

Pet Picks from the “Stacks” of the New Castle Public Library

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In August 2010 an unnamed cat wandered into the New Castle Public Library on East North Street. After staff escorted him out twice he returned a third time, leaving the library staff to think this relationship might be meant to be.

The feline friend was soon named Stacks, because he loved to lay on or around stacks of books. Soon after the Board of trustees approved a motion to adopt the cat, and Stacks has found a home at the library ever since.

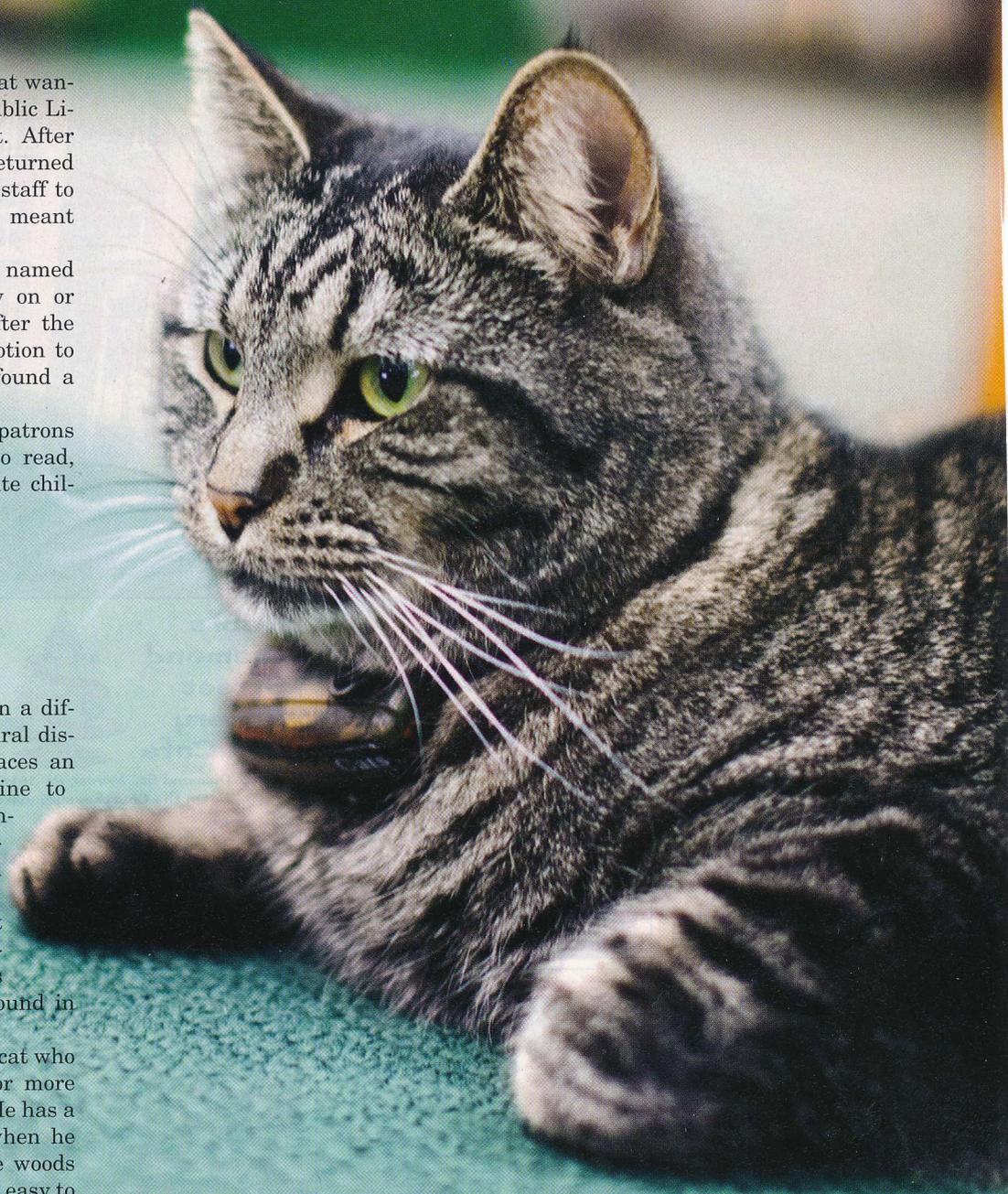
Like his new-found library patrons and friends, Stacks also loves to read, and he chose a few of his favorite children's books to share.

“Survivors” series by Erin Hunter HarperCollins, 2013

Each of these books focuses on a different dog grappling with a natural disaster. The book's starring dog faces an adventure that forces the canine to choose between freedom or responsibility; risk and safety; and loyalty and acceptance. Readers of all ages will enjoy these books.

Fans of this series might want to try the author's “Warrior” series, which focuses on feral cats and the dangers and loyalties found in their lives.

The series introduces Rusty, a cat who lives with a family but longs for more and dreams of life in the forest. He has a chance to live out this dream when he meets a clan of feral cats in the woods that invites him to join them. It is easy to imagine why Stacks would enjoy this series of books, as he looks out library windows and doors.



"Splat the Cat"
by Rob Scotton

HarperCollins, 2008

Stacks found this new favorite in the picture book area. He loves reading the adventures of the chubby, funny cat named Splat who goes through many things that preschoolers could relate to, including attending school for the first time.

"Bad Kitty"
by Nick Bruel

Macmillan;

Scholastic Corporation 2005

Stacks loves the "Bad Kitty" series, which focuses on a house cat named Kitty and the trouble she gets into. Don't worry; if you visit the library Stacks is always on his best behavior.

"Where is Woodstock?"
by Charles Schulz

Running Press Kids, 2008

Naturally, Stacks likes birds and he found this picture book especially entertaining. Everyone's favorite dog, Snoopy takes his bird friend Woodstock hiking and loses him.

"How to Talk to your Cat"
by Jean Craighead George

HarperCollins, 2003

Occasionally, Stacks takes a stroll in the nonfiction area. Although he is a cat, he likes this book and he knows when a human has read this book based on how he or she talks to him.

Stacks has a dog friend, Chevy, and he reads "How to Talk to Your Dog," also by Jean Craighead George so he can communicate with his pal when he visits.

"The Rainbow Fish"
by Marcus Pfister

NorthSouth, 1999

Just like humans, Stacks has favorite animals, including fish. One of his most beloved fish books is "The Rainbow Fish," which demonstrates sharing, and Stacks loves sharing his library books with patrons. 

For more information on Stacks and his home, the New Castle Public Library, call 724-658-6659 or visit www.ncdcl.org.

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