

**Kennebec Valley Book Award Books 2015-2016**  
**Selected by the RSU#38 Elementary Library Team**  
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1. Applegate, Katherine. Ivan: The Remarkable True Story of the Shopping Mall Gorilla. Clarion Books. 40p. Captured as a baby, Ivan was brought to a Tacoma, Washington, mall to attract shoppers. Gradually, public pressure built until a better way of life for Ivan was found at a zoo in Atlanta. Nonfiction, Animal.
2. Bryant, Jen. The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus. Eerdmans Books. 42p. For shy, young Peter Mark Roget, books were the best companions. It wasn't long before Peter began writing his own books, but he didn't write stories, he wrote lists. Peter took his love of words and turned it into organized ideas, finding exactly the right word to express just what he thought. His lists grew and grew eventually turning into one of the most important reference books of all time. Nonfiction, Biography. 590L.
3. Burchett, Jan. The Deadly Trap: Undercover Pirate. Orion Children's Books. 160p. There's a new pirate aboard the Sea Wolf and he's popular with the crew, but Sam is suspicious. Why is the new recruit so interested in Captain Blade? How can Sam convince his friends that they're falling into a deadly trap? Fiction, Fantasy.
4. Clements, Andrew. Map Trap. Atheneum Books. 130p. Sixth-grader Alton loves maps of all kinds and secretly maps things about his classmates, the school principal, and others. When his folder of maps is stolen, he begins getting notes with orders he must obey to get his maps back. Fiction, Realistic.
5. Davies, Nicola. Tiny Creatures: The World of Microbes. Candlewick Press. Unpgd. Find out how the smallest things on the planet do some of the biggest jobs in the world of microbes. Nonfiction, Biology. 1020L.
6. Davis, Kathryn Gibbs. Mr. Ferris and His Wheel. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. 40p. American inventor George Ferris defied gravity and seemingly impossible odds to invent the world's most iconic amusement park attraction, the Ferris Wheel. Nonfiction, Historical. 900L.
7. Egan, Kate. Incredible Twisting Arm. Feiwel & Friends. 160p. Mike loves magic and would like to be able to ride his bike down to The White Magic Shop. Convincing his parents that he is mature enough to ride his bike downtown alone will take a miracle ... or maybe not. Fiction, Realistic.
8. Ehlert, Lois. Scraps Book: Notes from a Colorful Life. Beachlane Books. 72p. In this wonderful autobiography, Lois takes readers and aspiring artists on a delightful behind the scenes tour of her books and her book making process. Nonfiction, Autobiography. 640L.
9. Foxlee, Karen. Ophelia and the Marvelous Boy. Random House. 240p. A story loosely based on the Snow Queen. Set in a vast, chilly museum, the tale brings together a valiant girl, a charmed boy, a magical sword and a clock ticking down to the end of the world. Fiction, Fantasy. 660L.
10. Funke, Cornelia. Emma and the Blue Genie. Random House. 90p. Eight-year-old Emma and her noodle-tailed dog, Tristan, take a magic carpet ride to the far-off land of Barakash, where they help a genie recover his stolen magical nose ring. Fiction, Fantasy.

11. Giff, Patricia Reilly. Hunter Moran Digs Deep. Holiday House. 128p. Hunter and his twin brother Zack, and neighborhood pest, Sarah Yulefski are about to be rich. All they have to do is find the hidden treasure of town founder Lester Tinwitty. It shouldn't be a problem, because they have clues. Shovels in hand, the gang sets to work tearing up their town and getting into some tight spots. Fiction, Adventure.
12. Goodall, Jane. Chimpanzee Children of Gombe. Minedition. 64p. Follow along with the amazing photos of chimpanzee babies, toddlers and young adults that live in the Gombe National Park in Tanzania, where the Jane Goodall Research Center is located. Nonfiction, Animals.
13. Guerra, Elis Puricelli. The Order of the Owls. (first book in the Minerva Mint series). Capstone Young Readers. 130p. The baby in a bag just appeared one day in a London train station. Mrs. Flopps finds her and names her Minerva Mint. With no clue about who her parents are, at age 9 she embarks on an adventure to unravel the mystery of her identity. Fiction, Mystery. 700L.
14. Kalman, Maira. Thomas Jefferson: Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Everything. Nancy Paulsen Books. 40p. Thomas Jefferson is perhaps best known for writing the Declaration of Independence, but there's so much to discover. This energetic man was interested in everything. He played violin, spoke seven languages and was a scientist, naturalist, botanist, mathematician and architect. Learn about our amazing third president. Nonfiction, Biography. 780L
15. Kilmo, Kate. Togo: Dog Diaries #4. Random House Books. 176p. Small, feisty, Siberian husky Togo, is the often overlooked sled dog hero of the Alaskan 1925 serum run. When a diphtheria epidemic breaks out in isolated Nome, Alaska, in January 1925, the only way to get life saving serum to the town is by using dog sled relay teams. Fiction, dog. 650L.
16. Kuhlmann, Torben. Lindbergh: The Tale of a Flying Mouse. NorthSouth. 96p. These are dark times ... for a small mouse. A new invention, the mechanical mousetrap has caused mice to flee to America, the land of the free. But with cats guarding the steamship, trans-Atlantic crossings are no longer safe. One mouse has a brilliant idea; he must learn to fly. Fiction, Fantasy. 820L.
17. London, Alexander C. Tides of War#1: Blood in the Water. Scholastic. 224p. Cory McNab wanted to be a Navy SEAL, but he washed out of the program. One day surfing with his brother, they are attacked by a shark only to be rescued by a dolphin. Cory becomes fascinated with dolphins and joins the Navy Marine Mammal Program. He and his dolphin Kaj are sent on a secret mission and the adventure begins. Fiction, Adventure.
18. Lord, Cynthia. Half a Chance. Scholastic. 224p. When Lucy moves to an old house on a lake, she tries to see her new home through her camera's lens, as her father taught her. When she discovers that he is judging a photo contest, Lucy decides to enter anonymously. She wants to see if her eye for photography is really special or only good enough. Fiction, Realistic.
19. Montalvan, Luis Carlos. Tuesday Tucks Me In: The Loyal Bond between a Soldier and his Service Dog. Roaring Brook Press. 40p. As narrated by Tuesday, Tuesday Tucks Me In is a day in the life of this service dog extraordinaire and tail wagging ambassador. Tuesday takes us through a typical day of adventures, starting with waking up to ending with Tuesday cuddling up to Luis on their bed. Nonfiction, Animal.

20. O'Connell, Caitlin. A Baby Elephant in the Wild. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. 40p. A journey into the desert of Namibia where you will meet a newborn elephant and her family. Nonfiction, Animal. NC1050L.
21. Peet, Mal. Night Sky Dragon. Candlewick Press. unpgd. Yazul loves making kites with his grandfather, but all he truly desires is the approval of his father. When the han is attacked by bandits, Yazul has an idea. With the help of his grandfather, he might just be able to use his kite making skill to scare the bandits away and save the han. Will Yazul's courage and cleverness make his father proud? Fiction, Historical. 640L.
22. Perkins, Lynne Rae. Nuts to You. Greenwillow Books. 272p. How far would you go for a friend? The squirrels, Jed, TsTs and Chai are the very best of friends. When Jed is snatched up by a hawk and carried away to another realm, TsTs and Chai resolve to go after him. Fiction, Fantasy.
23. Potter, Alicia. Jubilee!: One Man's Big, Bold and Very, Very Loud Celebration of Peace. Candlewick Press. 40p. The National Peace Jubilee of 1867 commemorates the end of the Civil War and celebrates the power of music to unite the American people. Nonfiction, Patriotism, Music.
24. Rosenstock, Barb. Ben Franklin's Big Splash: The Mostly True Story of His First Invention. Calkins Creek. 32p. Every inventor has to start somewhere, and one of the greatest innovators in our history was no exception. Ben Franklin developed his first invention while doing what he loved best, swimming! Nonfiction, Biography.
25. Rosenstock, Barb. Noisy Paint Box: The Colors and Sounds of Kandinsky's Abstract Art. Knopf Books. 40p. Vasya Kandinsky was one of the first painters of abstract art. Throughout his life, Kandinsky experienced colors as sounds and sounds as color, and bold, groundbreaking works burst forth from his noisy paint box. Nonfiction, Art.
26. Roy, Katherine. Neighborhood Sharks: Hunting with the Great Whites of California's Farallon Islands. David Macaulay Studio. 48p. Up close with the ocean's most fearsome and famous predator; the great white shark. A few miles from San Francisco the great white shark returns each fall to California's Farallon Islands to dine on their favorite meal, seals. The great whites are among the planet's most fearsome, fascinating and least understood animal. Nonfiction, Animal.
27. Russell-Brown, Katheryn. Little Melba and her Big Trombone. Lee & Low Books. 40p. Melba Doretta Liston loved the sounds of music. At a young age Melba taught herself how to play the trombone. By the time she was a teenager, Melba's extraordinary gift for music led her to the world of jazz where she played, composed and arranged music for many of the great jazz musicians of the twentieth century. Nonfiction, Biography. 720L.
28. Shetterly, Susan Hand. Swimming Home. Tilbury House. 32p. A school of alewives face many predators on their annual spawning run from the sea to the lake where they were born. In the last mile their journey is halted by a new culvert they can't swim through. How can a boy and his dad help? Nonfiction, Science.

29. Sidman, Joyce. Winter Bees and Other Poems of the Cold. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. 32p. Extraordinary illustrations are combined with lyrical poems giving voice to animals as they struggle to survive challenges of winter. Think you don't like poetry? Try this one! Nonfiction, Poetry.
30. Tak, Bibi Dumon. Mikis and the Donkey. Eerdmans Books. 89p. Mikis is a boy who lives a quiet existence in a small town on a Greek isle with his family. His grandfather has a surprise waiting for him, a donkey. Mikis's friends and family are greatly amused by the friendship that the boy and animal develop. This is a sweet story about a loving boy and his donkey. Fiction, Realistic.
31. Vanhecke, Susan. Under the Freedom Tree. Charlesbridge. 32p. On a night in 1861, three slaves escape from a Confederate Army camp and slip across the water to a Union held fort. Rather than send them back to their owners, the general declares them "contraband of war" and allows them to stay. This decision brings a flood of other escaped slaves hoping for something better and creating the first African American community in the country. Nonfiction, Historical.
32. Winter, Jonah. Joltin' Joe DiMaggio. Atheneum Books. 48p. Giuseppe Paolo DiMaggio Jr. dreamed of becoming a major league slugger, just like every other little boy on his block. He practiced and practiced and he grew up and became not just a baseball player, but a baseball legend. Nonfiction, Sports. 720L.
33. Winters, Kay. Voices from the Oregon Trail. Dial Books. 48p. Brave families band together in covered wagons headed to the Oregon Territory, lured by golden promises of a better tomorrow. The trip is long and difficult, and everyone has a story to tell about their experiences. Nonfiction, Historical. 520L.
34. Yates, David. Hope for Winter: The True Story of a Remarkable Dolphin Friendship. Scholastic. 40p. Dolphins are social creatures. We first learned of Winter in Winter's Tale. Winter has lost her partner and is in need of a new friend, along comes Hope. Nonfiction. Animal. 1010L.
35. Fleming, Ian. Chitty Chitty Bang Bang: The Magical Car. 50th Anniversary Edition. Candlewick. 165p. Hang on tight and enjoy the thrilling adventures of the eccentric Potts family and their magical flying car with a mind of her own. Fiction, Fantasy.