

Preschool Pages

*Book Recommendations, Early Literacy Tips, and More
from the Deerfield Public Library Youth Services Department*

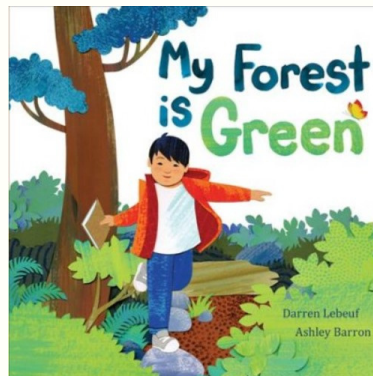
Book Recommendations



This story about friendship features Bina Bear who keeps hiding at a party. First they are a lamp, then a couch, and soon other household options. Meanwhile, Tiny the Rabbit keeps searching for Bina. This is a sweet portrait of two friends who like different activities but figure out the best way to show support and care for the other.



Mina the mouse lives in a piece of wood with her father, who always brings home something strange. But this time, he brings home a "squirrel," or what Mina and readers know is a cat. Beautiful watercolor illustrations with lovely details illuminate this story as we follow Mina, who is determined to speak the truth.



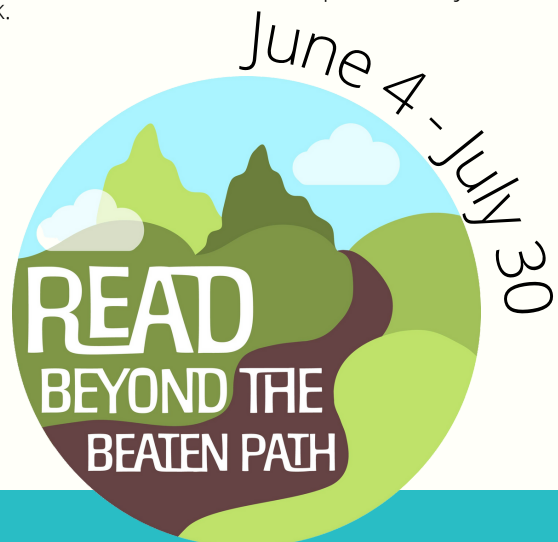
The myriad of illustration styles in this book mirrors the two forests: the urban forest our young artist visits as well as the artistic forest he creates. You and your little artist will want to try your hand at bark rubbings and stone sculptures after reading this delightful book. You could also go on a color hunt outdoors to see if you can find the greens, yellows, and other colors mentioned in the book.



Poppy Ann Fields loves bugs. She most certainly prefers them to people and often chooses to blend into the background when not with her beloved insects. When a shimmering dragonfly lands on her grandma's birthday cake, it is Grandma Phyllis who recognizes Poppy Ann's true personality.

News You Can Use

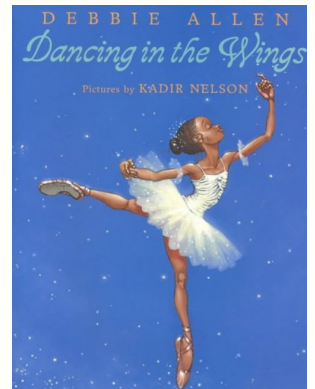
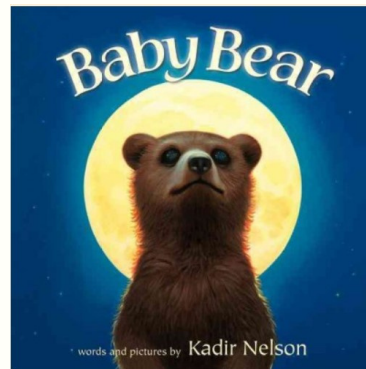
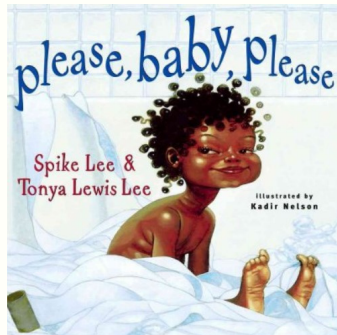
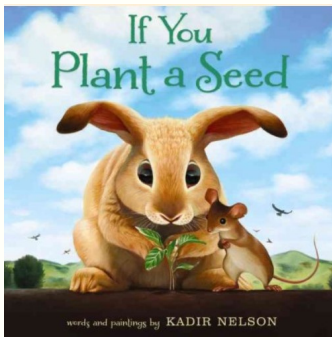
Our Summer Reading Program is for children of ALL ages! Register your preschooler and earn fabulous prizes, including a free book upon completion. You do NOT need a library card or to live in Deerfield in order to participate! Sign up online or in person beginning June 4th.



Author/Illustrator Spotlight

KADIR NELSON

Sometimes an author/illustrator has so many great titles, we wish we could name them all! This month, we want to highlight the work of Kadir Nelson. If you have older children as well, he has many picture books and non-fiction works appropriate for elementary school students.



Early Literacy Tips

Summertime is a perfect time for so many fun activities that will build your child's science and math skills.

- Sort stones from the beach into various categories (size, color, texture).
- Count the birds in a tree.
- Keep track of the temperature for a few days: which day was hottest? Which day was coldest?
- Go for a listening walk around your neighborhood. What sound do you hear the most? What sounds happen least?



There are so many ways to build literary skills, even with books that have no words! Wordless picture books are a wonderful way to decode pictures and images. Encourage your child to "read" by looking at the pictures and telling the story to you based on what they see. You can even take turns and create a story together!

