

# Preschool Pages: Endpapers Edition

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

## Book Recommendations



Fuzzball may appear cute, but this cat is full of mischief. Hence why she thinks her name is "NoFuzzball!" Follow Fuzzball as she waits for her family to come home from a trip and she creates quite the surprise for their return. This book's endpapers show Fuzzball expressing different emotions and caught in funny situations.



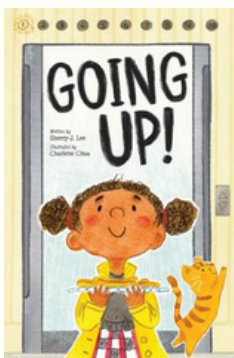
*Ning and the Night Spirits* tells the tale of a boy who lives in a town afraid of the dark. But a chance encounter with a magic spirit in the woods gives Ning the chance to change the town and bring magic back to everyone's lives... and make a new friend! The endpapers have a beautiful map, too!



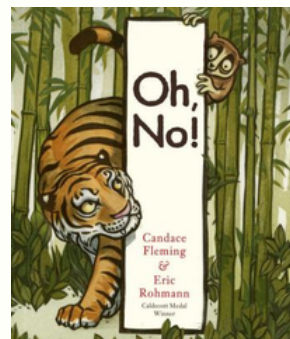
There are so many kinds of ice cream faces: the waiting in line face, the mad face, the happy face, and then the "I dropped my ice cream sad face." Luckily friends and strangers come to the rescue in this sweet (pun intended) book. Check out the endpapers with literal ice cream faces!



The Fan Brothers never fail with their amazing stories and stunning artwork. After a visit to the Cloud Seller, Lizzy names her pet cloud, Milo. When Milo grows larger than Lizzy can handle, it's time to learn the difficult lesson of letting go. Endpapers feature family portraits, including other unusual pets.



Sophie and her dad are invited to a party on the tenth floor! Count up to ten as they travel upwards and meet some friends and neighbors along the way. And check out how the endpapers change from front to back.

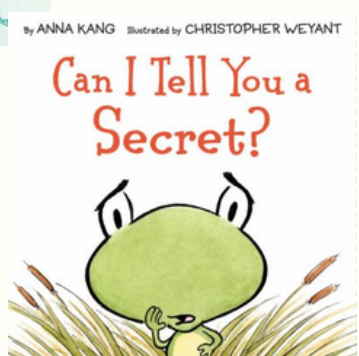
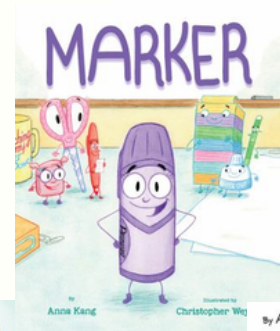
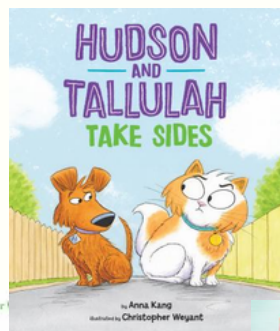
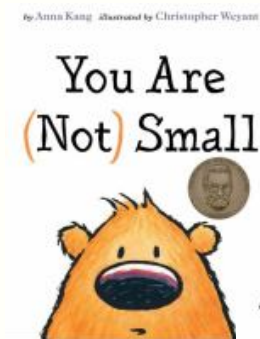


Tiger chases Frog, who falls into a deep hole and is joined by well-intentioned friends as one by one, they try and fail to rescue Frog! Now Tiger has a veritable feast trapped in the hole....or does he? The endpapers begin and end the story, so be sure to start your reading there and turn that last page for more fun!

# Author/Illustrator Spotlight

## ANNA KANG

Sometimes an author or illustrator has so many great titles, we wish we could name them all! This month, we want to highlight the work of Anna Kang. Kang writes picture books that demonstrate important social and emotional skills. Her books in particular showcase friendships and how to handle disagreements.



## Early Literacy Tips

Did you know you can "read" the endpapers in a picture book? While some books include a blank endpaper spread, other books feature illustrations that showcase characters from the book or illustrate important themes. The books highlighted in this issue are a great place to start! Practice reading these pages with your child to build visual literacy skills. What do you see? What do you think will happen in this story based on these illustrations? Then, when you finish, look at the final endpapers. Are they different from the ones in the front? What do you know now that you read the story?

Some picture book endpapers are beautiful additions to the book but don't necessarily add to the plot. When you and your child next pick up a picture book *without* endpapers, talk about what endpapers you might design for that book. If it's a story about a princess who loves trucks, would the endpapers feature crowns and big diggers? If it's a book about a sports-obsessed kid, are there bouncing balls on the endpapers? You can even turn this into a fun art project (on separate paper, not in the books; thanks!)

