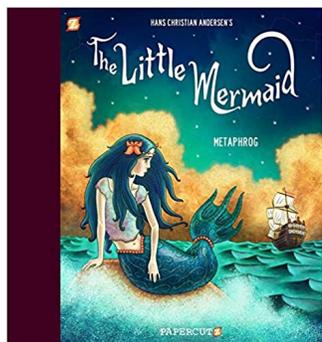


CHRISTINE RECOMMENDS...



The Little Mermaid
by Metaphrog

Available right now
from JLG Digital
Middle School Stream

You probably know that the Disney versions of fairy tales are very different from their dark, creepy source material. Check out this cool illustrated version of the original Hans Christian Andersen tale on [JLG Digital](#) (click on the [Middle School Stream](#)). The publisher is offering free digital access to certain titles with no waiting list. [Metaphrog](#), a duo of graphic novelists, is known for its adaptations of fairy tales and this one is a great place to start. The eerie, blue-toned illustrations are the perfect mix of comic book and story book style.

The Lost Girl
by Anne Ursu

Available as an
e-book & audiobook
on the Libby app



Identical twins Iris and Lark have been placed in separate classes for the first time ever and they are not happy about it! In my opinion, this single event is dramatic enough to fill a whole book, but there's a lot more to this story.

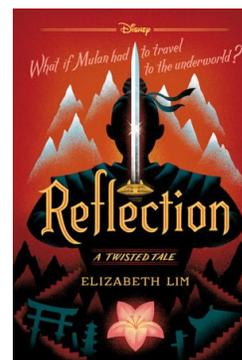
In addition to the middle school drama, things are going missing all over the city: small things from the twins' house, major museum artifacts. . . could they be connected to the same thief? And then there's the odd owner of the local antique shop who puts a sign outside his shop that reads "ALICE, WHERE ARE YOU?" Yeah, I'm sure *he's* not up to anything weird.

JULIE RECOMMENDS...

Reflection: A Twisted Tale

by Elizabeth Lim

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audiobook on the Libby app



This book has one of the best hooks I've ever heard:

What if Mulan had to travel to the Underworld?

I mean, who doesn't want to hear how that goes? This book takes the end of the classic Disney movie and adds a twist: in the battle against the Huns, Shang is terribly wounded and his soul is sent to the Underworld. In order to bring him back, Mulan must team up with Shang's spirit guardian, a lion named ShiShi, in order to outwit King Yama, the ruler of the Underworld. If she fails, both she and Shang will be lost in the Underworld forever!

Cogheart

by Peter Bunzl

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13 year old Lily longs for a life of adventure but finds little opportunity for it in her stuffy Victorian boarding school. Even the books she's allowed to read are boring--would you want to read books titled *Sensible Etiquette for the Best Occasions* or *The Oxford Guide to Perfect Poise*? Yeah, I didn't think so. If only her famous inventor father hadn't disappeared in a mysterious zeppelin accident. Everyone says he's dead but Lily doesn't believe it. With the help of a clockmaker's son and a mechanical fox named Malkin, Lily is determined to find out what happened to her dad. She better hurry up, though, because other people are looking for him too and if she doesn't find him soon maybe they'll settle for her instead (yeeek!)

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