

# GARY BYKER MEMORIAL LIBRARY CHILDREN'S NEWSLETTER

March/April 2017

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS LEGO CLUB

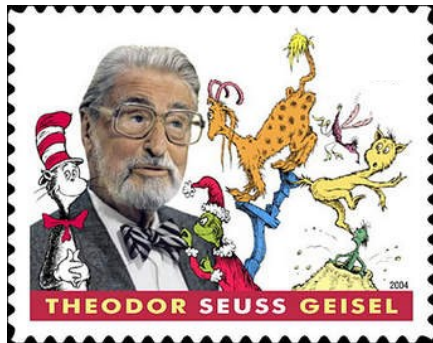


Our last official Lego Club of winter will be Saturday, March 4th, from 10:30—11:15 am. Kids 2nd to 6th grade, bring a gallon size zip lock baggie of your own Legos. A theme

will be announced and you will have 30 to 40 minutes to build. Two prizes are given: one for best builder and one by raffle. Come on over and build!!!

## CELEBRATE DR. SEUSS' BIRTHDAY

Saturday, March 11th from 10:30 to 11:30 am. (Recommended for children Kindergarten to 3rd grade but any child is welcome.) We will listen to a few Dr. Seuss stories, play some games, and make a craft or two. This is a free, walk-in program.



## MOVE TO THE MUSIC



This class will be offered Monday mornings from 10:15 to 10:45 am, March 20th through April 10th. This is a walk-in program, so no registration is necessary. This class gives kids ages 2 to 5 an opportunity to “dance”, sing and play some instruments. Parents are required to stay and dance along.

## SPRING STORY TIME FAVORITE STORIES



Spring Story Time at the Gary Byker Memorial Library will be **Favorite Stories**. Sign-up will begin Monday, April 3rd. The session will run for **six weeks** beginning April 17th. Story times for “independent” 3 1/2 to 6 year olds will be offered Mondays from 11:15 to noon. *There is a \$10.00 fee per child for non-residents.* Hudsonville Library cardholders may sign-up for free. The last ten minutes of story time includes a craft and parents are asked to come in and help.



The **Wee Wigglers** will also be doing **Favorite Stories** (*Sign-up and fees are as above.*) This **six week** program for toddlers 18 months to 3 1/2 years accompanied by an adult lap is offered either Monday, Wednesday or Thursday morning from 10:15 to 11:00 a.m. The first twenty minutes is for stories, songs, and activities and then the parents help their child make a craft. Lastly, the children have a snack and enjoy some play time while parents have a chance to chat.

## PIZZA AND PAGES

Our last winter book club will be held on Thursday, March 2nd from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. We will eat pizza, discuss realistic fiction books, play word games and “bid” on some prizes. This club is free but please register so we can order the right amount of pizza.



## SPRING BREAK ACTIVITIES!

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### SPRING BREAK LEGOS

**Wednesday, April 5th from 10:30 to 11:15 am.**

If you are in 2nd to 6th grade, bring a gallon size bag of your own Legos. A theme will be announced and you will have 30 to 40 minutes to build. Two prizes are given: one for best builder and one by raffle. Take the challenge and use your imagination to build.



*(no fee or registration required.)*

### PIZZA AND PAGES

**Thursday, April 6th from 1:00 to 2:00 pm.**

3rd graders and up join us for some pizza and pop, play some word games, talk about a book of their choice and bid on some prizes. No fee, but registration is required to order the right amount of pizza. (Call 669-1255 or e-mail Ellie Mazor at [hudem@llcoop.org](mailto:hudem@llcoop.org).)

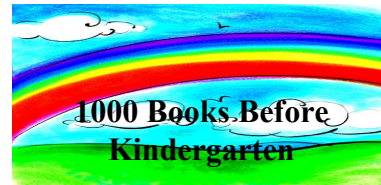


## MAYOR'S READING CLUB

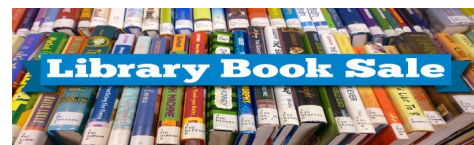


This reading club is for children 4 to 7 years old. Get the Mayor's Reading Club log at the library or online. “Read” the 12 picture books by December 31st, 2017 and get a book, coupon and a reading certificate from Mayor Northrup. This is a free club to promote reading for all children.

### 1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

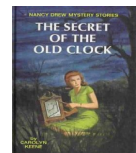


This program encourages parents to read 1000 books with their children before they enter Kindergarten and thereby help their children learn to read by themselves. Come into the Byker Library to get your reading log. For every 250 books read, your child will receive a small prize culminating with their name written on our reading rainbow wall. This program is free to all Hudsonville patrons and members of our story times.



**FRIENDS USED BOOK SALE** will be Thursday, April 27th through Saturday, April 29th. There will be books, magazines, DVDs, CDs and more. Support your library and buy, buy, buy! Remember, Saturday you can fill a shopping bag full of books for \$5.00.

**Mini-Golf** The children's department made a little over \$300 from our mini-golf fundraiser. Thanks to all who participated. We were able to purchase a new set of Nancy Drew books. Isiah Meyers and Liem McCarty won the golf games and Alison Hoekstra won the Barnes & Noble card. Congrats!





## Good-Bye to Miss Ellie

I have so enjoyed working here the past twenty years. My director, Melissa Huisman, the staff, the Friends of the Library and the patrons are wonderful. I will miss my interaction with the children the most. I can't thank you enough for all the wonderful times I've had at the Gary Byker Library. How lucky I am. Next I will volunteer at Presidential Estates as well as DeVos Children's Hospital doing story times and crafts. My husband and I will celebrate our daughter's wedding this summer then vacation together. Take care all of you. **You are the best!**

*(How I feel about leaving.)*

## Hello to Katie

*I am so happy that we found a great children's librarian who begins in April. Her name is: Katie Manting-Kirk.*

Hello! I am very excited to be your new children's librarian. I am looking forward to continuing to bring all the amazing programs that are here at the library. Who is this person taking over for the amazing Miss Ellie? Well, I am a children's librarian who previously worked at the Patmos Library in Jamestown. I live in Grandville with my husband and two boys. They are both tweens and active in robotics, scouting, and other fun things. Of course I love to read. I think book authors are like rock stars! I also enjoy food, knitting, being outdoors, going on adventures, and watching Sherlock, Dr. Who, and ALL the superhero things. I am looking forward to getting to know all the wonderful patrons at Hudsonville!



*(How Katie feels about coming here!)*



## APRIL IS POETRY MONTH

During **Poetry Month** look for book displays, poetry scattered around the library, create your own poetry magnetic boards, and more. Write an original poem about reading, books or the library to win a Chipotle coupon or a Barnes and Noble or Starbucks gift card. Turn the poem in by Saturday, April 22nd in person or by e-mail to Ellie Mazor at ([hudem@llcoop.org](mailto:hudem@llcoop.org)).

### Open A Book

Open a book  
 And you will find,  
 People and places of every kind;  
 Open a book  
 And you can be,  
 Anything you want to be;  
 Open a book  
 And you can share,  
 Wondrous words you find in there  
 Open a book  
 And I will too,  
 You read to me,  
 And I'll read to you!



### Books

If you read a few, then you'll know it's true:

Books are good for you!

Chefs read cookbooks,

Pirates? "Hook" books!

Little kids read lift-and-look books!

We read books of poems and prose -

Some of these and some of those.

Read some too, and you'll agree,

Books are good for you and me!



by Helen H. Moore

## VESTIBULE DISPLAYS



We would love to show off your collections in our vestibule display cabinet. Do you have, for example, a doll, matchbox car, horse, or Star Trek collection? If you do please contact the library and we will be happy to display your items. Here is a photo of Zach Van Der Meulen's Star Wars ships and figures.

## NEWER APPS FOR KIDS



### Elmo Loves 123s

Help your child identify and count numbers from 1 to 20, do simple addition and subtraction, and trace numbers that also open surprises, such as *Sesame Street* videos, puzzles, and coloring pages. Along the way, everyone's favorite furry character, Elmo, and Abby Cadabby guide kids through learning math. (ages 5 and under, \$2.99; iPad)

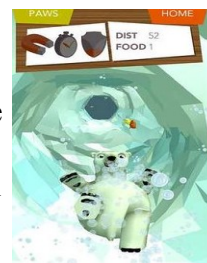
### Disney Story Central

Bedtime just got a lot less painful, thanks to Disney Story Central. The large selection of e-books starring Disney characters -- such as Mickey Mouse, the princesses, and Doc McStuffins -- offer read-along narration and personalized book recommendations. Plus, your bookworm will earn trophies and awards as she progresses. (2 years+, free for iPad for first 4 books, with additional purchase packages.)



### Habitat the Game

Teach your kid to care for the environment with Habitat the Game. Players adopt a virtual polar bear and must complete real-world actions -- such as turning lights off and conserving water -- to keep the creature healthy. Little ones will take pride in making an actual difference in the world with these exciting games. (4 years+, Free; iPhone, iPad, Android)



# APRIL IS NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

It's National Poetry Month, everybody! Let's celebrate with haiku about reading.

Here's how to write haiku: A traditional Japanese haiku is a three-line poem with seventeen syllables, written in a 5/7/5 syllable count. Here are some of our favorites about reading:

Treasured stack of books  
water stained vintage paper  
old fishing stories.

Characters go forth  
Unlimited stories  
That new book smell.

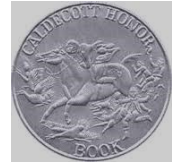
**Letters on the page**  
**Worlds created in my mind**  
**I live many lives.**



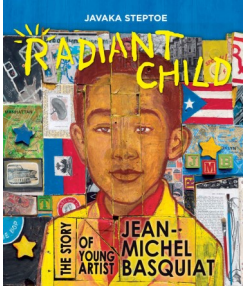
Now write your own haiku about reading, books or the library.

# CALDECOTT WINNER AND HONOR BOOKS 2017

The Caldecott Medal was named in honor of nineteenth-century English illustrator Randolph Caldecott. It is awarded annually by the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association, to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children.



## CALDECOTT WINNER 2017



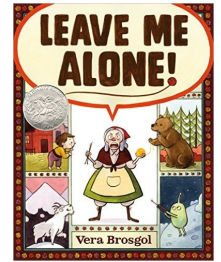
**Radiant Child: The story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat**, pictures and words by Javaka Steptoe

Jean-Michael Basquiat and his unique, collage-style paintings rocketed to fame in the 1980s as a cultural phenomenon unlike anything the art world had ever seen. But before that, he was a little boy who saw art everywhere: in poetry, books and museums, in games and in the words that we speak. Steptoe's vivid text and bold artwork echoing Basquiat's own introduces young readers to the powerful message that art doesn't always have to be neat or clean to be beautiful.

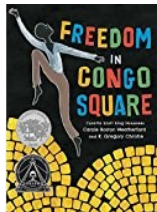
## CALDECOTT HONOR BOOKS 2017

**Leave Me Alone**, pictures and words by Vera Brosgol

Brosgol incorporates folktale elements in her amusing story of an old woman in search of a quiet place to knit. Fleeing her too small house overrun with too many energetic grandchildren, she packs her needles and yarn and heads for the mountains. Unfortunately, she can't find an undisturbed spot. Hungry bears, curious mountain goats, and little green moon-men provoke her to shout: "Leave me alone!" Climbing through a wormhole, she discovers a dark and quiet place to complete 30 little sweaters. When she returns home.....



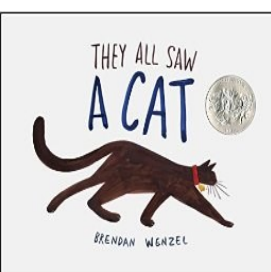
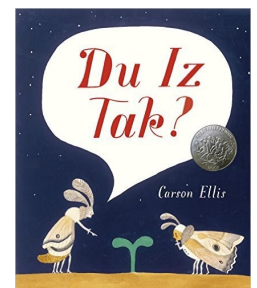
**Freedom in Congo Square**, pictures and words by Carole Boston Weatherford and R. Gregory Christie



Count down the days until Sunday, a day for slaves in New Orleans to gather together and remember their African heritage. Weatherford vividly describes each day of nonstop work under a "dreaded lash" until Sunday, when slaves and free blacks could assemble in Congo Square, now a part of New Orleans' Louis Armstrong Park. Musicians "drummed ancestral roots alive" on different traditional instruments, and men and women danced. They also exchanged information and sold wares.

**Duz Iz Tak?** pictures and words by Carson Ellis

Ellis weaves the tale of several square feet of ground in the insect world as the seasons pass. Multiple story lines intersect: a mysterious plant bursting from the soil, the rise and fall of a spectacular fort, and a caterpillar's quiet then triumphant metamorphosis into a shimmering moth.



**They All Saw a Cat**, pictures and words by Brendan Wenzel

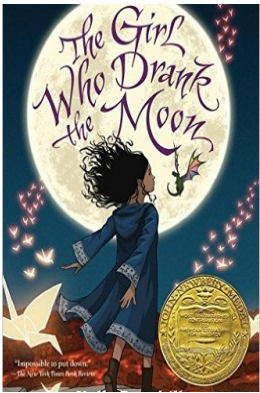
Every illustration in this book stands alone as a piece of art while serving as a wonderful manual to encourage young minds to enjoy their natural observation skills. The story demonstrates, the fact that every pair of eyes sees the world in their own different way. It may also be your kid's first zoology book, since it accurately shows the difference in each animal's capabilities of vision and sense perception. In clear and unfussy language the child gets to travel above ground, underground, fly a bit and go underwater.

# NEWBERY AWARD AND HONOR BOOKS 2017



*The Newbery Medal was named for eighteenth-century British bookseller John Newbery. It is awarded annually by the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association, to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children.*

## NEWBERY AWARD WINNER



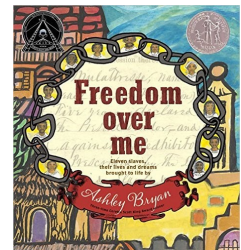
***Girl Who Drank the Moon*** by Kelly Barnhill

Once a year in the Protectorate there is a Day of Sacrifice. The youngest baby is taken by the Elders and left in the forest to die, thus appeasing the witch who threatens to destroy the village if not obeyed. Unbeknownst to the people, Xan, the witch of the forest, is kind and compassionate. When she discovers the first baby left as a sacrifice, she has no idea why it has been abandoned. She rescues the infants, feeds each one starlight, and delivers the shining infants to parents in the Outside Cities who love and care for them. On one occasion, Xan accidentally feeds a baby moonlight along with starlight, filling her with glowing magic. Xan is smitten with the beautiful baby girl, who has a crescent moon birthmark on her forehead, and chooses to raise her as her own child. Twists and turns emerge as the identity of the true evil witch becomes apparent.

## NEWBERY AWARD HONOR WINNERS

***Freedom Over Me: Eleven Slaves, Their Lives and Dreams Brought to Life*** by Ashley Bryan

Using real documents from an estate appraisal, Bryan has created beautiful portrait paintings for 11 people who were named and priced as property. Relying on narrative poetry to explore each figure's inner and outer life, Bryan gives voice to their history, their longing for freedom, and their skills as artisans, cooks, musicians, carpenters, etc.

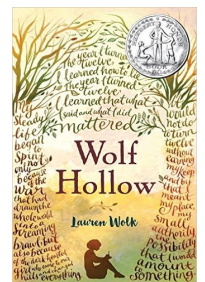


***The Inquisitor's Tale: Or, The Three Magical Children and Their Holy Dog*** by Adam Gidwitz

In 1242, on a dark night, travelers from across France cross paths at an inn and begin to tell stories of three children. Their adventures take them on a chase through France: they are taken captive by knights, sit alongside a king, and save the land from a farting dragon. On the run to escape prejudice and persecution and save precious and holy texts from being burned, their quest drives them forward to a final showdown at Mont Saint-Michel.

***Wolf Hollow*** by Lauren Wolk

Eleven-year-old Annabelle lives in a rural Pennsylvania community in 1943. The continued fighting of World War II haunts everyone, but life is mostly peaceful—until Betty Glengarry's arrival. Betty is cruel and threatening and thrives on inflicting pain. At first, Annabelle is slightly comforted to know that Toby is watching out for her. Toby is a local vagabond, a World War I veteran of few words who has become something like a friend of Annabelle's family. Meanwhile, Betty's violent malice only grows, until one day she goes missing. Toby immediately becomes the prime suspect in Betty's disappearance. Annabelle is sure of Toby's innocence and is determined to prove it.



# DR. SeUSS

## WORD SEARCH

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BOOKS  
CAT IN THE HAT  
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GREEN EGGS  
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HOP ON POP  
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RHYMES  
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# FOX IN SOCKS PUPPET

## Materials:

Construction paper

Brown paper lunch bag

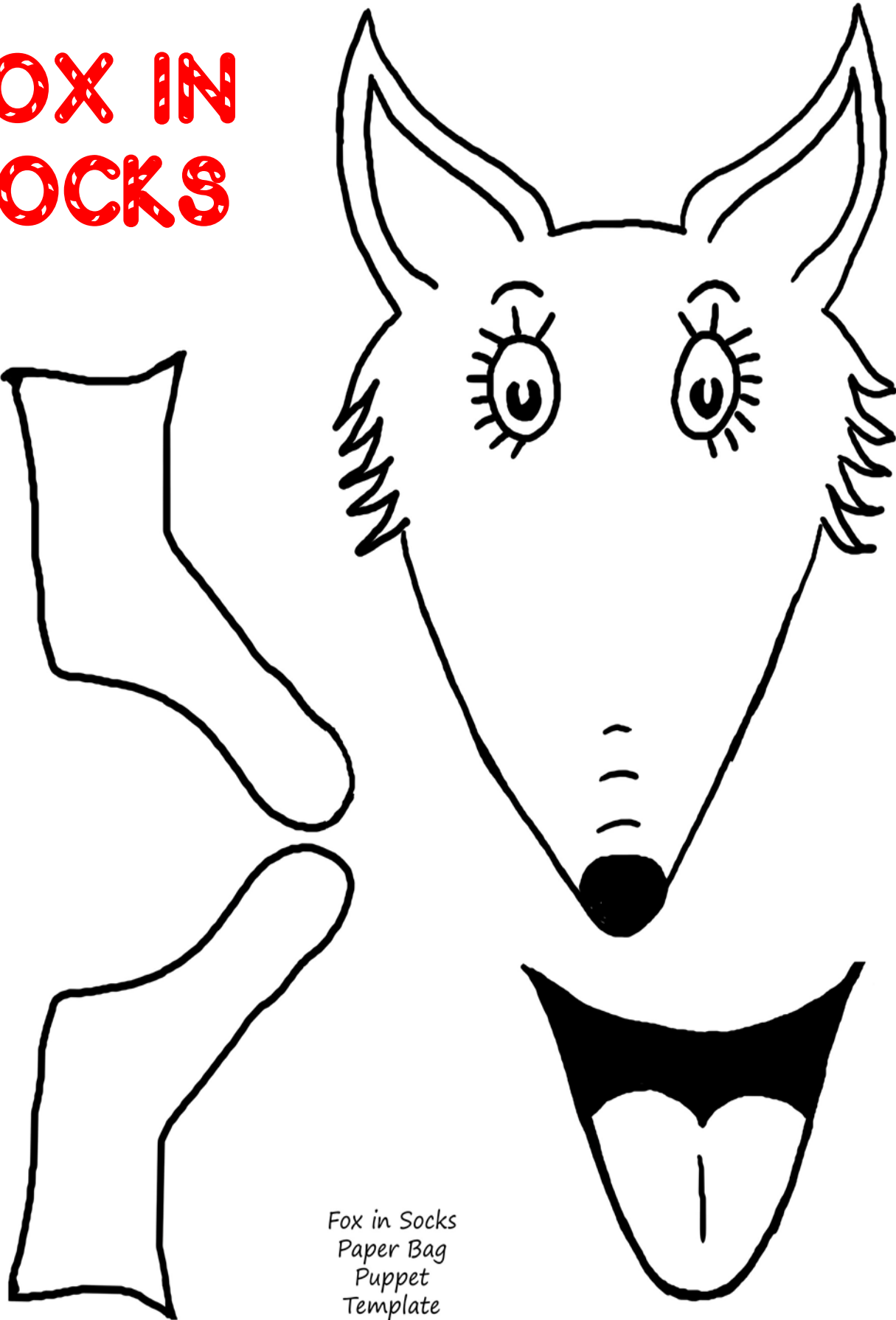
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# FOX IN SOCKS



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