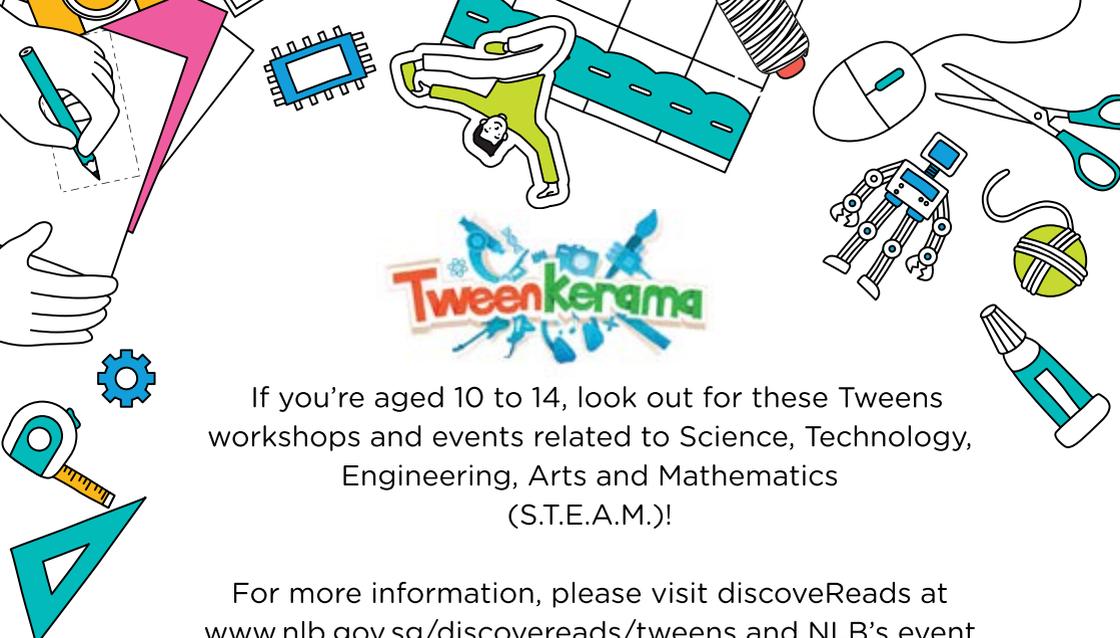


# SUGGESTED READS

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If you're aged 10 to 14, look out for these Tweens workshops and events related to Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (S.T.E.A.M.)!

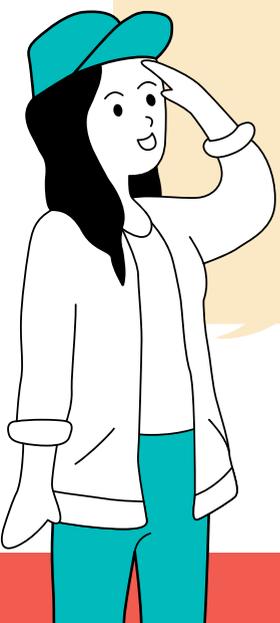
For more information, please visit discoverReads at [www.nlb.gov.sg/discovereads/tweens](http://www.nlb.gov.sg/discovereads/tweens) and NLB's event portal at [www.nlb.gov.sg/golibrary](http://www.nlb.gov.sg/golibrary).

**Tweens STEAM Lab (Nov)**

The Tweens S.T.E.A.M. Lab is an annual event with a variety of exciting hands-on and experiential learning activities.

**Tweenkerama Workshops (Mar, Jun, Nov, Dec)**

The workshops aim to provide tweens with a safe environment to explore and learn through a series of exciting workshops related to S.T.E.A.M. subjects such as augmented reality, coding and digital photography.



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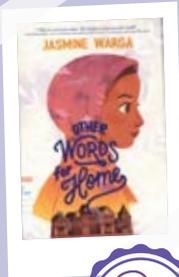
# OVERCOMING FEAR



**Title:** The Mystery of the Colour Thief  
**Author:** Ewa Jozefkowicz  
**Call No.:** J JOZ

After a frightening car accident, Izzy's mum is in a coma. Her family is in pieces. Her best friend at school has dumped her. And her nightmares are haunted by a shadowy man stealing all the colours from her world. She's trying so hard to be brave, but Izzy thinks everything is her fault. Then she meets her new neighbour, Toby, paralyzed after a skateboarding accident, and together they find a nest of cygnets who need rescuing. Particularly the odd one out, called Spike. Will saving Spike save Izzy? Will she and Toby solve the mystery of the colour thief and bring hope and happiness back to Izzy's life? Written with insight, compassion and empathy - an authentic story about real life and how to survive it.

Publisher: Zephyr, 2018 | From: [www.headofzeus.com](http://www.headofzeus.com)



**Title:** Other Words for Home   
**Author:** Jasmine Warga  
**Call No.:** J WAR

Jude never thought she'd be leaving her beloved older brother and father behind, all the way across the ocean in Syria. But when things in her hometown start becoming volatile, Jude and her mother are sent to live in Cincinnati with relatives.

At first, everything in America seems too fast and too loud. The American movies that Jude has always loved haven't quite prepared her for starting school in the US - and her new label of "Middle Eastern", an identity she's never known before.

But this life also brings unexpected surprises - there are new friends, a whole new family, and a school musical that Jude might just try out for. Maybe America, too, is a place where Jude can be seen as she really is.

Publisher: Balzer + Bray, 2019 | From: [www.harpercollins.com](http://www.harpercollins.com)



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**Title:** Utomia: The Legend Beyond  
**Authors:** Caitlin Scholl and Neil Mullins  
**Call No.:** J SCH

*Utomia: The Legend Beyond* is the story of Laoch, a talented young lizard uninspired by the slow pace of his small farming community. Laoch spends his time building a secret fort with his brother and two best friends and daydreaming about life in the fabled city of Utomia.

But everything changes when Laoch leads his friends through a series of scientific experiments and something goes drastically awry. A plume of magical purple smoke begins to rise from their village and the greatest powers of the world - including the Utomian Army - take note, quickly mobilising toward the boys' small town.

Publisher: Adaptive Books, 2018 | From: Book cover



**Title:** Amazing Expeditions: Journeys that Changed the World  
**Author:** Anita Ganeri  
**Call No.:** J 910.92 GAN

Throughout history, explorers have bravely ventured out into the unknown to discover new lands, seek treasure, make scientific discoveries, or simply achieve something that's never been done before. *Amazing Expeditions* will take readers on a thrilling voyage over land, sea, sky, and space.

Publisher: Ivy Kids, 2019 | From: [www.quartoknows.com](http://www.quartoknows.com)





## UNIT 2

# OVERCOMING ODDS



**Title:** Nevermoor: The Trials of Morrigan Crow   
**Author:** Jessica Townsend  
**Call No.:** J TOW

Morrigan Crow is cursed. Having been born on Eventide, the unluckiest day for any child to be born, she's blamed for all local misfortunes, from hailstorms to heart attacks - and, worst of all, the curse means that Morrigan is doomed to die at midnight on her eleventh birthday.

But as Morrigan awaits her fate, a strange and remarkable man named Jupiter North appears. Chased by black-smoke hounds and shadowy hunters on horseback, he whisks her away into the safety of a secret, magical city called Nevermoor.

Publisher: Little, Brown and Company, 2017 | From: [www.lbyr.com](http://www.lbyr.com)



**Title:** The House on Silat Road  
**Authors:** Sim Ee Waun and Si-Hoe S.S.  
**Call No.:** J SING SIM

Set in World War II Singapore, *The House on Silat Road* tells the adventures and experiences of nine-year-old Sing and her family during the Japanese Occupation. Barely have they moved into their big new house on a hill which Father built, that the first Japanese bombs fall on Singapore and their idyllic life is turned upside down.

Publisher: Pepper Dog, 2018 | From: [www.pepperdogpress.com](http://www.pepperdogpress.com)



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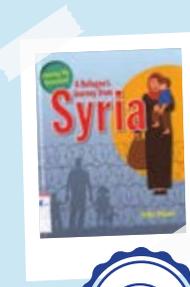


**Title:** Planet Earth is Blue  
**Author:** Nicole Panteleakos  
**Call No.:** J PAN

Twelve-year-old Nova is eagerly awaiting the launch of the space shuttle Challenger - it's the first time a teacher is going into space, and kids across America will watch the event on live TV in their classroom. Nova and her big sister, Bridget, share a love of astronomy and the space program. They planned to watch the launch together. But Bridget has disappeared, and Nova is in a new foster home.

While foster families and teachers dismiss Nova as severely autistic and nonverbal, Bridget understands how intelligent and special Nova is, and all that she can't express. As the liftoff draws closer, Nova's new foster family and teachers begin to see her potential, and for the first time, she is making friends without Bridget. But every day, she's counting down to the launch, and to the moment when she'll see Bridget again. Because Bridget said, "No matter what, I'll be there. I promise."

Publisher: Wendy Lamb Books, 2019 | From: [www.penguinrandomhouse.com](http://www.penguinrandomhouse.com)



**Title:** A Refugee's Journey from Syria (Leaving My Homeland)  
**Author:** Helen Mason  
**Call No.:** J 362.7 MAS

Five-year-old Roj's home is bombed during the civil war that has been raging in his homeland of Syria. He and his family are forced to flee the country secretly by boat, and they end up in a camp for refugees in Europe. Interspersed with facts about Syria and its people, this narrative tells a story common to many refugees fleeing the country. The book looks at the efforts being made around the world to assist the millions of refugees. Readers are encouraged to consider how they can help refugees in their communities and around the world.

Publisher: Crabtree, 2017 | From: [www.crabtreebooks.com](http://www.crabtreebooks.com)





## UNIT 3

# PHOTOGRAPHY



**Title: Photo Adventures: Don't Take Photos, Make Photos**  
**Authors: Jan von Holleben and Monte Packham**  
**Call No.: J 770.28 HOL**

*Photo Adventures* is an activity book by photographer and professional fun-maker Jan von Holleben, who reveals the secret to bending reality using nothing more than a smartphone and a playful approach.

Publisher: Thames and Hudson, 2019 | From: [www.thamesandhudson.com](http://www.thamesandhudson.com)



**Title: This is My Eye: A New York Story**  
**Author: Neela Vaswani**  
**Call No.: J VAS**



Take a journey through New York City: shapes, colors, patterns, and people are everywhere - and things look different depending on who is doing the looking.

In this playful, poetic ode to photography and point of view, one young girl captures moments of insight and community in her beloved hometown. This fictional exploration will delight kids and parents in today's world of images and bold self-expression.

Publisher: Candlewick, 2018 | From: [www.penguinrandomhouse.com](http://www.penguinrandomhouse.com)



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**Title: A Photo Journal Mission (Adventures in Makerspace)**  
**Authors: Shannon McClintock Miller and Blake Hoena**  
**Call No.: J MIL**



When you have a problem, where can you go for answers? The library! When Cyrus needs inspiration for a project, he and his friends join Ms Gillian, the Specialist, on another Adventure in Makerspace. Can two nineteenth-century illustrators help them solve a twenty-first-century challenge? Join them to complete a Photo Journal Mission!

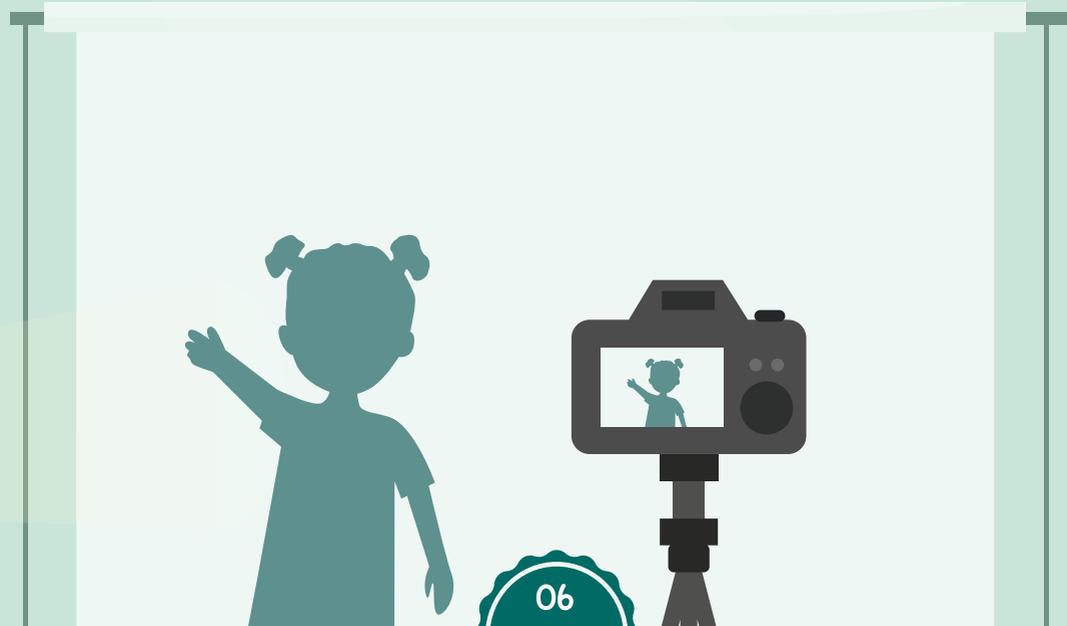
Publisher: Stone Arch Books, 2019 | From: [www.capstonepub.com](http://www.capstonepub.com)



**Title: Photography (Hobby Time!)**  
**Author: Suzie Hubbard**  
**Call No.: J 770 HUB**

A picture is worth a thousand words, and our world is more full of pictures than ever before! Selfies, snapchats, advertisements, news stories - photography is everywhere! Whether silly or serious, photographs are works of art. This introductory guide gives readers the tools, techniques, and knowledge to become masterful photographers. Step-by-step instructions and handy visuals make activities accessible and fun. With every project, readers gain essential skills and confidence. Cool tips encourage readers to express their creativity and find their own style. Anyone can be an artist with this amazing guide to photography!

Publisher: Rosen, 2018 | From: [www.rosenpublishing.com](http://www.rosenpublishing.com)





## UNIT 4



# TRANSPORTATION



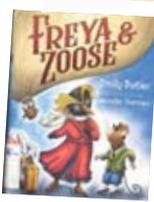
**Title: The Train of Lost Things**  
**Author: Ammi-Joan Paquette**  
**Call No.: J PAQ**

A magical story about a boy's love for his dying father and his journey to the mythic Train of Lost Things, where beloved lost objects are rescued and protected until they can be returned. Perfect for fans of *The Phantom Tollbooth*, *The Bridge to Terabithia*, and *Lost in the Sun*.

Publisher: Philomel Books, 2018 | From: [www.penguinrandomhouse.com](http://www.penguinrandomhouse.com)



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**Title: Freya & Zoose**  
**Author: Emily Butler**  
**Call No.: J BUT**

Freya has always craved – and feared – adventure. Traipsing all over the world is simply not what dignified rockhopper penguins do. But when she hears about Captain Salomon August Andree's hot-air balloon expedition to the North Pole, Freya packs her copy of Hints to Lady Travellers and hops on board.

Only moments after leaving land, Freya discovers a fellow stowaway! Meet Zoose, the scrappy, uncouth mouse whose endless wisecracks and despicable manners makes him a less-than-ideal travel companion.

Publisher: Crown Books for Young Readers, 2019 | From: [www.penguinrandomhouse.com](http://www.penguinrandomhouse.com)



**Title: Weird Transportation Inventions (Wild and Wacky Inventions)**  
**Author: Kate Light**  
**Call No.: J 629.04 LIG**

People don't often think about how they get from one place to another, but somewhere along the line, someone spent a lot of time coming up with the idea for that car, train, or bus. For all the modes of transportation we see and use every day, there are countless others that are less common or didn't take off. Some of these ideas may be hard to believe, but imaginative readers will get to take a ride on these offbeat inventions that, at least at one point in time, actually existed.

Publisher: Gareth Stevens, 2019 | From: [www.garethstevens.com](http://www.garethstevens.com)



**Title: Careers in Self-driving Car Technology (Emerging Tech Careers)**  
**Author: Marty Gitlin**  
**Call No.: J 629.2 GIT**

Readers get acquainted with the people behind today's most cutting-edge technologies in the self-driving car tech field – from bright ideas to cool new products – and inspires readers to consider a high-tech future career. *Careers in Self-driving Car Technology* introduces six exciting careers and features sidebar activities that invite readers to *Imagine That!* and *Dig Deeper!*

Publisher: Cherry Lake, 2018 | From: [www.cherrylakepublishing.com](http://www.cherrylakepublishing.com)





## UNIT 5



# ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION AND AWARENESS



**Title:** Willa of the Wood   
**Author:** Robert Beatty  
**Call No.:** J BEA

Move without a sound. Steal without a trace. Willa, a young nightspirit of the Great Smoky Mountains, is her clan's best thief. She creeps into the homes of day-folk in the cover of darkness and takes what they won't miss. It's dangerous work – the day-folk kill whatever they do not understand. But when Willa's curiosity leaves her hurt and stranded in a day-folk man's home, everything she thought she knew about her people – and their greatest enemy – is forever changed.

Publisher: Disney-Hyperion, 2018 | From: [www.books.disney.com](http://www.books.disney.com)

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**Title:** Swimming Against the Storm  
**Author:** Jess Butterworth  
**Call No.:** J BUT

Twelve-year-old Eliza and her sister Avery have lived their entire lives in a small fishing village on the coast of Louisiana, growing up alongside turtles, pelicans and porpoises. But now, with sea levels rising, their home is at risk of being swept away.

Determined to save the land, Eliza and her younger sister Avery secretly go searching in the swamp for the dangerous, wolf-like loup-garou. If they can prove this legendary creature exists, they're sure that the government will have to protect its habitat – and their community.

But there's one problem: the loup-garou has never been seen before. And with a tropical storm approaching and the sisters deep, deep in the swampland, soon it's not just their home at risk, but their lives as well...

Publisher: Orion Children's Books, 2019 | From: [www.jessbutterworth.com](http://www.jessbutterworth.com)



**Title:** Gareth's Guide to Saving the Environment  
**Author:** Jill Keppeler  
**Call No.:** J 363.7 KEP

"Save Earth!" If that sounds daunting, look no further. There are things we can all do each day to aid the environmental movement. This comprehensive guide for future environmentalists is an engaging exploration of the race to save habitats, animals, and resources that are currently in peril. Readers will learn about the people who have dedicated their lives to stopping destruction around the globe and about the careers available for those with a passion for our planet. Earth science topics abound in this beautifully designed volume full of significant sidebars, fascinating fact boxes, and interesting infographics.

Publisher: Gareth Stevens, 2019 | From: [www.garethstevens.com](http://www.garethstevens.com)



**Title:** What a Waste  
**Author:** Jess French  
**Call No.:** J 363.7 FRE

Everything you need to know about what we're doing to our environment, good and bad, from pollution and litter to renewable energy and plastic recycling. This environmental book will teach keen young ecologists about how our actions affect planet Earth. Discover shocking facts about the waste we produce and where it goes. Did you know that every single plastic toothbrush ever made still exists? Or that there's a floating mass of rubbish larger than the USA drifting around the Pacific Ocean?

Publisher: Dorling Kindersley, 2019 | From: [www.dk.com](http://www.dk.com)



 This book is also available on eReads at [www.nlb.gov.sg](http://www.nlb.gov.sg).



## UNIT 6

# ASPIRATION/ BULLYING



DEPARTURE



**Title: Squint**  
**Authors: Chad Morris and Shelly Brown**  
**Call No.: J MOR**

Flint loves to draw. In fact, he's furiously trying to finish his comic book so he can be the youngest winner of the "Find a Comic Star" contest. He's also rushing to finish because he has an eye disease that could eventually make him blind.

At school, Flint meets McKell. She's new and doesn't seem to have trouble making friends. She does have a problem with how some of her new friends treat this boy they call "Squint".

He seems nice and really talented. He also seems like the kind of person who wouldn't laugh at you. That's important, because McKell has hidden talents of her own but is worried about what will happen if she shares them.

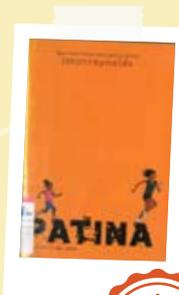
*Squint* is the inspiring story of two new friends dealing with their own challenges who learn to trust each other, believe in themselves, and begin to truly see what matters most.

Publisher: Shadow Mountain, 2018 | From: [www.shadowmountain.com](http://www.shadowmountain.com)

**Title: Start Now!: You Can Make a Difference**  
**Author: Chelsea Clinton**  
**Call No.: J 646.7 CLI**

With information on problems both large and small, Chelsea Clinton breaks down the concepts of health, hunger, climate change, endangered species and bullying, so that readers can understand the world around them, and how they can make a difference in their own lives, as well as in their communities and the world at large.

Publisher: Philomel Books, 2018 | From: [www.penguinrandomhouse.com](http://www.penguinrandomhouse.com)



**Title: Patina**   
**Author: Jason Reynolds**  
**Call No.: J REY**

Ghost. Lu. Patina. Sunny. 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 get their act together. They all have a lot to lose, but they also have a lot to prove, not only to each other, but to themselves.

Publisher: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2017 |  
From: [www.simonandschuster.com](http://www.simonandschuster.com)

**Title: How to Bee**   
**Author: Bren MacDibble**  
**Call No.: J MAC**

Peony lives with her sister and grandfather on a fruit farm outside the city.

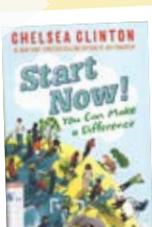
In a world where real bees are extinct, the quickest, bravest kids climb the fruit trees and pollinate the flowers by hand. All Peony really wants is to be a bee. Life on the farm is a scramble, but there is enough to eat and a place to sleep, and there is love.

Then Peony's mother arrives to take her away from everything she has ever known, and all Peony's grit and quick thinking might not be enough to keep her safe.

Publisher: Old Barn Books, 2017 | From: [www.allenandunwin.com](http://www.allenandunwin.com)



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