

—

**YOU ARE  
NOT  
ALONE.  
I'M HERE.**

**MARIAMA  
LOCKINGTON,  
IN THE KEY OF US**

**CONTACT**



503-656-7853



1595 Burns Street  
West Linn, OR 97068



Amy Newman  
Young Teen Librarian  
anewman@westlinnoregon.gov



westlinnlibrary.org

 West Linn Public Library

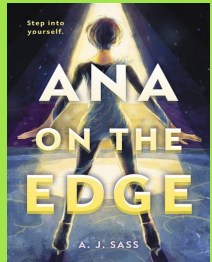
**YOUNG TEENS**

**FRIENDSHIP**



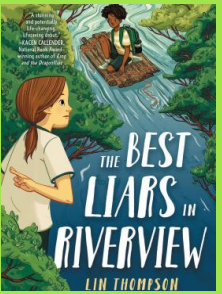
**Ana on the Edge**

*A. J. Sass (YT SASS)*  
Twelve-year-old figure skater Ana strives to win competitions while learning about gender identity—Ana's own and that of a new friend—and how to navigate the best path forward.



**Anybody Here Seen Frenchie?**

*Leslie Connor (YT CONNOR, L)*  
When her best friend Frenchie, who is autistic and doesn't talk, disappears after they encounter a rare piebald deer in the woods, Aurora feels that she's to blame and does everything she can to find him.



**The Best Liars in Riverview**

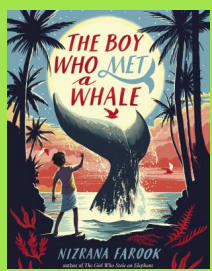
*Lin Thompson (YT THOMPSON, L)*  
While searching the woods that used to be their personal sanctuary, twelve-year-old Aubrey recalls the events and incidents preceding their best friend's disappearance and quietly questions their own gender identity.

**The Boys in the Back Row**

*Mike Jung (YT 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.

**The Boy Who Met a Whale**

*Nizrana Farook (YT FAROOK, N)*  
Sri Lankan fisherboy Raz and his sister are swept into a high-seas adventure when they meet Zheng, who has escaped a shipwreck and is full of tales of sea monsters and missing treasure.



**Chirp**

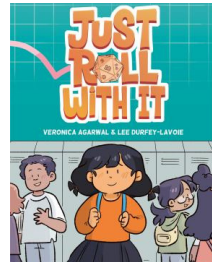
*Kate Messner (YT MESSNER)*  
Moving to Vermont the summer after seventh grade, a young gymnast hides a secret as she makes new friends and investigates her grandmother's claim that someone is trying to destroy her cricket farm.

**Friend Me**

*Sheila M. Averbuch (YT AVERBUCH)*  
Roisin turns to Hailey, her online friend, to escape the constant abuse from a school bully, but Roisin begins to suspect Hailey isn't who she claims she is.

**In the Key of Us**

*Mariama Lockington (YT LOCKINGTON, M)*  
Brought together during summer music camp where they are the only two Black girls, Andi and Zora slowly begin to connect and soon come to realize what has been missing from their lives—each other.



**Just Roll With It**

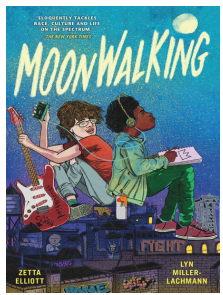
*Lee Durfey-Lavoie (YT GN DURFEY-LAVOIE)*  
Maggie, who struggles with anxiety and OCD, gets through her first year of middle school by making friends, finding the best after-school clubs, and using her twenty-sided dice to help her make decisions.

**Making Friends**

*Kristen Gudsnuk (YT GN GUDSNUK)*  
When she and her friends are placed in different classes and begin exploring separate interests at the start of seventh grade, Danny inherits a magic sketchbook and uses it to create a perfect best friend, with unexpected results.

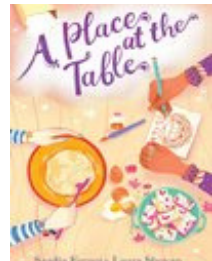
**Moonwalking**

*Zetta Elliott (YT ELLIOTT, Z)*  
When punk rock-loving JJ Pankowski and graffiti artist Pie Velez stumble into an unlikely friendship, they use their love of music and art to get through a tough semester until a run-in with the police changes everything.



**The Order of Things**

*Kaija Langley (YT LANGLEY, K)*  
Eleven-year-old April must come to terms with the sudden death of her best friend, Zee.



**A Place at the Table**

*Saadia Faruqi (YT FARUQI)*  
Sixth-graders Sara, a Pakistani American, and Elizabeth, a Jewish girl, connect in an after school cooking club and bond over food and their mothers' struggles to become United States citizens.

**Pilu of the Woods**

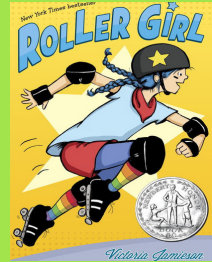
*Mai K. Nguyen (YT GN NGUYEN)*  
Willow, who has been struggling with her emotions since her mother's death, runs away into the woods and meets Pilu, a lost tree spirit who cannot find her way back home.

**Posted**

*John David Anderson (YT ANDERSON, J)*  
When cell phones are banned at their school, Frost and his friends start communicating through sticky notes left all over the school before other kids start following their example, triggering a wave of bullying activities in the wake of a new girl's arrival.

**Roller Girl**

*Victoria Jamieson (YT GN JAMIESON)*  
A graphic novel adventure about a girl who discovers roller derby right as she and her best friend are growing apart.

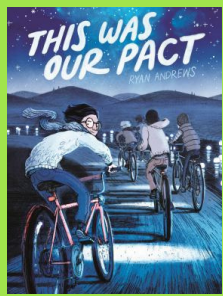


**Super Troop**

*Bruce Hale (YT HALE, B)*  
In retrospect, Cooper acknowledges his escapade at the amusement park wasn't a bright idea, but at the time, he didn't realize it would turn his promising post-sixth-grade "Summer of Awesomeness" upside down. Two years after his parents' divorce, they're united on one thing: their son needs to learn discipline. Suddenly, he and Nacho (his best friend and partner in crime) are reluctantly spending three days a week as members of the local Ranger troop, where an ex-Marine attempts to whip his motley crew into shape while teaching them respect and survival skills. A demanding camping trip tests their mettle and leads Cooper to take an unexpected stand, surprising himself, his friends, and his parents.

**Tangled Up in Luck**

*Merrill Wyatt (YT WYATT, M.)*  
Seventh-graders Sloane and Amelia are devastated to be paired for a research project about long-lost jewels, but soon they are finding clues hidden for nearly a century—and realize they are being used.



**This Was Our Pact**

*Ryan Andrews (YT GN ANDREWS)*  
When their community celebrates the annual Autumn Equinox Festival by lighting paper lanterns and floating them in the river, Ben and the school misfit, Nathaniel, embark on a bicycle trip to discover what happens to the lanterns.

**Warrior Girl**

*Carmen Tafolla (YT TAFOLLA, C)*  
A novel in verse about the joys and struggles of a Chicana girl who is a warrior for her name, her history, and her right to choose what she celebrates in life.