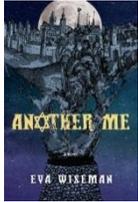


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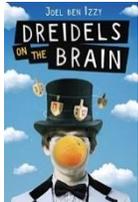
**Books with Judaic Content**

*Another me: a novel*, by Eva Wiseman. Seventeen-year-old Natan has a safe and happy life in fourteenth-century Strasbourg, France. But when rumors begin to circulate that Jewish residents are contaminating the town's well water to try to hasten the plague's arrival in their city, it will be up to Natan to save his community from destruction.



**Call number: M FIC WIS**

*Dreidels on the brain*, by Joel ben Izzy. As he tries to survive Hanukkah, 1971 in the suburbs of the suburbs of Los Angeles, middle-school magician Joel learns to appreciate life's small miracles with the help of an unusual stranger he meets on a bus.



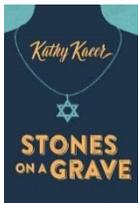
**Call number: M FIC IZZ**

*The inquisitor's tale, or, the three magical children and their holy dog*, by Adam Gidwitz. A peasant girl and her holy greyhound, an oblate on a mission from his monastery, and a young Jewish boy travel across medieval France to escape persecution and save holy texts from being burned.



**Call number: M FIC GID**

*Stones on a grave*, by Kathy Kacer. In this YA novel, Sara arrives in Germany determined to explore her newly discovered Jewish heritage and solve the mystery of her parentage.



**Call number: M FIC KAC**

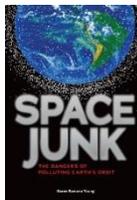
**Non Fiction**

*Ask the astronaut: a galaxy of astonishing answers to your questions on spaceflight*, by Tom Jones. The author can answer many questions about space experience.



**Call number: J 629.4 JON**

*Space junk: the dangers of polluting Earth's orbit*, by Karen Romano Young. Examines the proliferation of space debris in outer space and discusses methods of retrieving and disposing of the material. **Call number: J 629.416 YOU**



## Fiction

*The Arctic code*, by Matthew J. Kirby. The Earth is in the grip of a new Ice Age, and when twelve-year-old Eleanor's scientist mother disappears in the Arctic, Eleanor sets off on a dangerous journey to find her--and uncovers a mystery, a crime, and evidence that Earth has been visited by extraterrestrials. **Call number: M FIC KIR**



*The blackthorn key*, by Kevin Sands. In 1665 London, fourteen-year-old Christopher Rowe, apprentice to an apothecary, and his best friend, Tom, try to uncover the truth behind a mysterious cult, following a trail of puzzles, codes, pranks, and danger toward an unearthly secret with the power to tear the world apart. **Call number: M FIC SAN**



*The cost of all things*, by Maggie Lehrman. When her boyfriend dies, a grieving Ari uses a spell to erase her memories of him, but this spell triggers a series of events that reveal hidden, and sometimes dangerous, connections between her friends and the boyfriend she no longer remembers. **Call number: YA FIC LEH**



*Cut off*, by Jamie Bastedo. A topical tale of one teen's addiction to the Cyber World - and the Northern adventure that saved his life. **Call number: M FIC BAS**



*Dead ends*, by Erin Jade Lange. When Dane, a bully, refuses to hit Billy D. because he has Down syndrome, Billy takes that as a sign of friendship and enlists Dane's help in solving riddles left in an atlas by his missing father, sending the pair on a risky adventure. **Call number: YA FIC LAN**



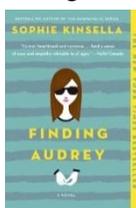
*The dogs*, by Allan Stratton. Cameron is used to moving at a moment's notice because he and his mother are always running away from his supposedly violent father, but he is disturbed by their latest refuge, a creepy, deserted farmhouse, haunted by bloodthirsty dogs. **Call number: YA FIC STR**



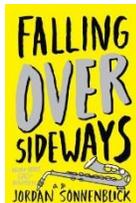
*Dreamland*, by Robert L. Anderson. Odea Donahue has been able to travel through people's dreams since she was six years old. Her mother taught her the three rules of walking: Never interfere. Never be seen. Never walk the same person's dream more than once. Then a mysterious new boy, Connor, comes to town. For the first time in her life, Dea feels normal. But both Dea and Connor have secrets, and as she is increasingly drawn to Connor's dreams and nightmares the boundary between worlds begins to deteriorate, putting everyone she loves in danger. **Call number: YA FIC AND**



*Finding Audrey: a novel*, by Sophie Kinsella. Fourteen-year-old Audrey is making slow but steady progress dealing with her anxiety disorder when Linus comes into the picture and her recovery gains momentum. **Call number: YA FIC KIN**



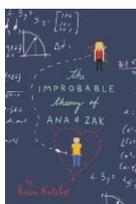
*Falling over sideways*, by Jordan Sonnenblick. Harassed at her middle school, not taken seriously at home, and with a "perfect" older brother, Matthew, to live up to, thirteen-year-old Claire has always felt like her life was cursed--then one morning, when she and her beloved father are talking at breakfast, her father suddenly falls over with a stroke, and suddenly everything changes. **Call number: M FIC SON**



*The girl who drank the moon*, by Kelly Barnhill. An epic fantasy about a young girl raised by a witch, a swamp monster, and a Perfectly Tiny Dragon, who must unlock the powerful magic buried deep inside her. **Call number: M FIC BAR**



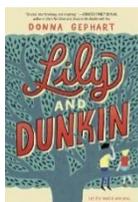
*The improbable theory of Ana & Zak*, by Brian Katcher. When Ana Watson's brother ditches a high school trip to run wild at Washington, type-A Ana knows that she must find him or risk her last shot at freedom from her extra-controlling parents. In her desperation, she's forced to enlist the last person she'd ever want to spend time with slacker Zak Duquetteto help find her brother before morning comes. But over the course of the night, while being chased by hordes of costumed Vikings and zombies, Ana and Zak begin to open up to each other. **Call number: YA FIC KAT**



*The last little blue envelope*, by Maureen Johnson. Seventeen-year-old Ginny Blackstone precipitously travels from her home in New Jersey to London when she receives a message from an unknown man telling her he has the letters that were stolen just before she completed a series of mysterious tasks assigned by her now dead aunt, an artist. **Call number: YA FIC JOH**



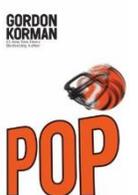
*Lily and Dunkin*, by Donna Gephart. With humor and great sensitivity, juxtaposes the efforts of two eighth-graders - one struggling with gender dysphoria, one with mental illness-to establish new identities for themselves. **Call number: M FIC GEP**



*A pocket full of murder*, by R.J. Anderson. In a world where magic is used for everything, only the wealthy and the upper classes can afford it. Isaveth and her family are so poor they can barely afford to feed themselves. When her father is wrongfully accused of murdering a high ranking official, Isaveth must use only her natural gifts of curiosity and intellect, and some help from her friend Quiz, to try to prove her father's innocence before it's too late. **Call number: M FIC AND**



*Pop*, by Gordon Korman. When Marcus moves to a new town in the dead of summer he doesn't know a soul. While practicing football for impending tryouts, he strikes up an unlikely friendship with an older man. Charlie is a charismatic prankster - and the best football player Marcus has ever seen. He can't believe his good luck when he finds out that Charlie is actually Charlie Popovich, or "the King of Pop," as he had been nicknamed during his career as an NFL linebacker. But that's not all. There is a secret about Charlie that his family is desperate to hide. **Call number: M FIC KOR**



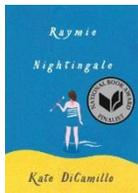
*Pushing perfect*, by Michelle Falkoff. Although she seems to have the perfect life, Kara is caught up with a group whose secrets threaten to ruin her perfectly planned future. **Call number: YA FIC FAL**



*The rains*, by Gregg Hurwitz. In one terrifying night, the peaceful community of Creek's Cause turns into a war zone. No one under the age of eighteen is safe. Chance Rain and his older brother, Patrick, have already fended off multiple attacks from infected adults by the time they arrive at the school where other young survivors are hiding. Most of the kids they know have been dragged away by once-trusted adults who are now ferocious, inhuman beings. The parasite that transformed them takes hold after people turn eighteen--and Patrick's birthday is only a few days away. **Call number: YA FIC HUR**



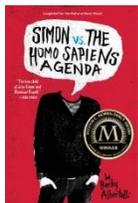
*Raymie Nightingale*, by Kate DiCamillo. Raymie Clarke has a plan: if she can win the Little Miss Central Florida Tire competition, then her father, who left town two days ago with a dental hygienist, will see her picture in the paper and (maybe) come home. To win, not only does Raymie have to do good deeds and learn how to twirl a baton; she also has to contend with the wispy, frequently fainting Louisiana Elefante, and the fiery, stubborn Beverly Tapinski, who's determined to sabotage the contest. But as the competition approaches, loneliness, loss, and unanswerable questions draw the three girls into an unlikely friendship -- and challenge each of them to come to the rescue in unexpected ways. **Call number: M FIC DIC**



*The scorpion rules*, by Erin Bow. The teenage princess of a future-world Canadian superpower, where royal children are held hostage to keep their countries from waging war, falls in love with an American prince who rebels against the brutal rules governing their existences. **Call number: YA FIC BOW**



*Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens agenda*, by Becky Albertalli. Sixteen-year-old, not-so-openly-gay Simon Spier is blackmailed into playing wingman for his classmate or else his sexual identity will be revealed. **Call number: YA FIC ALB**



*The six*, by Mark Alpert. Adam, crippled by muscular dystrophy, and five other terminally ill teenagers sacrifice their bodies and upload their minds into weaponized robots to battle a dangerously advanced artificial intelligence program bent on destroying humanity. **Call number: YA FIC FLO**



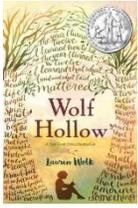
*The start of me and you*, by Emery Lord. Paige Hancock starts junior year with a list of ways to take back her life, rather than spending another year as "The Girl Whose Boyfriend Drowned," and finding out that Ryan Chase, her long-term crush, is available again might be the key. **Call number: YA FIC LOR**



*Thirteen little blue envelopes*, by Maureen Johnson. When seventeen-year-old Ginny receives a packet of mysterious envelopes from her favorite aunt, she leaves New Jersey to criss-cross Europe on a sort of scavenger hunt that transforms her life. **Call number: YA FIC JOH**



*Wolf Hollow: a novel*, by Lauren Wolk. Twelve-year-old Annabelle must learn to stand up for what's right in the face of a manipulative and violent new bully who targets people Annabelle cares about, including a homeless World War I veteran. **Call number: M FIC WOL**



## Graphic Novels

*Laika*, by Nick Abadzis. This is the journey of Laika, the abandoned puppy destined to become Earth's first space traveler. With the blending of fact and fiction, this story intertwines three compelling lives. Along with Laika, there is Korolev, a driven engineer at the top of the Soviet space program and Yelena, the lab technician responsible for Laika's health and life. **Call number: M FIC ABA**



*Rapunzel's revenge*, by Shannon and Dean Hale. Rapunzel is raised in a grand villa surrounded by towering walls. Rapunzel dreams of a different mother than Gothel, the woman she calls Mother. She climbs over the wall and finds out the truth. Her real mother, Kate, is a slave in Gothel's gold mine. In this Old West retelling, Rapunzel uses her hair as a lasso and to take on outlaws--including Gothel. **Call number: M FIC HAL**

