



Book Connections

Peter Butts, Children's Librarian, Three Rivers Public Library

Fall 2023

Welcome Home Schoolers

Here are some of my favorite books from this fall. I've also included some information about two of the resources available on our Homework page. Come see our new sensory space, the Discovery Zone. Designed for both early learners and older neurodiverse patrons. For more information, visit our website at <https://www.threeriverslibrary.org/kids-teens/discover-zone>



The **Great American Eclipse**,
Tuesday, November 7, 6-7 pm



Need help with a specific subject? Email pbutts@threeriverslibrary.org

HOURS

Mon.-Wed.-Thurs.-Fri., 10 am. to 5:30 pm.

Tuesday 10 am. to 7:30 pm.

Saturday, 10 am. to 4 pm.

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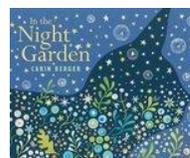
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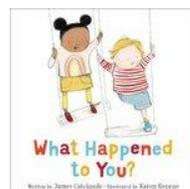
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Recent Recommended Read Alouds



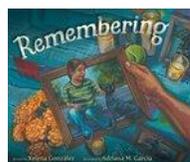
PICTURE BOOK BERGER *In the Night Garden.*

Vibrant collages show mysterious and beautiful experiences found in nighttime spaces.



PICTURE BOOK CATCHPOOLE *What Happened to You?*

Joe's game of pirates keeps getting interrupted by kids asking what happened to his leg.



PICTURE BOOK GONZALEZ *Remembering.*

A child and the family remember their beloved dog on Dia de los Muertos.



PICTURE BOOK NIEBUHR-SIBERT *Mina Belongs Here.*

A child's experience starting kindergarten in another country.

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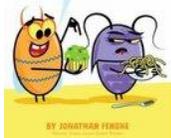
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Easy Readers

My rule is if I don't enjoy it as an adult, my littles won't enjoy it either. Here are some new Easy Readers that won't drive you nuts.



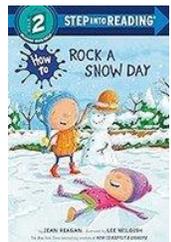
EASY READER FENSKE
Try a Bite, Trilobite!
by Jonathan Fenske.



EASY READER LEARNER
Nat the Cat Takes a Bath
by Jarrett Lerner.



EASY READER PALATINI
Kitty-Cam
by Margie Palatini.

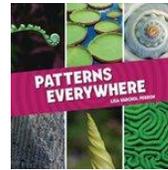


EASY READER REAGAN
How to Rock a Snow Day
by Jean Reagan.

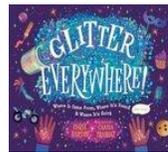
Non Fiction



J 363.72 ROMITO
The Last Plastic Straw.
5000 years of sipping innovation and how we can sip responsibly.



J 508 PERRON
Patterns Everywhere.
Ripples, veins, ridges, meanders, bubbles, and layers are everywhere.



J 745.509 BARTON
Glitter Everywhere!
The history and science of those shiny little flakes that you can't get enough of and can't get rid of.

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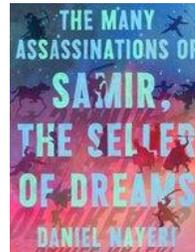
Middle Grade Fiction Read Alouds



J FICTION APPLLEGATE

Dogtown by Katherine Applegate & Gennifer Choldenko.

An unlikely trio, Chance, a three-legged dog, Metal Head, an abandoned eDog, and Mouse, make the best of life at the Dogtown 2.0 shelter until they escape and the real adventures begin.



J FICTION NAYERI

The Many Assassinations of Samir, the Seller of Dreams.

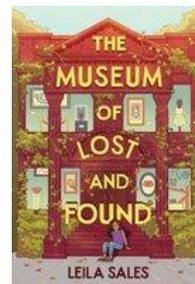
Tales of adventure, humor, and heart on the Silk Road. The fates of an orphaned monk and a fast-talking con man are linked together with a cliffhanger punctuating every chapter.



J FICTION McDUNN

When Sea Becomes Sky.

Bex and her brother Davey discover a statue in the salt marshes that they hope will be the key to saving the marsh from a road construction project. The spoiler alert you need to know before reading to a class: a tragic *Sixth Sense*-like accident has already upended their summer.



J FICTION SALES

The Museum of Lost and Found.

Eleven year-old Vanessa discovers an abandoned museum and fills it with her own projects and a memorial to a friend who she believes has turned against her. When other kids discover the building and ask to make their own exhibits, Vanessa finds new friends and a mystery: who painted the only piece of art left behind?

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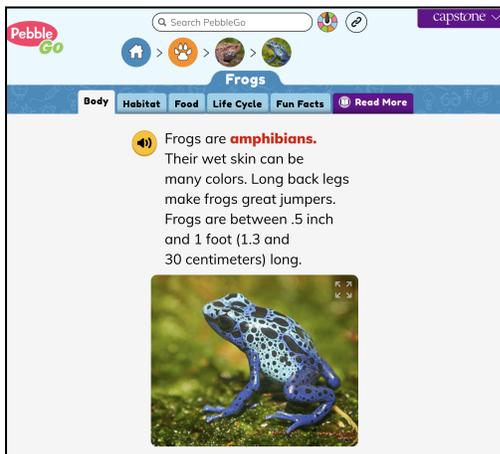
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Online Resources from the Michigan Electronic Library

Do your students need reliable and age-appropriate information online? In addition to providing access to the **World Book Kids** and **Britannica School** encyclopedias, MEL has recently added two newer sites.

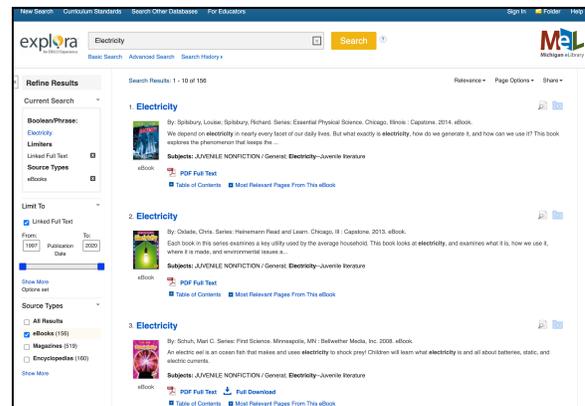


PebbleGo offers K-3rd grade students easy access to articles about animals (including dinosaurs) and a wide range of social studies topics. Students are guided through the process of browsing or typing keyword searches. Each article includes several pages to read or listen to, with pictures, video, and activities. The social studies section included citizenship, character traits, and government.



Explora Primary Schools is a new user-friendly interface

to hundreds of popular children's magazines, ebooks, reference articles, and images. Students can browse popular topics or search more specific keywords. Results can be refined by date, material type, or reading level. Students can have the article read to them, downloaded, or saved to Google Drive. **Explora** also allows teachers to share articles to their Google Classroom. Logging in to the **Educator's Edition** provides you with lesson plans and activities that use content from **Explora**.



MEL Resources are available from MEL.org or the Kids Homework Help page on the **Three Rivers Library** website (<http://www.threeriverslibrary.org>).

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COMMUNITY ECLIPSE PROGRAM

The next total solar eclipse in North America will occur on **April 8, 2024.**

Richard Bell of the Kalamazoo Astronomical Society will join us in the main program room at the library at 6 pm on Tuesday, November 7th to share his excitement for this much-anticipated event.

This all-ages presentation will cover the basics of solar eclipses, information on the April 8th eclipse, and ways to view an eclipse safely. You will also be able to purchase KAS Eclipse Shades after the presentation.



Richard got bit by the astronomy bug at a very early age. He enjoyed looking at pictures of the planets as early as age 4 and got his first telescope at age 7.

Richard has had just about every astronomy-related job one can have in Kalamazoo.

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Find more information and additional online eclipse programs on the KAS website:
<https://www.kasonline.org/eclipse.html>



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