



Week 6: Make a Wish & Dreaming Outside the Box!

Booklist

Dreaming outside the box means being open to big dreams and ideas outside our normal way of thinking and dreaming. Making a wish is one way of putting our dreams into words and can be a good start towards achieving your dream. In these stories, people (and animals!) make wishes or take chances in order to make their dreams come true.

The following list is divided by grade level and includes Braille, Large Print, and Digital Books. Many of the books for older readers cross grade levels (example: "For junior and high school readers"), so be sure to look for those crossover books on both "Grades 4-8" and "Grades 9-12" lists.

Some of the Digital Books are only available via download through the BARD download system (<http://nlsbard.loc.gov/>). You may request any of these titles by contacting WTBBL at 206-615-0400 or 1-800-242-0866. If you would like additional titles or suggestions, please contact Mandy Gonnsen, Youth Services Librarian at 206-615-0400 or at mandy.gonnsen@sos.wa.gov

Grades PreK – 3

BR010081 Odds On Oliver by Constance C. Greene

Even in nursery school Oliver knows he wants to grow up to be a hero. Although his dad says he will lay odds on Oliver any day of the week, as Oliver gets older he keeps blowing his chances to be heroic. Instead, people keep rescuing him. He is sat on by the enormous town clerk, he gets stuck in a tree, and he is held hostage in a grocery store robbery. Print/Braille. For grades 3-6. 1996.

BR011039 Burnt Toast on Davenport Street by Tim Egan

Arthur Crandall, a dog, is always burning the toast, but somehow his wife, Stella, has come to like the smell. One morning a fly enters the house and offers Arthur three wishes if he'll just let the fly live. Arthur's wishes are granted, but he and Stella soon long to be back home. Print/Braille. For grades K-3. 1997.

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BR013085 The Magic Nesting Doll by Jacqueline Ogburn

Katya's grandmother gives her a set of four dolls that fit inside one another and will grant wishes three times when the need is great. After learning the tsarevitch (prince) has been changed to ice, Katya turns to the magic dolls to break the spell. Print/Braille. For grades K-3. 2000.

BR015008 Sylvester And The Magic Pebble by William Steig

Frightened by an approaching lion, Sylvester the donkey asks his magic pebble to turn him into a rock. Afterwards, Sylvester is unable to grasp the pebble and wish himself back to normal. Print/Braille. For grades K-3. Caldecott Medal. 1969.

BER00139 / LP009614 Sometimes I Wish by Kelli Foster

Trish the fish and Jim the bird enjoy swimming and flying, but sometimes wish they could exchange places. Rhyming words allow early readers to experience success. Braille. Large Print. Preschool – Grade 2. 1991.

DB042663 I Had A Lot Of Wishes by James Stevenson

When I was young, I had lots of wishes. I wished for something to happen, I wished for something not to happen, or I wished I could get something I didn't have--or at least borrow it. Some wishes were big, and some were small. Then one summer, I wished I could go to camp, and I finally got my wish! But when I got to camp, I had another wish. Digital download only. For grades K-3. 1997.

DB070844 Wishworks, Inc. by Stephanie Tolan

Third-grader Max imagines adventures with a wonderful dog named King. In his dreams Max visits Wishworks, Inc., and wishes for a real, live pooch. But he doesn't foresee a neighbor bringing a ratty stray to his door--and his mother accepting the mutt. Beginning chapter book. Digital download only. For grades 2-4. 2009.

BR016046 / DB052738 Miss Rumphius by Barbara Cooney

Young Alice recounts the life of the Lupine Lady--her great-aunt Alice Rumphius, who, as a little girl, loved the sea, longed to visit faraway places, and

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wished to make the world more beautiful. Print/Braille. Digital download only. For grades K-3. 1982.

LP009108 Three Wishes by Lucille Clifton

When a young girl finds a good luck penny and makes three wishes on it, she learns that friendship is her most valued possession. Large Print. Grades 2-4. 1992.

Grades 4 – 8

BR009967/ DB021758

The Wish Giver: Three Tales Of Coven Tree by Bill Brittain

When a peculiar little man appears at the Coven Tree Church social, promising to give people exactly what they ask for, three young believers-in-magic make wishes that come disastrously true. Sequel to Devil's Donkey (BR 5172). Braille. Digital download only. For grades 4-7. 1983.

BR011864 No Turning Back: A Novel Of South Africa by Beverley Naidoo

Twelve-year-old Sipho decides that he will take his chances on the streets of Johannesburg rather than risk more beatings from his new stepfather. Sipho meets other runaway boys, who teach him the basics of survival. He learns there are worse people than cruel stepfathers, but he also finds reasons to hope for the future. Braille. For grades 5-8. 1997.

BR015300 / LP020841 / DB057805

The Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread by Kate DiCamillo

Despereaux, a small mouse, is condemned to the dungeon for falling in love with human Princess Pea. Despereaux meets the rat, Roscuro, while Mig, an upstairs serving girl, wishes to be a princess, too. All four meet with near disastrous results. Newbery Medal winner. Braille. Large Print. Digital download only. For grades 4-6. 2003.

BR019289 Penny Dreadful by Laurel Snyder

Ten-year-old Penelope Grey is a bored rich kid who wishes for something interesting to happen. And then it does. Her father quits his big-city job, money

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becomes a problem, and the family moves to an inherited house in Tennessee. Braille. For grades 3-6. 2010.

BR017901 Keeping Corner by Kashmira Sheth

Gujarat, India; 1918. As a Brahmin who becomes a child widow, twelve-year-old Leela must remain, or "keep corner," in her family's house for one year. During this time she takes to heart Gandhi's teachings about social change and struggles for the opportunity to continue her education. Braille. For grades 6-9. 2007.

BR012163 / DB048114 Seeing Lessons : The Story of Abigail Carter and America's First School for the Blind by Spring Hermann

1832. Ten-year-old Abigail and her six-year-old sister, Sophia, are among the first students chosen to attend a new school in Boston that is solely for children who are blind. The girls are homesick but thrilled at the chance to learn to read, do math and handicrafts, and play the pianoforte. Braille. Digital download only. For grades 4-7. 2011.

BR009628 / DB038302 Switching Well by Peni R. Griffin

In this time-travel fantasy, two girls from different centuries inadvertently trade places. Sitting by an old well near her San Antonio home in 1891, twelve-year-old Ada wishes herself 100 years into the future. Simultaneously, in 1991, Amber, another discontented twelve-year-old seated at the same well, wishes herself back in time when, she believes, life was easy. Both girls learn that each century has its problems. Braille. Digital download only. For grades 5-8. 2011.

BRW0103 / DBW08085 Grape Thief by Kristine L. Franklin

1925, Roslyn, Washington. Twelve-year-old Slava Petrovich is upset that he must soon leave school to help support the remaining members of his coal mining family. Joining other boys in stealing grapes from a yearly freight train, he and a friend decide that riding the rails back to California might offer them their best chance to find well-paid work. Braille. Digital. Grade 5 through adult. 2003.

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DB040249 Be Careful What You Wish For... by R.L. Stine

Although Samantha Byrd is the tallest person in her class, she's not very good at basketball. In fact, short Judith Bellwood is the star of the team. Judith is constantly making fun of Sam, who is getting more and more upset. When Sam helps an odd woman one afternoon, the woman offers to pay her back by granting three wishes. Still angry with Judith, Sam makes some wishes she soon regrets. Digital download only. For grades 3-6. 2009.

DB047436 The Arabian Nights Retold by Neil Philip

Once there was a king who married a new bride every night and had her beheaded the next morning. When Scheherazade marries this king, she tells him such wonderful stories that he spares her life each day to hear another. Fifteen of her tales are retold here. Digital download only. For grades 4-7. 1994.

DB064087 Ryan and Jimmy: And the Well in Africa That Brought Them Together by Herb Shoveller

Recounts a Canadian first-grader's wish to give Africans clean drinking water and the subsequent creation of the Ryan's Well Foundation. Describes Ryan's trip to Agwego, Uganda, to celebrate the village's first well and to meet his pen pal, Jimmy, who becomes his brother. Digital download only. For grades 3-6 and older readers. 2006.

DB064155

Lugalbanda: The Boy Who Got Caught Up in a War by Kathy Henderson

Little prince Lugalbanda accompanies his seven older and stronger warrior brothers to attack Aratta, but falls ill along the way and nearly dies. Using his wits and courage--and a wish granted by the Anzu bird--Lugalbanda survives and saves the king's army. Ancient Sumerian folktale. Digital download only. For grades 3-6. 2006.

DB066011 Celeste's Harlem Renaissance by Eleanora Tate

1921. Thirteen-year-old Celeste leaves Raleigh, North Carolina, to live with her glamorous aunt Valentina in Harlem, New York. Although her aunt's life is not what Celeste expects, she discovers the vibrant Harlem Renaissance in full

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swing and sees her own opportunity to perform on the violin. Digital download only. For grades 5-8. 2007.

DB072788 Wish by Joseph Monninger

Eleven-year-old Tommy is an avid shark buff who has cystic fibrosis. When his wish foundation's "swim with the sharks" adventure proves a touristy disappointment, his fifteen-year-old sister Bee takes Tommy on a side trip to meet his surfer e-mail buddy and experience a special day. Digital. For grades 6-9. 2010.

LP022936 Wishes, Kisses, and Pigs by Betsy Gould Hearne

After eleven-year-old Louise makes a wish on the first evening star and her brother turns into a pig, she uses wishes, kisses, and spells to try to put things right again. Large Print. Grades 4-7. 2001

Grades 9 – 12

BR005513 Half the Battle by Lynn Hall

Two brothers enter a dangerous hundred-mile horseback race that has been widely publicized throughout New Mexico. For Blair, blind since birth, the race is his chance to prove to himself and everybody else that he has guts. But his brother Loren, tired of Blair getting attention simply by being blind, has a different kind of race in mind. Braille. For junior and senior high readers. 1984.

DB068604 My Fair Godmother by Janette Rallison

A handsome prince is all sixteen-year-old Savannah wishes for after getting dumped by her boyfriend. Instead, a "fair" godmother offers her three wishes and sends her back in time to the Middle Ages--as Cinderella, Snow White, and rescuer of a boy, Tristan. Digital. For junior and senior high readers. 2009.

BR018510 / DB068442 The Juvie Three by Gordon Korman

Juvenile delinquents Gecko, Arjay, and Terence readily accept a second chance at life outside of incarceration and they move into an apartment with social worker Doug Healy. Scared when an injury causes Healy to have amnesia, the boys continue their rehabilitation alone. Braille. Digital. For junior and senior high readers. 2008.

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DB065488 Adios to My Old Life by Caridad Ferrer

Seventeen-year-old Cuban American Ali Montero from Miami enters a Latin American singing contest and wins a chance to compete on television. Her father, a music professor, reluctantly allows her to continue. Ali learns about the business--and falls in love. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. Rita Award. Digital download only. For senior high readers. 2006.

DB070287 Food, Girls, and Other Things I Can't Have by Allen Zadoff

Fifteen-year-old Andrew Zansky weighs more than 300 pounds and just met the girl of his dreams. After high school quarterback O. Douglas defends Andrew from bullies, he realizes this is his chance to change and he tries out for the football team. Some strong language. Digital. For senior high readers. 2009.

DB070051 Along for the Ride by Sarah Dessen

The summer before entering college, bookworm Auden visits her father and his new family in the beachfront town of Colby. When she meets bike-shop manager Eli, a fellow insomniac, Auden realizes what has been missing in her life and seizes the opportunity to change. Digital. For senior high readers. 2009.

LP024970 Before I Die by Jenny Downham

When 16-year-old Tessa's leukemia recurs for the third time, her options are limited. She hopes Zoey, her more experienced friend, can help her experience the things on her wish list before she dies, including finding a boyfriend. However, it's Adam, a new neighbor, who bravely risks his heart. Large Print. For senior high readers. 2007.

DB061639 / LP023158 Uglies [#1, Uglies series] by Scott Westerfeld

Tally, at age 16, is required to undergo an operation that will turn her into a beauty. Tally's new friend, Shay, refuses the operation and runs away. The authorities insist that Tally find Shay, or forfeit her own chance to be beautiful. YRC nominee. Digital download only. For high school readers. 2005.