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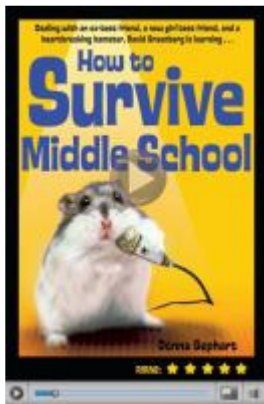
### Children's Materials at the Ames Free Library May 2010

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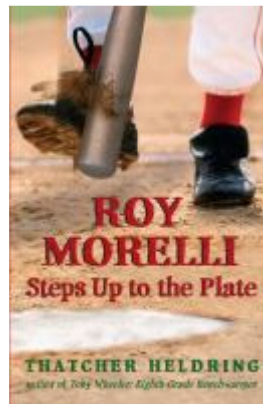


**How to Survive Middle School**  
- Donna Gephart

Eleven-year-old David Greenberg dreams of becoming a TV superstar like his idol, Jon Stewart. But in real life, David is just another kid terrified of starting his first year at Harman Middle School.

With a wacky sense of humor and hilarious Top 61/2 Lists, David spends his free time making Talk Time videos, which he posts on YouTube. But before he can get famous, he has to figure out a way to deal with: Middle school (much scarier than it sounds!)

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**Roy Morelli Steps Up to the Plate**  
- Thatcher Heldring

Eight-grader Roy Morelli can't wait for baseball season to start so he can take his rightful place as shortstop for the Pilchuk All-Star team, the warm-up for varsity baseball team at the high school. But when Roy's parents find out he's failing history, they make him quit the All-Stars.

Now Roy is stuck on a losing team in the wimpy rec league and he's spending his afternoons with a tutor. If Roy's going to impress the varsity baseball coach, he's sure he should be looking out for number one, not wasting his time studying. But when his grades continue to slide and his teammates get tired of his know-it-all attitude, Roy Morelli will need to step up to the plate.

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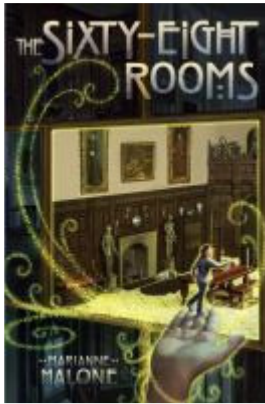


**The Mysterious Howling** -  
Maryrose Wood

Found running wild in the forest of Ashton Place, the Incorrigibles are no ordinary children: Alexander, age ten or thereabouts, keeps his siblings in line with gentle nips; Cassiopeia, perhaps four or five, has a bark that is (usually) worse than her bite; and Beowulf, age somewhere-in-the-middle, is alarmingly adept at chasing squirrels.

But mysteries abound at Ashton Place: Who are these three wild creatures, and how did they come to live in the vast forests of the estate?

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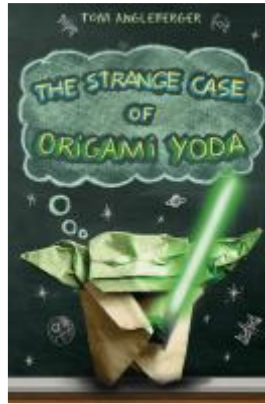


**The Sixty-Eight Rooms** -  
Marianne Malone

The Thorne Rooms are a collection of 68 exquisitely crafted miniature rooms made in the 1930s. Each of the 68 rooms is designed in the style of a different historic period, and every detail is perfect, from the knobs on the doors to the candles in the candlesticks. Some might even say the rooms are magic.

Imagine if you discovered a key that allowed you to shrink so that you were small enough to sneak inside and explore the rooms' secrets. What if you discovered that others had done so before you? And that someone had left something important behind?

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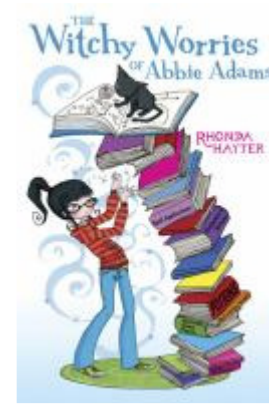


**The Strange Case of the Origami Yoda** - Tom  
Angleberger

Dwight is a loser who talks to his classmates via an origami finger puppet of Yoda. If that weren't strange enough, the puppet is uncannily wise.

Origami Yoda predicts the date of a pop quiz, guesses who stole the classroom Shakespeare bust, and saves a classmate from popularity-crushing embarrassment with some well-timed advice. Dwight's classmate Tommy wonders how Yoda can be so smart when Dwight himself is so clueless.

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**The Witchy Worries of Abbie Adams** - Rhonda  
Hayter

Abbie Adams and her family come from a long line of witches, and she's having a tough time keeping it a secret from her best friend and the rest of her school. Especially the day her little brother morphs into a wolf and tries to eat his teacher. That's also the day her father brings home a kitten. But when Abbie looks into the kitten's eyes, she realizes there's a boy in there!

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