

The ASCEL Committee love books about libraries and here are 20 of our favourites –old and new!

Ron's big mission, Rose Blue, Dutton Books, 2009. Book about a black boy in South Carolina in 1959 wanting to borrow books when only white people are allowed to borrow. (Gill)

Book! Book! Book! Deborah Bruss, Scholastic Hippo, 2002. The animals want to read but can't make the librarian understand them – funny. (Gill)

But excuse me that is my book, Lauren Child, Puffin, 2006. Someone has borrowed Lola's favourite book so she cannot find it in the library. Eventually she is persuaded to try a different book. A charming story that depicts children's experiences of using the library and introduces the concept of trying something new. (Kate)

The legend of Spud Murphy, Eoin Colfer, Puffin, 2005. Brilliantly funny, the librarian fierce and stern keeping her library in order, the children are scared of her, but underneath she just wants them to read and enjoy books like every parent and librarian! Illustrated on every page this is a must for any age and I know it has turned reluctant readers into regular readers and library users, try it! (Chris H)

Maisy Goes to the Library, Lucy Cousins, Walker Books, 2013. Maisy loves all the great things the library has to offer. (Annie)

Matilda, Roald Dahl, Puffin, 2013. No list is complete without Matilda and the librarian who opened Matilda's eyes to a different world and gave her hope. (Sarah)

Wolves, Emily Gravett, Two Hoots, 2015. A fabulous picture book for older readers but possibly a little scary for younger readers. Rabbit goes to the library to borrow a book about wolves. On the way home he is so engrossed in reading the book he doesn't notice what is following him...(Kate)

Library Mouse, Daniel Kirk, Harry N. Abrams Inc, 2010. Sam, the library's resident mouse, starts to write books (I know!) and leaves them on the shelves for the children to find. When the children want to find out who the author is, he is reluctant to reveal his identity so leaves blank books and pencils in a box marked "Meet the author". Crucially there is also a mirror in the box - so the children realise 'the author' is themselves - they can write too. Aww. (Stella)

Library Lion, Michelle Knudsen, Walker Books, 2008. Who would have thought that a lion could be such an indispensable member of the library staff – every library should have one. (Sarah)

The Red Book, Lehman, Barbara, Harcourt, Brace and Company, 2004. A wordless book about the magic of adventure when you open a book. (Gill)

The House of Wisdom, Florence Parry Heide. Dorling Kindersley Publishers, 2000. Picture book for older readers - story of the Early Islamic Empire's dedication to collecting and preserving the world's knowledge. (Gill)

Wanted! Ralfy Rabbit, Book Burglar, Emily MacKenzie, Bloomsbury, 2015. Ralfy loves reading so much he steals other people's books. When he is caught, Arthur introduces him to the LIBRARY, where you can read as many books as you want. Wonderful illustrations – cannot look at the police identity parade without a big grin spreading across my face. (Frances)

Lulu loves the Library, Anna McQuinn, Alanna, 2006. We LOVE little Lulu who has such a great time at her local library. (Sarah)

The Great Piratical Rumbustification, the Librarian and The Robbers Margaret Mahy, Puffin, 1978. Serena Laburnum – a beautiful librarian outwits a band of wicked robbers turning them into outstanding citizens. (Annie)

The Ghost Library, David Melling, Hodder, 2013. A spooky tale of the empty library where ghosts go to listen to stories borrowed by unsuspecting children. (Annie)

Wild about Books, Judy Sierra, Frances Lincoln Children's Books, 2007. The animals in the zoo are introduced to a wonderful new world when the mobile library visits. (Sarah)

It's a book, Lane Smith, Macmillan, 2011. Featuring a monkey who just wants to read, a jackass who only likes technology and a straight talking little mouse, this book will keep you giggling with the jackass' questions of 'Does it tweet?' and the monkey's eternal answer 'No. It's a Book.' A delightful shout-out for books & libraries in a digital age.(Chris M)

Carlo and the Really Nice Librarian, Jessica Spanyol, Walker Books, 2009. All librarians are really NICE! (Annie)

The Library, Sarah Stewart, Bibliophile. Elizabeth Brown starts her own public library to solve the problem of her out-of-control book collection. (Annie)

The librarian of Basra, Jeanette Winter, Harcourt, Brace & Company, 2014. Story of how a librarian saved books during the Iraq war. (Gill)