Librarian Favorites

**Beauty and the beast**: Jan Brett-Through her great capacity to love, a kind and beautiful maid releases a handsome prince from the spell which has made him an ugly beast

**Strega Nona : an original tale**: Tomie DePaola-When Strega Nona leaves him alone with her magic pasta pot, Big Anthony is determined to show the townspeople how it works.

**Madeline:** Ludwig Bemelmans- Madeline, smallest and naughtiest of the twelve little charges of Miss Clavel, wakes up one night with an attack of appendicitis.

**Hershel and the Hanukkah goblins**: Eric Kimmel- Relates how Hershel outwits the goblins that haunt the old synagogue and prevent the village people from celebrating Hanukkah.

**Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone**: J.K. Rowling- Rescued from the outrageous neglect of his aunt and uncle, a young boy with a great destiny proves his worth while attending Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

**Stellaluna**: Janet Cannon- After she falls headfirst into a bird's nest, a baby bat is raised like a bird until she is reunited with her mother.

**Amelia Bedelia**: Peggy Parrish- A literal-minded housekeeper causes a ruckus in the household when she attempts to make sense of some instructions.

**Ella enchanted**: Gail Carson Levine- In this novel based on the story of Cinderella, Ella struggles against the childhood curse that forces her to obey any order given to her.

**The Red Pyramid:** Rick Riordan-Brilliant Egyptologist Dr. Julius Kane accidently unleashes the Egyptian god Set who banishes the doctor to oblivion and forces his two children to embark on a dangerous journey, bringing them closer to the truth about their family and its links to a secret order that has existed since the time of the pharaohs.

**The Serpent’s Shadow**: Rick Riordan- Despite their best efforts, Carter and Sadie Kane can’t seem to keep Apophis, the chaos snake down. Their only hope: find an ancient spell that might turn the serpent’s own shadow into a weapon.

**The Throne of Fire**: Rick Riordan- Carter and Sadie must outsmart the House of Life and the gods of chaos in order to complete their worldwide search for an ancient Egyptian book.

**We are in a book!:** Mo Willems- Piggie realizes that she and Gerald the elephant are in a book and that she can make the reader say words, but when Gerald comes to understand the danger of the book ending, Piggie comes up with a solution to get the reader to keep reading.

**Charlie and the chocolate factory**: Roald Dahl- Each of five children lucky enough to discover an entry ticket into Mr. Willy Wonka's mysterious chocolate factory takes advantage of the situation in his own way.

**The BFG**: Roald Dahl- When Sophie is snatched from her orphanage bed by the BFG (Big Friendly Giant), she fears she will be eaten. But instead the two join forces to vanquish the nine other far less gentle giants who threaten to consume earth’s children.

**Charlotte's web**: E.B. White- Wilbur, the pig, is desolate when he discovers that he is destined to be the farmer's Christmas dinner until his spider friend, Charlotte, decides to help him

**Don't let the pigeon drive the bus!**: Mo Willems-A pigeon that longs to drive a bus sees a chance to make its dream come true when the bus driver takes a short break.

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**All of a Kind Family**: Sydney Taylor-The adventures of five sisters growing up in a Jewish family in New York in the early twentieth century.

**Mr. Popper's penguins:** Richard and Florence Atwater-Mr. Popper starts out with one penguin in his home but before he knows it there are twelve.

**Hope was here:** Joan Bauer- When sixteen-year-old Hope and the aunt who has raised her move from Brooklyn to Mulhoney, Wisconsin, to work as waitress and cook in the Welcome Stairways diner, they become involved with the diner owner's political campaign to oust the town's corrupt mayor.

**Frindle:** Andrew Clements-When he decides to turn his fifth-grade teacher’s love of the dictionary around on her, clever Nick Allen invents a new word and begins a chain of events that quickly moves beyond his control.

**Because of Winn-Dixie**: Kate DiCamillo- Ten-year old India Opal Buloni describes her first summer in the town of Naomi, Florida and all the good things that happen to her because of her big ugly dog Winn-Dixie.

**Among the betrayed**: Margaret Peterson Haddix- Thirteen-year-old Nina is imprisoned by the Population Police, who give her the option of helping them identify illegal "third-born" children, or facing death.

**From the mixed-up files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler**: E.L. Konisburg- Two suburban children run away from their Connecticut home and go to New York’s Metropolitan Museum of Art where their ingenuity enables them to live in luxury.

**Matilda**: Roald Dahl- Matilda applies her untapped mental powers to rid the school of evil, child-hating headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, and restores her nice teacher, Miss Honey to financial security.

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| **Crenshaw**: Katherine Applegate-A story about a homeless boy and his imaginary friend that proves in unexpected ways that friends matter, whether real or imaginary  **Aru Shah and the End of Time**: Roshani Chokshi-Twelve year old Aru stretches the truth to fit in at her private school, but when she is dared to prove an ancient lamp is cursed, she inadvertently frees an ancient demon.  **The Tale of Despereaux**: Kate DiCamillo- The adventures of Despereaux Tilling, a small mouse of unusual talents, the princess that he loves, the servant girl who longs to be a princess, and a devious rat determined to bring them all to ruin.  **Sandry’s Book**: Tamora Pierce- Four young misfits find themselves living in a strictly disciplined temple community where they become friends while also learning to do crafts and to use their powers, especially magic. |

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