



**Fearless Females**  
Great books for girls in 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades  
New Lenox Public Library



**Poppy** by Avi

**J AVI**

When Poppy, a young mouse, discovers the truth about the owl that rules the Dimwood Forest, she must embark on a terrifying journey in order to convince her family to leave their home.

**Turn Homeward Hannalee** by Patricia Beatty

**J BEA**

Hannalee and her family have always worked in the Georgia mills. When General Sherman order the workers arrested, she and her brother are sent north. Will they ever make it back home?

**The Secret Garden** by Frances Hodgson Burnett

**J BUR, JP BUR, AUDIO TAPE JF BUR**

After her parents' death, Mary is sent to England to live with her reclusive uncle. In the dark manor house, Mary finds many secrets, including the key to a locked garden.

**Matilda** by Roald Dahl

**J DAH. JP DAH**

Matilda is an exceptional child with amazing abilities. Once she discovers her unique powers, she uses them to punish the horrible adults in her life and to reward the kind ones.

**City of Ember** by Jeanne DuPrau

**J DUP, AUDIO CD JF DUP**

On career day, Lina, who dreams of becoming a messenger, is assigned the pipeworks. She trades jobs with Doon and together they discover information about the failing generator which threatens to send their world into darkness.

**The Breadwinner** by Deborah Ellis

**J ELL, AUDIO TAPE JF ELL**

Under the Taliban, women were nearly forbidden to leave the house. When Parvana's father is arrested, she dares to dressed as a boy in order to make money for her family

**Overboard** by Elizabeth Fama

**J FAM**

When an overcrowded ferry sinks off the coast of Sumatra, Emily, a 14-year old American girl must try to stay alive with no food, no water and no life preserver.

**Our Eleanor** by Candace Fleming

**J B ROO**

This unique biography reveals the fascinating life of Eleanor Roosevelt, the woman who redefined the role of the first lady, in the form of a scrapbook containing artifacts from her life.

**Coraline** by Neil Gaiman

**J GAI, J GN GAI, TEEN GAI**

There's a door that leads to nowhere in Coraline's new house. When Coraline goes through the door, she finds an unusual world. Should she stay? Can she find her way back?

**Running Out of Time** by Mary Peterson Haddix

**JP HAD**

Jessie and her family live in a small village in 1840. When a diphtheria epidemic strikes the town, her mother reveals an amazing secret, forcing Jessie to venture into an unknown world.

**Wait Till Helen Comes** by Mary Downing Hahn **J HAH, JP HAH**  
Molly hates her new stepsister Heather and she hates her new house near an old graveyard. When Heather starts acting strangely, Molly believes that she may be friends with a ghost.

**Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler** by E.L. Konigsburg  
**J KON, JP KON, AUDIO TAPE JF KON**

Claudia is tired of her old life and decides to run away from home. But would a persnickety girl like Claudia sleep outdoors? Never! Instead, she runs away to the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

**Ella Enchanted** by Gail Carson Levine

**J LEV, AUDIO CD JF LEV**

When Ella is born, she receives a fairy "gift" that forces her to be obedient. After her father remarries, Ella's life is turned upside-down, with ogres, princes, stepsisters and a grand adventure.

**Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH** by Robert C. O'Brien

**J OBR, JP OBR, AUDIO CD JF OBR**

Summer is coming and Mrs. Frisby must move her little mouse family to safety. When her youngest son becomes ill, Mrs. Frisby has no choice but to seek

**First Test** by Tamora Pierce

**J PIE, AUDIO CD JF PIE**

It's just not fair! King Jonathan has declared that girls may become knights, but when Kel applies, she is put on probation. Kel must fight to prove herself so that she can get a shot at her dreams.

**The Westing Game** by Ellen Raskin

**J RAS, AUDIO CD JF RAS**

The old Westing mansion has been abandoned for years, but the new residents of Sunset Towers see smoke rising from the chimney. Soon everyone is involved in a wild game of Whodunit as they try to catch the murderer in their midst.

**Becoming Naomi Leon** by Pam Munoz Ryan

**J RYA, AUDIO CD JF RYA**

Naomi is happy living with her Gran and her brother Owen in their trailer in California. When her mother and tries to convince Naomi to live with her, Naomi must make some hard choices.

**To Dance: A Ballerina's Graphic Novel** by Siena Cherson Siegel

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This beautiful graphic novel tells the story of the author, who started studying Ballet at age six and was accepted to the American School of Ballet.

**Heir Apparent** by Vivian Vande Velde

**TEEN VAN**

Welcome to Heir Apparent, a virtual reality game set in the Middle Ages. There are a million ways to die. But when the game machine is damaged, it's not only the character's life that's at stake.

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