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STOWAWAY DHN DAVID ANDERSON	Stowaway John David Anderson – SCIENCE FICTION, ADVENTURE When aliens come to Earth to harvest a rare and mysterious mineral, humanity is swept up in a war between alien species. On an expedition through space, human Leo's scientist father is kidnapped, and Leo must stow away on a space pirate ship and beg the captain for help. There, he finds that the difference between friends and enemies is not at all clear. Available Formats: Book • Playaway • Overdrive/Libby eBook • Overdrive/Libby eAudio	 WANT MAYBE NOT INTERESTED
ACROSS THE DESERT BUILT BUILT BUILT	Across the Desert Dusti Bowling – ADVENTURE While using a public library computer to find help for her mother who is addicted to pain medicine, twelve-year-old Jolene witnesses a friend's livestreamed crash- landing in the Arizona desert and embarks on a journey to rescue her. Available Formats: Book • Overdrive/Libby eBook • Overdrive/Libby eAudio • Hoopla eAudio	WANT MAYBE NOT INTERESTED
INDIA HILL BROWN THE GATARRES IN THE THE	The Girl in the Lake India Hill Brown – HORROR After failing a swim test, Celeste's family expects her to learn to swim during a stay at the lakehouse of her grandparents, who grew up in a time of segregated public pools. But conquering her fear of swimming becomes the least of her problems when spooky things begin to happen, and she looks into a steamy mirror and sees her face, but twisted, differentWho is the girl in the mirror? And what does she want? Available Formats: Book • Hoopla eAudio	 WANT MAYBE NOT INTERESTED

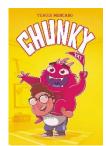
	The Light in Hidden Places Sharon Cameron – HISTORICAL FICTION Based on a true story, this is the tale of Stefania, a Polish teen who risks everything to hide her friend Max and twelve more Jews from Hitler. Lack of food, unwanted flirtations from Nazi soldiers, and a 6-year-old sister to care for won't stop her from doing what's righteven when two Nazis start living in her house right below the hiding place. Available Formats: Book • Overdrive/Libby eBook • Overdrive/Libby eAudio • Hoopla eAudio	WANT MAYBE NOT INTERESTED
LIVING VIOLA VIOLA ECCLA FUNC	Living with Viola Rosena Fung – GRAPHIC NOVEL, REALISTIC FICTION Livy's anxiety and self-esteem struggles manifest as Viola, a shadowy twin that only Livy can see or hear. Livy tries to push back against Viola's relentless judgment as she finally makes some friends at school. But when tensions arise, Viola grows stronger than ever. Only when Livy learns how to ask for help can she finally figure out how to live with Viola. Available Formats: Book	WANT MAYBE NOT INTERESTED
	Rivals Tommy Greenwald – SPORTS, REALISTIC FICTION A fierce basketball rivalry between two middle schools, Walthorne North and Walthorne South, puts immense pressure on the players, including captains Austin and Carter. But when student reporter Alfie blows open the story of a cheating scandal, the whole season is jeopardized. Available Formats: <u>Book</u>	WANT MAYBE NOT INTERESTED
A Face or and the second secon	A Face for Picasso: Coming of Age with Crouzon Syndrome Ariel Henley – NONFICTION, MEMOIR Ariel and her twin sister Zan have Crouzon syndrome, a rare condition that, all through their childhoods, required doctors to break the bones in their heads and faces to make room for their growing organs. But their physical pain was nothing compared to the emotional toll of navigating life with a facial disfigurement. Ariel explores identity, resilience, and unfair beauty standards in this unflinching Available Formats: Book • Overdrive/Libby eBook • Overdrive/Libby eAudio	WANT MAYBE NOT INTERESTED

THY TAIL GOG A DECEPTION DERON HICKS	The Van Gogh Deception Deron R. Hicks – MYSTERY, ADVENTURE A boy with no memory teams up with his new friend Camille for a high-stakes race through Washington DC's National Gallery in search of his origins, and the two soon find themselves as the last line of defense against one of the greatest art frauds ever attempted. Available Formats: Book • Overdrive/Libby eBook • Overdrive/Libby eAudio • Hoopla eBook • Hoopla eAudio	WANT MAYBE NOT INTERESTED
THE LAT CUENTIST CUENTIST CUENTIST CUENTIST CUENTIST	The Last Cuentista Donna Barba Higuera – SCIENCE FICTION Hundreds of years after Earth is destroyed, Petra wakes to a new planetand the discovery that she is the only person who remembers Earth. A sinister Collective has come to rule the survivors' ship during its journey. Petra alone now carries the stories of our past, and with them, any hope for our future. Can she make them live again? Available Formats: Book • Playaway • Overdrive/Libby eBook • Overdrive/Libby eAudio • Hoopla eBook • Hoopla eAudio	WANT MAYBE NOT INTERESTED
RED. WHITE, and WHOLE	Red, White, and Whole Rajani LaRocca – NOVEL IN VERSE, HISTORICAL FICTION In 1983, Reha feels torn between the worlds of her Indian immigrant parents and her American friends, especially when she doesn't meet her parents' traditional expectations. But when her mother gets seriously ill, Reha is determined to make her well again. She'll be the perfect daughter, if it means saving her mother's life. Available Formats: Book • Overdrive/Libby eBook • Overdrive/Libby eAudio • Hoopla eAudio	WANT MAYBE NOT INTERESTED
A LOT, A	 Thanks a Lot, Universe Chad Lucas – REALISTIC FICTION When anxious overthinker Brian is placed in temporary foster care, life seems bleak and Brian's basketball teammate Ezra is the only one who is nice to him. But Ezra worries that people will realize his secret: he has a crush on Brian. Both boys have to decide if they're willing to risk sharing parts of themselves they'd rather hide. But if they can be brave, they might just find the best in themselvesand each other. Available Formats: Book • Overdrive/Libby eBook • Overdrive/Libby eAudio • Hoopla eBook 	WANT MAYBE NOT INTERESTED



STACY MCANULTY

Year of the Reaper Makiia Lucier – FANTASY, MYSTERY □ WANT Having survived war, plague, and imprisonment, Cas, a young lord, can finally return home, where he hopes to forget his trauma and shake the ghosts he sees MAYBE everywhere. But when an assassin targets the new gueen and her baby, Cas is drawn down the trail of a terrible secret--one that could plunge the kingdom back into war. □ NOT INTERESTED Available Formats: Book • Overdrive/Libby eBook • Overdrive/Libby eAudio Millionaires for the Month Stacy McAnulty – HUMOR, REALISTIC FICTION WANT When Felix and Benji find a wallet belonging to billionaire Laura Friendly, they are celebrated for returning it. Only Laura knows that Benji "borrowed" \$20. She MAYBE decides to punish them with a game: they have thirty days to spend over \$5 million. They can't tell anyone, and there are lots of other rules. If they succeed, NOT INTERESTED they each get \$10 million to spend however they want. Sounds easy, right? Not exactly... Available Formats: Book • Overdrive/Libby eAudio



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Yehudi Mercado – GRAPHIC NOVEL, HUMOR	WANT
Hudi needs to lose weight, according to his doctors, so his parents push him to try	
out for sports. Hudi would rather do anything else, but then he meets Chunky, his	MAYBE
imaginary friend and mascot, who cheers Hudi on in his ill-fated attempts at	
athleticism, and encourages him to discover what hobby he truly loves.	NOT INTERESTED
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DANIEL NAYERI VERVIE

Everything Sad is Untrue Daniel Nayeri – REALISTIC FICTION, MYTHOLOGY □ WANT Khosrou (whom everyone calls Daniel) tells the story of his family's escape from Iran and life as refugees in Oklahoma, woven together with Persian myth and MAYBE stories from his family's history. How much of it is true? Reality and fiction collide as Daniel stakes a claim to his own truth. □ NOT INTERESTED

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	Better with Butter Victoria Piontek – REALISTIC FICTION Marvel, a girl with anxiety disorder, finds an unlikely friend in the form of an adorable fainting goat. Everything is better with Butter by her side, and she starts to imagine a life in which she doesn't have to be so afraid until she's told she might have to give up Butter forever. Available Formats: Book • Overdrive/Libby eBook • Hoopla eAudio	WANT MAYBE NOT INTERESTED
SPin with me	Spin with Me Ami Polonsky – ROMANCE, REALISTIC FICTION Essie is dreading the 110 days she must spend living in an unfamiliar new town until she meets charming and confident Ollie, who is nonbinary. Meanwhile, Ollie is working through complicated feelings about advocating for LGBTQ+ rights while developing their own crush on Essie. Can the two unwind their merry-go-round of feelings before Essie needs to move back home for good? Available Formats: Book • Hoopla eAudio	WANT MAYBE NOT INTERESTED
CHARACTER STATES	The Oddmire: Changeling William Ritter – FANTASY Twins Tinn and Cole know that one of them is a Changelinga goblin disguised as a humanbut they don't know which of them it is. When called to be protectors of magic, they must leave home and risk their lives in the Wild Wood, journeying through the Deep Dark to reach the goblin horde and uncover who they truly are. Available Formats: <u>Book • Overdrive/Libby eBook</u> • <u>Hoopla eBook</u> • <u>Hoopla eAudio</u>	WANT MAYBE NOT INTERESTED
	Children of the Fox Kevin Sands – ADVENTURE, FANTASY Five young criminals are hired to steal a heavily guarded treasure from the most powerful sorcerer in the city. But as conman Callan has been warned, magic can turn on you at any timemaking you into the victim of the con. Can the friends pull off this legendary heist, or has their luck finally run out? Available Formats: Book • Overdrive/Libby eBook • Overdrive/Libby eAudio	WANT MAYBE NOT INTERESTED

	 I Must Betray You Ruta Sepetys – HISTORICAL FICTION Romania, 1989. During the Communist dictatorship of Nicolae Ceauşescu, 17-year-old Cristian is blackmailed by the secret police to spy on the son of an American diplomat. He's left with only two choices: betray everyone and everything he lovesor use his position to undermine an evil dictator. Available Formats: Book • Overdrive/Libby eBook • Overdrive/Libby eAudio 	WANT MAYBE NOT INTERESTED
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	Leonard (My Life as a Cat) Carlie Sorosiak – ANIMAL FICTION, SCIENCE FICTION Leonard the cat has a secret: he's not really a cat at all, but an alien who crashed to Earth. Luckily, he's adopted by a nice girl named Olive. But if he can't get from South Carolina to Yellowstone National Park by the end of the month, he'll never get to go home. Available Formats: <u>Book</u> • <u>Hoopla eAudio</u>	WANT MAYBE NOT INTERESTED
Prove years - Ret Bark	The Outlaws Scarlett and Browne Jonathan Stroud – ADVENTURE, DYSTOPIAN Scarlett McCain is an outlaw on the run from her latest crime when she meets Albert Browne, the sole survivor of a horrific accident. As they flee together across the wilds, fighting off monstrous beasts and dodging their pursuers, Scarlett comes to realize that Albert is hiding a terrible secretand that he may be the most dangerous threat of all. Available Formats: Book • Overdrive/Libby eBook • Overdrive/Libby eAudio	WANT MAYBE NOT INTERESTED





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