



Book Connections

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

January 2023

News & Announcements

All TRCS employees qualify for a free teacher card. [Bring this form to the library.](#)

We are hosting class visits again!
Email pbutts@threeriverslibrary.org

Need a guest reader in your class?
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Let us put a library in your pocket



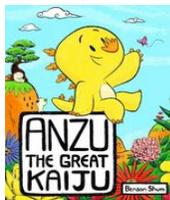
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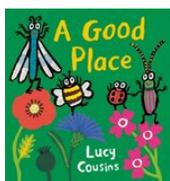
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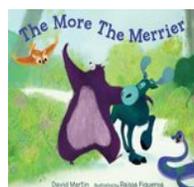
I Like This, You Like That
by Linda Ashman.
Two friends discover what they have in common, from favorite toys to pets to pizza toppings.



Anzu the Great Kaiju
by Benson Shum.
Kaiju are born with superpowers that strike fear in the city. But Anzu chooses flowers and sincerity.



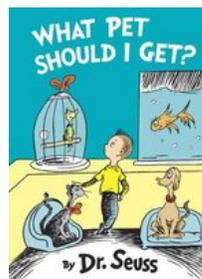
A Good Place
by Lucy Cousins.
Bee, Ladybug, Beetle, and Dragonfly are looking for one place to live that has what each friend needs.



The More the Merrier
by David Martin.
"I like your moves. But I'm not like you. So I'll just do what I can do." Bear, Moose, Snake, and the other forest animals each have their own groove.



Can I Give You a Squish?
by Emily Neilson.
Kai is a mer-boy who loves to be hugged or "squished." But his undersea friends prefer other greetings.



What Pet Should I Get?
by Dr. Seuss.
A brother and sister visit a pet store to pick a pet. But they can only choose one...how do you make up your mind?

HOURS

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

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CLUE-ME-IN Reading Lists

Here are the lists for the 4th, 5th, and 6th grade reading competition, color coded to show availability at the library. When our copy is in use, many titles can also be borrowed from other libraries through MEL.

<https://www.threeriverslibrary.org/kids-teens/kids-home/cluemein2023.pdf>



If you like being among the first to know what books won the Newbery, Caldecott, and other awards, check this link Monday, January 30th. <https://www.ala.org/news/mediapresscenter/pres-skits/youthmediaawards/alayouthmediaawards>

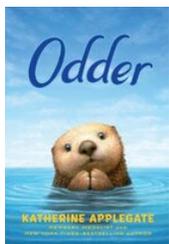
Recent Novels in Verse

In the '90s middle grade novelists began experimenting with verse as a new way to get readers inside the heads of their characters.

Here are three that lend themselves to reading out loud.

Odder

by Katherine Applegate. Meet Odder, the queen of play, curious to a fault, and then she comes face to face with a hungry great white shark. Inspired by a Monterey Bay Aquarium program for orphaned otter pups.



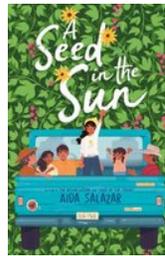
In the Beautiful Country

by Jane Kuo. In 1980, Ai Shi and her parents move from Taiwan to California where she is the only Asian student in school. Will the family's luck run out when their restaurant is repeatedly vandalized?

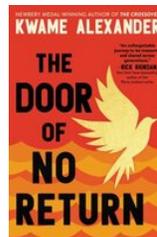


A Seed in the Sun

by Aida Salazar. Lula dreams of one day being heard like the ringmaster in the circus or labor activist Dolores Huerta. Her family finds themselves in the middle of the 1965 farm workers' strike and their dreams may not survive.



Other recommended recent novels in verse for middle grade readers—



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Take Your Child to the Library Day

Saturday, February 11th

10-3 pm

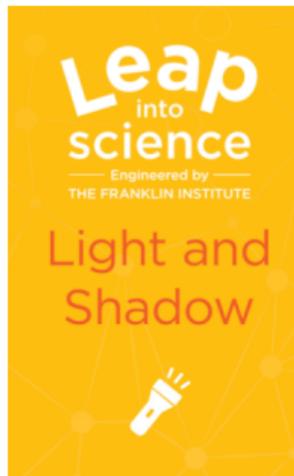


Stories, activities, treats, and
a Valentine's Day craft.

A great time to get a library card!

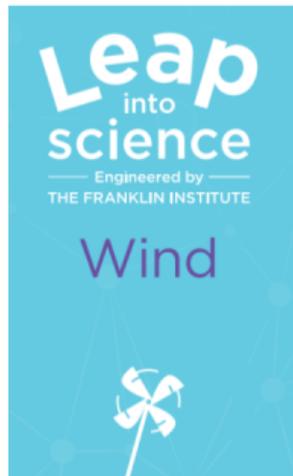
Explore the World of Science at the Library

There are three ways to participate in this national program:
Bring your family to one of our Saturday programs, sign up your elementary school-aged child for one of our after school programs, or join us for the **LEAP INTO SCIENCE WEEK kick off** anytime on Monday, February 20th to try activities from all three units.



Family Program
(all ages, self-paced)
Saturday, Jan. 14
1-2 pm

After School Program
(elementary students)
Wednesday, Jan. 18
4-5 pm
Sign up on EventBrite



Family Program
(all ages, self-paced)
Saturday, Jan. 28
1-2 pm

After School Program
(elementary students)
Wednesday, Jan. 25
4-5 pm
Sign up on EventBrite



Family Program
(all ages, self-paced)
Saturday, Feb. 25
1-2 pm

After School Program
(elementary students)
Wednesday, Feb. 22
4-5 pm
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