

SELECTIONS JR.

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Monthly Youth Recommendations from the Staff at Deerfield Public Library

Picture Book



When We Are Kind

Monique Gray Smith

This is a great readaloud book. The first half goes over the different ways in which we can be kind. And then the second half mirrors the first to go over the ways we feel when other people are kind to us. A beautiful message from a Native American author.

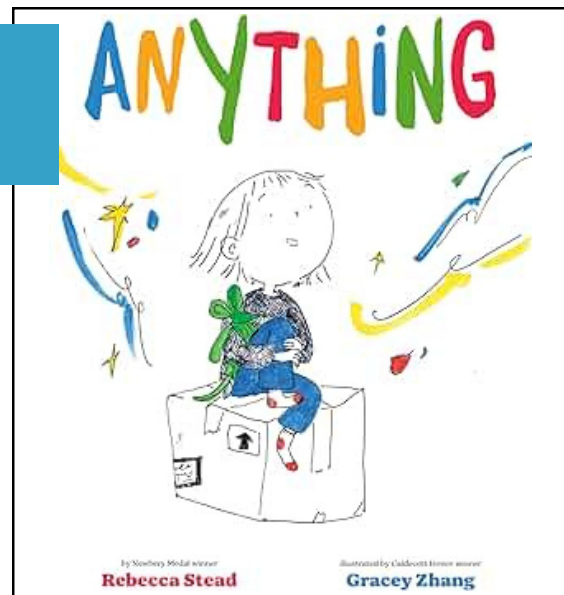
- Emily K.

Anything

Rebecca Stead

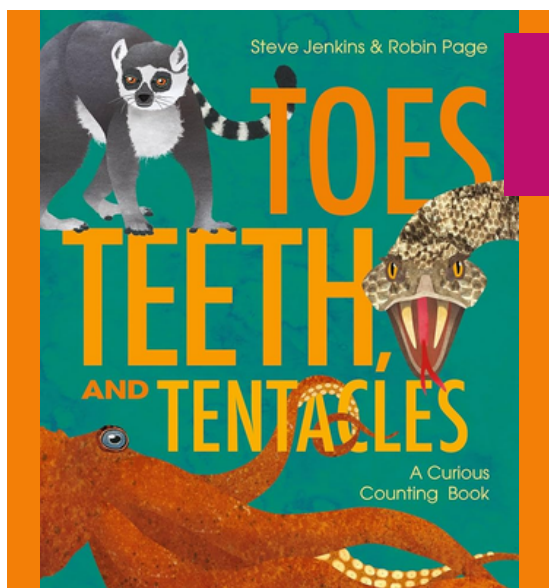
A fantastic book for anyone adjusting to a new home. The story opens as a young child and her dad are celebrating their first night in a new apartment. Dad suggests the child make 3 wishes for anything. As the child's wishes come true, she begins to accept her new home.

- Andrea L.



Picture Book

Nonfiction



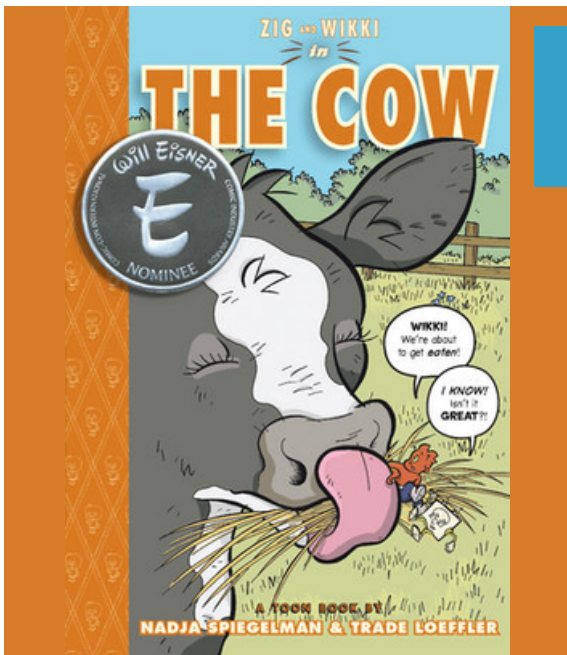
Toes, Teeth, and Tentacles *A Curious Counting Book*

Steve Jenkins & Robin Page

Perfect for fans of *Weird but True*, this nonfiction book introduces readers to a variety of strange and interesting animals. A great book to read all at once or to take in a few pages, and facts, at a time.

- Megan S.

Early Reader



Zig and Wikki in The Cow

Nadja Spiegelman & Trade Loeffler

Zig and Wikki look to rehome their pet fly and find their lost ship in this delightful romp through the ecosystem of a farm and the digestive system of a cow. Chock-full of interesting facts about its real-life subjects, this book makes for an engaging read.

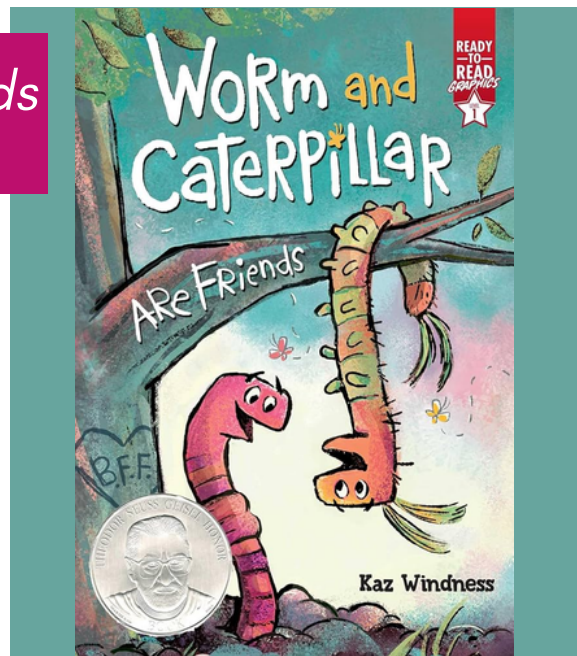
- Sean C.

Worm and Caterpillar are Friends

Kaz Windness

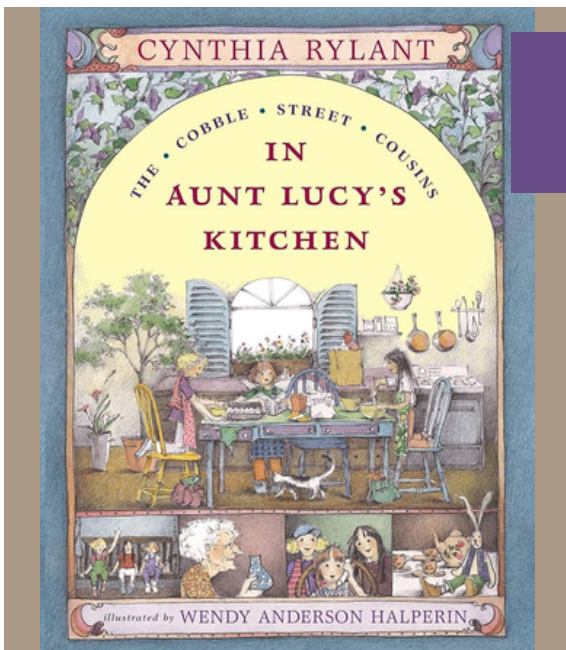
Worm and Caterpillar are best friends. Worm is certain they are friends because they are the same. Caterpillar does his best to explain their differences. A sweet story that lets us know that even when we are different and we change, we can still be friends.

- Andrea L.



Early Comic

Early Chapter Book



In Aunt Lucy's Kitchen

Cynthia Rylant

This sweet series features three cousins who live with an aunt while their parents are away. Over summer vacation, these fourth graders create a cookie company and help romance bloom for their beloved aunt. Line and pencil drawings add to the gentle adventures.

- Kary H.



The Accidental Stowaway

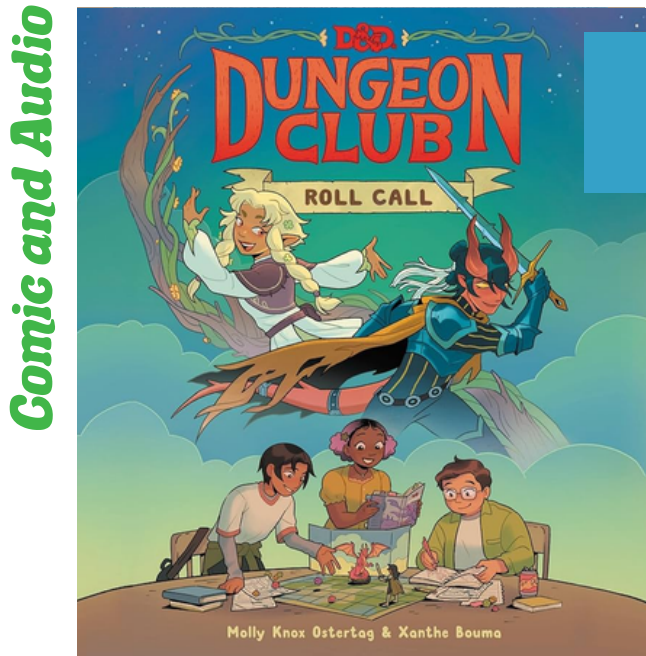
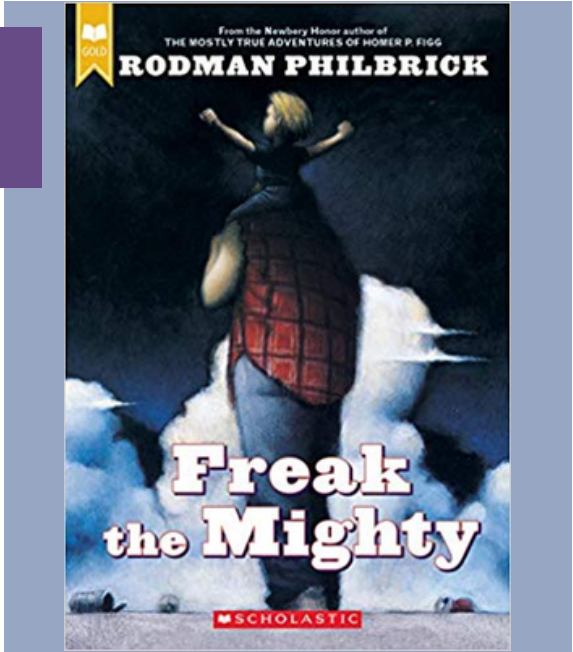
Judith Eagle

A mystery & adventure set on the high seas! Patch, who has grown up in a series of relatives' home, stows away (accidentally) on the RMS Glorious. Other characters aren't quite who they seem to be; it's up to Patch & her new friends to figure out what's going on in this fun read!
 - Kary H.

Freak the Mighty

Rodman Philbrick

This book tells the tale of friendship between two outsiders. Their differences balance each other out. This book is funny, sad, and inspirational.
 - Joseph G.
 (CW: abuse, bullying)



Dungeon Club

Molly Knox Ostertag & Xanthe Boume

This is a fantastic trilogy about 3 middle schoolers and their D&D campaign. Each book follows a different member of the trio, with them learning lessons via their game, as well as their friendships. Plus, there are audiobooks with full cast narrations, sound effects, and music!
 - Emily K.
 (CW: bullying, in game violence)



Lakelore

Anna-Marie McLemore

Legend surrounds the local lake, with stories of a world beneath, but only two nonbinary teens, Bastián and Lore, have seen this world. They come together to keep their world a secret and end up supporting each other in many other ways. A beautifully told and full of heart.

- Dylan G.

(CW: mental health, ableism, bullying, moderate language)

Flip

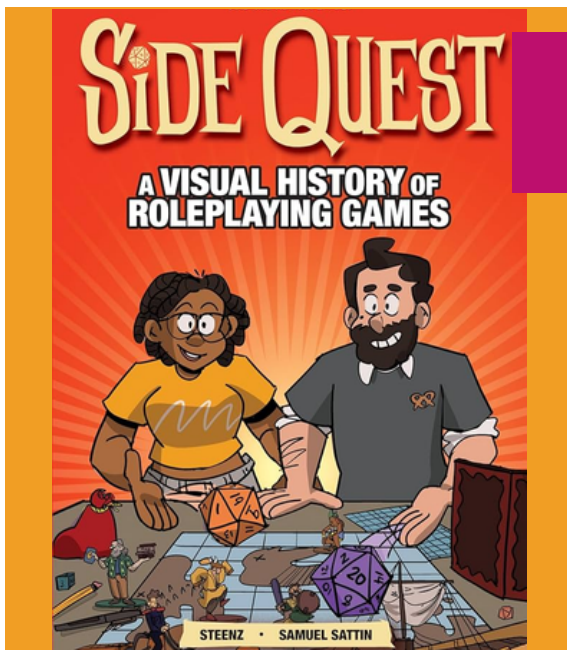
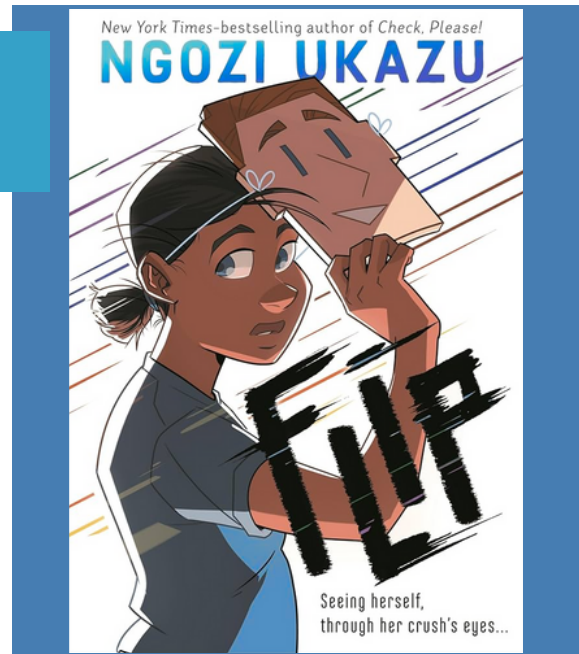
Ngozi Ukazu

This book takes Freaky Friday to a new level!

After a disastrous prom-posal, Chi-Chi switches bodies with the popular boy she has a crush on. With some help from their friends and after some silly antics, Chi-Chi and Flip not only learn more about each other but themselves.

- Megan S.

(CW: abuse, bullying)



Side Quest:

a visual history of roleplaying games

Steenz & Samuel Sattin

This incredible graphic history explores the historical developments, from ancient times till now, that formed modern TTRPGs, and details the origins of D&D, the usual entry point for the modern gamer. They cover so much, and the expressive art shows they're having fun doing it.

- Sean C.

(CW: historical violence)