THE LINE TENDER
KATE ALLEN  XFIGU ALLEN K
Lucy was seven when her marine biologist mother died researching sharks. A new tragedy inspires Lucy to begin her own research off the coast of her Rockport, Massachusetts home.

DOGS OF THE DEADLANDS
ANTHONY MCGOWAN  XFIGU MCGOWAN A
The 1986 Chernobyl nuclear plant meltdown caused families to flee their homes, leaving their pets behind. How will Zoya and her pups survive as wild beasts emerge from the surrounding forest to reclaim the area?

EVERY BIRD A PRINCE
JENN REESE  XFIGU REESE J
While her friends are busy with crushes, seventh-grader Erin is decidedly not interested. She rescues a bird prince and helps him defeat creatures that feed on self-doubt in this eco-fantasy about being true to yourself.

SAVI AND THE MEMORY KEEPER
BIJAL VACHHARAJANI  XFIGU VACHHARAJANI B
After the sudden death of her father, Savi and her family move from big city Delhi to rural Shajarpur. There she bonds with an ancient tree in her backyard, joins the local environmental club, and tries to avoid bullying by the “cool kids” at her new school.

THE YEAR WITHOUT A SUMMER: A NOVEL
ARLENE MARK  XFIGU MARK A
Two disasters bring together teens Clara and Jamie, first as enemies and eventually as friends. A volcanic eruption brings snow in June, and Hurricane Maria brings mass destruction to Puerto Rico.
GLOBAL
EOIN COLFER  XU 741.5973 GLOBAL
Sami lives by the Bay of Bengal, and Yuki resides in Northern Canada. Despite the distance, both teens’ lives are affected by climate change in this graphic novel told in alternating voices.

SKY WOLF’S CALL: THE GIFT OF INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE
ELDON YELLOWHORN  XU 500.8997 YEL
Learn how Indigenous Peoples have used oral traditions to pass down knowledge about plants, animals, the sky, and the land for thousands of years.

RESTORING PRAIRIE, WOODS, AND POND: HOW A TRAIL CHANGED A SCHOOL AND A SMALL TOWN
LAURIE LAWLO  XU 333.72097 LAW
A small Wisconsin community restores public land that had become a dump. They create a trail between a school and library that traverses three ecosystems and provides a model for others.

CHANGING WORLD: COLD DATA FOR A WARMING PLANET
DAVID GIBSON  XU 363.73874 GIB
This book uses bold infographics to provide a comprehensive overview of climate change and suggests effective ways in which individuals can help make a difference.

BUSHCRAFT KID: SURVIVE IN THE WILD AND HAVE FUN DOING IT!
DAN WOWAK  XU 613.69 WOW
Learn to build a fire, make a shelter, tie knots, cook an outdoor meal, and more from expert survivalist Dan Wowak.
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SOMETHING LIKE HOME
ANDREA BEATRIZ ARANGO  XFICU ARANGO A
Laura blames herself for the 911 call that landed her in foster care and her parents in rehab. She hatches a plan to visit them by training a stray dog to become a certified therapy dog.

STRANGE BIRDS: A FIELD GUIDE TO RUFFLING FEATHERS
CELIA C PÉREZ  XFICU PÉREZ C
Four very different girls band together to form their own club in protest of a local group’s tradition of using unethically sourced feathers in its pageant.

HAMRA AND THE JUNGLE OF MEMORIES
HANNA ALKAF  XFICU HANNA ALKAF
After Hamra steals fruit from the jungle to treat her ailing grandmother, she must restore balance in this Malaysian folktale version of Little Red Riding Hood.

ONCE THERE WAS
KIYASH MONSEF  XFICU MONSEF K
Iranian American Marjan finds out her deceased father was a vet for magical creatures when the secret society he worked for contacts her to take his place.

AN ELEPHANT IN THE GARDEN
MICHAEL MORPURGO  XFICU MORPURGO M
Elizabeth’s zookeeper mother smuggles home an elephant named Marlene after being told to shoot the animal before the bombing of Dresden in 1944 Germany.

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THE AMERICAN BISON: THE BUFFALO’S SURVIVAL TALE
ANDY HIRSCHE XU 599.643 HIR
History Comics present the epic tale of the American bison, from a species near extinction to its hard earned comeback on the American prairie.

RIDE ON
FAITH ERIN HICKSXU 741.5971 RIDE
Victoria has been horseback riding competitively so long she has completely lost sight of why she started in the first place. Can she ever capture the love of riding again?

FROGS: AWESOME AMPHIBIANS
LIZ PRINCE XU 597.8 PRI
This latest installment of Science Comics dives into all kinds of amazing frog facts, from teeny tadpoles to lily pad leapers and everything in between.

THE LADY AND THE OCTOPUS
DANNA STAÅFXU 92 VILLEPREUX-POWER J
Discover the remarkable story of how Jeanne Villepreux-Power, born in a rural French village during the French Revolution invented the aquarium and made a huge impact on marine biology.

WHAT THE DOG KNOWS
CAT WARREN XU 636.70886 WAR
Solo, a puppy, is aggressive towards other dogs but displays incredible sniffing abilities in the young reader’s adaptation of the 2013 book about a puppy trained as a cadaver search-and-rescue dog.
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A PLACE AT THE TABLE
SAADIA FARUQI  XIFICU FARUQI S
Two sixth-graders, one Pakistani American and the other Jewish, meet in cooking club and collaborate to create a new recipe while facing xenophobia from classmates.

SLIDER
PETE HAUTMAN  XIFICU HAUTMAN P
David is training to compete in the Super Pigerino pizza eating contest to earn back the money he accidently spent on his mom’s credit card while navigating the weirdness growing between his two best friends.

KRISTA KIM-BAP
ANGELA AHN  XIFICU AHN A
Krista and Jason have been friends forever, but that is changing as fifth grade comes to a close. Becoming the class unofficial “Korean Ambassador” for their Heritage Month assignment is making Krista uncomfortable.

THE TRUTH ABOUT TWINKIE PIE
KAT YEH  XIFICU YEH K
GiGi has been raised by her older sister DiDi since her mother died. Their fortune starts looking up when her sister wins $1 million in a cooking contest in this recipe-filled story about family.

OUTSIDE NOWHERE
ADAM BORBA  XIFICU BORBA A
After yet another prank gone wrong, Parker is sent to work on an unusual farm that grows radishes that are not to be eaten and raises goats that can float. After finding a cow on the roof, he suspects there is magic at work.

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VOYAGE DE GOURMET
PAUL TOBIN  XU 741.5973 VOYAGE
In this graphic novel, two former best friends are paired together to compete in a TV cooking reality show called “Voyage de Gourmet” that takes them across the globe.

FOOD FIGHT! A MOUTHWATERING HISTORY OF WHO ATE WHAT AND WHY THROUGH THE AGES
TANYA WENMAN STEEL  XU 641.3009 STE
Use this guide to take a historical food tour complete with recipes which span from prehistoric and ancient cultures of Egypt, Greece, and Rome all the way into...the future!

AROUND THE WORLD VEGAN COOKBOOK
NIKI WEBSTER  XU 641.5636 WEB
“Rebel Recipes” food blogger Niki Webster collects 75 international vegan recipes for teens. From no-meat chili nachos to truffles, there is something new to try.

GARBAGE NIGHT
JEN LEE  XU 741.5973 GARBAGE
Three unlikely animal friends - a dog, a deer and a racoon - scavenge for food in an abandoned neighborhood hoping against hope that the legendary “garbage night” will once again occur.

BAKE IT: 150 FAVORITE RECIPES FROM BEST-LOVED DK COOKBOOKS
DK PUBLISHING  XU 641.5123
Novice to expert teen bakers will find something new to learn in this collection of over 150 recipes for sweet and savory treats.

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