



Book Connections

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

January 2021

News & Announcements

The library will be open for curbside pickup only through January 18th. If you need a card, click on the link to the right. If you'd like help selecting books for your class, use the readers' advisory link.

I would love to visit your class via Google Meet. Email me if you are interested in having me read to your class or book talk some new titles.

Programs

Zoom ID: 602 839 8604

- January 5, 11 am
Storytime with Mr. B. (preschool)
- January 6, 4 pm
Middle Grade Kahoot: Guinness Book of World Record (grades 3-7)
- January 12, 11 am
Little Wigglers (0-2)
- January 16, 10 am
Storybook Character Bingo (families)
- January 19, 11 am
Storytime with Mr. B. (preschool)
- January 20, 4 pm
Middle Grade Kahoot: Sports Records (grades 3-7)
- January 26, 11 am
Little Wigglers (0-2)
- January 30, 10 am
Storybook Character Bingo (families)

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HOURS

Monday-Friday, 10 am. to 5:30 pm.
Saturday, 10 am. to 4 pm.

CURBSIDE

Log in to our online catalog
<https://threeriverslibrary.biblionix.com/catalog/>
Use the last four digits of your phone number as you pin number, search the catalog and place your reserve. [Click here](#) for help.

PICK UP YOUR FUN!

Just call 269-273-8666 ext. 101 or text 269-222-2854 when you get to the parking lot behind the library and we will bring your items out to you! Pop your trunk or roll down your window and we will set your items in your vehicle.



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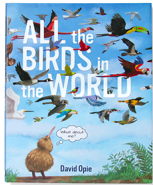
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New Non Fiction

When everything can be found online, great nonfiction books take a slice of the world, put it into context, and tell a story the reader can relate to.... and then want to read or browse over and over again.



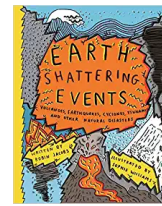
All the Birds in the World by David Opie. Pauper, 2020. "All birds have feathers. All birds have wings. All birds have beaks. 'But what about me?' asked kiwi." The author

creates a picture book-sized introduction to the world of bird identification with simple text layered over detailed paintings stuffed with hundreds of different birds, their eggs, nests, beaks, feathers, and claws. A note from the author at the end identifies every bird and includes kiwi facts, as well. A good fit for all ages.



Your Place in the Universe by Jason Chin. Neal Porter Books, 2020.

"The average eight-year-old is about five times as tall as this book....but only half as tall as an ostrich. And an ostrich is half as tall as a giraffe, which is one twentieth as tall as a California redwood!" Chin moves on from there to show how trees compare to buildings and how they compare to Mount Everest. Then beyond the surface of the earth, he illustrates the relative distances in space including our own atmosphere, our solar system, and other known galaxies.



Earth-Shattering Events: Volcanoes, Earthquakes, Cyclones, Tsunamis, and Other Natural Disasters by Robin Jacobs. Cicada, 2020.

The moment disaster strikes, social media blasts out tragic photos of the devastation. This beautifully rendered book gives readers just enough information tucked into maps, diagrams, and cartoons to understand the violent forces that keep our planet rocking. Targeted to 3rd and 4th grade reading levels.



Solar System: By the Numbers by Steve Jenkins. Houghton Mifflin, 2020.

Kids who love poring over the full color photography of the planets in series such as Seymour Simon's **Solar System**, will love also having this handy little companion chocked full of infographics explaining the various characteristics of the planets. Steve Jenkins was one of the first to discover the power of the perfect illustration to explain science concepts to kids. This is part of a series of **By the Numbers** books on the Earth, Dinosaurs, and Insects.

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Consent (For Kids!) by Rachel Brian. Little, 2020. Engaging and emotive stick figure friends explain the concepts of physical boundaries and respect. Fans of graphic novels like **Baby**

Mouse and **Dog Man** will feel right at home. The writing is clear and concise. "How do you know if someone consents? Is there some magic way to tell?" "Good News! There is. ASK THEM! (and listen to the answer.)" Appropriate for first through fourth grade friends and their trusted adults.



The Worry (Less) Book by Rachel Brian. Little, Brown, 2020.

We all have a mixture of fun and not-so-fun feelings.

Everyone feels worried

sometimes. But too much anxiety can get in the way. So this book is here to help.

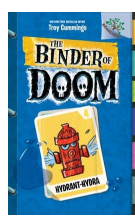
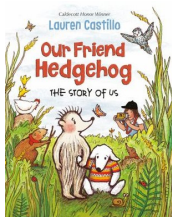
Engaging graphic novel-format scenarios help readers recognize anxious and worried feelings and then practice techniques to take charge and feel good again.

New Chapter Books



Dear Beast by Dori Hillestad Butler. Holiday, House, 2020. Here's a hilarious way to introduce first, second, and third graders to letter writing. Simon the cat has taken care of Andy since he was a baby.

Simon is convinced Andy does not need another pet. But when Andy's dad moves out, Andy begins coming back with the unmistakable smell of "dog." Simon's first letter is to the point: "Dear Dog, It has come to my attention that you wish to care for my boy, Andy. This letter is to inform you that your services are not needed." The first response from Baxter is equally abrupt: a sloppy crayoned "No can do" on a torn corner of notebook paper. Through their correspondence, a grudging friendship emerges. Baxter learns to write proper letters and details of Andy's two-parent life emerge. Then Baxter runs away and Simon uses letters to the animals around town to find his new friend. A beginning chapter book that is the first in a planned series.



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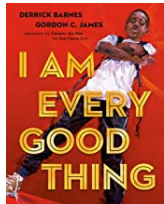
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And the Winner is.....

2020 Caldecott Contenders?

ALA announces its Youth Media Award winners on January 25th. Here are some of my favorite picture books for this year.



I am Every Good Thing by Derrick Barnes & Gordon C. James. Paulsen, 2020. Beautifully rendered oil portraits stand with positive affirmations in verse that all children can relate to:

"I am
a nonstop ball of energy,
Powerful and full of light.
I am a go-getter a difference maker.
A leader . . .

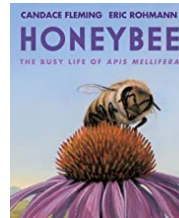
I am good to the core, like the center
of a cinnamon roll.

Yeah, that good.."



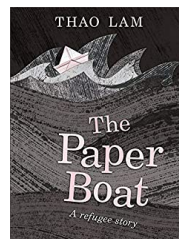
One Little Bag by Henry Cole. Scholastic, 2020. From a tall tree standing in the forest, to the grocery store checkout lane, to a school lunch, a simple paper

bag can be reused over and over again and become a part of the moments of a family's everyday life. The illustrator's own memory of saving and reusing his brown paper lunch bag on the first Earth Day inspires this wordless picture book for all ages.



Honeybee: the Busy Life of Apis Mellifera by Candace Fleming & Eric Rohmann. Porter, 2020. An award-winning science writer and Caldecott winning artist have teamed up to put

kids face to face with this amazing and endangered insect. The story follows Apis from her birth, to cleaning the nursery, feeding the larvae and the queen, building wax comb, transferring pollen from other bees, defending the hive from invaders. All this before she can take wing and fly in search of nectar. A beautiful book meant to be read on many levels by readers of all ages.



The Paper Boat: a Refugee Story by Thao Lam. Owlkids, 2020/

The deeply personal story of her family's 1980 escape from Vietnam interwoven with a family legend about a brave colony of ants.

Wordless paper-cut and ink panels read like a graphic novel, telling this harrowing tale in a unique and engaging way.



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