

Children's Book Week

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During the week of November 12-18, teachers, librarians, booksellers and families will be celebrating Children's Book Week. The theme this year is *Rise Up Reading!* This event was started in 1919 with the goal of promoting the love of reading to children of all ages. On this 88th anniversary of Children's Book Week, stop in at the library and check out some great books to share with children.

Frankenstein Makes a Sandwich, by Adam Rex, is a funny book of monster tales. Dracula, Wolfman and Bigfoot have "monstrous" problems, and kids will enjoy finding out what monsters do to get out of trouble. *Library Lion*, by Michelle Knudsen, is a wonderful picture book that tells the story of a lion who visits the library, but runs into some trouble while trying to help a friend. Kids will love the charming illustrations. And another imaginative book, *Not a Box*, by Antoinette Portis, follows the adventures of a rabbit as he dreams that his prized plain brown box is all sorts of interesting things, such as a flying rocket! Mo Willems has a new series of early readers for children. *Today I Will Fly*, and *My Friend is Sad*, the first two books in the series, tell about the silly escapades of two best buddies, Piggie and Elephant.

Mercy Watson to the Rescue, by Kate DiCamillo, has Mercy the Pig trying to save her family from pending disaster. Will Mercy save the day? Megan McDonald, author of the Judy Moody books, has a new series about Judy's little brother Stink. In *Stink, The Incredible Shrinking Kid*, James (Stink) Moody, the shortest kid in the second grade, learns about the shortest U.S. president, James Madison, for President's Day. In *Cornelia*

and the Audacious Escapades of the Somerset Sisters, by Leslie M. Blume, eleven-year-old Cornelia learns about life from an elderly neighbor who shares her stories of the wonderful adventures she had while traveling around the world.

Older readers may enjoy *Al Capone Does My Shirts*, by Gennifer Choldenko. In this story, twelve-year-old Moose moves to Alcatraz in 1935, when prison guards' families were housed there. He has to contend with his new life on the island, as well as learn to understand his autistic sister. *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*, by Brian Selznick, is a mystery about twelve-year-old Hugo and his secret life as an orphan living in a Paris train station in 1931. Baseball fans may like to read *Heat*, by Mike Lupica. In this story, twelve-year old pitching prodigy Michael Arroyo dreams of leading his team to the Little League World Series. But because he is such a great pitcher, the coaches of the other Little League teams do not believe he is only twelve. How will the orphaned Michael prove his age?

There are many events happening at your library over the next couple of weeks. Drop In Story Time is Monday and Thursday mornings at 10:15 am. Enjoy some great books with us and dance and sing a little, too! The group *Abrazo* will be playing a free concert at the library on November 11 at 3pm, part of the Jazz and More at the Library Series. The library's Afternoon Tea and Book talk will happen Wednesday, November 14 at 4pm. Please pre-register by November 13 for this event. Our phone number is 773-3242. Drop in for video games after school on Thursday, November 15, starting at 3pm.

Please note that the library will be closed on Veteran's Day, Monday, November 12, for staff training.

