

SUGGESTED READS

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MONSTERS UNITED

Monsters United

is a quartet of loveable monsters that aims to enhance children's library experiences. They are always on the lookout for great stories and fun activities to spark the love of reading and learning among children aged 7 to 9.

Attend *Monsters United* programmes at the Public Libraries to discover exciting reads and learn S.T.E.A.M. related skills. Visit the Tinker Truck in library@harbourfront for fun DIY-tinkering. You can also discover other *Monsters United* events at www.nlb.gov.sg/discoverreads/monsters-united.



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young travellers!

You hold in your hands a very special book –
a Passport to Different Worlds!

Each page of this passport is a portal to places
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Follow your heart, and start anywhere you like –
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**To track your adventures, colour each stamp
when you've read the book and visited
the world hidden in its pages!**

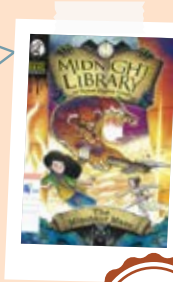


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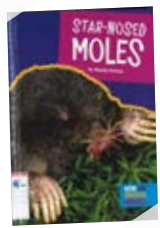
UNDERGROUND SOUNDS



Title: The Minotaur Maze (Midnight Library)
Author: Thomas Kingsley Troupe
Call No.: JS TRO

It's the assistant librarian's birthday! When the Nightingale Library pages surprise him, the shock is theirs – a Minotaur has turned the library into a deadly labyrinth! Apollo, Perseus, Theseus and Ariadne have entered the library to help out. Can these Greek gods and goddesses help the kids find their way out of this maze?

Publisher: Stone Arch Books, 2019 | From: www.capstonepub.com



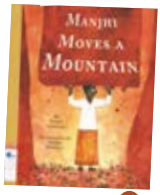
Title: Star-Nosed Moles (Weird and Unusual Animals)
Author: Wendy Perkins
Call No.: JP 599.33 PER

A photo-illustrated book for elementary readers about star-nosed moles. Readers learn about their underground habitat, feeding habits, their ultra-sensitive nose tentacles, and modes of survival.

Publisher: Amicus High Interest/Amicus Ink, 2018 | From: www.amicuspublishing.us



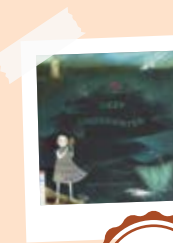
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Title: Manjhi Moves a Mountain
Author: Nancy Churnin
Call No.: JP 625.7 CHU

Dashrath Manjhi used a hammer and chisel, grit, determination, and twenty years to carve a path through the mountain separating his poor village from the nearby village with schools, markets, and a hospital. *Manjhi Moves a Mountain* shows how everyone can make a difference if their heart is big enough.

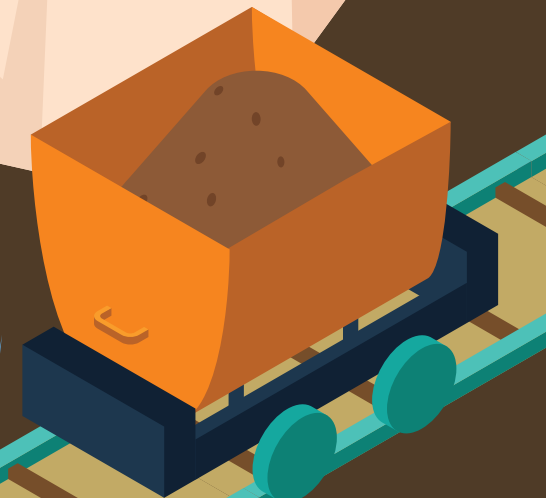
Publisher: Creston Books, 2017 | From: www.crestonbooks.co



Title: Deep Underwater
Author: Irene Luxbacher
Call No.: JP LUX

Sophia bravely dives down to discover the secrets under the sea. She encounters beautiful fish and floating forests. Farther down, the dark water is full of tentacles and treasures. Deep underwater, she is never alone. Do you dare dive down after her?

Publisher: Groundwood Books, 2018 | From: www.houseofanansi.com





UNIT 2

LOCAL FOOD



Title: Why Do Eurasians Love Sugee Cake?
(Understanding Singaporeans)
Author: Edmund Wee
Call No.: J SING 305.809 WEE

How can you tell if someone is Eurasian? What is Eurasian food? Is kaya a “Eurasian jam”? We provide the answers—and useful tips as well—to some of the most-asked questions young Singaporeans have about Eurasians, including why we don’t have an “Eurasiatown”.

Publisher: Epigram Books, 2017 | From www.epigrambooks.sg

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Title: Emma and the Eurasian Potluck
Author: Debra Ann Francisco
Call No.: J SING FRA

Emma is writing in her diary on 25 December 1963, after her family’s yearly midnight Christmas party. She recounts how she and her sisters went to Tekka Market with their mother to buy ingredients for Eurasian pie, how they made pineapple tarts on the charcoal oven, and she mentions the other dishes at the party such as prawn bostada and devil curry.

Young readers will be amused by the lively tone of the diary – written just as a little girl might – and enthralled by the glimpse into the past and seeing how food was cooked before the days of widespread electricity.

Publisher: Straits Times, 2018 | From www.stbooks.sg



Title: What a Mix-Up! (Rubiah from Semarang)
Authors: Atiqah Halim and Zarifah Idris
Call No.: J SING ATI

With a heavy heart, Rubiah leaves her home in a village near Semarang to become a domestic helper in Singapore, vowing to send money back to her family. As she takes cooking and English-language lessons, she is nervous about her new role. In Singapore, she starts working for the Tans, but disaster strikes in the kitchen when she is asked to make carrot cake.

Publisher: Epigram Books, 2018 | From www.epigrambooks.sg

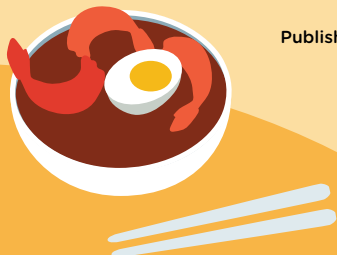


Title: Beverly and the Peranakan Feast
Author: Debra Ann Francisco
Call No.: J SING FRA

The story starts when a little girl called Beverly comes across her mother weeping in the kitchen because a Nonya dish she is trying to cook is not coming out right. Beverly telephones her grandmother and asks her to come over to help. Together, the three of them cook up a number of special dishes, such as pong tauhu (meatball soup), for a party.

Along the way, Beverly learns more about special Peranakan dishes, some traditional tools used, such as the batu lesong (mortar and pestle), and traditions such as the tok panjang, or a sumptuous Peranakan feast.

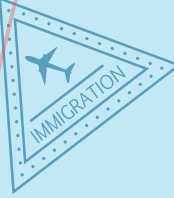
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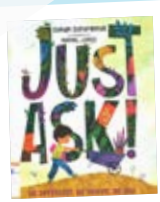
HOBBIES



Title: Yasmin the Fashionista
Author: Saadia Faruqi
Call No.: JS FAR

Yasmin is bored! But a glimpse of the pretty clothes in Mama's closet turns a boring evening into a glamorous fashion show, until, OOPS! Mama's shalwar kameez is ruined! Can Yasmin's nani save the day before Mama gets home?

Publisher: Picture Window Books, 2019 | From: www.capstonepub.com



Title: Just Ask!: Be Different, Be Brave, Be You 
Author: Sonia Sotomayor
Call No.: JP 362.4 SOT

Feeling different, especially as a kid, can be tough. But in the same way that different types of plants and flowers make a garden more beautiful and enjoyable, different types of people make our world more vibrant and wonderful.

In *Just Ask*, United States Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor celebrates the different abilities kids (and people of all ages) have. Using her own experience as a child who was diagnosed with diabetes, Justice Sotomayor writes about children with all sorts of challenges – and looks at the special powers those kids have as well. When we come across someone who is different from us but we're not sure why, all we have to do is *Just Ask*.

Publisher: Philomel Books, 2019 | From: www.penguinrandomhouse.com

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Title: Zoo Zen: A Yoga Story for Kids 
Author: Kristen Fischer
Call No.: JP FIS

What could be more fun for kids than to hop like a frog, slither like a snake, and roar like a lion – all while learning an empowering, healthy life skill? *Zoo Zen* is a delightful pose-along adventure for children ages four to eight. Join our heroine Lyla as she learns ten yoga poses from her friends at the zoo, receiving helpful tips along the way from each animal she encounters.

Publisher: Sounds True, 2017 | From: www.soundstrue.com

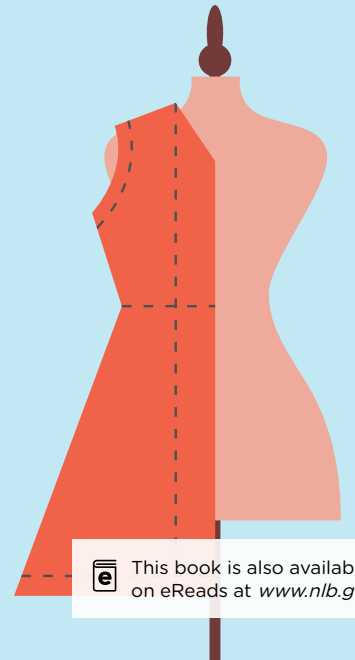


Title: The Girl Who Ran: Bobbi Gibb, the First Woman to Run the Boston Marathon
Authors: Frances Poletti and Kristina Yee
Call No.: JP 796.42092 POL

When Bobbi Gibb saw the Boston Marathon her mind was set – she had to be a part of it. She trained hard, journeying across America to run on all kinds of terrain. But when the time came to apply for the marathon, she was refused entry. They told her girls don't run, girls can't run. That didn't stop Bobbi.

This picture book tells the true story of how she broke the rules in 1966 and how, one step at a time, her grit and determination changed the world.

Publisher: Compendium, 2017 | From: www.live-inspired.com

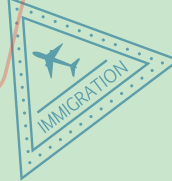


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on eReads at www.nlb.gov.sg.



UNIT 4

LIFE CYCLE



Title: Dad's Camera
Author: Ross Watkins
Call No.: JP WAT

One day Dad comes home with one of those old cameras, the kind that uses film. But he doesn't take photos of the regular things people photograph. He takes pictures of his keys, his coffee cup, the objects scattered on his desk. He starts doing a lot of things that are hard to understand, like putting items that belong in the fridge in the cupboard and ones that belong in the cupboard in the fridge. In a sensitive, touching tale about losing a family member to a terminal illness, Ross Watkins and Liz Anelli prove that love is the one thing that can never be forgotten.

A moving portrayal of love and loss captures who - and what - we leave behind once we're gone.

Publisher: Candlewick, 2018 | From: www.candlewick.com



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Title: Life Cycle of a Butterfly (Life Cycles)
Author: Kirsty Holmes
Call No.: J 595.78 HOL

How long does it take for a caterpillar to transform into a butterfly? What happens inside a cocoon?

Publisher: Kidhaven, 2019 | From: www.greenhavenpublishing.com



Title: And the Bullfrogs Sing: A Life Cycle Begins
Author: David L. Harrison
Call No.: JP 597.8 HAR

Rumm...rumm...rumm. A male bullfrog sings. A female bullfrog likes his song. And a life cycle begins.

Eggs hatch and become tadpoles. The tadpoles nibble plants. They grow legs and start to breathe. Now they are little bullfrogs. They eat flies, fish, and spiders. In the winter they hibernate. And after three years, they are adult bullfrogs. Rumm...rumm...rumm.

Lyrical prose and elegant art depict the life cycle of a bullfrog in this non-fiction picture book by an award-winning poet-biologist.

Publisher: Holiday House, 2019 | From: www.holidayhouse.com

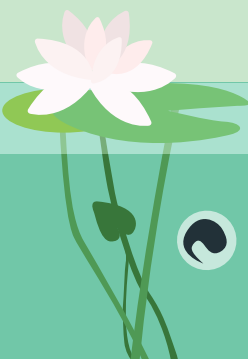


Title: Maxilla
Author: Lianne Ong
Call No.: J SING ONG

One cool spring day, Reuben found a caterpillar in the school garden. He named her Maxilla and decided to keep her as a pet. He hoped to see her grow to become a butterfly. But Maxilla was a special caterpillar that could only thrive in her natural habitat.

Will Reuben keep Maxilla or will he release her into the wild?

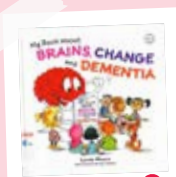
Publisher: MPH Group, 2013 | From: www.mphonline.com





UNIT 5

CHANGES DURING GROWTH



Title: My Book About Brains, Change and Dementia 
Author: Lynda Moore
Call No.: JP 616.831 MOO

Explains the complex concepts of dementia, such as brain function, disease progression and death to pre-school aged children in a direct and age-appropriate way, as well as exploring children's feelings about these issues.

Publisher: Jessica Kingsley, 2018 | From: www.jkp.com

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Title: You're a Big Sister
Author: Marianne Richmond
Call No.: JP RIC

A new little one brings lots of changes - some unexpected, some confusing, some exciting - and all a wonderful adventure! An endearing story, *You're a Big Sister* celebrates all the best parts of a growing family.

Publisher: Sourcebooks Jabberwocky, 2017 | From: www.sourcebooks.com



Title: How Big is Our Baby? A 9-Month Guide for Soon-to-be-siblings
Author: Smriti Prasadam-Halls
Call No.: JP 618.2 PRA

When a new baby is on the way, siblings-to-be have lots of feelings and plenty of questions. But whether they're impatient, curious or a little worried, this friendly and reassuring guide explains each step of the pregnancy journey and helps little ones feel involved and excited.

Publisher: Wren & Rook, 2019 | From: www.hachette.com.au



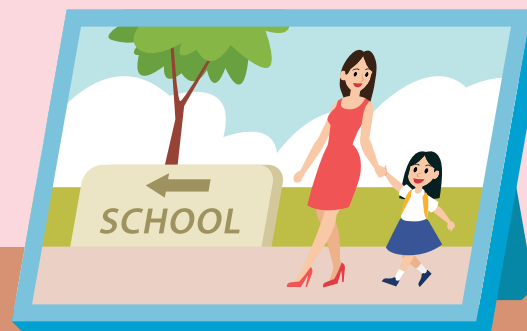
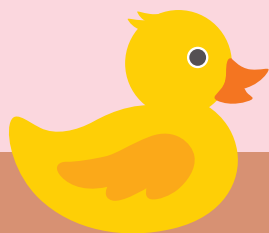
Title: The Remember Balloons
Author: Jessie Oliveros
Call No.: J OLI

James's Grandpa has the best balloons because he has the best memories. He has balloons showing Dad when he was young and Grandma when they were married. Grandpa has balloons about camping and Aunt Nelle's poor cow. Grandpa also has a silver balloon filled with the memory of a fishing trip he and James took together.

But when Grandpa's balloons begin to float away, James is heartbroken. No matter how hard he runs, James can't catch them. One day, Grandpa lets go of the silver balloon - and he doesn't even notice!

Grandpa no longer has balloons of his own. But James has many more than before. It's up to him to share those balloons, one by one.

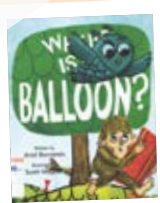
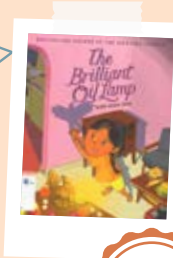
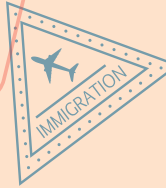
Publisher: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2018 | From: www.simonandschuster.com





UNIT 6

NEIGHBOURLINESS



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Title: Where is My Balloon?

Author: Ariel Bernstein

Call No.: JP BER

Owl has a balloon. Monkey has a sock with a star and a perfectly shaped hole. But then Owl asks Monkey to hold his balloon, just for a second. What do you think happens? POP! When Owl returns and asks for his balloon, Monkey offers him everything under the sun... except for the balloon. Can their friendship survive this catastrophe?

Publisher: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2019 |
From: www.simonandschuster.com

Title: That's What Dinosaurs Do

Author: Jory John

Call No.: JP JOH

William the dinosaur likes to roar. At the park? "ROAR." At the bus stop? "ROAR!" At the farm? You bet. ROARRR! William never lets the chance to roar pass him by, even if others find it rather bothersome. That's until William gets a sore throat and the doctor warns him not to roar for a WHOLE week. But can this overexcited, boisterous, giant lizard not do what dinosaurs are meant to do?!

Publisher: HarperCollins, 2019 | From: www.harpercollins.com

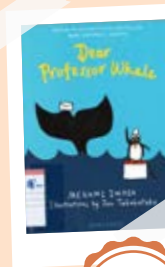
Title: The Brilliant Oil Lamp

Author: Quek Hong Shin

Call No.: J SING QUE

Join Asha and her friends from *The Amazing Sarong* and *The Incredible Basket*, as she moves from her cosy shophouse to a housing estate in Toa Payoh. The buildings are tall, the apartments are new. Asha's home even has electric lights! Her family begins the rites of blessing for their new home using a beautiful oil lamp. Suddenly, the power is cut and everything goes dark. But Asha has an idea - why not share the lamp's light with their new neighbours? The children also have fun with shadow play, and even light sparklers with the lamp. See how one brilliant light brings new and old friends together.

Publisher: Epigram Books, 2019 | From: www.epigrambooks.sg



Title: Dear Professor Whale

Author: Megumi Iwasa

Call No.: JS IWA

Professor Whale is the only whale left at Whale Point. He thinks often of the old days when his friends were all around and they competed at the Whale Point Olympics. One day, he gets a letter from Wally. The young whale has heard about the great big enormous whale who won gold for his spectacular spouting. That gets the Professor thinking. What if there could be a new Olympics, with the sea full of whales again?

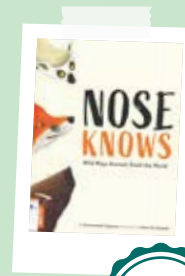
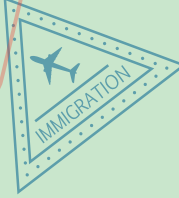
Publisher: Gecko Press, 2018 | From: www.geckopress.com





UNIT 7

FEELING SAFE



Title: Nose Knows: Wild Ways Animals Smell the World
Author: Emmanuelle Figueras
Call No.: J 573.8 FIG

Learn all about different animals' noses and how they smell, and how they use their sense of smell and scent! You can even discover which animal has the best sense of smell!

Lift up the flaps to find out how rabbits, giraffes, snails, clown fish, lions, dogs, bees, and more use their noses and their sense of smell! You'll be amazed at how they find family or food, leave messages for friends and warn away rivals all using their scent.

Publisher: What on Earth Books, 2019 | From: www.whatonearthbooks.com



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Title: Little Penguin Rescue (Little Animal Rescue)
Author: Rachel Delahaye
Call No.: JS DEL

In the middle of a snowball fight, aspiring vet Fliss is whisked away to the Antarctic! Surrounded by penguins, Fliss marvels at the sight of these beautiful animals huddling together to keep warm. Then a snowstorm blows in, separating a chick and its injured mother from the group. Fliss is determined to return her feathery friends to their colony, but the icy waters are full of dangerous creatures and Fliss isn't used to the harsh environment. It's going to take a lot of quick thinking, and waddling, to reunite them...

In the little Animal Rescue series, join Callie on her magical adventures to rescue wild animals in danger all around the world!

Publisher: Stripes, 2019 | From: www.littletiger.co.uk



Title: Tiger vs. Nightmare 
Author: Emily Tetri
Call No.: J TET

Tiger is a very lucky kid: she has a monster living under her bed. Every night, Tiger and Monster play games until it's time for lights out. Of course, Monster would never try to scare Tiger – that's not what best friends do.

But Monster needs to scare someone...it's a monster, after all. So while Tiger sleeps, Monster scares all of her nightmares away. Thanks to her friend, Tiger has nothing but good dreams. But waiting in the darkness is a nightmare so big and mean that Monster can't fight it alone. Only teamwork and a lot of bravery can chase this nightmare away.

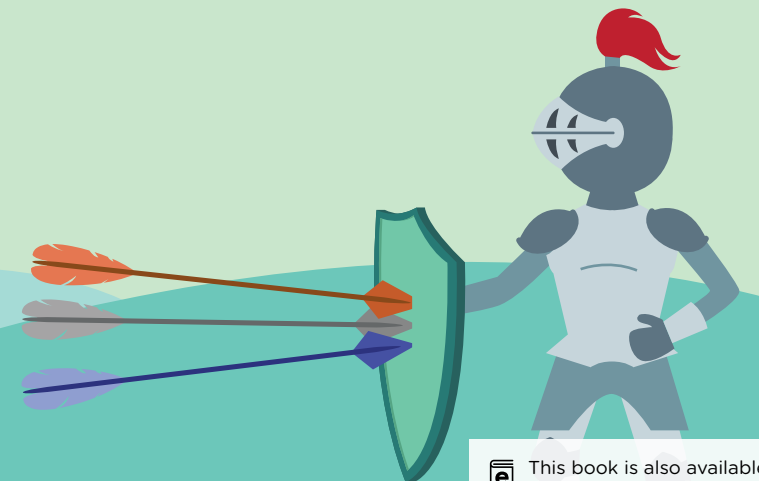
Publisher: First Second, 2018 | From: us.macmillan.com



Title: Owen and the Soldier
Author: Lisa Thompson
Call No.: JS THO

Owen and his mum are struggling. It's just the two of them at home now and they are finding it difficult to ask for the help they need. When Owen discovers a crumbling stone soldier in the local park, it feels like he finally has someone he can talk to about his worries. But the town council can't see how important the soldier is and they want to remove him. Owen's scared that he'll be left on his own again, but can he find the courage he needs to save the soldier before it's too late?

Publisher: Barrington Stoke, 2019 | From: www.barringtonstoke.co.uk



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on eReads at www.nlb.gov.sg.



UNIT 8

CHINESE CULTURE AND HERITAGE



Title: The Year of the Garden (An Anna Wang Novel)
Author: Andrea Cheng
Call No.: JS CHE

When Anna is gifted a copy of *The Secret Garden*, it inspires her to follow her dreams - maybe she can plant ivy and purple crocuses and the birds will come. Or maybe what grows from her dream of a garden is even better: friendship. And friendship, like a garden, often has a mind of its own.

Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2017 | From: www.hmhbooks.com



Title: A Big Mooncake for Little Star 
Author: Grace Lin
Call No.: JP LIN

Little Star loves the delicious Mooncake that she bakes with her mama. But she's not supposed to eat any yet! What happens when she can't resist a nibble?

Publisher: Little, Brown and Company, 2018 | From: www.littlebrown.com



Title: The Incredible Basket 
Author: Quek Hong Shin
Call No.: J SING QUE

In this sequel to *The Amazing Sarong*, a beautiful Chinese wedding basket is used in myriad ways. Xiaoming delivers a batch of ang ku kueh with the basket, then fashions it into a prop for a lion dance. When the sun beats down on him, he repurposes the basket's cover as a hat! At home in a second-floor shophouse, the basket is attached to a rope to pass a comic book and a bowl of noodles. Oh, how creative of Xiaoming!

Publisher: Epigram Books, 2018 | From: www.epigrambooks.sg



Title: Mei Lin and the Reunion Dinner
Author: Debra Ann Francisco
Call No.: J SING FRA

Mei Lin and her mother are decorating the house for Chinese New Year. When Mei Lin's mother realises that Mei Lin has eaten up all the love letters, she send her to her grandmother's - her Nai Nai's - house to make more. Nai Nai shows her how to combine the coconut milk, eggs, sugar and flour for the batter and how to use the special mould for love letters. Mei Lin helps Nai Nai prepare the food for steamboat, for reunion dinner, and arranges the items for yu sheng (tossed raw fish salad).

Through the story, readers will learn more about the three dishes highlighted in the story - love letters, steamboat and yu sheng - as well as some of the colourful customs of Chinese New Year.

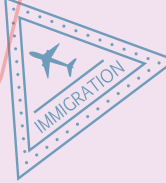
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UNIT 9

MAGNETS

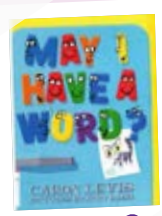


Title: Magnets Push, Magnets Pull
Author: David A. Adler
Call No.: J 538 ADL

Magnetism is all around us - even the earth is a giant magnet. A world without magnets would be a world without cell phones, computers, and more!

Trusted children's non-fiction author David A. Adler covers the basics of magnetism, including compasses, for aspiring scientists. Hands-on experiments are smartly woven into the narrative. Want to test out the strength of a magnet? All you need is a bowl of water and some paper clips!

Publisher: Holiday House, 2017 | From: www.holidayhouse.com



Title: May I Have a Word? 
Author: Caron Levis
Call No.: JP LEV

A battle of the magnet letters ensues across the refrigerator door in *May I Have a Word* when C and K get into a fight about who gets to start the cooler (kooler?) words. When the two letters storm off in opposite directions, everything is turned upside down. SOCKS are now SO, there aren't any CLOCKS to TICK or TOCK, and the world is just out of LUCK - until other letters work to bring C and K back together again.

Publisher: Farrar Straus Giroux, 2017 | From: www.us.macmillan.com



Title: Magnetism
Author: Grace Hansen
Call No.: JP 538 HAN

This title explains what magnetism is, what materials are magnets, and what makes a material magnetic. Readers will even learn that Earth is a giant magnet! It is complete with carefully chosen photographs and labelled diagrams to help visual learners.

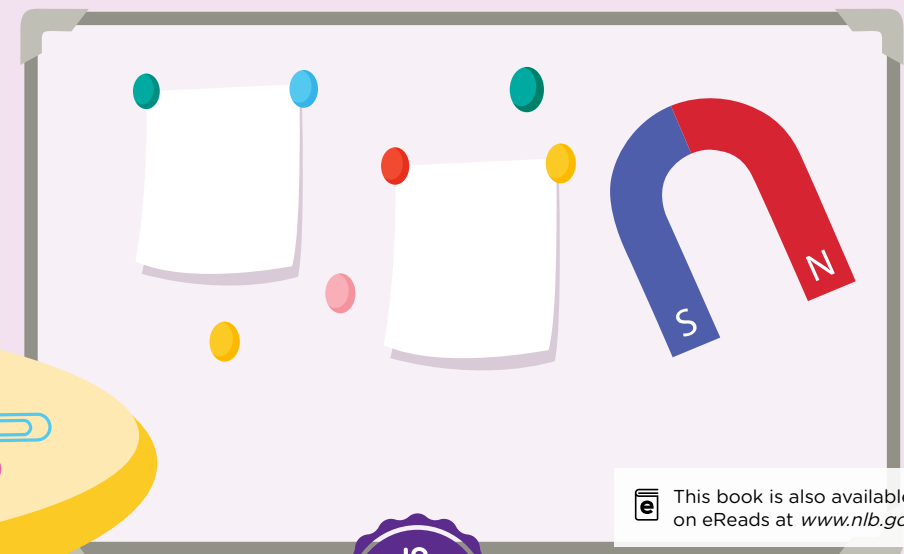
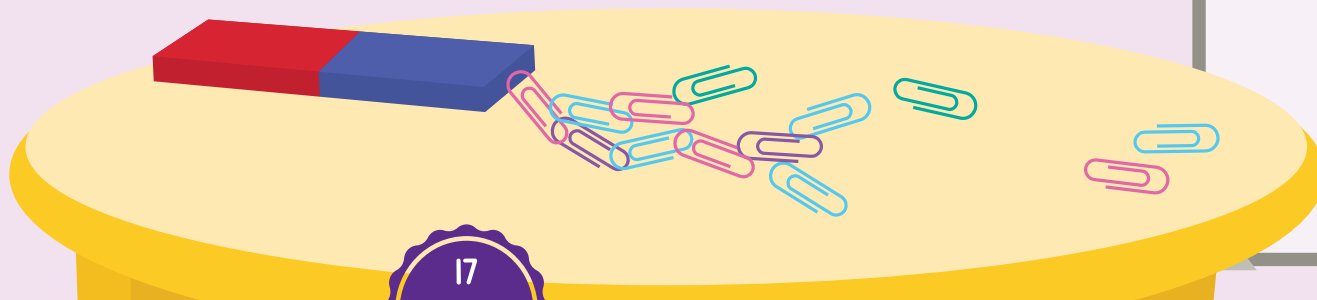
Publisher: Abdo Kids Jumbo, 2019 | From: www.abdobooks.com



Title: What's the Matter with the Three Little Pigs?: the Fairy-tale Physics of Matter
Author: Thomas Kingsley Troupe
Call No.: J 530.4 TRO

What's the matter with the three little pigs? They're being tormented by a hungry wolf! And no matter what kind of matter they use to build their homes, it doesn't matter. The STEM-savvy, rhyme-loving wolf in this fractured fairy tale always seems to spoil the day. A glossary and critical thinking questions support the story's physics content.

Publisher: Picture Window Books, 2018 | From: www.capstonepub.com





UNIT 10

SEA CREATURES



Title: Ariki and the Giant Shark
Author: Nicola Davies
Call No.: JS DAV

Washed up on Turtle Island as a toddler, Ariki has always felt different from the other children. But there's somewhere she belongs heart and soul: the sea, where she plays with dolphins, sharks, whales and turtles. One day Ariki catches sight of a strange creature in the water, bigger than any she's seen before – soon after, an enormous shark tooth is found on the sand. When a group of giant sharks start circling the shore, the island's fishermen are too afraid to go out to sea. Without fish the people will starve... Can Ariki save the day?

Publisher: Walker Books, 2018 | From: www.walker.co.uk



Title: Little Dolphin Rescue (Little Animal Rescue) 
Author: Rachel Delahaye
Call No.: JS DEL

Fliss loves animals and will do anything to save them! Join her on her adventures to save wild animals in danger. A swimming lesson takes an exciting turn when Fliss is magically whisked away to the Indian Ocean! There she finds a young dolphin in trouble and she knows she has to help. But she's scared of deep water, and who knows what other animals might be out there! Can Fliss face her fears and save her new friend?

Publisher: Stripes, 2019 | From: www.littletiger.co.uk



Title: Sharks and Other Sea Creatures
Author: Carrie Lowe
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Meet cool clownfish, delightful dolphins, snappy sharks and all their other marine life friends in this fact-filled pre-school activity book.

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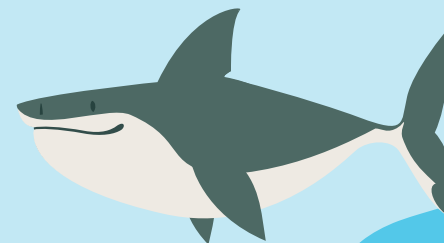
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Author: Jane Chapman
Call No.: JP CHA

Miki, an otter pup, loves to snuggle on her mama's tummy. And Mama holds Miki's paws while she teaches her how to swim. One day while Mama is out gathering food, Miki meets another otter pup named Amak, and the two become best friends. Then one day, a terrible storm rages in the ocean, and Miki and Amak hold each other's paws tightly. Will it be enough to keep them safe?

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