

October 2023 Booktalks

Title: *My Monster Truck Goes Everywhere with Me*
Author(s): Kathleen Marcath
Illustrator(s): Isaac Liang and Pardeep Mehra
Ages: 5-8
Copyright Year: 2020
Publisher: Kathleen Marcath
Call Number: Juv PicBk Marcath, Kathleen

This darling book is about a boy who loves his monster truck. He uses sign language to communicate, and the book is filled with American Sign Language letters and words. Learn how to sign “monster truck” and all the wonderful adjectives that describe his favorite toy. But what happens when the boy loses his monster truck? Read the story and learn how to sign 24 words!

Title: *A Book About You and All the World Too*
Author(s): Jean Reidy
Illustrator(s): Joey Chou
Ages: 3-7
Copyright Year: 2023
Publisher: Harper Publishing
Call Number: Juv PicBk Reidy, Jean

With catchy rhymes and eye-catching illustrations, this book discusses the limitless possibilities of stories that can be experienced by the reader. Through cooperation and wonder, there are so many experiences waiting to be had, no matter who you are.

Title: *Salat in Secret*
Author(s): Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow
Illustrator(s): Hatem Aly
Ages: 6-11
Copyright Year: 2023
Publisher: Random House Studio
Call Number: Juv PicBk Thompkins-Bigelow, Jamilah

When Muhammed gets a prayer rug for his birthday, he wants to start observing Salat, or Muslim daily prayers that take place five times a day. He carefully follows the steps to being ready for prayer, but he doesn't know where he will pray at school. His father prays right on the sidewalk, but Muhammed is afraid he will not be so brave. He needs to find a place at school, but each place he considers has a drawback. Like the

restroom...UGHH. Finally he finds a place and must gather the courage to ask his teacher to allow him the space and time to pray. Will he be brave enough to speak up?

Title: *Ophelia and the Fairy Field Trip*
Author(s): Kallie George
Illustrator(s): Lorena Alvarez Gomez
Ages: 6-8
Copyright Year: 2023
Publisher: Disney Hyperion
Call Number: Juv Step-Up George, K.

Ophelia Wavecrasher is a mermaid that is studying at Bibbidi Bobbidi Academy, the best fairy academy around. She loves helping her friends at the academy when they get in a bit of a sea pickle, and learning all the ins and outs of granting wishes keeps her pretty busy since school is very important. But Ophelia and her friends are going on a field trip to Atlantica, where Ophelia is from. She cannot wait to show all of her friends her favorite places and go to the lecture at the sea museum. Ophelia needs to visit the wishing whirlpool while she is home. It's really important to her that she does visit, but every time she tries to go, someone needs her help, including someone that Ophelia did not expect to see! What did Ophelia help her friends with?? What happened with the unexpected friend?? Did Ophelia get to visit the wishing whirlpool?? You must read the book to find out how Ophelia's adventure ends!

Title: *Haru, Zombie Dog Hero*
Author(s): Ellen Oh
Illustrator(s): N/A
Ages: 8-12
Copyright Year: 2023
Publisher: HarperCollins
Call Number: Juv Oh, Ellen

In Painted Lake, Virginia, something sinister is taking place. Eleven-year-old Luke and his dog Haru are inseparable. But when Haru is accused of biting Luke's landlady and is taken away by animal control, things take an unsettling turn. Haru is taken to an old research laboratory that is owned by an evil multibillionaire named Mr. Thomas Sinclair. While Luke and his friends set out to rescue Haru and Haru tries his best to return to Luke, they learn that Sinclair has been conducting illegal experiments that put the entire town in danger from zombie attacks! Will Luke and Haru be reunited? Will they be able to save the town from the evil Mr. Sinclair and the zombies? Read this spooky adventure to find out.

Title: *Sir Ladybug and the Bookworms*
Author: Corey R. Tabor
Illustrator: Corey R. Tabor
Ages: 6-8 years old
Copyright Year: 2022
Publisher: Blazer + Bray Imprints of Harper Collins Publisher
Call Number: Juv Graphic Sir Ladybug v.3

Sir Ladybug and the bookworms is a cute graphic novel that will appeal to beginning readers. It is a touching story of friendship and libraries.

Sir Ladybug, the champion of truth and justice, is off on a noble quest. He must get his library book back to the library before the end of the day or else it will be overdue! With the help of his trusty friends the snail and dung beetle, Sir Ladybug starts his journey to the library. Along the way, they encounter many bug friends in trouble and decide they must stop to help them out. The day is almost over, and Sir Ladybug still has not made it to the library. Then, out of the bushes, come some bookworms who want to get his book and eat it! Will Sir Ladybug make it to the library in time? Read *Sir Ladybug and the Bookworms* to find out.

Title: *Who Is LeBron James?*
Author(s): Crystal Hubbard
Illustrator(s): Stephen Marchesi
Ages: 8-11
Copyright Year: 2023
Publisher: Penguin Workshop
Call Number: Juv Bio J27.7h

LeBron James was born on December 30, 1984 in Akron, Ohio. During LeBron's early years, he had a loving family consisting of his mother, Gloria; grandmother, Freda; and uncles, Curt and Terry. Unfortunately, LeBron's father was not active in his life. However, after the death of his grandmother, LeBron's Mother, Gloria, and he had to move often until they lived with the family of one of his coaches. Did this living arrangement prove to be the lifeline LeBron needed to go from playing pee-wee football to NBA basketball? Read *Who is LeBron James?* by Crystal Hubbard to find out how LeBron grew to become a man who encourages and supports others, both on and off the courts.