

Education

Books available at the Columbus Metropolitan Library

PICTURE BOOKS

The Wednesday Surprise by Eve Bunting, 1989

Picture Book Bunting

On Wednesday nights when Grandma stays with Anna everyone thinks she is teaching Anna to read. (Grades K-3)

Thank You Mr. Falkner by Patricia Polacco, 1989

Picture Book Polacco

At first, Trisha loves school, but her difficulty learning to read makes her feel dumb, until, in the fifth grade, a new teacher helps her understand and overcome her problem. (Grades 2-4)

The Art of Mrs. Chew by Patricia Polacco, 2010

Picture Book Polacco

Describes how a teacher named Miss Chew encouraged individuality, and accepted learning differences, and helped a young student with academic difficulties get extra time to take tests and permission to be in advanced art classes. (Grade 2-4)

Last to Finish: a story about the smartest boy in math class by Barbara Esham

Picture Book

Max Leonard is convinced that he will never succeed with memorizing his multiplication tables; and his brain "freezes" during timed tests. But to everyone's surprise, Max has been completing algebra problems sets in his spare time! Max, his parents and teachers are amazed by his math "potential." (Grades 3-5)

Once Upon a Time by Niki Daly, 2003

Picture Book Daly

Sarie struggles when she reads aloud in class in her South African school, but then she and her friend Auntie Anna find a book about Cinderella in Auntie Anna's old car and begin to read together. (Grade 2-4)

Library Lil by Suzanne Williams, 1997

Picture Book Williams

A formidable librarian makes readers not only out of the once resistant residents of her small town, but out of a tough-talking, television-watching motorcycle gang as well. (Grades 2-4)

FICTION

Judy Moody Goes to College by Meagan McDonald, 2008

Fiction McDonald

When her substitute teacher realizes she is struggling in math, Judy is sent to a math tutor at the local college and soon is completely into the spirit of college life. (Grades 3-5)

Freak the Mighty by W.R. Philbrick, 1992

Fiction Philbrick

At the beginning of eighth grade, learning disabled Max and his new friend Freak, whose birth defect has affected his body but not his brilliant mind, find that when they combine forces they make a powerful team. (Grades 5-7)

Night John by Gary Paulsen, 1993

Fiction Paulsen

Twelve-year-old Sarny's brutal life as a slave becomes even more dangerous when a newly arrived slave offers to teach her how to read.

NONFICTION

Discovering Careers for Your Future, Teaching. 2008