

Childhood Illness

Books available at the Columbus Metropolitan Library

PICTURE BOOKS

Mogie: the heart of the House by Kathi Appelt, 2014.

Picture Book APPELT

A rambunctious puppy finds a home at the Ronald McDonald House, a place that houses sick children and their families while they undergo treatment. (Grades PreK-2)

Sometimes You Barf by Nancy Carlson, 2014.

Picture Book CARLSON

Just about every kind of animal and humans all barf at times. It happens to everyone and it can even happen at school! With humor and compassion, this book helps children cope with it can be a scary or embarrassing experience when you are sick. (Grades K-5)

The Goodbye Cancer Garden by Janna Matthies, 2011.

Picture Book MATTHIES

When Janie's mother gets cancer, Janie and her family grow hope in a very special garden. (Grades K-3)

The Lemonade Club by Patricia Polacco, 2007.

Picture Book POLACCO

When Marilyn and her teacher, Miss Wichelman both get cancer, they encourage each other and with the help of medical treatment and the support of friends, they both get better. (Grades 2-5)

JUVENILE FICTION

Me, Earl and the Dying Girl by Jessie Andrews, 2014.

Fiction ANDREWS

Greg and Earl enjoy typical pastimes including making movies and cutting school, until Greg's mom forces him into rekindling his friendship with a neighborhood girl who has been diagnosed with leukemia. (Grades 6 and up)

Nest by Esther Erlich, 2014.

J Fiction ERHLICH

Eleven-year-old Naomi gets help from her neighbor, Joey, as she tries to cope with her mother's multiple sclerosis. (Grades 5 and up)

Wonder by R.J. Palacio, 2012.

J Fiction PALACIO

Auggie's facial difference has kept him in and out of hospitals and completely out of mainstream school until 5th grade when his parents decide to send him to private school where must learn how to cope with kids who at first only see him as what he looks like, instead of who he is. (Grades 5-8)

New Beginnings by Victoria Schwab, 2014

J Fiction SCHWAB

Aria is an angel who must help three girls to earn her wings. Her first mission is Gabby, the caring older sister of a sick young boy. Find out how Aria helps Victoria make a time for herself after she starts a new school. (Grades 4-7)

NONFICTION

Crust and Spray: Gross Stuff in Your Eyes, Ears, Nose and Throat by C.S. Larson, 2010.

J 612.8 L334c

Snot, phlegm, earwax, eye gunk and other sticky slimes are pretty gross stuff in our bodies in our bodies at times. Find out what these globs of gunk do in our bodies and why they can make us feel so rotten! (Grades 3-8)

Ouch! by Joe Rhatigan, 2013.

J 616.047 R468o

“Ouch!” comforts hurting kids by explaining the ways they get injured and sick, how their bodies work, and what parents and doctors can do to fix it. (Grades 4 and up)

Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes by Eleanor Coerr, 1977.

J 616.99419 C672s

Children and adults alike will be moved by this classic tale of paper cranes and a little girl's hope as she battles leukemia. (Grades 3 and up)

This Star Won't Go Out: The Life and Words of Esther Grace Earl by Esther Earl, 2014.

616.99444 E12t

A memoir told through the journals, letters and stories of a young girl with thyroid cancer patient Esther Earl. (Grades 7 and up)