

SPRINGHURST PRESENTS



SUMMER

— READING —



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GRADES 3-4



GROW A LOVE OF READING

June 2023

Dear Families,

Summertime! It's the perfect time to find a hammock (or a grassy backyard, a sunny beach or a cozy front porch . . . you get the idea) and immerse yourself in a good book! It is our hope that this summer, your child will continue to grow a love of reading by reading a variety of books both old and new.

Attached is a list of suggested book titles. (This list is also available on the Springhurst website.) We hope you will find this list helpful when visiting the public library or local bookstore. Please remember that these books are suggestions and are not required reading.

Springhurst also has a subscription to a fun, reading program that you and your child can access from home this summer anywhere there is an internet connection.

- Go to: <http://auth.grolier.com/login/bookflix/login.php>
- User Name: springsch
- Password: bookflix

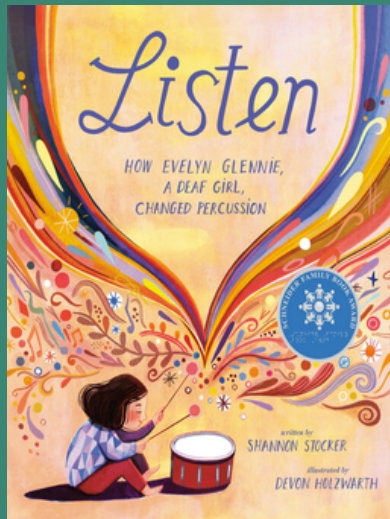
If your child had a RAZ Kids account throughout the year, they will still have access to it through the summer.

We hope that you have a fun-filled, story-filled summer and we will see you all in September!

Happy Reading!

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Listen: How Evelyn Glennie, a Deaf Girl Changed Percussion

by Shannon Stocker & Devon Holzwarth

This inspiring picture book tells the true story of world-famous deaf percussionist Dame Evelyn Glennie. This is a story of music. Of obstacles. Of strength and hard work. Of all you can accomplish when you dream.

The Strangest Thing in the Sea and Other Curious Creatures of the Deep

by Rachel Poliquin & Byron Eggenschwiler

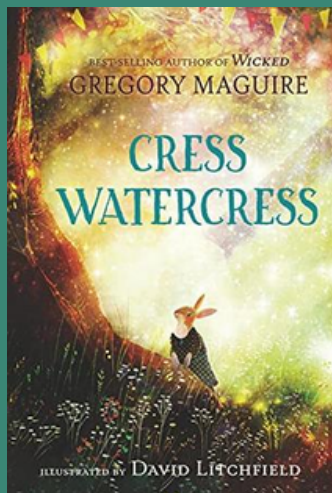
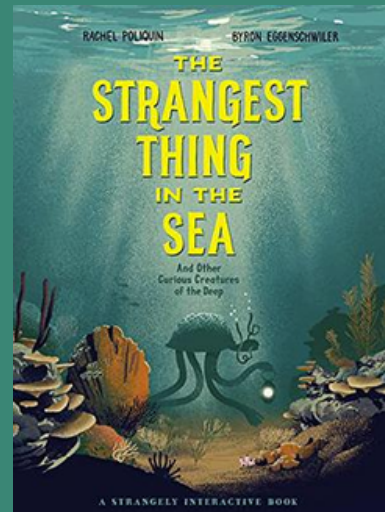
A look at some very strange creatures in the sea --- but which is the strangest?

A feathery tutu dancing through the water?

A tiptoeing rock wearing a wig?

A mountain of skulls on the ocean floor?

Not everything is quite as it seems in this exploration of 12 bizarre and little-known sea animals.



Cress Watercress

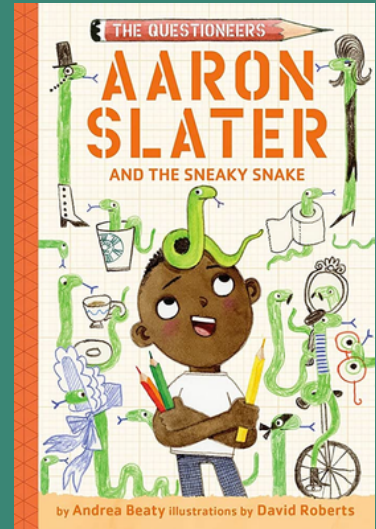
by Gregory Maguire & David Litchfield

When Papa doesn't return from a nocturnal honey-gathering expedition, Cress holds out hope, but her mother assumes the worst. It's a dangerous world for rabbits, after all. Mama moves what's left of the Watercress family to the basement unit of the Broken Arms, a run-down apartment oak with a suspect owl landlord, a nosy mouse super, a rowdy family of squirrels, and a pair of songbirds who broadcast everyone's business. Can a dead tree full of annoying neighbors, and no Papa, ever be home?

Aaron Slater and the Sneaky Snake ***The Questioners Series***

by Andrea Beaty and David Roberts

Zookeeper Fred loves snakes, but his favorite is a tiny green snake named Vern. When Vern gets loose in the zoo and lands atop a boy's head, it's trouble! A few citizens demand that all the snakes must go and the Mayor closes the zoo until the City Council decides what to do. Is Vern a menace? Are the snakes a danger to society? Or a valuable resource for everyone? Who gets to decide? The Questioners need all their talents to help Zookeeper Fred, but in the end, it's Aaron's art which leads the way.



The Wild Robot

by Peter Brown

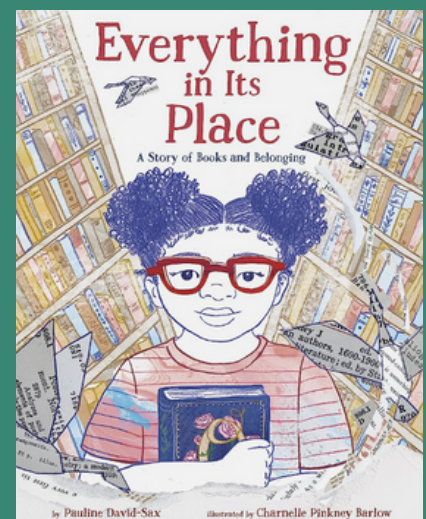
When robot Roz opens her eyes for the first time, she discovers that she is all alone on a remote, wild island. She has no idea how she got there or what her purpose is—but she knows she needs to survive. After battling a violent storm and escaping a vicious bear attack, she realizes that her only hope for survival is to adapt to her surroundings and learn from the island's unwelcoming animal inhabitants.

As Roz slowly befriends the animals, the island starts to feel like home—until, one day, the robot's mysterious past comes back to haunt her.

Everything in Its Place: A Story of Books and Belonging

by Pauline David-Sax & Charnelle Pinkney Barlow

Nicky is a shy girl who feels most at home in the safe space of her school library, but the library closes for a week and Nicky is forced to face her social anxiety. When she meets a group of unique, diverse, inspiring women at her mother's diner—members of a women's motorcycle club—Nicky realizes that being different doesn't have to mean being alone, and that there's a place for everyone.





The Hero Next Door

Edited by Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich

Not all heroes wear capes. Some heroes teach martial arts. Others talk to ghosts. A few are inventors or soccer players. They're also sisters, neighbors, and friends. Because heroes come in many shapes and sizes. But they all have one thing in common: they make the world a better place.

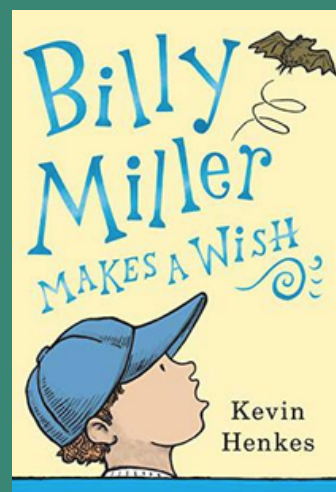
This vibrant anthology features thirteen acclaimed authors whose powerful and diverse voices show how small acts of kindness can save the day.

Billy Miller Makes a Wish

by Kevin Henkes

On his birthday, Billy Miller wishes for something exciting to happen. But he immediately regrets his wish when an ambulance rushes to his neighbor's house. Is Billy responsible?

A companion to *The Year of Billy Miller* (2013), a Newbery Honor Book.



Lola Levine is not Mean

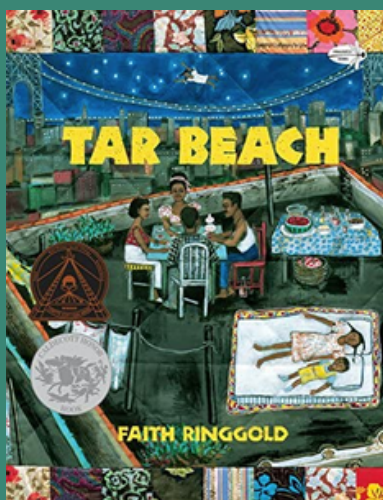
Lola Levine Series

by Monica Brown & Angela Dominguez

Lola Levine likes writing in her diario, sipping her mom's cafe con leche, eating her dad's matzo ball soup, and playing soccer with her team, the Orange Smoothies. So what if she doesn't always fit in?

Lola is fierce on the field, but when a soccer game during recess gets too competitive, she accidentally hurts her classmate Juan Gomez. Now everyone is calling her Mean Lola Levine! Lola feels terrible, but with the help of her family, her super best friend, Josh Blot, and a little "pencil power," she just might be able to turn it all around.





Tar Beach

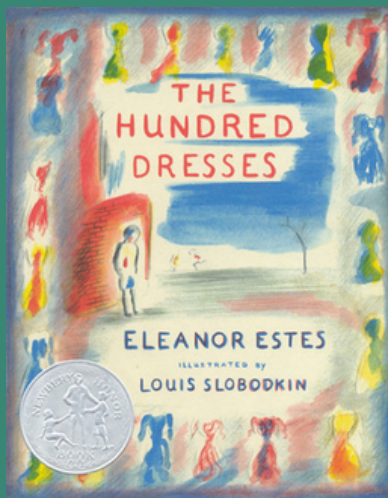
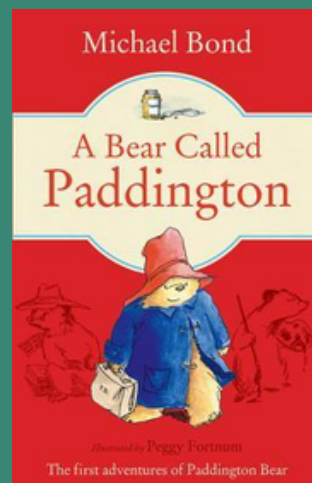
by Faith Ringgold

Cassie Louise Lightfoot has a dream: to be free to go wherever she wants for the rest of her life. One night, up on "tar beach," the rooftop of her family's Harlem apartment building, her dreams come true. The stars lift her up, and she flies over the city, claiming the buildings and the city as her own.

A Bear Called Paddington

by Michael Bond

Mr. and Mrs. Brown first met Paddington, a most endearing bear from Peru on a railway platform in London. A sign hanging around his neck said, "Please look after this bear. Thank you" So that is just what they did.



The Hundred Dresses

by Eleanor Estes

Wanda Petronski is ridiculed by her classmates for wearing the same faded blue dress every day. She claims she has one hundred dresses at home, but everyone knows she doesn't. When Wanda is pulled out of school one day, the class feels terrible, and classmate Maddie decides that she is "never going to stand by and say nothing again." A gentle tale about bullies, bystanders, and having the courage to speak up.