

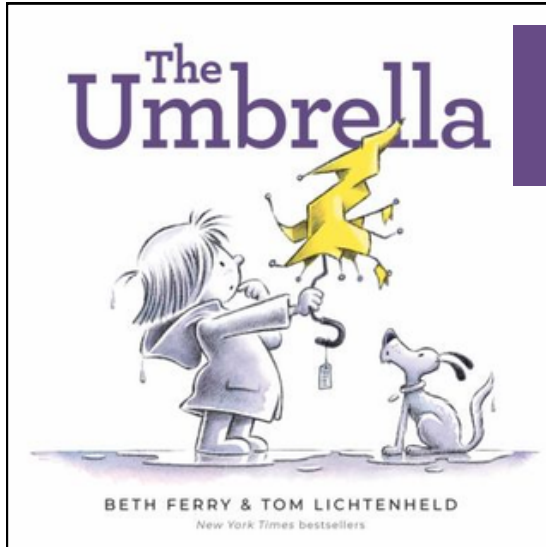
# SELECTIONS JR.

Spring 2026



Quarterly Youth Recommendations from the Staff at Deerfield Public Library

Picture Book



## *The Umbrella*

Beth Ferry & Tom Lichtenheld

This is a delightful story about a little girl and a magical umbrella that spread cheer across a rain-drenched town. The simple, rhyming narrative and adorable drawings will appeal to both kids and adults.

- Stuart O.

## *The Dark is For*

Jane Kohuth

The dark can be a scary thing for so many kids, but this picture book celebrates all the beautiful and wonderful things that happen in the dark. The illustrations are mostly a deep dark blue, but within that dark blue there are so many little details to explore.

- Dylan G.



Picture Book

Nonfiction

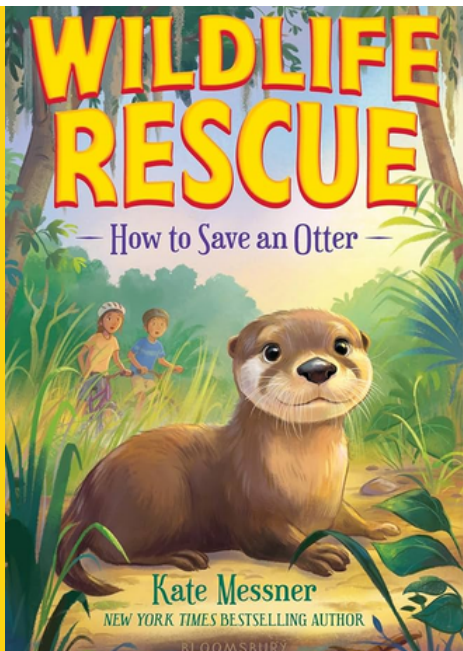


## *Watch this: A Book About Making Shapes*

Jane Godwin

This book combines physical movement with mathematical content to make for a fun, active reading experience! Available also as a board book, it encourages your child to make different shapes with their bodies. Can you make a zig zag line with your whole family??

- Kary H.



## Wildlife Rescue: How to Save an Otter

Kate Messner

This new series follows Ivy and her family as they volunteer with a wildlife hospital! In this first title, they help rescue a baby river otter and also create a towel drive to support the hospital.

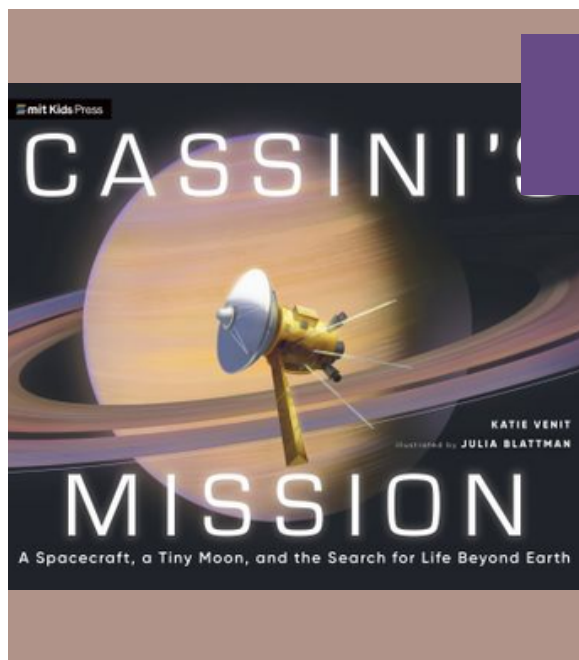
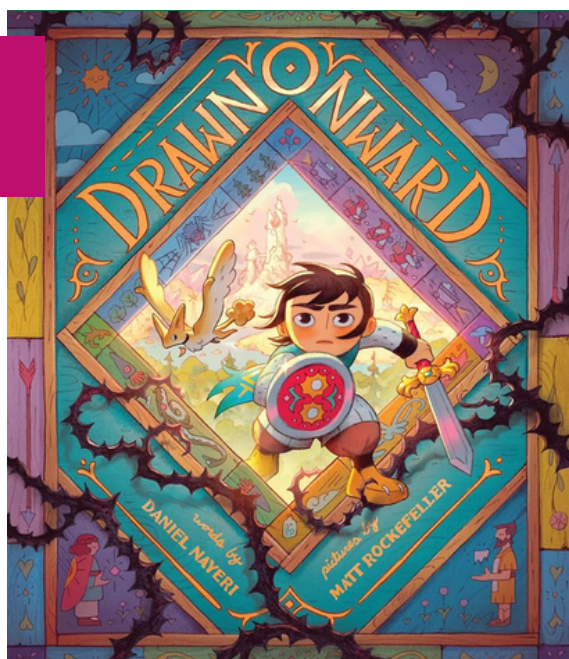
- Megan S.

## Drawn Onward

Daniel Nayeri

A beautifully composed story about coming to terms with grief and loss that draws the reader back and forth though a vibrant fantasy world-- I loved it before its palindromic twist that had me smiling till the end.

- Sean C.



## Cassini's Mission

Katie Venit

On 10/15/1997, Cassini left Earth to explore Saturn and its moons. It made some amazing discoveries. "Life as we know it needs water, chemicals, energy." Cassini discovered all of them on Enceladus; one of Saturn's moons. A fascinating, beautifully illustrated nonfiction book!

- Andrea L.



## The Week: Junior

So much is happening in the world today and it can feel overwhelming to find trusted news sources that's appropriate, and relevant, to kids. This weekly magazine is a great resource! We have print copies at the library, or you can subscribe virtually on Libby and receive each new issue automatically.

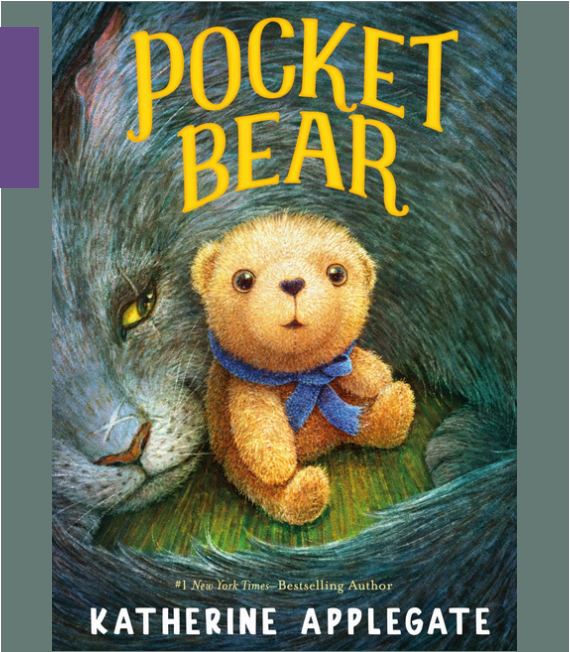
- Megan S.

## Pocket Bear

Katherine Applegate

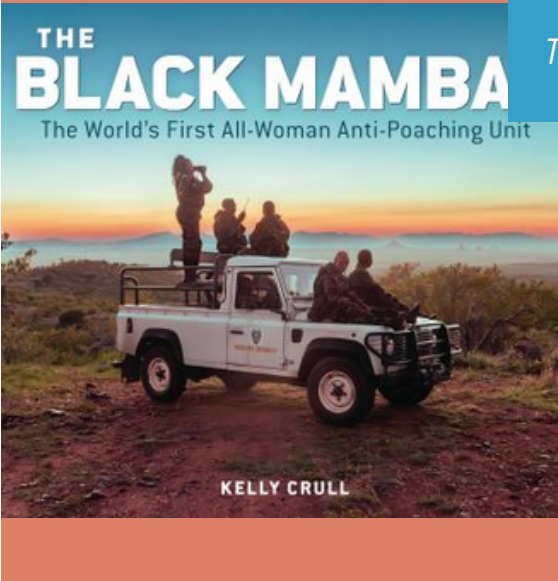
Zephyrina is a cat who hunts for lost and forgotten toys, which become part of the Second Chances Home run by Elizaveta and Dasha, refugees from Ukraine. Excellent information about the history of toy bears. A sweet story of friendship. Another masterpiece from Applegate!

- Andrea L.  
(CW: references to war)



## The Black Mambas: The World's First All-Woman Anti-Poaching Unit

Kelly Crull



As a kid I dreamed of saving the lives of wild animals like elephants and rhinos. This book features the inspiring women who do just that every day! These women use survival and tracking skills to keep South African wildlife safe from poachers. My dream job!

- Melissa S.  
(CW: Animal death)



# Scarlet Morning

ND Stevenson

All aboard the *Calamity Rose* and enter into the Dickerson's Sea, a cursed world where salt builds up into a desert wasteland, and seagulls are poisonous and feared. This heavily illustrated book is the start to a duology by the creator of *Nimona* and Netflix's *She-Ra*, which will leave readers excited for book 2.

- Emily K.

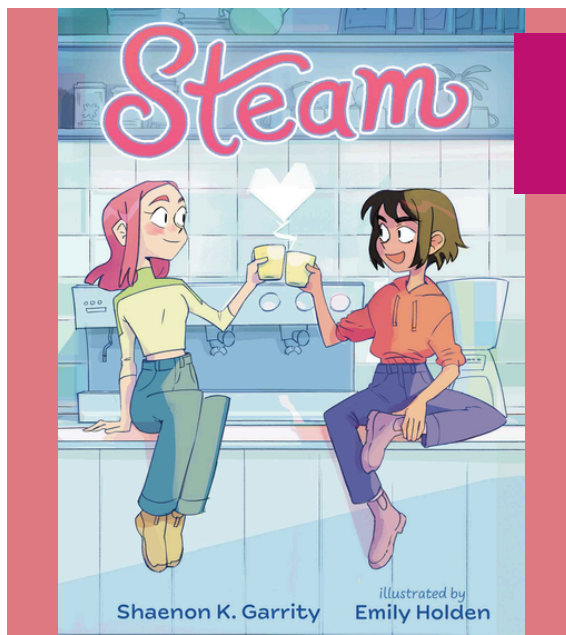
# The Adventures of Tintin

Hergé

Probably one of the greatest comics ever to come from Europe. The art style is phenomenal, the characters are great and the stories are timeless.

- Joseph G.

(CW: outdated depictions of race)



# Steam

Shaenon K. Garrity

An escaped humanoid robot gets a job at a coffee shop, and decides that she can help her new coworkers find happiness by being a matchmaker. Until she gets a crush of her own. It's a very cute and sweet sapphic story.

- Emily M.

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