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**REALISTIC:**

- **Cub** Cynthia Copeland (library catalog, eBook on Libby)

Twelve-year-old Cindy has just dipped a toe into seventh-grade drama—with its complicated friendships, bullies, and cute boys—when she earns an internship as a cub reporter at a local newspaper in the early 1970s. A (rare) young female reporter takes Cindy under her wing, and Cindy soon learns not only how to write a lead, but also how to respectfully question authority.

- **Connect the Dots** Keith Calbrese (library catalog, audiobook on Libby)

What if a reclusive genius is keeping an eye on you and making sure the tiny pieces of his puzzle fall into place, one by one, until strange, seemingly unconnected incidents snowball totally out of control? Imagine the odds! Soon Oliver is being followed and Matilda is hacking the FBI. And by the time they discover a gang of angry clowns and the world's largest game of Mousetrap, an insanely brilliant plan has been set in motion that will change their lives forever.

- **The Track Series** Jason Reynolds (4 in the series) (

**Ghost, Patina, Sunny, Lu** Four kids from wildly different backgrounds with personalities that are explosive when they clash. But they are also four kids chosen for an elite middle school track team—a team that could qualify them for the Junior Olympics if they can get their acts together. They all have a lot to lose, but they also have a lot to prove, not only to each other, but to themselves.

- **Breakout** Kate Messner (library catalog, eBook on Libby)

Nora Tucker is looking forward to summer vacation in Wolf Creek. But when two inmates break out of the town's maximum security prison, everything changes. Doors are locked, helicopters fly over the woods, and police patrol the school grounds. Worst of all, everyone is on edge, and fear brings out the worst in some people Nora has known her whole life.

- **Tiny Infinities** J.H. Diehl

Alice meets an odd new friend, Harriet, whose obsession with the school's science fair is equal only to her conviction that Alice's best stroke is backstroke, not freestyle. Most unexpected of all is an unusual babysitting charge, Piper, who is mute—until Alice hears her speak. A funny and honest middle-grade novel, this sharply observed depiction of family, friendship, and Alice's determination to prove herself—as a babysitter, as a friend, as a daughter, as a person—rings loud and true.

## MYSTERY

- **School of the Dead** Avi (library catalog, eBook and audiobook on Libby)

When Uncle Charlie dies suddenly, Tony Gilbert is devastated. Then he starts seeing Uncle Charlie *everywhere*! It doesn't help that Tony switched schools—it was Uncle Charlie's dying wish that Tony attend the Penda School, where Uncle Charlie himself went as a kid. The Penda School is eerie enough without his uncle's ghost making it worse.

- **Eventown** Corey Ann Haydu

Eventown is comforting and exciting all at once. The houses all look exactly alike, but it's easy enough to explain—until Elodee realizes that there are only three ice cream flavors in Eventown. Ever. And they play only one song in music class. Everything may be “even” in Eventown, but is there a price to pay for perfection—and pretending?

## ADVENTURE:

- **Race to the Sun** Rebecca Roanhorse (eBook on Libby and Hoopla, audiobooks on Libby)

Nizhoni Begay can detect monsters, like that man in the fancy suit who was in the bleachers at her basketball game. Turns out he's Nizhoni, Mac, and their friend, Davery, need to go on a quest to the sacred Navaho lands to connect with their powers and save their father and their tribal lands. (A “Rick Riordan Presents” book)

- **Dragon Pearl** Yoon Ha Lee (library catalog, eBook on Libby, Hoopla)

A space opera about thirteen-year-old Min, who comes from a long line of fox spirits. But you'd never know it by looking at her. To keep the family safe, Min's mother insists that none of them use any fox-magic, such as Charm or shape-shifting. They must appear human at all times.

- **Artemis Fowl** Iain Colfer (library catalog, eBook on Libby, Hoopla)

Twelve-year-old criminal mastermind Artemis Fowl has discovered a world below ground of armed and dangerous—and extremely high-tech—fairies. Could his exploits trigger a cross-species war?

- **The Problem Children** Natalie Lloyd (library catalog, eBook on Libby, Hoopla)

When the Problem children's ramshackle bungalow in the Swampy Woods goes *kaboom*, the seven siblings—each born on a different day of the week—have to move into their grandpa's bizarre old mansion in Lost Cove. No problem! For the Problem children, every problem is a gift!

- **The Skeleton Tree** Iain Lawrence (library catalog, eBook on Libby, Hoopla)

Less than forty-eight hours after twelve-year-old Chris sets off on a sailing trip down the Alaskan coast with his uncle, their boat sinks. The only survivors are Chris and a boy named Frank, who hates Chris immediately. Chris and Frank have no radio, no flares, no food. Suddenly, they've got to forage, fish, and scavenge the shore for supplies. Chris likes the company of a curious, friendly raven more than he likes the prickly Frank. But the boys have to get along if they want to survive.

- **The Witches** Roald Dahl (library catalog, eBook on Libby)

Witches are real, and they are very, very dangerous. They wear ordinary clothes and have ordinary jobs, living in ordinary towns all across the world - and there's nothing they despise more than children. When an eight-year-old boy and his grandmother come face-to-face with the Grand High Witch herself, they may be the only ones who can stop the witches' latest plot to stamp out every last child in the country!