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Monthly Youth Recommendations from the Staff at Deerfield Public Library

Picture Book



Together We Ride

Valerie Bolling

Simple rhyming text paired with bold illustrations depict the special milestone of learning to ride a bicycle. The young girl, with her father's support, tries, fails, and tries again, ultimately accomplishing her goal and being rewarded with a family bike ride.

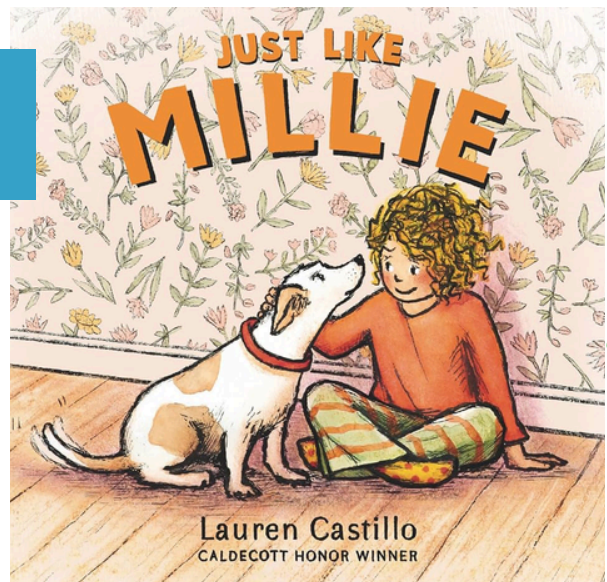
- Kary H.

Just Like Millie

Lauren Castillo

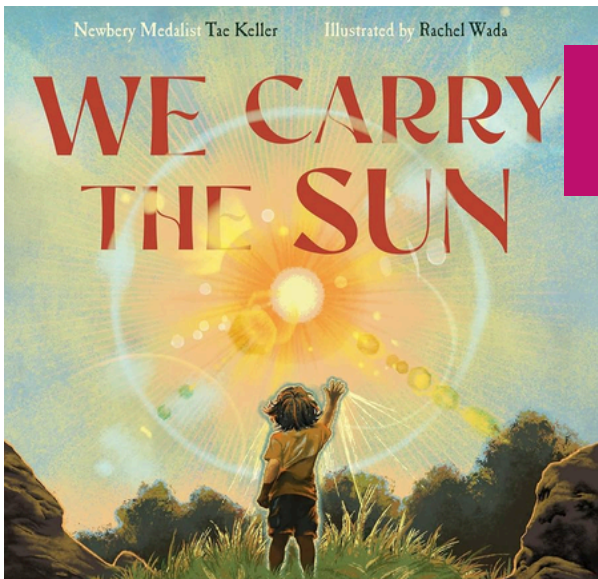
A gentle story told by a shy young girl who is having trouble making friends after moving to a new city. Then she meets Millie, who teaches her how it's done in the sweetest possible way.

- Kathy K.



Picture Book

Nonfiction



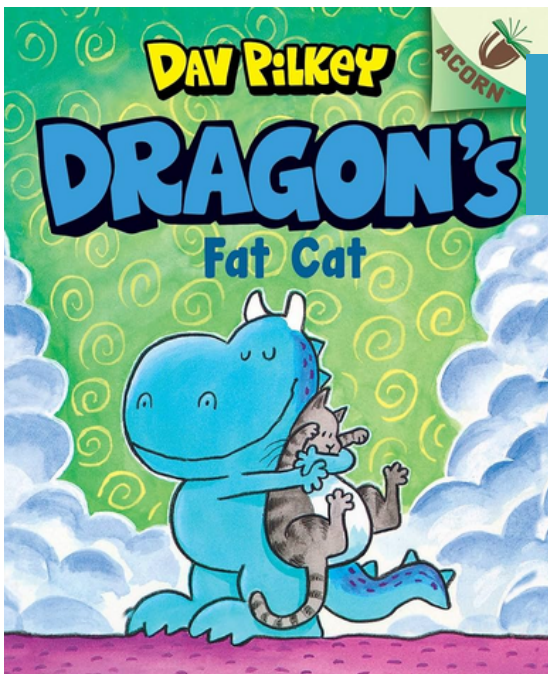
We Carry the Sun

Tae Keller

In this story of sunlight, Newbery winner Tae Keller explores the history of solar power. We learn about homes that faced the sun for heat, to burning coal for heat, to the many inventors that led us toward solar energy. A beautifully written timeline.

- Andrea L.

Early Reader



Dragon's Fat Cat

Dav Pilkey

This book is an early reader gem from the author of Dog-Man, written with humor and heart, but why do I love this specific series entry? Each drawing of a cat in this book is perfectly shaped like a friend, as seen on the cover, and that cat is on almost every page. Adorable.

- Sean C.

Oris and Timble: The Beginning

Kate DiCamillo

Sometimes the most unlikely characters become the best of friends. Orris is a rat who lives in a barn. Timble is an owl who flies in the barn and becomes trapped in a mousetrap. Orris is reminded to, "Make the good and noble choice!" A sweet tale by Newbery winner Kate DiCamillo.

- Andrea L.



Early Chapter Book

What Fish are Saying: Strange Sounds in the Ocean

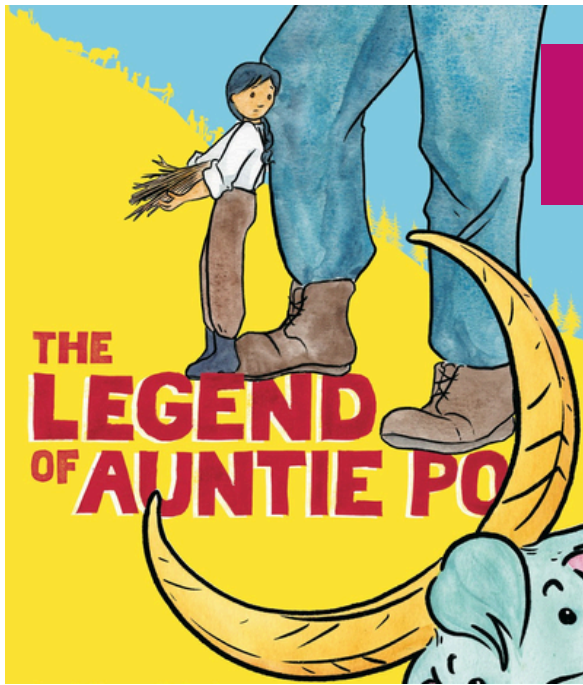
Kirsten Pendreigh

Nonfiction



Did you know the ocean is full of sounds? Fish are communicating with each other all the time! Learn how clownfish pop, salmon burp, herring fart, and more.

- Megan S.



The Legend of Auntie Po

Shing Yin Khor

This graphic novel is both sharp and incisive, and narratively butter-smooth. 13-year old Mei's stories of Auntie Po- a gigantic Chinese logging matriarch-- come to life to help her navigate the passage of the 1882 Chinese Exclusion act, cleverly exploring who gets to own a myth.

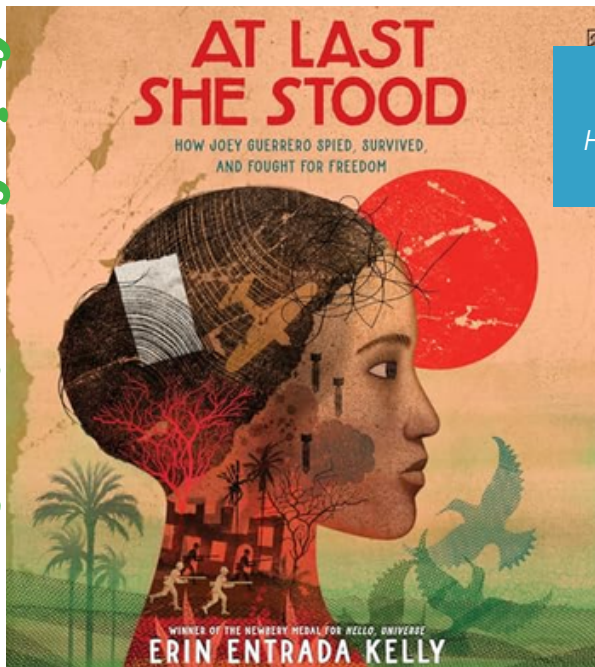
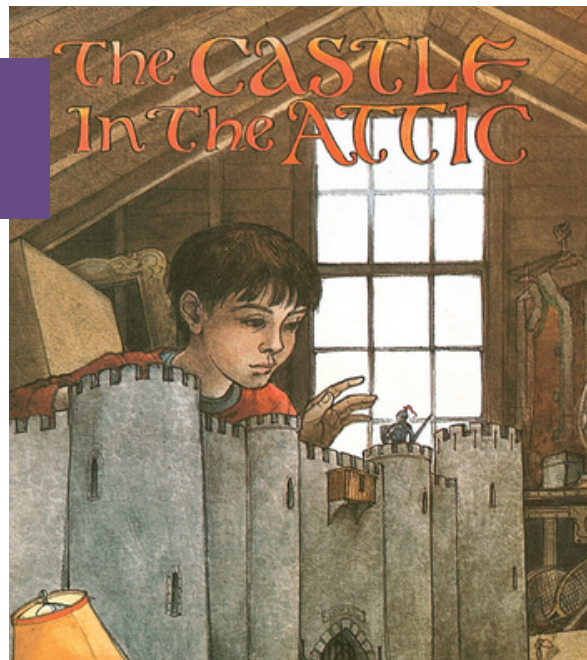
- Sean C.
(CW: Off-screen death and violence)

The Castle in the Attic

Elizabeth Winthrop

This is a fun read for any kid that is interested in the middle ages and royal knights. Not only is it a fun fantasy novel and can teach readers about overcoming your fears.

- Joseph G.



At Last She Stood:

How Joey Guerrero Spied, Survived, and Fought for Freedom

Erin Entrada Kelly

Two time Newberry-award winner Erin Entrada Kelly discovered and became fascinated with Joey Guerrero, a woman born in the Philippines who became a spy who was crucial in the Allies taking the islands back during WWII. After the war, she became an activist working to destigmatize Hansen's disease, more commonly known as leprosy.

- Emily K.
(CW: war and violence, racism)



Pillow Talk

Stephanie Cooke

A fun graphic novel about the sport of pillow wrestling (a combination of pillow fights and wrestling) that covers big topics like body image, family dynamics, friendship, identity, single parenthood and so much more, yet never feels like it is trying to do too much.

- Dylan G.

(CW: adult language, body image)

Amelia, if Only

Becky Albertalli

This is a loose companion to my favorite book of 2023, *Imogen, Obviously*. This time we follow Amelia, who's massive crush on a YouTube vlogger leads her and her friends on a wild road trip adventure, in which Amelia may or may not realize her feelings for her BFF. Amelia is funny, stubborn and headstrong, and you'll love her!

- Emily K.



The Girl I Am, Was, and Never Will Be

Shannon Gibney

The girl she is, an adult author with decades under her belt. Who she was, a biracial teen adopted by a white family. Who she never will be, the girl raised by her birth mother. An exploration of identity that culminates in a unique novel somewhere between fiction and reality.

- Dylan G.

(CW: mental health issues, mentions of cancer)

