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Reading recommendations from your local Librarians

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Browse our virtual bookshelf until you can browse in person. Below are some of our staff's favourite newly arrived and on-order books.

OUR SPOTLIGHT TITLE:

**NEW KID
by Jerry Craft**

Place a hold in our catalogue or borrow on Hoopla

What if you had to switch to a fancy new school, all the way across town? And you were one of the only ones there who wasn't rich? What if you were one of the only ones there who was Black.

New Kid is the first graphic novel ever to win the Newbery Medal, and it's not hard to see why. It's a compulsively readable, beautiful coming-of-age story about a Black boy finding his place. Twelve-year-old Jordan starts at a new school in an expensive, super white neighbourhood. While he tries to navigate new friendships, he notices many instances of discrimination, and processes his feelings through his own artwork. There are moments that will make you want to cry, and there are just as many moments that will make you laugh.

The author knows how to take a relatable moment and draw the emotions out in a literary, heart-wrenching way. For example, there is one scene where the class returns to school after winter break. The teacher asks the students to share what they did on vacation, effectively making the kids from poorer families feel like they just lost some sort of twisted game show. Graphic novel fans of any age will love Jordan's self-awareness and sense of humor, and the strong voice of each character.



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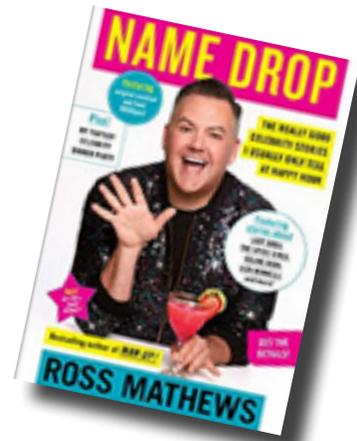
ALSO TRY:

NAME DROP: THE REALLY GOOD CELEBRITY STORIES I USUALLY ONLY TELL AT HAPPY HOUR

by **Ross Matthews**

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In this super fun and dishy book, reality tv star Ross Matthews tells his most fascinating celebrity stories. A few of the names that he drops are: Barbara Walters, Matthew Perry, Lady GaGa, Christina Aguilera, Beyonce, The Kardashians, and Omarosa.



SNOTGIRL by **Bryan Lee O'Malley**

Borrow on HOOPLA.

Snotgirl is next big graphic novel series by the creator of Scott Pilgrim. In part a fun story about a narcissistic fashion blogger, and in part a twisty psychological thriller, Snotgirl's bright illustrations and unexpected turns will keep you hooked.

NO FIXED ADDRESS by **Susin Nielsen**

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In this moving, award-winning middle grade Canadian novel, a boy and his mom are evicted from their apartment and have to keep it a secret. Nielsen blends humor and heartbreak and a bright, unforgettable character voice.



HIGH SCHOOL by **Tegan Quin and Sarah Quin**

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This gripping, heart-breaking book is perfect for fans of coming-of-age memoirs. It's especially perfect for fans of Canadian music duo, and identical twins, Tegan and Sarah. They each discuss their high school years, including their coming out stories, the early success of their music career, and their first relationships.

