

# Preschool Pages: New Year, Old Favorites

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

## Book Recommendations



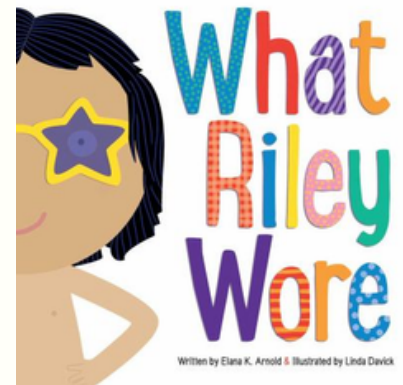
Sometimes you just want to finish your book without interruptions! This main character knows this frustration well as he tries to finish his book, but different animals keep telling him the ending. This is a silly story that's perfect for any kid who loves a good book.



Cat makes a new friend - a ball of red yarn. However, his owner takes that friend and turns him into... a sweater! Will cat learn to love his friend even in its new form? A wintry tale that's perfect to talk about changes in life, with a cute cat in a sweater to boot.



What happens when just one letter goes missing? Hilarity ensues! This laugh-out-loud funny book is a perfect readaloud AND also manages to emphasize letter-sound relationships. Great for all ages: it was even a hit with middle schoolers!



Riley's gender-nonconforming creativity gets expressed every day of the week in a different and awesome outfit! Whether they're wearing a bunny costume, space p.j.'s, or a ballgown, their outfits delight and befriend others and support them as they face what's to come each day.



Harriet is supposed to be at her birthday party. But after wearing her favorite penguin outfit to the store, she finds herself carried away by a flock of real life penguins! This is a goofy adventure that's fun for any kid who would love to be swept away (but be home in time for cake).

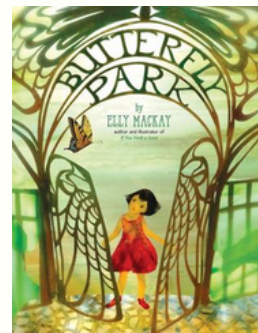
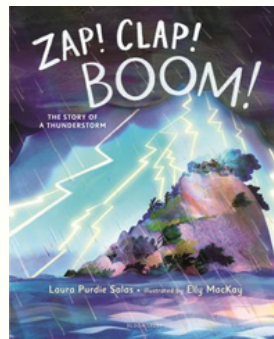
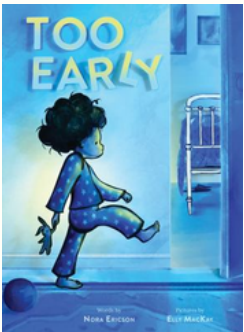


This wordless picture book is stunningly illustrated and encourages a playful sense of adventure. As the main character's paper boat gets washed away, a chase begins. Although the ending seems sad, creativity wins the day. A new adventure begins as the bright yellow raincoat is replaced by an equally bright yellow sun!

# Author/Illustrator Spotlight

## ELLY MACKAY

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 Elly MacKay. Whether she's illustrating her own work or another author's, her 3-dimensional work is immersive and atmospheric. Layered and lit in miniature theaters, it's as if you're entering another world.



## Beyond the Book!

- Is the winter weather keeping you and your kids indoors and making you all restless? Get up and dance with "Dance, Dance, Dance" by Katie Dwyer Music. Or dance in the kitchen with "Noodles!" by Allegra Levy.
- The new year is a great time to talk about setting goals. You can start by breaking tasks into smaller steps. And then cheer when your kid finishes and has done it all!
- If you've just finished reading *Float*, be sure to check out the endpapers so that you and your child can make paper boats and paper airplanes and have your own adventures!
- A new year can mean new reading goals for you and your family. Set an example for your child by reading yourself, whether it's a book, magazine, or instruction manual! Read together as a family; maybe set a goal of reading a certain number of days each week. Reward yourself for meeting any goals with a trip to the library to get even more books!