

Heading back to school? Don't forget the library!

It's August and that means back to school. But that doesn't mean your adventures and fun times have to end! Stop by the library and see what exciting times can be found in books. We have fantastic picture books with pirates, monsters, princesses, and undersea creatures. We have fiction titles with friends, fairies, horses, and time travel. Or how about reading books about other kids in school? There's the very popular Diary of a Wimpy Kid series by Jeff Kinney. So take a look at the books listed below – maybe you'll find another adventure in the making!

Ever dreamed of being a pirate? Then sail the seven seas with "Dirty Joe, the Pirate: A True Story" by Bill Harley (ages 4-8). Dirty Joe leads his troublesome boys on voyages, always on the search for socks. But he meets his match with Stinky Annie and her crew's loot of choice: underwear. What will happen to Dirty Joe? Or maybe you've dreamed of being a great detective? Then be sure to read the Enola Holmes series by Nancy Springer, which starts with "The Case of the Missing Marquess" (grade 3 and up). This series follows the work of Enola Holmes, the younger sister of Sherlock Holmes.

Maybe you've dreamed of having your own pet? Well, "The Snagglegrollop" by Daniel Postgate (ages 4-8) is for you. This colorful picture book is about Sam and his wish for a pet. He asks for a dog or cat, but his parents say no. But when he asks for a snagglegrollop, his parents laugh and say yes. Much to their surprise, he comes home with one! For older children, be sure to check out "No Girls Allowed (Dogs Okay)" by Trudi Trueit (grade 3 and up). This is the first book in the Secrets of a Lab Rat series which follows the hilarious escapades of Scab McNally, a fourth grader who loves to invent things. Scab's goal is to convince his parents to buy a dog and tries to enlist the help of his twin sister Isabelle. Unfortunately, she refuses to help since Scab created a sister-repellent spray. While Scab figures out what to do, he offers fun facts and tips. Will Scab get his dog?

Or how about adventures in school? Check out "Bee-Wigged" by Cece Bell (ages 4-8). It's a picture book that tells the story of Jerry Bee, a bumblebee that loves people and wants to go to school. But he's a bee and people are afraid of him. One day he comes across a wig on the sidewalk and decides to wear it. All of a sudden, people are talking to him because they think he's a boy. He goes to school and makes lots of friends. But something happens and Jerry loses his wig. Will he still have friends now that his friends know he's a bee?

Not ready to give up your summer just yet? Then pick up "My One Hundred Adventures" by Polly Horvath (grade 4 and up). Jane has always loved her life, living on the beach with her mother and younger siblings. But now that she is twelve, she prays for 100 adventures to change her summer. Will her prayers be answered? And will the adventures be what she is looking for?

If these books don't spark your interest, then come on in and we'll be happy to help find something you will love. You never know what adventure awaits at the library!

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