News & Announcements
The library re-opens to the public on February 2nd with limited services. The shelves will be open for browsing, visits will be limited to one hour, and programming will continue to be online only.

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.

Online Programs
Storytime with Mr. B. (preschool)
February 2nd & 16th @ 11 am

Little Wigglers (0-2)
February 9th & 23rd @ 11 am

Storybook Character Bingo (families)
February 16 @ 10 am

Kahoot Games (grades 3-7)
February 3rd & 17th @ 4 pm

Zoom ID: 602 839 8604

If you miss a Zoom program, read alouds can be viewed anytime here: https://tinyurl.com/yxj3xugw

Library Card Application
All TRCS staff are eligible for a card

Children’s Readers’ Advisory Request
for you or your students

Early Literacy Calendars
tips for building reading, writing, playing, talking, singing, counting skills.

- February 2021
- March 2021

Thousand Books Before Kindergarten
Program registration & tracking online

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And the Winner is…..

In the library world, the Youth Media Awards, announced at the annual Midwinter Meeting of the American Library Association, are the Academy Awards for children’s and young adult books and media. This year, both the summer annual meeting and last week’s midwinter meeting were held virtually and so all of the committee meetings were held online.

Here are some of the winners.

**We Are Water Protectors**

Goade is the first Native American to win the Randolph Caldecott Medal for her beautiful gouache and watercolor interpretation of the Ojibwe Seven Fires Prophecy: “if humans choose the natural path, then we will proceed toward peace and unity and a healthy Mother Earth. The other road is a hard-surfaced highway where everything moves faster and faster.” Lindstrom’s text was inspired by the Standing Rock Sioux’s protest of the Dakota Access Pipeline, the “black snakes” that crisscross their land. (available at TRPL now)

**When You Trap a Tiger**

This year’s John Newbery Medal winner, Tae Keller spins a magical tale based on Korean folklore. In the beginning Lily writes that she has a “superpower”: she can turn invisible. Her older sister says its not a real superpower, “It’s just called being shy.” But as the girls and their mother move in with their grandmother, their Halmoni, after their dad’s death, the reader may wonder if Lily DOES have a superpower, because she begins seeing a magical tiger. Lily discovers the connection between the tiger and her brave grandmother’s escape from poverty. Halmoni has “stolen” something from the tiger and he offers Lily a bargain: find and return what Halmoni stole and the Tiger will make Halmoni well again. This will be a dynamite read aloud for 4th and 5th graders. (available at TRPL now)

**Honeybee: the Busy Life of Apis Mellifera**

Candace Fleming is the winner of this year’s Robert F. Sibert Medal for the most distinguished informational book for children. (available at TRPL now)

This year’s Coretta Scott King (Author) Award winner is Jacqueline Woodson for her latest novel-in-verse. ZJ and his family are struggling with the end of all-pro tight end ZJ senior’s pro football career. Like so many pro football players, ZJ has taken too many hits and has developed chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE). Mood swings and violent outbursts are scaring away ZJ’s friends and the neighbors. Destined to be a hit with reluctant readers and a great read aloud choice. (available at TRPL now)

Woodson is the featured author for Kalamazoo Public Library’s Reading Together 2021. All events will be online this year. Information and program registration can be found here: https://www.kpl.gov/reading-together/


The Pura Belpre Awards honor a LatinX writer and illustrator for children’s books that best portray, affirm, and celebrate the Latino culture experience. Efren Divided puts a face on America’s undocumented worker crisis. Efren’s Ama is a superhero: “Soperwoman,” who creates the most delicious Mexican sopes, even after a hard day at work. And then one day, his worst nightmare comes true: Ama doesn’t return home from work. (available at TRPL now)

RESPECT by Carole Boston Weatherford; illustrated by Frank Morrison.

Morrison is the winner of this year’s Coretta Scott King (Illustrator) Award for his rocking and soulful paintings illustrating the singer’s life. (available at TRPL now)


Gonzalez’s colorful graphic novel-style picture book about the adventures of Little Lobo and his hungry, wrestling fanatic friends earned this year’s Pura Belpre Award for illustrations. (available at TRPL now)

The complete list of 2021 Youth Media Award winners, including the honor books, the winners of the Schneider Family Book Award, the Theodor Seuss Geisel Award, is online at--

Apollo Tips

You may not have noticed that with the move downtown and the pandemic, the library also launched a new catalog program. From any internet browser, use the SEARCH THE CATALOG link on the library home page--
http://www.threeriverslibrary.org --
or you can bookmark the Apollo catalog itself--
https://threeriverslibrary.biblionix.com/catalog/

The first change to be aware of comes when you log in: your password is now the last four digits of the phone number on file with the library.

Once you log in, click on the MY ACCOUNT button to review your account information, notifications preferences, checkouts, holds, fines, etc. In ITEMS/RENEWALS you can renew items that are not overdue or on hold for another patron.

On the left side of the toolbar is the FIND window. You can enter any combination of keywords, title words, author, or subject. The pull down to the right of the window will help limit the search to a specific type of search.

Selecting MORE SEARCH OPTIONS, allows you to combine up to three different search terms in an ADVANCED SEARCH. This window also allows you to search by SERIES.
When your search results first appear, the items are sorted by a MATCH score based on the search algorithm for the terms you entered.

When looking for children’s and young adult books, it’s helpful to sort by the LABEL field. When you click on the word “Label” at the top of the list, the results will re-sort by spine label and you will see groups of books with various locational prefixes with their call numbers: BOARD BOOK, EASY READER, “J ###” for Juvenile nonfiction, J CHAPTER, J FICTION, PICTURE BOOK, YA FICTION, “YA ###,” etc.

The results list is color coded so you can see at a glance whether a book is on the shelf (GREEN) or checked out (RED).

For more information about an individual item, click on the cover image or the title.

If you have logged in, Apollo allows you to Reserve items for pickup, Bookmark items for later (a great way to build a reading list!), or Review titles to share your opinion with others.

Can’t find what you’re looking for? The SEARCH OTHER LIBRARIES link will take you to MELCAT and allow you to request an interlibrary loan.