

March 2023 Booktalks

Title: *This Is How We Make Friends*
Author(s): edited by Sally Beets and Niharika Prabhakar
Illustrator(s): N/A
Ages: 0-3
Copyright Year: 2021
Publisher: DK Publishing
Call Number: Juv Boardbk This

This book is a great way for the little ones to learn about what to do on their first day of preschool. It not only covers how to make friends, but also gives suggestions on sharing their feelings and playing along well with each other.

Title: *Baby Shark: Happy Mommy's Day*
Author(s): Megan Roth
Illustrator(s): N/A
Ages: 3-5
Copyright Year: 2023
Publisher: HarperCollins Publishers
Call Number: Juv Primer Roth, Megan

Baby Shark and his friends are preparing special days for each of their Mommy's, but William, who is a pilot fish with a manta ray mommy, worries about how his family looks different from the families of his friends. Check this book out to see how William learns about all families being unique and special.

Title: *How to do a Science Experiment*
Author(s): Jean Reagan
Illustrator(s): Lee Wildish
Ages: 4-6
Copyright Year: 2022
Publisher: Penguin Random House
Call Number: Juv Reader Reagan, Jean

Follow a little girl's adventure as she comes home from school to show her grandma the science experiment she did in school. The only problem is, she's not sure which powder they used at school. Give this book a read to find out how she solves the problem with her grandma's help.

Title: *Anansi and the Golden Pot*
Author(s): Taiye Selasi
Illustrator(s): Tinuke Fagborun

Publisher: Penguin Random House
Copyright: 2022
Ages: 3 – 7 years old
Call Number: Juv PicBk Selasi, Taiye

Kweku, has grown up hearing stories about the mischievous spider Anansi, and all of the adventures the spider has playing tricks on other animals. Kweku is given the nickname Anansi by his father because of his own mischievous ways. One winter, Anansi the boy has an adventure of his own. He leaves the cold city to go to the beach in Ghana to visit his Nana. It's there that he meets Anansi the spider. Anansi the boy is so excited to meet the spider and learn that his bedtime stories are true! The two of them become friends and together discover a magic golden pot. The pot can be filled with whatever the owner wants by repeating these words: "Do for me as you do for Spider! Fill with what I most desire!" Anansi the boy fills it again and again with his favorite red-red stew, and eats so much he feels sick. Anansi the spider reminds the boy about the importance of the pot. "A golden pot for golden heart. Just remember, you must share what you love with those you love the most." Anansi the boy says he will, but alas, he did not. Will he ever learn to share this wonderful gift?

Title: *Miles Lewis: King of the Ice*
Author(s): Kelly Starling Lyons
Illustrator(s): Wayne Spencer
Ages: 7-10
Copyright Year: 2022
Publisher: Penguin
Call Number: Juv Step-Up Lyons, Kelly

Miles Lewis is excited about an ice skating field trip until his best friend makes it into a competition. For Miles, it takes away some of his excitement. He is also worried about his grandmother moving away. What will he do without her? The fast moving and complex plot keeps the reader engaged. A satisfactory wrap-up completes this fun book.

Title: *Who Was the Girl Warrior of France? Joan of Arc*
Author: Sarah Winifred Searle
Illustrator: Maria Capelle Frantz
Ages: 7 to 9
Copyright Year: 2022
Publisher: Penguin USA
Call Number: Juv Graphic Who HQ Joan of Arc

Sixteen-year-old Joan of Arc journeys to meet the Dauphin of France to convince him that she has been called to end the Hundred Years' War. With the help of two faithful knights, and the Dauphin, Joan is trained and equipped to carry the royal banner and

lead her country into battle against England. Perhaps you already know the outcome of Joan's struggles, or maybe you do not. The graphic novel, *Who Was the Girl Warrior of France* with its colorful illustrations, is an enjoyable read and may fill in some gaps in your knowledge of Joan of Arc.

Title: *Let's Make Nice Cream*
Author(s): Mari Bolte
Illustrator(s): none; photo credits vary by page
Publisher: Norwood House Press
Copyright: 2023
Ages: 8-12
Call Number: Juv 641.862 B694L

Anyone for nice cream? If you would like an introduction to how ice cream can be made the vegan way, pick up this book. Learn about the history of ice cream, small kitchen appliances, and how to make delicious nice cream. Nice cream does not have animal products included. Bananas or chickpeas are recommended ingredients, instead.

Title: *You Should Meet: Yayoi Kusama*
Author(s): May Nakamura
Illustrator(s): Alexandra Badiu
Ages: 8-11
Copyright Year: 2021
Publisher: Simon & Schuster
Call Number: Juv Bio K97.5n

Yayoi Kusama grew up in early 20th century Japan. As a young girl, she would spend hours drawing and painting but her parents discouraged her from becoming an artist. According to her family, women were not meant to be artists, they were meant to be wives and mothers. Yayoi left Japan and moved to America in hopes of becoming a serious artist. Her unique style of polka dots led to her nickname "the Princess of Polka Dots". She worked hard. Her ideas were stolen and copied by others without giving her any credit. She was kicked out of exhibits and shows. Still, she continued creating. Decades after facing exhausting challenges, health issues, and criticism, she was invited to a major Italian art exhibition. She showcased her polka dot pumpkins. She was a success. Now her artwork is seen in museums around the world. Yayoi teaches us the importance of never giving up.