



Book Connections

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

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News & Announcements

The library is open until 5:30 pm with masking and social distancing in place. If the limited hours makes it difficult for you to visit, you may want to take advantage of our [after hours pick up lockers](#).

This month I've included links to some of 2021's potential winners for you.



HOURS

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

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Classroom Collections

We'd love to prepare a set of books for your classroom. [Use this form to let us know what you need.](#)



ClicBots to go. This fall, over twenty kids signed up for our ClicBot labs. On January 25th, we will be hosting a lab for adults. If you are interested in

using the robot kits in your classroom, I encourage you to sign up for this session. Each kit includes a quick start guide to building "Bic" and "Bac," plus we've included directions for using a ClicBot Academy video on YouTube to program a race car.

Email me for more information:

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Class sets of *Save Me a Seat* are available. We have 48 copies ready to circulate.

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New and Recommended

Easy Readers

Writing books that appeal to both beginning readers and their adult friends is a fine art. Cynthia Rylant and Mo Willems took over where Dr. Seuss and Arnold Lobel left off. Among my new favorites are Greg Pizzoli, with the Baloney and Friends series, and Raul the Third, with wrestling stars El Toro and La Oink Oink.



J Chapter Books

For more independent readers, there are new titles in popular series such as Kate DiCamillo's Mercy Watson series and Rebecca Elliot's Owl Diaries. Also new adventure series and Capstone has released a series of hunting stories.



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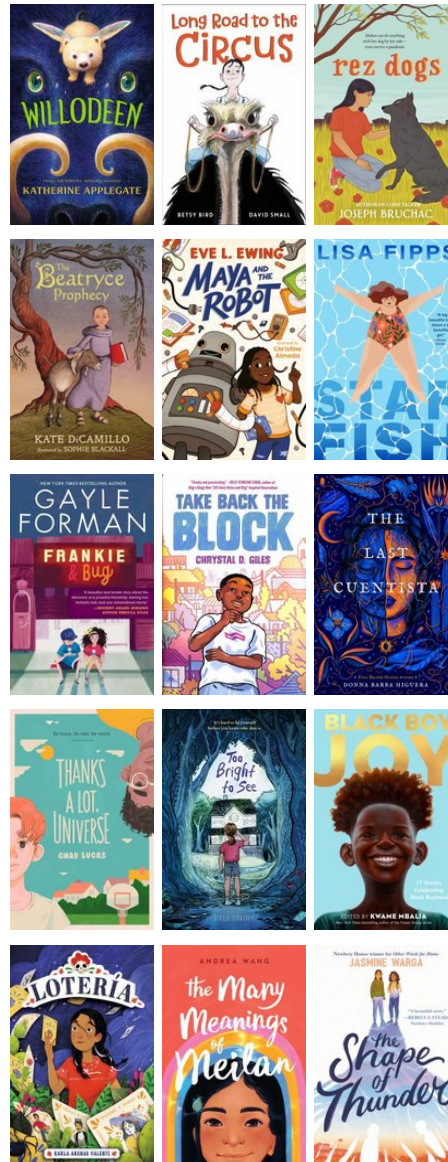
J Fiction

Here are the books making the annual lists. Click on the cover for more information or to put our copy on hold.

If you're looking for a new read aloud, try ***Long Road to the Circus*** by Betsy Bird and illustrated by David Small. It's an old-fashioned, hilarious misadventure story set just down the road in Burr Oak in 1920. 12-year-old Suzy Bowles. Most folks in town assume 12-year-old Suzy Bowles is a "goody-two-shoes," but when she decides to find out where her Uncle Fred goes when he skips out on the farm chores, she meets the famous circus queen, Madame Maranette and her herd of ostriches. Riding the ornery Gaucho, might be her ticket out of her boring life.

Or try ***Rez Dogs*** by Joseph Bruchac. It's the beginning of Covid, and 12-year-old Malian is stuck with her grandparents on the reservation. With everything slowing down she has time to listen to their stories and meets a mysterious dog named Malsum.

Kate DiCamillo's latest yarn about fate, love, and most importantly, storytelling, is called the ***Beatryce Prophecy***. Beatryce begins to find out who she is with the help of an orphaned boy, a monk, a former king, and a dangerous goat.



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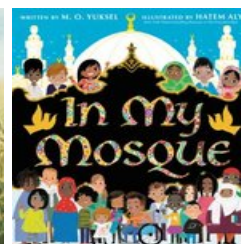
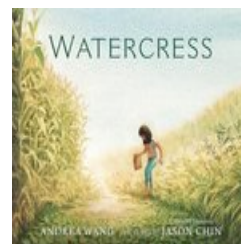
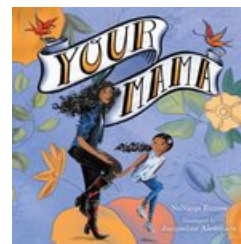
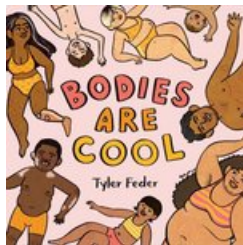
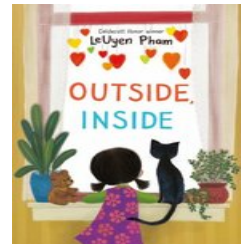
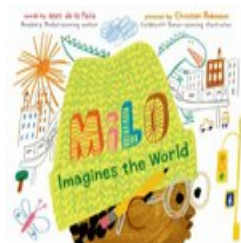
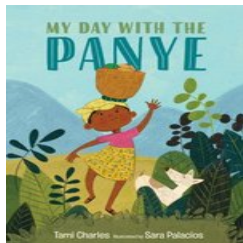
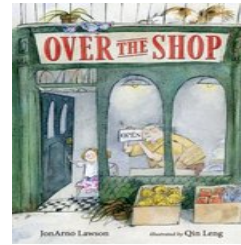
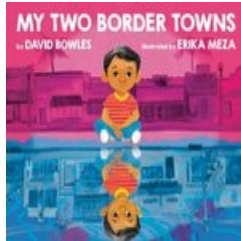
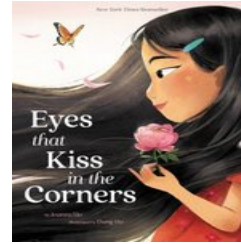
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Picture Books

I'm at a loss when it comes to what book is likely to win the Caldecott Medal this year. As in recent years, publishers are putting out lots of great windows into diverse cultures. Good choices for read alouds include *The Rock from the Sky*, *Outside, Inside*, and *My First Day*.



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