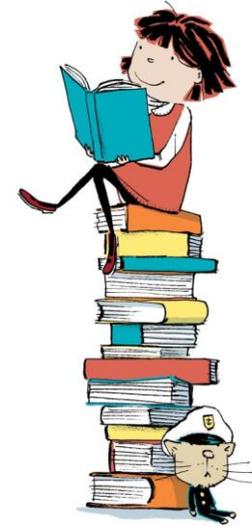
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WORDLESS BOOKS

Reading List



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Opening Your Window to the World



Why wordless?

Wordless and nearly wordless books help children develop narrative skills by letting them tell the story in their own words.

Sharing a wordless book is a great way to promote early literacy in your family and spark the creativity of your child!

Wordless books are also great for older readers, those who may struggle with letter recognition and those learning English.

Try picking up one of our favorite wordless or nearly wordless books recommended here and see where imagination can take you.

For Younger Readers

Flora and the Flamingo by Molly Idle

In this innovative book with interactive flaps, Flora and her graceful flamingo friend explore the trials and joys of friendship through an elaborate synchronized dance.

Bluebird by Bob Staake

In this emotional picture book, readers will be captivated as they follow the journey of a bluebird as he develops a friendship with a young boy and ultimately risks his life to save the boy from harm.

A Ball For Daisy by Chris Raschka

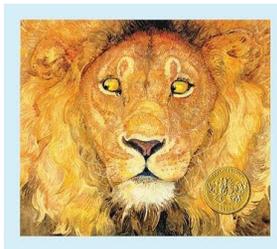
A wonderful and simple story showing the fun a dog has with her ball and what happens when her beloved ball is lost that many children will relate to. Winner of the 2013 Caldecott Medal.

Chalk by Bill Thomson

Three children find a bag of chalk on the playground. When they start to draw, their pictures come to life! When one child draws a dinosaur, some creative thinking must be used to save the day.

The Lion & the Mouse by Jerry Pinkney

In this adaptation of one of Aesop's most beloved fables, an unlikely pair learn that no act of kindness is ever wasted. After a ferocious lion spares a cowering mouse that he'd planned to eat, the mouse later comes to his rescue, freeing him from a poacher's trap. Winner of the 2010 Caldecott Medal.

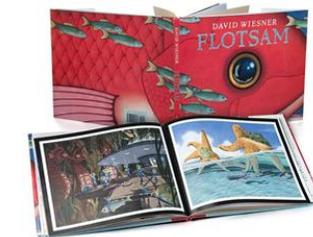


The Red Book by Barbara Lehman

In this red book, a girl finds a magical red book without any words. In the book, she sees a boy sitting on a beach reading a red book about a girl who finds a red book in a snowy city. She's the girl in the book that she's reading about in the book she's reading! The two characters can see each other and find a way to meet.

Flotsam by David Wiesner

A bright, science-minded boy goes to the beach equipped to collect and examine



flotsam-- anything floating that has been washed ashore. Bottles, lost toys, small objects of every

description are among his usual finds. But there's no way he could have prepared for one particular discovery: a barnacle-encrusted underwater camera, with its own secrets. Wiesner has several other great wordless books to read if you enjoy *Flotsam*!

My Friend Rabbit by Eric Rohmann

When Mouse lets his best friend, Rabbit, play with his brand-new airplane, trouble isn't far behind. A picture book about friends and toys and trouble, illustrated in robust, expressive prints. Winner of the 2003 Caldecott Medal.