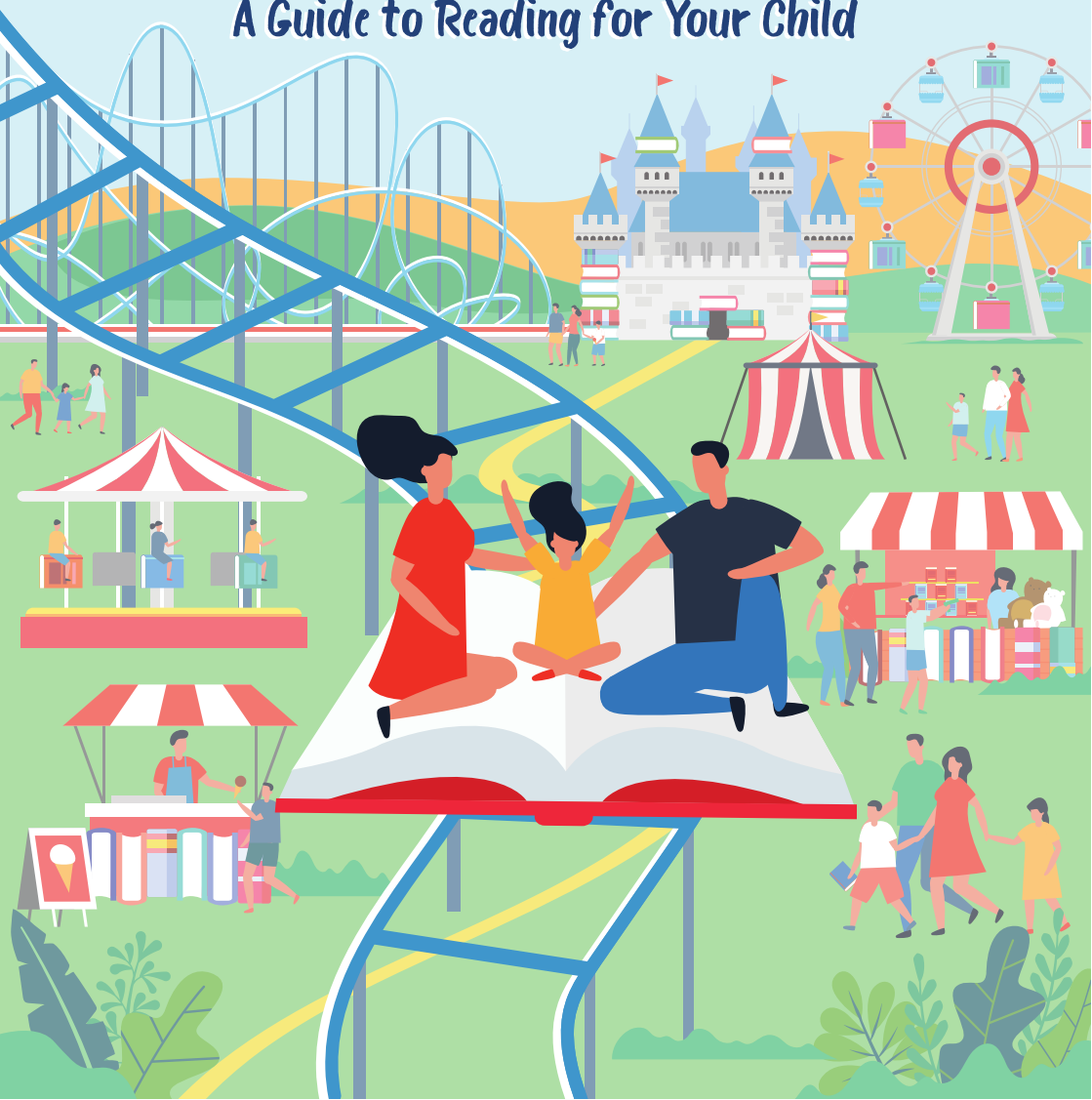


# The Ride of a Lifetime

A Guide to Reading for Your Child



## Dear Parents,

Reading is an adventure filled with many twists and turns, where wonderful worlds are discovered and magical stories uncovered. To kick-start your child’s lifelong reading journey, we have compiled library guides, book recommendations and activities for your child to engage in interactive learning, including one colouring activity for you and your child to complete together.

Join us onboard this journey of lifelong learning and reading!

## Your Read@School Librarians

Sign up your child for a free library membership to enjoy the full suite of NLB’s services, including eBooks and e-Magazines. Visit [mobileapp.nlb.gov.sg/get-started-with/mylibrary/](http://mobileapp.nlb.gov.sg/get-started-with/mylibrary/) to find out more on NLB library membership and sign up online\*.

\*Free online registration is only available for Singaporeans when either parent has a SingPass. Permanent residents and foreigners studying in MOE schools can register for free at the library with staff assistance.




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## EXPLORE THE LIBRARY

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### Looking for books?

- Use the NLB catalogue to locate your desired book by its call number.
- The call number contains the first three letters of the author’s last name.
- Look out for the genie lamp icon on some books for our Fairytale and Folktales collection.



In our public libraries, the children’s collection houses books in English, Chinese, Malay and Tamil, and are suitable for children aged 4 to 12 years old. They are labelled ‘Child’ or ‘J’, and divided into the following categories:

- P Junior Picture Books (JP)**  
With spines marked by ‘P’ for Picture, ‘JP’ books are filled with colourful illustrations and have minimal text. These books are available in both Fiction and Non-fiction.
- S Junior Simple Fiction (JS)**  
With spines marked by ‘S’ for Simple, ‘JS’ books are fictional and contain mostly text with some illustrations. They are suitable for children looking for longer stories with some visual aid.

**Junior (J)**  
‘J’ books contain mostly text with little to no illustrations. They are suitable for children interested in more complex stories and character development. These books are available in both Fiction and Non-fiction.

Some books can be suitable for younger readers too! Flip through the book to see if it is appropriate for your child’s reading level.

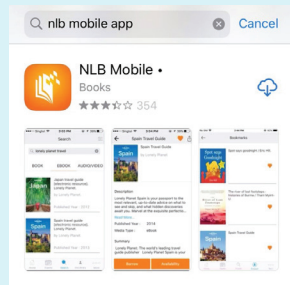
### TIP FOR PARENTS



Award-winning books can be identified by labels or embossed logos on their covers. Well-known book awards in children’s literature include the Newbery Medal, Caldecott Medal, and Hans Christian Andersen Award.

## GO DIGITAL WITH NLB

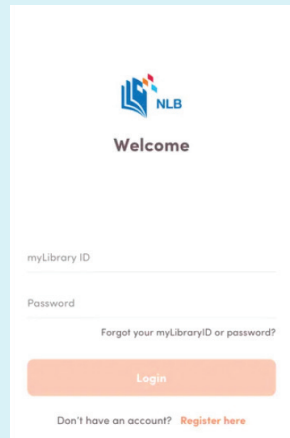
Download our NLB Mobile app to borrow books, search for titles, reserve books and to explore its many functions! Follow these steps:



### 1. Install NLB Mobile app

Download the NLB Mobile app on Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

Alternatively, scan the QR code or visit [go.nlb.gov.sg/nlbmobile](http://go.nlb.gov.sg/nlbmobile) to download the app.



### 2. Sign Up or Log In

After downloading the NLB Mobile app, log in with your myLibrary ID.

You can sign up for myLibrary ID online at [account.nlb.gov.sg](http://account.nlb.gov.sg) using your SingPass or NRIC, or head down to one of our public libraries to register.

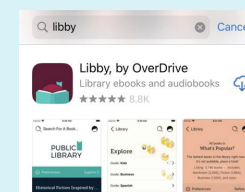
### TIPS FOR PARENTS

- Use the NLB Mobile app to keep track of the due dates of all the books that you and your child have borrowed.
- Skip the queue by using the NLB Mobile app to scan the QR codes or the barcodes of the NLB books you wish to borrow.



## READ ANYTIME, ANYWHERE

The Libby app allows you and your child to borrow and read our NLB eBooks and audiobooks anytime, anywhere!



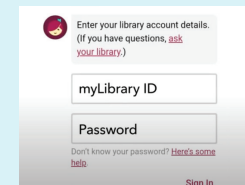
### 1. Install Libby app

Download the Libby app on Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

### 2. Sign Up or Log In

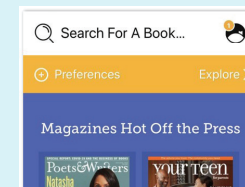
After downloading the Libby app, log in with your myLibrary ID.

For a more detailed walkthrough of the Libby app, scan the QR code or visit [mobileapp.nlb.gov.sg/get-started-with/libby](http://mobileapp.nlb.gov.sg/get-started-with/libby).



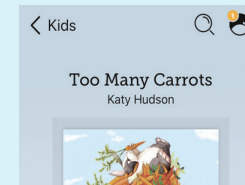
### 3. Explore the Collection

Scroll through the children's collection by clicking "Explore" and "Guide: Kids". You can also search for a specific book by typing the title in the search bar.






### 4. Borrow and Read

Borrow and download your desired eBook or audiobook.



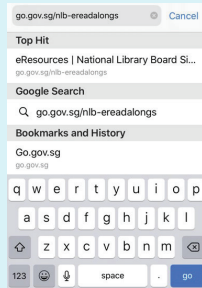
### TIPS FOR PARENTS

-  Borrow popular eBook titles for up to seven days with the "Skip the Line" feature. Titles with "Skip the Line" copies have a four-leaf clover icon next to the "Borrow" button and are not renewable.
-  Search for "Read aloud books" and select the series on the Libby app to enjoy these books with your child.
-  Check the download status of your eBooks by looking for the tick next to the title. If there is a cloud icon next to the title, it has not been downloaded onto your device.

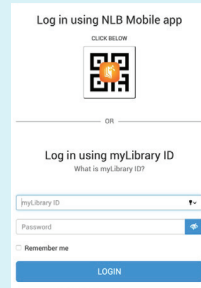
## READ ALONG WITH ME

Try the TumbleBook Library where your child can choose picture books with narrations, sound effects, and animations!

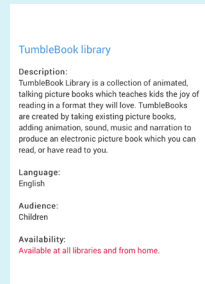
### STEPS TO ACCESS



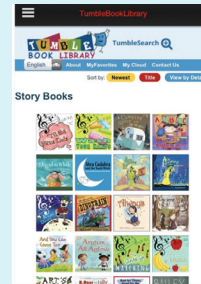
1. Go to [go.gov.sg/nlb-ereadalong](http://go.gov.sg/nlb-ereadalong) on any Internet Browser.



2. Log in to your NLB account, using either the NLB Mobile app or myLibrary ID.



3. Click on "TumbleBook Library".



4. Let your child select a book and watch the story come alive!

### TIP FOR PARENTS

If your child only reads a particular book series, try expanding their reading appetite by getting book recommendations on the NLB website.

Visit [go.gov.sg/nlb-childrenandteens](http://go.gov.sg/nlb-childrenandteens) for more information and other useful resources!



## POETRY AND RHYMES

Poetry and rhymes are interesting ways to help children understand phonetics. Check out these books filled with poetry, rhymes, and charming characters.



### How to Catch a Mermaid

Author: Adam Wallace  
Call No.: JP WAL

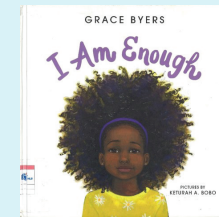
Publisher: Sourcebooks Jabberwocky, 2018



### Even Superheroes Make Mistakes

Author: Shelly Becker  
Call No.: JP BEC

Publisher: Sterling Children's Books, 2018



### I Am Enough

Author: Grace Byers  
Call No.: JP BYE

Publisher: Balzer + Bray, 2018



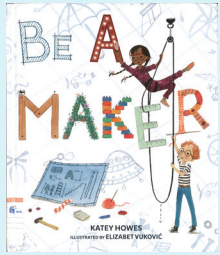
### Do Not Take Your Dragon on a Field Trip

Author: Julie Gassman  
Call No.: JP GAS

Publisher: Capstone Editions, 2019

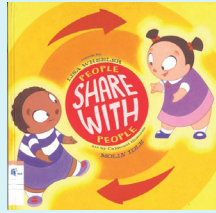


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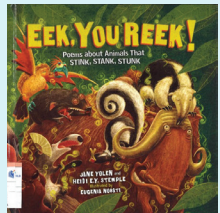
**Be a Maker**

Author: Katey Howes  
Call No.: JP HOW  
Publisher: Carolrhoda, 2019



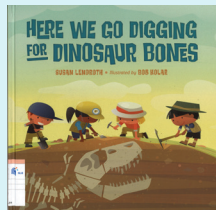
**People Share with People**

Author: Lisa Wheeler  
Call No.: JP WHE  
Publisher: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2019



**Eek, You Reek!: Poems About Animals that Stink, Stank, Stunk**

Authors: Jane Yolen and Heidi E.Y. Stemple  
Call No.: JP 591.47 YOL  
Publisher: Millbrook, 2019



**Here We Go Digging for Dinosaur Bones**

Author: Susan Lendroth  
Call No.: JP 567.9 LEN  
Publisher: Charlesbridge, 2020

**TIPS FOR PARENTS**

- For more books on poetry, go to the Children's Non-fiction section and look for the call number 811.
- You may also search "Stories in Rhyme" on the NLB Catalogue ([catalogue.nlb.gov.sg](http://catalogue.nlb.gov.sg)) for other similar reads.

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**KIDS' SPECIAL 1: WRITE YOUR OWN POEM**

Fill in the blanks with the rhyming words below to solve the riddle:

thing, creamy, think, yummy, stink, King

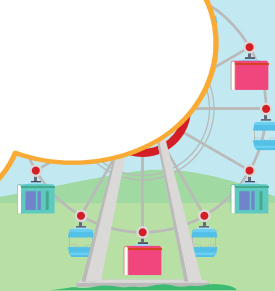
I am the K \_\_\_\_\_  
But, here's the t \_\_\_\_\_:  
Some say that I s \_\_\_\_\_  
Is that what you t \_\_\_\_\_?  
But I think I'm pretty y \_\_\_\_\_  
My insides are deliciously c \_\_\_\_\_.



**What am I?**

(Hint: I am a famous fruit in Singapore and I am not allowed on most public transport.)

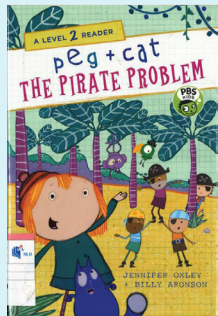
Use the words to create a poem with your child!



Answers  
King, thing, stink, think, yummy, creamy  
Durian

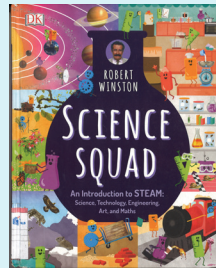
## FUN WITH MATH AND SCIENCE

Our libraries house a variety of Fiction and Non-fiction books that enable your child to explore their topics of interest. Check out these books on Math and Science!



### Peg + Cat: The Pirate Problem

Authors: Jennifer Oxley and Billy Aronson  
Call No.: JP OXL  
Publisher: Candlewick Entertainment, 2017



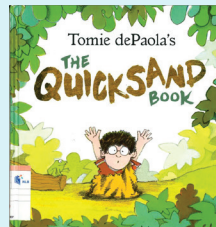
### Science Squad

Author: Lisa Burke  
Call No.: J 500 BUR  
Publisher: Dorling Kindersley, 2018



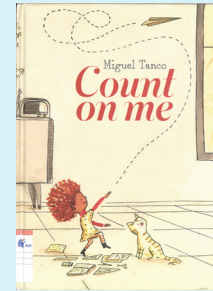
### Sun!: One in a Billion

Author: Stacy McAnulty  
Call No.: JP 523.7 MAC  
Publisher: Henry Holt and Company, 2018



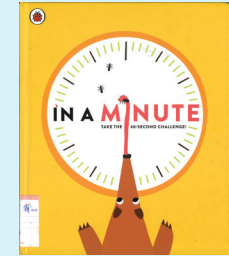
### Tomie dePaola's The Quicksand Book

Author: Tomie dePaola  
Call No.: JP 552 DEP  
Publisher: Holiday House, 2019



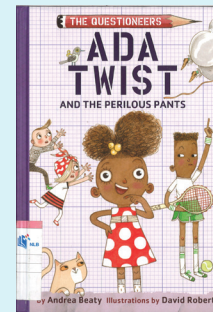
### Count on Me

Author: Miguel Tanco  
Call No.: JP TAN  
Publisher: Tundra, 2019



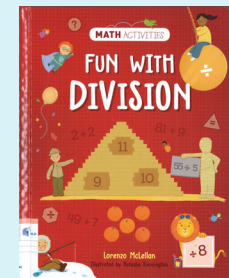
### In a Minute: Take the 60-second Challenge!

Author: Clare Lowther  
Call No.: JP 529 LOW  
Publisher: Ladybird Books, 2019



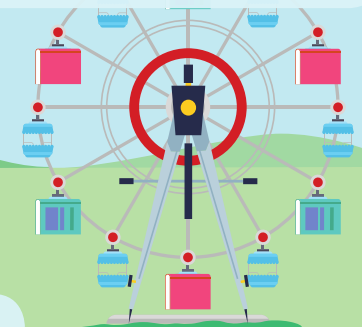
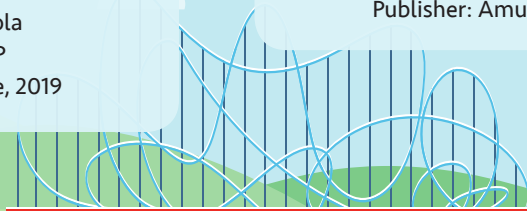
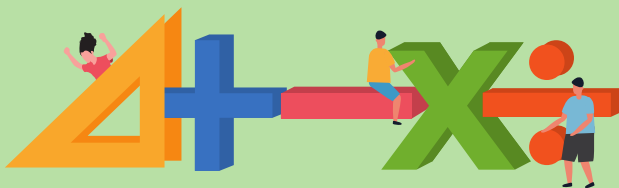
### Ada Twist and the Perilous Pants

Author: Andrea Beaty  
Call No.: JS BEA  
Publisher: Amulet Books, 2019



### Fun with Division

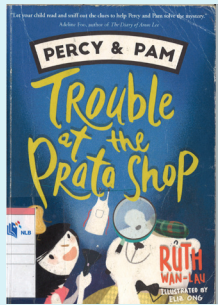
Author: Lorenzo McLellan  
Call No.: J 513.2 MAC  
Publisher: Windmill Books, 2020



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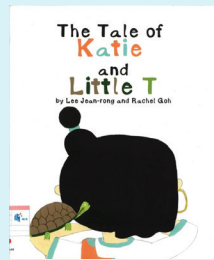
## READ ABOUT YOU, ME, AND PEOPLE AROUND US

Books may not always be about characters living in foreign lands. Check out our Singapore reads featuring some familiar characters!



### Trouble at the Prata Shop

Author: Ruth Wan  
Call No.: J SING WAN  
Publisher: Epigram Books, 2017



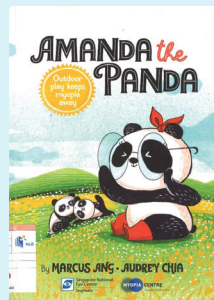
### The Tale of Katie and Little T

Author: Lee Jean-rong  
Call No.: J SING LEE  
Publisher: Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority of Singapore, 2019



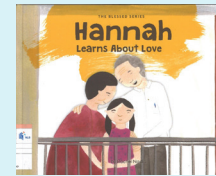
### Captain Sleep and His Night-time Adventures

Author: Health Promotion Board  
Call No.: J SING CAP  
Publisher: Health Promotion Board, 2019



### Amanda the Panda: Outdoor Play Keeps Myopia Away

Authors: Marcus Ang and Audrey Chia  
Call No.: J SING ANG  
Publisher: Wildtype Books, 2019



### Hannah Learns About Love

Author: Rachel Nadia  
Call No.: J SING NAD  
Publisher: Rachel Nadia, 2019



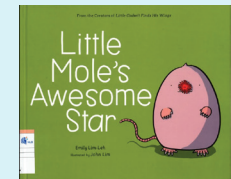
### I Remember Grandma

Authors: Andre Frois and Darren T. K. Cheng  
Call No.: J SING FRO  
Publisher: Direct Life Foundation, 2019




### Growing Kitchen Scraps

Author: Nur'Affah M. Hussain  
Call No.: J SING NUR  
Publisher: Yaa Bunayya SG, 2020



### Little Mole's Awesome Star

Author: Emily Lim-Leh  
Call No.: J SING LIM  
Publisher: Marshall Cavendish Children, 2020

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**TIP FOR PARENTS**  
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## KIDS' SPECIAL 4: UNSCRAMBLE THE WORDS

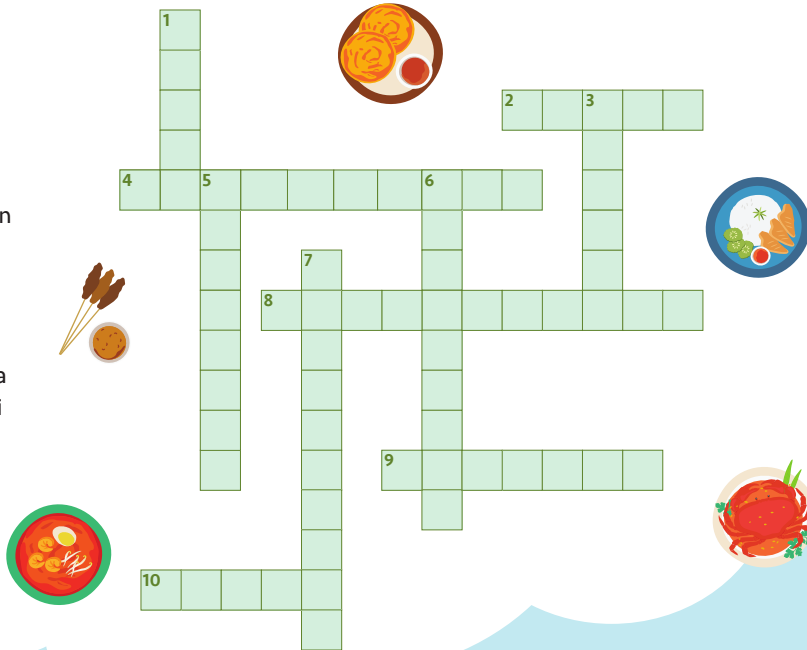
Unscramble the names of famous foods in Singapore and solve the crossword puzzle.

### Down

1. akals
3. iatohs
5. jhtiroon
6. gkkuaheun
7. cclirbailh

### Across

2. ytaas
4. rrtakecco
8. ecknrcehii
9. seemmia
10. rpaat



### Hints

#### Down

1. A soup with a rich and creamy coconut flavour, often served with white noodles.
3. A thin rice pancake made from fermented batter.
5. An omelette sandwich topped with minced meat.
6. A small, round and red glutinous rice cake with sweet red bean or peanut filling.
7. A local seafood dish made with savoury tomato and chilli sauce.

#### Across

2. A grilled meat skewer eaten with peanut sauce.
4. A flavourful dish made from white radish, sometimes cooked with a dark, sweet sauce.
8. A savoury dish eaten with roasted or steamed chicken.
9. Thin rice vermicelli noodles served in a gravy inspired by Thai flavours.
10. A flatbread dish usually eaten with curry, found in most Asian countries.

### TIP FOR PARENTS

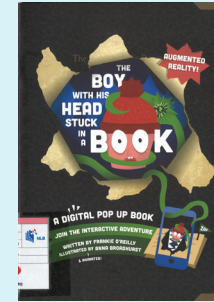
Use these words as prompts for you and your child to share your experiences of Singapore's famous foods.

Answers  
1. Laksa 2. Satay 3. Thosai 4. Chili Crab 5. Chicken Rice 6. Mee Siam 7. Roti John 8. Ang Ku Kueh 9. Carrot Cake 10. Radish Cake

## SPECIAL COLLECTION

### Augmented Reality

Watch stories come to life with these Augmented Reality books! Follow the instructions in these books and be immersed in the virtual experience.



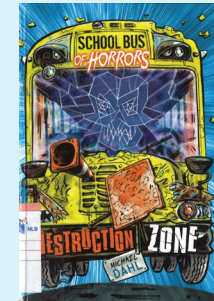
#### The Boy with His Head Stuck in a Book

Author: Frankie O'Reilly  
Call No.: JP ORE  
Publisher: Tyne Bridge, 2017



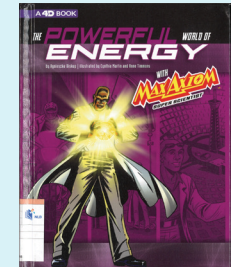
#### Battle of the Pirate Bands: A 4D Book

Author: Michael Anthony Steele  
Call No.: JS STE  
Publisher: Picture Window Books, 2018



#### Destruction Zone: A 4D Book

Author: Michael Dahl  
Call No.: JS DAH  
Publisher: Stone Arch Books, 2019



#### The Powerful World of Energy with Max Axiom, Super Scientist: 4D, An Augmented Reading Science Experience

Author: Agnieszka Biskup  
Call No.: J 531 BIS  
Publisher: Capstone, 2019

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**Create Your Own Adventure**

Take on the role of a curious adventurer in these books! Let your child take the lead in making decisions and discover new stories along the way.



**Kung Fu Kitten**

Authors: Steve Barlow and Steve Skidmore  
 Call No.: JS BAR  
 Publisher: Franklin Watts, 2018



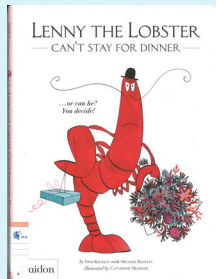
**King Arthur**

Authors: Steve Barlow and Steve Skidmore  
 Call No.: JS BAR  
 Publisher: Franklin Watts, 2018



**Dwight the Knight**

Author: Marie Morey  
 Call No.: JP MOR  
 Publisher: Auzou Books, 2019



**Lenny the Lobster Can't Stay for Dinner**

Authors: Finn Buckley and Michael Buckley  
 Call No.: J BUC  
 Publisher: Phaidon, 2019

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**START YOUNG WITH MOTHER TONGUE**

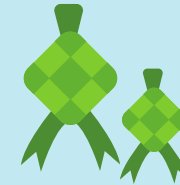


**Malay Language Reading Club**

Check out our Malay Language Reading Club, Kelab Membaca Wira Pintar, which aims to inculcate the love of reading books in the Malay language among children aged 7 to 10 years old.

Your child will:

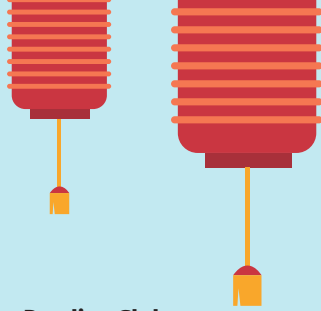
- Read picture books aloud in a group
- Participate in hands-on book-related activities
- Obtain specially curated Malay titles



**Tamil Language Reading Club**

Held twice a year over 8 consecutive weeks, the Book Rangers Club aims to instil the love of reading Tamil Junior books via comprehensive lesson plans which include reading and writing exercises, story discussions, book crafts and more. The club is suitable for children aged 7 to 10 years old.





**Chinese Language Reading Club**

Junior Avid Readers is a Chinese reading club for children aged 7 to 9 years old. Held on a monthly basis, it aims to promote the love of reading in the Chinese language through an hour of storytelling and fun-filled activities.

Your child will:

- Be enthralled by stories of various genres
- Interact with other children and make new friends
- Partake in book-related activities



Visit [go.gov.sg/nlb-childrenandteens](http://go.gov.sg/nlb-childrenandteens) for more information on the Mother Tongue Languages reading clubs and language services.



**MONSTERS UNITED**

*Monsters United* is a quartet of loveable monsters that aims to ignite the joy of reading and learning in children aged 7 to 9. Comprising adventurous Hutsy, fantastical Camy, techy Zecky and spooky Rooky, *Monsters United* expands children’s reading appetites by introducing them to different genres, and engaging children and their communities with library programmes and experiences.



**Rooky**

“I love spooky tales!”

**Camy**

“I love fantasy!”

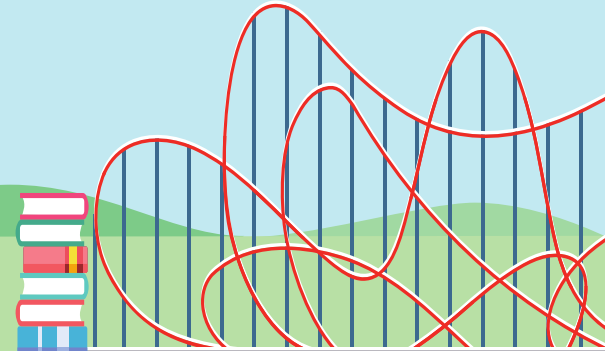
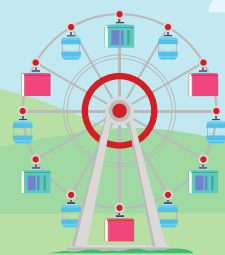
**Hutsy**

“I love a good adventure!”

**Zecky**

“I love science and technology!”

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