Title: The Notebook of Doom March of the Vanderpants
Author: Troy Cummings
Publisher: Scholastic, Inc.
Copyright: 2017
Ages: 6 - 8
Call Number: Juv Step-up Cummings, Troy

Alexander, Rip, and Nikki are good friends who attend Stermont Elementary School. They are in a club called the Super-Secret Monster Patrol (S.S.M.P.). This club consists of monster-fighting students who solve mysteries. Rip changes into a monster himself when he eats sweets, which can be very helpful when fighting monsters on the dark side. The members of the club suspect that the boss monster could be their very own principal, Ms. Vanderpants. Can Rip, Nikki, and Alexander solve the mysteries of who stole their club notebook and who is the boss monster in time?

Title: Ice Age: The Hidden Treasure
Author(s): Caleb Monroe
Illustrator(s): Andy Hirsch
Publisher: Boom! Studios
Copyright: 2013 (received July 2017)
Ages: 8-11
Call Number: Juv Graphic Ice Age

The Ice Age Creatures Crash and Eddie are thrilled when they are given a treasure map until they learn it is cursed with troubles and sorrow. They team up with Diego and follow the map anyway. It turns into an adventure into lands of swirling spiders, dusty bones, and high cliffs. An even bigger surprise awaits at the end. Will it be good or bad? Read the graphic novel to see how it turns out! There are plenty of highly colored four and six panel illustrations throughout. This is a good accompaniment to those that like the Ice Age movies.

Title: The Last Panther
Author(s): Todd Mitchell
Publisher: Random House Children’s Books
Copyright: 8/22/2017
Ages: 8 to 11
Call Number: Juv Mitchell, Todd

The Last Panther is set in the future. Kiri, an 11-year-old girl lives with her father in a swamp located near a coastal village. Her father was born waller, or part of a group of people who have walled themselves in and separated from the fugees, people who live on the coast. Because the environment has been so compromised, the villagers are struggling to eke out a living or even find enough food to
sustain themselves. Kiri’s mother, who died when Kiri was a young toddler, was a fugee, so Kiri finds herself in the middle of a crisis and not really belonging to either group.

Kiri’s father, Martin is trying to collect and send samples of endangered animals such as sea turtles and panthers to the walled village, but Kiri begins to doubt the true nature of his work. The fugees want these animals for their own benefit.

When Kiri is injured she is brought to her father’s city to receive treatment and she learns what is going on behind the walls. Now with one foot in each environment, Kiri must summon strength and courage to make amends and help the two feuding sides live and survive in peace and in harmony with nature.

This is an exciting coming of age story filled with action, futuristic technology and a poignant message boys and girls ages 8 to 11 are sure to enjoy.

Title: *Get Coding!: Learn HTML, CSS & Javascript & Build a Website, App & Game*
Author(s): Young Rewired State
Illustrator(s): Duncan Beedie
Publisher: Somerville, Massachusetts: Candlewick Press
Copyright: August 1, 2017
Ages: 9-12
Call Number: Juv 005.1 Y79g

It’s hard to ignore that versatile computer skills are becoming more and more in demand. That means children will have to learn more than just the basic computer keyboarding skills that we had to learn in order to be prepared for future job prospects. And this wonderful tool can help prepare them right now. Get Coding! presents basic coding information in a fabulously easy way. Each illustration presents a step-by-step explanation of how to create a website, game, or app, while also helping to teach beginner HTML coding. The best thing about it is that you do not need any previous knowledge to understand. It’s published by Young Rewired State, which is a U.K.-based international community that brings together young coders and digital enthusiasts, to promote this in-demand skill. They understand how young minds work, so the colorful illustrations and step-by-step guides truly build a strong foundation that lasts. Young coders have a fantastic opportunity to learn this skill at an early age. And it's also a great tool for us adults who may not know a thing about the topic at all.

Title: *Misty Copeland Ballerina*
Author(s): Hannah Isbell
Publisher: Enslow Publishing
Copyright: 2017
Ages: 7-11
Call Number: Juv 792.802I76m
Misty Copeland was named the principal ballerina of the American Ballet Theatre in 2015. She was the first African American woman to earn the top dancer title in the ballet company. As a child her family moved often. After her parents divorced, her mother moved Misty and her five siblings to a motel. A school coach noticed her abilities and suggested she try ballet. She took free ballet classes at the local Boys and Girls Club. She was considered a prodigy. At sixteen she won a scholarship to the American Ballet Theatre’s summer program in New York City. After high school she moved to New York to join the company. She felt lots of pressure as the only black woman in the corps de ballet. After several starring roles and recognitions Misty focused on promoting diversity in ballet. Read to find out more of her accomplishments.

Great reading selection for young children that demonstrates what you can become if you work hard and follow your dreams.