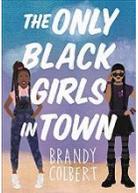


## 2020 LIBRARIAN FAVORITES: GRADES 4-6



***Eva Evergreen, Semi-Magical Witch*** by Julie Abe

Eva must travel to a seaside town to complete her training and earn the rank of Adept Witch before her thirteenth birthday, or be banned from using magic forever.



***The Only Black Girls in Town*** by Brandy Colbert

In a predominately white California beach town, the only two black seventh-graders, Alberta and Edie, find hidden journals that uncover family secrets and speak to race relations in the past.



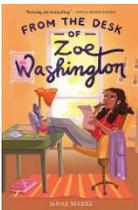
***Hide and Seeker*** by Daka Hermon

Something is wrong with Zee, who has returned after a year's absence; nobody knows where he was or what happened to him, but now he is distracted and violent, freaking out when he sees his friends, Justin, Nia, and Lyric, playing an odd game of hide-and-seek, and talking wildly about some danger that is approaching--and soon his friends are pulled into a shadowy world ruled by a monstrous, shape-shifting Seeker.



***The Boys in the Back Row*** by Mike Jung

Best friends Matt and Eric are hatching a plan for one big final adventure together before Eric moves away: during the marching band competition at a Giant Amusement Park, they will sneak away to a nearby comics convention and meet their idol--a famous comic creator. Without cell phones. Or transportation. Or permission.



***From the Desk of Zoe Washington*** by Janae Marks

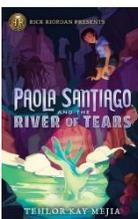
Avid baker Zoe isn't sure what to write. What does a girl say to the father she's never met, hadn't heard from until his letter arrived on her twelfth birthday, and who's been in prison for a terrible crime? A crime he says he never committed.

Could Marcus really be innocent? Zoe is determined to uncover the truth.



***The Queen Bee and Me*** by Gillian McDunn

Meg has always found comfort in her best friend Beatrix's shadow. Self-assured Beatrix is the one who makes decisions, and the girls have been a pair since kindergarten. But middle school has brought some changes in Beatrix, especially when Meg tries to step outside her role as sidekick. Is being Beatrix's friend worth turning down the possibility of finding her own voice?



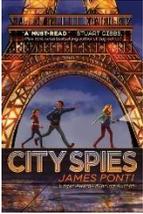
***Paola Santiago and the River of Tears*** by Tehlor Kay Mejia

In Silver Springs, Arizona, her mother's stories of the monstrous La Llorona are thrilling but unbelievable to science-loving Paola until she and her best friends Dante and Emma take a walk through a cactus field near the Gila River. First in a series.



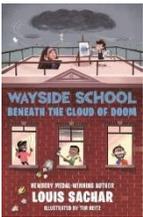
**Chirp** by Kate Messner

When Mia moves to Vermont, she's recovering from the broken arm she got falling off a balance beam and a secret she'd rather forget. Mia's change in scenery brings good changes, but her Gram is convinced someone is trying to destroy her cricket farm. Is it sabotage or is Gram's thinking impaired from the stroke she suffered months ago? Mia and her friends set out to investigate, but can they uncover the truth in time to save Gram's farm? And will that discovery empower Mia to confront the secret she's been hiding--and find the courage she never knew she had?



**City Spies** by James Ponti

Sara Martinez is facing years in the juvenile detention system for hacking into the foster care computer system to prove that her foster parents are crooks. But then she gets a second chance when a mysterious man offers her a chance to join a group of MI6 affiliated spies. First in a series.



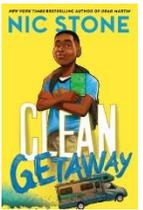
**Wayside School Beneath the Cloud of Doom** by Louis Sachar

Follows the adventures and misadventures of students and staff of Wayside School as they scramble to prepare for the all-important Ultimate Test. But meanwhile, there is a mysterious Cloud of Doom looming above them... Fourth in a series.



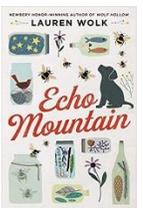
**The List of Things That Will Not Change** by Rebecca Stead

Despite her parents' divorce, her father's coming out as gay, and his plans to marry his boyfriend, ten-year-old Bea is reassured by her parents' unconditional love, excited about getting a stepsister, and haunted by something she did last summer at her father's lake house.



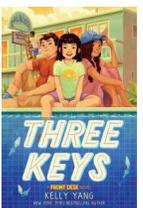
**Clean Getaway** by Nic Stone

Scoob Lamar can't stay out of trouble, and when his spring break is canceled, he jumps at the chance to take an impromptu secret trip with his G'ma. However, he's about to discover that the world hasn't always been a welcoming place for kids like him, and things aren't always what they seem--his G'ma included.



**Echo Mountain** by Lauren Wolk

When the Great Depression takes almost everything they own, Ellie's family is forced to leave their home in town and start over in the untamed forests of nearby Echo Mountain. But there is little joy, even for Ellie, as her family struggles with the aftermath of an accident that has left her father in a coma. An accident unfairly blamed on Ellie.



**Three Keys: A Front Desk Novel** by Kelly Yang

Mia Tang thinks she's going to have the best year ever. She and her parents are the proud owners of the Calivista Motel, Mia gets to run the front desk with her best friend, Lupe, and she's finally getting somewhere with her writing! But as it turns out, sixth grade is no picnic. Second in a series.