

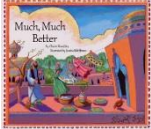
**Kaufman Silverberg Library**  
**Grade 4-5 Suggested Reading List**  
**2018**

**Books with Judaic Content**

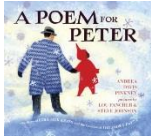
*Boys of steel: the creators of Superman*, by Marc Tyler Nobleman. Jerry Siegel & Joe Shuster, two misfit teens in Cleveland, were more like Clark Kent than Superman. Both boys escaped into the worlds of science fiction and pulp magazine tales. In 1934, they created the superhero, but it was four years before they convinced a publisher to take a chance on their Man of Steel in a new format--the comic book. **Call number: J 920 NOB**



*Much, much better*, by Chaim Kosofsky. Long ago in the city of Baghdad, Shlomo and his wife, Miriam, don't have a single guest to welcome for Shabbat. When a mysterious traveler knocks on their door, they treat him royally. Their grateful guest blesses the couple with the strangest bracha they've ever heard. **Call number: J 398.2089 KOS**



*A poem for Peter: the story of Ezra Jack Keats and the creation of The Snowy Day*, by Andra Davis Pinkney. A biography of Ezra Jack Keats and a love poem to the famous 1962 picture book he created, *The Snowy Day*. **Call number: J 920 KEA**



*Miriam's secret*, by Debby Waldman. In 1930 nine-year-old Miriam travels by train from Brooklyn to her grandparents' farm in upstate New York. Her grandparents are kind, generous people, but they aren't exactly ideal playmates for a lonely girl. One day Miriam discovers a young girl hiding in the barn. Cissy and her brother, Joe, who's one of Zayde's farm hands, are on the run from an abusive uncle back in Mississippi. Miriam and Cissy hit it off immediately. But their friendship is tested when Miriam is forced to choose between keeping a promise and doing the right thing. **Call number: M FIC WAL**



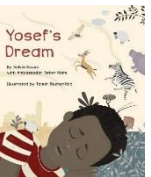
*Search for the Shamir: Scarlett and Sam, bk 2*, Grandma Mina's Persian carpet sends twins Scarlett and Sam to Jerusalem in Solomon's time, where they must obtain from the demon Asmodai the tool needed to build the Temple. **Call number: J FIC KIM**



*The six-day hero*, by Tammar Stein. Twelve-year-old Motti discovers that there are many types of heroes as his tiny young nation of Israel fights for survival in the Six-Day War of 1967. **Call number: M FIC STE**



*Yosef's dream*, by Sylvia Rouss with Asher Naim. Now a young man in Israel, watching his brother become a Bar Mitzvah, Yosef remembers back to his own childhood in Ethiopia, and the dream he had, foreseeing the miraculous air rescue of Operation Solomon in 1991, which led to the fulfillment of his own family's dream to live in Israel, land of their forefathers. **Call number: E ROU**

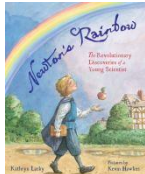


## Non Fiction

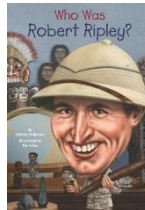
*Grace Hopper: queen of computer code*, by Laurie Wallmark. A biography of Grace Hopper, who played a prominent role in the early days of computers. **Call number: J 920 WAL**



*Newton's rainbow: the revolutionary discoveries of a young scientist*, by Kathryn Lasky. A picture-book biography of young Isaac Newton, who "discovered" gravity, developed calculus, and uncovered the secrets of light and color. **Call number: J 920 NEW**

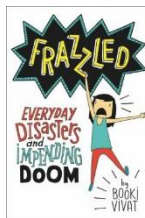


*Who was Robert Ripley?*, by Kirsten Anderson. Explains how Ripley spent his life traveling to more than 200 countries in search of strange objects and interesting artifacts that can be seen at his famous Odditoriums today. **Call number: J 920 RIP**



## Fiction

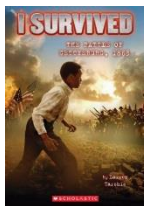
*Everyday disasters and impending doom (Frazzled, bk.1)*, by Booki Vivat. Nervous about middle school because her family does not get her and her friends know exactly what they want to do, Abbie Wu searches for her own passion before discovering a knack for leadership when injustices in the cafeteria come to light. **Call number: J FIC VIV**



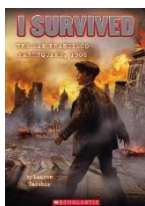
*Hello universe*, by Erin Entrada Kelly. Lives of four misfits are intertwined when a bully's prank lands shy Virgil at the bottom of a well and Valencia, Kaori, and Gen band together in an epic quest to find and rescue him. **Call number: M FIC KEL**



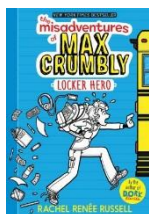
*I survived the Battle of Gettysburg, 1863*, by Lauren Tarshis. Follows former slave Thomas and his little sister Birdie as they fall in with Union forces and make their way north. The Union army rolls toward its epic clash in a small Pennsylvania town, and Thomas becomes an unwitting participant in one of the most formative events in American history. **Call number: J FIC TAR**



*I survived the San Francisco earthquake, 1906*, by Lauren Tarshis. Leo's world is shaken -- literally -- and he finds himself stranded in the middle of San Francisco as it crumbles and burns to the ground. Does Leo have what it takes to survive this devastating disaster? **Call number: J FIC TAR**

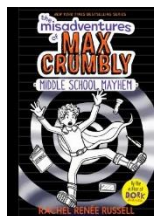


*Locker hero: The misadventures of Max Crumbly, bk. 1*, by Rachel Renée Russell. Questioning his resolve



to attend public school after being homeschooled when he is targeted by a bully, Max aspires to become like his favorite comic book heroes and finds an unexpected opportunity to be the hero his middle school needs. **Call number: M FIC RUS**

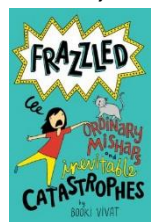
*Middle school mayhem: The misadventures of Max Crumbly, bk. 1*, by Rachel Renée Russell. When we



last left our hero, Max Crumbly, he had crash-landed on top of a Mighty Meat Monster pizza after taking a late night tumble through the vents at South Ridge Middle School--and he was completely surrounded by three ruthless criminals! Will Max be shredded to bits like mozzarella cheese on the hard and crunchy pizza crust of doom? Can his friend and sidekick, computer whiz Erin, help get him out of this sticky situation alive?

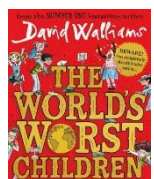
**Call number: M FIC RUS**

*Ordinary mishaps and inevitable catastrophes (Frazzled, bk.2)*, by Booki Vivat. Things are looking up for



Abbie Wu: this year she'll run for class president and get a brand-new shiny locker. Until she doesn't. **Call number: J FIC VIV**

*The world's worst children*, by David Walliams. Are you ready to meet the world's worst children? Five



beastly boys and five gruesome girls! **Call number: M FIC WAL**

## Graphic Novels

*Brave*, by Svetlana Chmakova. In his daydreams, Jensen is the biggest hero that ever was, saving the



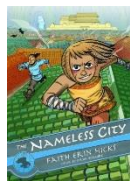
world and his friends daily. But his middle school reality is VERY different - math is hard, getting along with friends is hard...Even finding a partner for the class project is a big problem when you always get picked last. **Call number: M FIC CHM**

*Mighty Jack*, by Ben Hatke. Jack is the oldest child of a divorced single mom doing her best to keep the



family fed. On a trip to the flea market, Jack's sister, Maddy, who is autistic and never speaks, convinces Jack to swap the family car for a packet of seeds. Adventure soon follows, and Jack finds himself planting a garden that produces a variety of strange and bizarre creatures, meeting the neighbor girl, dealing with his sister, and even encountering a dragon. **Call number: M FIC HAT**

*The Nameless City*, by Faith Erin Hicks. Every time it is invaded the City gets a new name, but to the



natives in is the Nameless City, and they survive by not letting themselves get involved--but now the fate of the City rests in the hands of Rat, a native, and Kaidu, one of the Dao, the latest occupiers, and the two must somehow work together if the City is to survive.

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