

Genre: Humour

Bibliography

This kit contains a wide variety of individual titles that fit the genre category of “Humour.” The titles vary in their interest levels, reading levels, number of pages, themes etc., in order to provide students with “choice” in their reading for pleasure. Note that if more than one interest level (IL) is listed, the first is from the publisher. Publishers tend to rate titles for lower grade levels than reviewers.

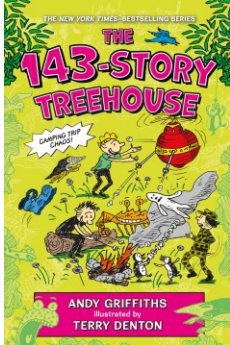


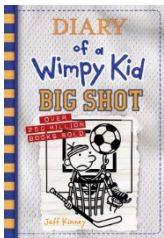
If you would like a second or third copy of a title, or more titles beyond what is in the kit, your Teacher-Librarian or Library Clerk will be able to help you find titles in your school’s collection, or interlibrary loan copies from other schools.

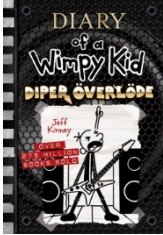
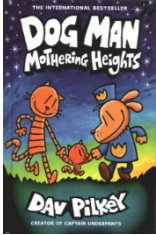
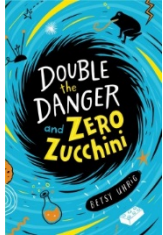
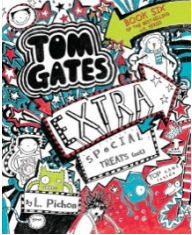
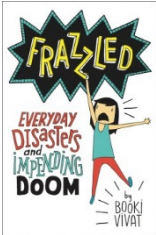
We hope that your students enjoy these titles and expand the genres that they regularly choose to read. A “Passport to Genres” activity, where students read one title from each genre, is one way to encourage this. If you have any questions about any of them, please feel free to contact me.

Joan

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Selected by Joan Pearce

	<p><u>The 143-Story Treehouse</u> (<i>Treehouse, Book 11</i>) by Andy Griffiths, c2021 (IL: 2-6, 4-7; RL: 4.0)</p> <p>“Andy and Terry live in a 143-story treehouse. (It used to be a 130-story treehouse, but they built another thirteen stories.) Andy's been a bit stressed out lately, so Terry decides the perfect way to relax would be to head up to their new camping ground level for a much-needed vacation. But it turns out to be not quite as relaxing as planned. Terry forgets to pack the tent and the food, their attempt at fishing ends in disaster, the spooky campfire stories are a little too spooky and then, to make matters worse, all of Andy's fellow campers start mysteriously disappearing. Can Andy brave the dark, dark woods and rescue them in time to finish writing their next book?” – <i>Pub.</i></p>
	<p><u>The Beast and the Bethany</u> (<i>Beast and the Bethany, Book 1</i>) by Jack Meggit-Phillips, c2020 (IL: 3-6, 4-8; RL: 5.3)</p> <p>"Handsome Ebenezer Tweezer has lived comfortably for nearly 512 years by feeding the magical beast in his mansion's attic whatever it wants, but when the beast demands a child, they are not prepared for Bethany" - <i>Pub.</i></p>
	<p><u>The Best of Iggy</u> (<i>Iggy, Book 1</i>) by Annie Barrows, c2020 (IL: 2-5; RL; 3.7)</p> <p>“Relates three times that nine-year-old Iggy got into trouble, two of which he does not regret and one for which he is very, very sorry.” - <i>Follett</i></p>
	<p><u>Big Shot</u> (<i>Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Book 16</i>) by Jeff Kinney, c2021 (IL: 4-7; RL: 5.6)</p> <p>"After a disastrous field day competition at school, Greg decides that when it comes to his athletic career, he's officially retired. But after his mom urges him to give sports one more chance, he reluctantly agrees to sign up for basketball. Tryouts are a mess, and Greg is sure he won't make the cut. But he unexpectedly lands a spot on the worst team. As Greg and his new teammates start the season, their chances of winning even a single game</p>

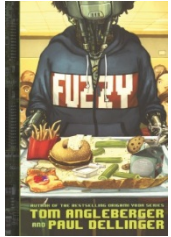
	<p>look slim. But in sports, anything can happen. When everything is on the line and the ball is in Greg's hands, will he rise to the occasion? Or will he blow his big shot?" - Follett</p>
	<p><u>Diper Overload</u> (<i>Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Book 17</i>) by Jeff Kinney, c2022 (IL: 3-7; RL: 5.8)</p> <p>“Tagging along with his brother Rodrick's band, Loded Diper, Greg gets more than he bargained for when he gets a backstage pass to the rock 'n' roll lifestyle and wonders if he can help them become the legends they think they are.” – Follett</p>
	<p><u>Dog Man. Mothering Heights</u> (<i>Dog Man, Book 10</i>) by Dav Pilkey, c2021 (IL: 2; RL: 2.5)</p> <p>"Dog Man is down on his luck, Petey confronts his not so purr-fect past, and Grampa is up to no good. The world is spinning out of control as new villains spill into town. Everything seems dark and full of despair. But hope is not lost. Can the incredible power of love save the day?" - Pub.</p>
	<p><u>Double the Danger and Zero Zucchini</u> by Betsy Uhrig, c2020 (IL: 3-7; RL: 5.3)</p> <p>“While brainstorming ideas to improve his aunt's boring children's book, twelve-year-old Alex recruits his friends to act out new scenes that will make the plot more exciting--and dangerous.” - Follett</p>
	<p><u>Extra Special Treats (Not)</u> (<i>Tom Gates, Book 6</i>) by Liz Pichon, c2020 (IL: 3-7)</p> <p>“Follows the adventures of Tom Gates as he has a snow day off from school.” - Follett</p>
	<p><u>Frazzled: Everyday Disasters and Impending Doom</u> by Booki Vivat, c2016 (IL: 3-6, 4-7; RL: 5.9)</p> <p>“Nervous about middle school because her family does not get her and her friends know exactly what they want to do, Abbie Wu searches for her own passion before discovering a knack for leadership when injustices in the cafeteria come to light.” - Follett</p>



The Flinkwater Factor: A Novel in Five Thrilling Episodes (*Flinkwater Chronicles, Book 1*)

By Pete Hautman, c2016 (IL: 4-7, 3-6; RL: 5.1)

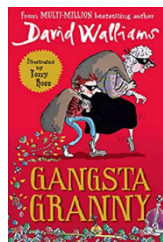
“Thirteen-year-old Ginger investigates a series of weird events taking place in her hometown of Flinkwater, Iowa, beginning with people falling into comas while using their computers.” – *Follett*



Fuzzy

by Tom Angleberger, c2018 (IL: 4-7, 5-8; RL: 3.3)

“When Max (Maxine Zealster) befriends her new robot classmate Fuzzy, she helps him navigate Vanguard Middle School and together they reveal the truth behind the Robot Integration Program.” - *Follett*



Gangsta Granny

by David Walliams, c2021 (IL: INT)

“A story of prejudice and acceptance, funny lists and silly words, this new book has all the hallmarks of David’s previous bestsellers.

Our hero Ben is bored beyond belief after he is made to stay at his grandma’s house. She’s the boringest grandma ever: all she wants to do is to play Scrabble and eat cabbage soup. But there are two things Ben doesn’t know about his grandma.

- 1) She was once an international jewel thief.
- 2) All her life, she has been plotting to steal the Crown Jewels, and now she needs Ben’s help...” - *Pub.*



Guinea Dog (*Guinea Dog, Book 1*)

by Patrick Jennings, c2010 (IL 2-4, 3-5; RL: 3.7)

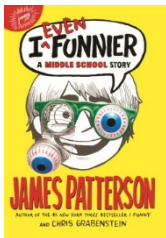
“When his mother brings home a guinea pig instead of the dog he has always wanted, fifth-grader Rufus is not happy--until the rodent starts acting exactly like a dog.” – *Follett*



How to Eat Fried Worms

by Thomas Rockwell, c2019 (IL: 3-7; RL: 3.5)

“People are always daring Billy to do zany things. But Billy may have bitten off more than he can chew when he takes his friend Alan's bet that Billy can't eat fifteen worms in fifteen days. If Billy wins, Alan has to fork over fifty dollars. Billy wants the money to buy a used minibike, so he's ready to dig in. He sets up mustard and ketchup, salt and pepper, and sugar and lemon to disguise the disgusting taste. Good news for Billy, once he gets going, he finds himself actually getting hooked on those juicy worms. Bad news for Billy, Alan is busy cooking up schemes to make Billy worm out of the bet. Will Billy keep up his wormy work for fifteen days? No cheating! Keep eating! Worm by worm by worm...” - *Pub.*



I Even Funnier (*I Funny, Book 2*)

by James Patterson, c2017 (IL: 3-7, 4-6; RL: 4.4)

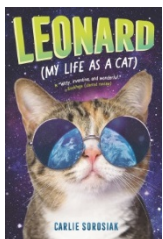
“While on a mission to win the Planet's Funniest Kid Comic regional competition, New York middle schooler Jamie Grimm copes with rival comics and bullies, a buddy in trouble, and a sudden family emergency, all with a sense of humor and a loyal group of friends.” - *Pub.*



It's the End of the World and I'm in my Bathing Suit

by Justin A. Reynolds, c2022 (IL: 3-6, RL: 3-7)


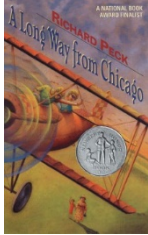

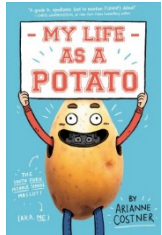
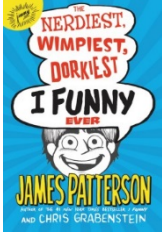
“Eddie Holloway hates doing laundry, and when his mom and stepdad give him a summer of freedom, he decides to wear all of his clothes and put off doing laundry until after Beach Bash. His lawyer mom is aghast to find out about this plan and grounds him to do laundry all day—on the same day as Beach Bash. His laundry experience quickly goes downhill when the power goes out, his phone loses service and, all of a sudden, he and a few friends left behind from Beach Bash have to figure out how to handle the end of the world, no matter what they're wearing.” - *Follett*

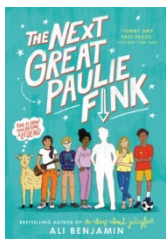


Leonard (My Life as a Cat)

by Carlie Sorosiak, c2020 (IL: 3-7, 4-6; RL: 7.2)

"The cat that Olive rescues from a flood has a secret: he's not really a cat at all, but an alien who crashed to Earth. The cat, whom Olive names Leonard, was prepared to visit the planet as a human; but something went wrong. While Olive worries about whether she will have to move after her mom

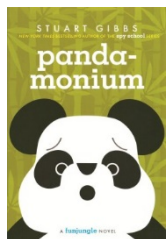
	<p>and her new boyfriend get back from their summer vacation, Leonard tries to figure out how to get from South Carolina to Yellowstone National Park, because if he's not there at the end of the month, he'll miss his ride home.” - <i>Pub.</i></p>
	<p><u>Lion Down</u> (<i>FunJungle</i>) by Stuart Gibbs, c2020 (IL: 3-7; RL: 5.3)</p> <p>“Thirteen-year-old Teddy Fitzroy and his girlfriend, Summer, investigate when a mountain lion is accused of killing a prized dog outside of FunJungle Wild Animal Park in the Texas Hill Country.” - <i>Follett</i></p>
	<p><u>A Long Way from Chicago: A Novel in Stories</u> by Richard Peck, c1998 (IL: 6-10, 4-8; RL: 5.0)</p> <p>“A boy recounts his annual summer trips to rural Illinois with his sister during the Great Depression to visit their larger-than-life grandmother.” - <i>Follett</i></p>
	<p><u>Millionaires for the Month</u> by Stacy McAnulty, c2020 (IL: 4-8; RL: 4.1)</p> <p>“After seventh graders Benji and Felix 'borrow' \$20 from a lost wallet, the billionaire owner challenges them to spend over \$5 million dollars in thirty days in order to learn life lessons about money.” - <i>Pub.</i></p>
	<p><u>My Life as a Potato</u> by Arianne Costner, c2020 (IL: 3-7, 4-7; RL: 4.4)</p> <p>“When Ben Hardy is forced to become the school's mascot, Steve the Spud, he wants to keep the embarrassing gig a secret at all costs.” - <i>Pub.</i></p>
	<p><u>The Nerdiest, Wimpiest, Dorkiest I Funny Ever</u> (<i>I Funny, Book 6</i>) by James Patterson, c2018 (IL: 3-7; RL: 5.5)</p> <p>“Comedian Jamie Grimm, accompanied by Uncle Frank, New Aunt Flora, and friends, circles the globe as host of regional competitions, then competes, himself, in the Planet's Funniest Kid Worldwide contest.” - <i>Pub.</i></p>



The Next Great Paulie Fink

by Ali Benjamin, c2020 (IL: 4-7, 5-8; RL: 4.9)

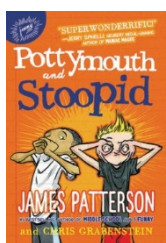
“Led by new student Caitlyn, seventh-graders at a tiny rural school in Vermont create a reality-show inspired competition to determine who will replace the school's legendary class clown, Paulie Fink.” – *Follett*



Panda-monium (FunJungle)

by Stuart Gibbs, c2018 (IL: 3-7, 4-7; RL: 5.3)

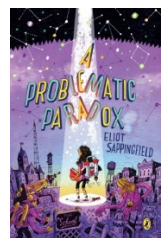
“Teddy Fitzroy must solve the crime of the kidnapped rare and expensive panda, Li Ping.” - *Follett*



Pottymouth and Stoopid

by James Patterson, c2017 (IL: 3-7, 3-5; RL: 4.4)

“David and his best friend Michael were tagged with awful nicknames way back in preschool when everyone did silly things. Fast-forward to seventh grade: "Pottymouth" and "Stoopid" are still stuck with the names -- and everyone in school, including the teachers and their principal, believe the labels are true. So how do they go about changing everyone's minds? By turning their misery into megastardom on TV, of course! And this important story delivers more than just laughs -- it shows that the worst bullying isn't always physical . . . and that things will get better. A great conversation starter for parents to read alongside their kids! Official Notice to Parents: There is no actual pottymouthing or stupidity in this entire book! (Psst, kids: that second part might not be entirely true.)” - *Pub.*



A Problematic Paradox

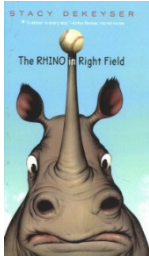
by Eliot Sappingfield, c2019 (IL: 5-8, RL: 6.5)

“Thirteen-year-old Nikola Kross's world is turned upside down when her father is abducted by aliens and she is suddenly transported to a special boarding school for geniuses, but things get even stranger when she realizes she has certain abilities that put her entire school in grave danger.” – *Follett*



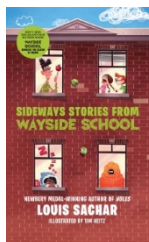
Randoms (*Randoms, Book 1*)
by David Liss, c2015 (IL: 5-8; RL: 6.0)

“A twelve-year-old boy is chosen to join a four-person applicant team to work towards membership in the Confederation of United Planets, and stumbles across conspiracies resembling science fiction he's been a fan of his entire life.” - *Pub.*



The Rhino in Right Field
by Stacy DeKeyser, c2019 (IL: 4-7, 3-5; RL: 4.7)

“In 1948, Nikko Spirakis, twelve, loves baseball but must get past his hard-working immigrant parents--and the rhino in the outfield--to become a batboy for the local minor league team.” - *Follett*



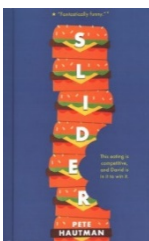
Sideways Stories from Wayside School (*Wayside School, Book 1*)
by Louis Sachar, c1985 (IL: 3-7; RL: 3.9)

“Presents humorous episodes from the classroom on the thirtieth floor of Wayside School, which was accidentally built sideways with one classroom on each story.” - *Follett*



Slacker
by Gordon Korman, c2017 (IL: 4-7, 3-7; RL: 5.2)

“When eighth-grader Cameron Boxer creates the Positive Action Group at school he intends it as a diversion to fool his parents, teachers, and sister into letting him continue to concentrate on his video-gaming--but before he knows it other kids are taking it seriously, and soon he finds himself president of the P.A.G., and involved in community service, so the boy who never cared about anything is now the center of everything, whether he likes it or not.” - *Follett*



Slider
by Pete Hautman, c2018 (IL: 5-8, 5-9; RL: 4.3)

“Hoping to win a cash prize in a pizza eating contest after racking up a tab on his mother's credit card, David must juggle his competitive eating training with the responsibility of looking after his autistic younger brother.” - *OCLC*



Stand Up, Yumi Chung!

by Jessica Kim, c2021 (IL: 3-7, 4-7; RL: 5.6)

“When eleven-year-old Yumi Chung stumbles into a kids' comedy camp she is mistaken for another student, so she decides to play the part.” - *Pub.*

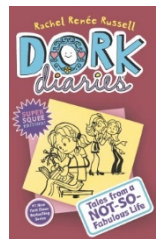


Stu Truly (*Stu Truly, Book 1*)

by Dan Richards, c2018 (IL: 4-7, 4-6; RL: 5.4)

“*Stu Truly* is the coming-of-age story of 12-year-old Stu as he struggles to navigate the murky waters of adolescence when he finds himself living a lie—that seems to be growing beyond his control—to impress the new girl in school.

When Stuart Cornelius Truly first sets eyes on the new girl, Becca, he staples his finger to his seventh-grade history assignment. The second time he sees her, he coughs up a bite of her lunch—a vegetarian roasted pepper sandwich—all over her sweater, and promptly lies, claiming that he, too, is a vegetarian. Their third encounter goes more smoothly, but Stu's lie turns out to be harder to keep than he expected, especially since his family owns a butcher shop.” - *Pub.*



Tales from a Not-So-Fabulous Life (*Dork Diaries, Book 1*)

by Rachel Renee Russell, c2009 (IL: 5-8; RL: 5.4)




“Meet Nikki Maxwell! She's starting eighth grade at a new school--and her very first diary packed with hilarious stories and art. . . Nikki confesses all in her first diary ever: her epic battle with her mom for an iPhone, meeting her new soon-to-be BFFs Chloe and Zoey, falling for adorably sweet crush Brandon, dealing with her zany little sister Brianna's antics--and the immediate clashes with mean girl MacKenzie, who becomes Nikki's rival in a schoolwide art competition.” - *Pub.*

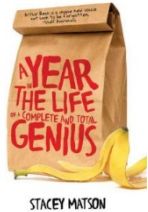


The Tapper Twins Go to War (With Each Other) (*Tapper Twins, Book 1*)

by Geoff Rodkey, c2016 (IL: 4-6, 4-7; RL: 5.4)

“Twelve-year-old twins, Claudia and Reese, who couldn't be more different...except in their determination to come out on top in a vicious prank war. But when the competition escalates into an all-out battle that's fought from the cafeteria of their New York City private school all the way to the fictional universe of an online video game, the twins have to decide if their efforts to destroy each other are worth the price. In a starred review,

	<p><i>Publishers Weekly</i> declared "This uproarious series opener... is packed with both laugh-out-loud moments and heart." - <i>Pub.</i></p>
	<p><u>The Terrible Two</u> (<i>Terrible Two, Book 1</i>) by Mac Barnett, c2016 (IL: 4-6, 4-7; RL: 5.4)</p> <p>"When master prankster Miles Murphy moves to sleepy Yawnee Valley, he challenges the local, mystery prankster in an epic battle of tricks but soon the two join forces to pull off the biggest prank ever seen." - <i>Follett</i></p>
	<p><u>Timmy Failure: Now Look What You've Done</u> by Stephan Pastis, c2016 (IL: 4-7, 3-8; RL: 3.8)</p> <p>"Timmy Failure, founder, president, and CEO of the best detective agency in town, perhaps the nation, is about to crack the biggest case of his generation: a school competition to find a stolen globe." - <i>Follett</i></p>
	<p><u>Ungifted</u> by Gordon Korman, c2014 (IL: 5-8; RL: 5.2)</p> <p>"Due to an administrative mix-up, troublemaker Donovan Curtis is sent to the Academy of Scholastic Distinction, a special program for gifted and talented students, after pulling a major prank at middle school." - <i>Follett</i></p>
	<p><u>The Unteachables</u> by Gordon Korman, c2020 (IL: 4-6, 4-7; RL: 5.1)</p> <p>"The Unteachables' never thought they'd find a teacher who had a worse attitude than they did. And Mr. Kermit never thought he would actually care about teaching again. Over the course of a school year, though, room 117 will experience mayhem, destruction--and maybe even a shot at redemption." - <i>Pub.</i></p>
	<p><u>Wedgie & Gizmo</u> (<i>Wedgie & Gizmo, Book 1</i>) by Suzanne Selfors, c2017 (IL: 2-5, 3-7; RL: 4.9)</p> <p>"While his human Elliot adjusts to his new home and stepfamily, Gizmo, an evil genius guinea pig, searches for a new evil lair where he can plot to take over the world, but Gizmo is constantly thwarted by Elliot's little stepsister</p>

	<p>Jasmine (who likes to play dress-up), Abuela (who may or may not like to eat cavies), and Wedgie (a Corgi superhero and Gizmo's nemesis).” - <i>Follett</i></p>
	<p><u>A Year in the Life of a Complete and Total Genius</u> by Stacey Matson, c2015 (IL: 3-7, 4-7; RL: 5.3)</p> <p>“Arthur A. Bean, junior high student and self-proclaimed genius, is determined to win the story-writing contest and become a famous writer.” - <i>Follett</i></p>