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Message from the Youth Librarian

Dear Reader,

Spring has sprung! Though it may not fully feel like spring yet, there is evidence that it's here. It reminds me of one of my favorite books, "*The Boy Who Didn't Believe in Spring*". In the story King Shabazz goes looking for spring. He hears everyone talking about how spring is right around the corner. So, he literally goes looking for it around the corner until he finds it one day in a vacant lot. You have to check it out! I will tell you what is right around the corner... our summer reading kickoff! This year's theme is "Libraries Rock". Read below for more information.

~ Ms. Myles

Upcoming Events:



Earth Day

Have A Happy Earth Day!

Earth Day got its start when Gaylord Nelson, then a U.S. Senator from Wisconsin, read an article about anti-war "teach-ins" that were proving successful in the peace movement. Nelson, who was interested in environmental issues, thought that a teach-in might be successful in raising public awareness of the environmental degradation in this country and around the world.

On April 22, 1970, an estimated 20 million people across the United States participated in pro-environment demonstrations. The resulting event was dubbed Earth Day. The event proved so popular that it became an annual event.

The impact of Earth Day is unquestionable. Congress passed the Clean Air Act after Earth Day, and the Environmental Protection Agency was created within three years of the event.

Earth Day is celebrated close to another environmental holiday: Arbor Day on April 27, when people are encouraged to plant trees.

NASA Podcast

April 25: [Careers with NASA](#)

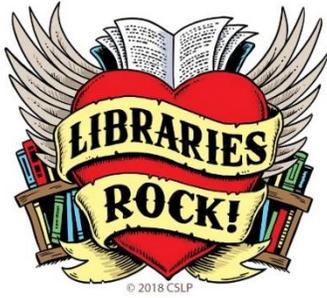
National Arbor Day

April 27 [Arbor Day Website](#)

Summer Reads Celebration

May 18: MD School for the Blind

Important Announcement!



Summer Reading Kick Off

For children, teens, and adults. Participate in activities, crafts, and games.

Maryland State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Saturday, June 9th

10 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

415 Park Avenue

Baltimore, MD 21201

410-230-2424

Come sign up and get your summer reading start package. Top readers over the summer can get awesome prizes and participate in exciting events!

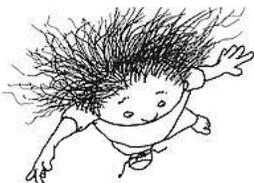
Author of the Month

[Shel Silverstein](#)

Shel Silverstein was a unique writer with many artistic talents. While generally best known for his poetry and literature for children, he was also a cartoonist, composer, lyricist, and folksinger. http://www.librarypoint.org/shel_silverstein

More Interesting Fast Facts on Shel Silverstein:

- Silverstein used the alias "Uncle Shelby" in some of his work.
- Shel Silverstein is one of the highest selling children's authors
- His most famous book is *The Giving Tree* (1964).
- Shel Silverstein wrote more than 800 songs.
- He won a Grammy Award for *Best Country Song* ("A Boy Named Sue," by Johnny Cash in 1969) and another Grammy Award for Best Recording for Children for *Where the Sidewalk Ends* in 1984.
- *Where the Sidewalk Ends* won the Michigan Young Readers' Award in 1981.



Shel Silverstein Falling Up (1996)

I tripped on my shoelace
And I fell up-
Up to the roof tops,
Up over the town,
Up past the tree tops,
Up over the mountains,
Up where the colors
Blend into the sounds.
But it got me so dizzy
When I looked around,
I got sick to my stomach
And I threw down.

Tips for Parents to Encourage Early Literacy

1. Make Storytime have AHA moments.
2. Let your child color and "pretend write" using a variety of tools such as crayons, pens, chalk, and markers. What the child writes or draws may not be recognizable, but they will be making the connection that writing is a way to tell a story, at the same time building the fine motor skills they will need to write actual words. If your child has little or no vision, try taking a piece of paper and put it over a piece of window screen cut to fit on a clipboard. When your child writes on the paper using a crayon, it will make a raised mark that they can feel.
3. Encourage your child to dictate stories to you that you can make into books together. You can write down the story in print or braille, and your child can illustrate the book with his or her drawings, or you can collect objects to glue on the pages
4. One way that children become interested in reading is seeing their parents read. Try to find time to make reading a priority for everyone at home so that your children will be inspired to read.
5. Using different voices for different characters really does make a difference. You will see kids become more engaged in the story almost immediately.
6. Pay attention to how your child reacts to the book you are reading. Stop if your child isn't enjoying the story and try another book or another time.
7. Every time you read the same book, your child gets something new out of it. Repetition is necessary and good.

GOT BARD? (Braille and Audio Recorded Book Download)

Recently added books waiting for you to **download**.

Nature and the Environment

[Orca Footprints Series, Books 1–4](#)

DB87324 5 hours 17 minutes

by Michelle Mulder and Nikki Tate

read by Joe Peck

Four books, written between 2013 and 2016, featuring environmental sustainability and smart consumerism. Includes *Brilliant! Shining a Light on Sustainable Energy*, *Deep Roots: How Trees Sustain Our Planet*, *Pedal It! How Bicycles are Changing the World*, and *Pocket Change: Pitching In for a Better World*. For grades 4-7. 2016.

Science and Technology

[Eye of the Storm: NASA, Drones, and the Race to Crack the Hurricane Code](#)

DB88337 2 hours 14 minutes

by Amy Cherrix

read by Mare Trevathan

Describes the ways in which technology is being used to study hurricanes and to predict both the timing and strength of these storms. Focuses on NASA's Hurricane and Severe Storm Sentinel (HS3) mission, which uses drone technology. For grades 4-7. 2017.

[Engineering That Made America Series, Books 1–8](#)

DB88666 3 hours 54 minutes

by Arnold Ringstad and others

read by Bob Moore

Presents eight significant engineering achievements in U.S. history. The series set includes *The Building of the Golden Gate Bridge*, *The Building of the Hoover Dam*, *The Building of the Transcontinental Railroad*, *The Invention of the Airplane*, *The Invention of the Assembly Line*, and more. For grades 3-6. 2017.

Did You Know?

[April is National Poetry Month](#) National Poetry Month each April is the largest literary celebration in the world, with tens of millions of readers, students, K-12 teachers, librarians, booksellers, literary events curators, publishers, bloggers, and, of course, poets marking poetry's important place in our culture and our lives.

While we celebrate poets and poetry year-round, the Academy of American Poets was inspired by the successful celebrations of Black History Month (February) and Women's History Month (March), and founded National Poetry Month in April 1996 with an aim to:

- highlight the extraordinary legacy and ongoing achievement of American poets,
- encourage the reading of poems,
- assist teachers in bringing poetry into their classrooms,
- increase the attention paid to poetry by national and local media,
- encourage increased publication and distribution of poetry books, and
- encourage support for poets and poetry.

Show your support by participating in "Poem in Your Pocket Day"

Poem in Your Pocket Day 2018 is on April 26 and is part of National Poetry Month. On this day, select a poem, carry it with you, and share it with others at schools, bookstores, libraries, parks, workplaces, street corners, and on social media using the hashtag #pocketpoem.

Poem in Your Pocket Day was initiated in April 2002 by the Office of the Mayor in New York City, in partnership with the city's Departments of Cultural Affairs and Education. In 2008, the Academy of American Poets took the initiative to all fifty United States, encouraging individuals around the country to participate. In 2016, the League of Canadian Poets extended Poem in Your Pocket Day to Canada.

The Book Corner

"Poetry is when an emotion has found its thought and the thought has found words." ~ Robert Frost

Grades K-3

DBC05192 Your moon, my moon a grandmother's words to a faraway child MacLachlan, Patricia.

Although their homes are different, a grandmother in New England and her loving grandson in Africa share the same moon. For grades K-3.

DB079890 Giraffes Can't Dance Andreae, Giles.

Gerald the giraffe is too clumsy to dance with all the other animals at the Jungle Dance, until he finds the right music. Commercial audiobook. For grades K-3. 2008.

BR011502 Where the sidewalk ends the poems of Shel Silverstein. Silverstein, Shel.

A collection of 127 madcap poems. Subjects include acrobats, Band-Aids, dancing pants, and sleeping sardines. For grades 2-4 and older readers.

BR011899 Falling up poems Silverstein, Shel.

A collection of brief and humorous poems featuring silly situations and a gallery of zany characters. You will see the world from "a different angle" as you meet the Terrible Toy-Eating Toodle, attend the "Rotten Convention," and visit Hungry Kid Island. For grades 2-4 and older readers. Bestseller.

Grades 4-8

DB086255 Finding wonders: three girls who changed science
Atkins, Jeannine.

Biographical novel in verse featuring three notable women scientists in three different time periods: Maria Merian, a naturalist and scientific illustrator; Mary Anning, a fossil collector and paleontologist; and Maria Mitchell, an astronomer. For grades 4-7. 2016.

DB086925 Garvey's choice Grimes, Nikki.

Novel in verse. Filling an emotional void with food, bookworm Garvey struggles with his weight and school bullies and is unable to connect with his sports-minded father. But when his friend pushes him to audition for chorus, Garvey finally finds himself and his voice. For grades 4-7. 2016.

DB084472 Booked Alexander, Kwame.

A novel in verse. Eighth-grader Nick Hall loves soccer and hates books, but he soon learns the power of words as he wrestles with problems at home, stands up to a bully, and tries to impress the girl of his dreams. For grades 5-8. 2016.

DB085140 You can fly: the Tuskegee Airmen Weatherford, Carole
Boston.

History in verse that celebrates the Tuskegee Airmen. Recounts the challenges faced by the African American pilots in WWII, who triumphed in the skies and blew past the color barriers as fighter squadrons. For grades 5-8. 2016.

DB086787 Lion Island: Cuba's warrior of words
Engle, Margarita.

Novel in verse. In 1870s Cuba, Antonio Chuffat, a messenger boy of Chinese, African, and Cuban descent, becomes a translator and documents the freedom struggle of indentured Chinese laborers in his country. For grades 5-8. 2016.

Senior High and Older Readers

DB083535 American Ace Nelson, Marilyn.

Sixteen-year-old Connor tries to help his depressed father, who learned upon his mother's death that the man who raised him was not his biological father. Connor researches his family's past and discovers that his dad's father was probably a Tuskegee Airman. For senior high and older readers. 2016.

Websites/ Social Media to Check Out

[LBPH Twitter](#)

[LBPH Facebook](#)

[LBPH Website](#)

[OPAC \(Online Public Access Catalog\)](#)

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