

Wildwood Library News

2022 - 2023

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June 2023

ALL LIBRARY BOOKS are DUE back now! If you are having trouble locating your book(s), please let me know and we can make a plan: Susan Wells wellss@arps.org.



This week in library class every student received their personal USER ID for SORA, our electronic book and audiobook collection. This login will allow your family IMMEDIATE access to great books all summer. For more information click on our [SORA LOGIN INSTRUCTIONS](#).

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Do you need great summer reading suggestions?

Please visit www.wildwoodlibrary.org and click on [SUMMER READING LISTS](#) to see great book recommendations for kids by kids!

May 26th 2023

There's only 14 ½ days left in the school year! That means the 30th of May - Friday, June 2nd is the last week to check out books from the Wildwood Library!

ALL LIBRARY BOOKS ARE DUE BACK ON FRIDAY, JUNE 9th!

WILDWOOD LIBRARY



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JUNE 9th

Return your books and pick a book (to keep) from our BOOK SWAP!

When students return ALL of their WW Library books they will be invited to pick a book from the Wildwood Library Book Swap! Thanks to generous donations from past and present Wildwood families students can pick a BOOK TO KEEP from our selection.



Don't hesitate to contact me if you can't locate a book or feel like you have returned it. We make mistakes too! We would be glad to check the shelves and see if it is here before you turn your house upside down.

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May 12th

AS a parent volunteer for the WW PGO I have been in charge of the yearbook for the past 7 years. This is my final year as the yearbook coordinator. I hope you will consider ordering a yearbook to support the WW PGO. In the past 2 years



the yearbook returned to print after COVID forced us to make digital yearbooks for 2 years. The 6th grade class both last year and this year has been my partner in creating the yearbook. They have taken photos at recess, selected photos for specific pages, and worked on the layout. You might recall that we were planning for a double graduation until recently and the 6th grade class helped me re-outline the yearbook to include and feature the 5th grade students as well as the 6th graders. In February we began the work to reinstate some pages and create new ones all together. In this year's yearbook we have an expanded FRIENDS section and a minor RECESS page has grown into a multi-page spread called "WW throughout the seasons."

The Yearbook is a massive undertaking. It would be impossible without our amazing photographer, parent and paraeducator, **Katie Pacheco**. Katie takes amazing photos! It would not be possible without our **6th students** who are dedicated to creating an inclusive yearbook that represents our WW community. Finally, **Sarah Tatro**, takes photos so that every student is included and proofreads the 40 page product looking for spelling errors and places where photos are outside the margins. Although I am a bit relieved to be finished with my job, I will miss the joy of looking back at how our WW students have changed and grown each year.

Here are the directions for ordering your copy:

Time to order your Wildwood Yearbook 2022-2023

- Order your copy ONLINE this year. No paper forms!
- Order deadline: May 18th, 2023

Order now! Copies will not be sold in June!

- Donate a copy or request a free copy for your family

Go to the Wildwood PGO website at <https://wildwoodpgo.com/> and click the "Order a 2023 Wildwood Yearbook" link. There is a simple form to fill out for each yearbook you'd like to order, and then you can decide whether to pay online* or send a check.

*The online payment takes an extra step - please read and follow the directions if you decide to pay online.

May 5th, 2023

Thank you Amherst College for a unique, first-time collaboration!

Our fourth grade students just celebrated the conclusion of their work with the students in



course: Indigenous Narratives: Creating Children's Stories about Native American History. Dr. Ellen Boucher, Dr. Kiara Vigil and I began working together this summer to make this project a reality for our students. During the collaboration our students:

- Developed relationships with Amherst students so that they could be effective peer editors
- Acted as experts/docents at the Eric Carle Museum teaching the Amherst College students about the Christian Robinson exhibit: ["What Might You Do?"](#)
- gave feedback to Amherst College students on their stories teaching young people under-represented histories from Native American culture.

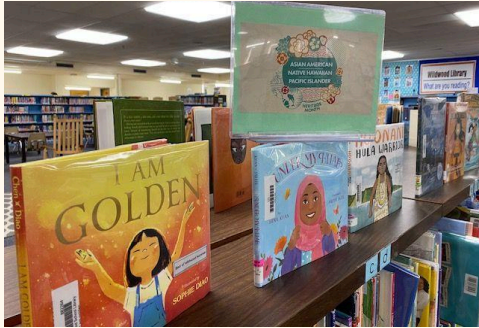
To conclude our partnership Amherst College arranged an author visit with renowned author and member of the Cherokee nation, [Brandon Hobson](#), who read from his brand book *The Storyteller*. **Amherst College also provided every 4th grader with a copy of the book!**

without the help of our very capable library paraeducator, Sarah Tatro, a collaboration like this is not possible. Please express your support for the library paraeducator position by reaching out to Nick (yaffen@arps.org), Allison (estes@arps.org) and Dr. Morris (morris@arps.org).



April 26, 2023

Poetry month has been a HIT! Many students have discovered **NOVELS IN VERSE** (a story told in poetry or verse). A feature of our library catalog is that we can highlight collections like these. [Take a look for yourself on our library catalog!](#) Generally Sarah Tatro makes our beautiful physical displays in the library for our students and staff and I work to make sure the library catalog is highlighting our evolving collections and making them accessible for students and staff!



May is Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month. We will be highlighting Jason Chin and his nonfiction work. [To learn more click here.](#)



Our partnership with UMASS ATHLETICS continued this week! The UMASS Women's Soccer Team came to READ and PLAY with our Second grade students. If this partnership continues to grow, sports teams will be able to come to Wildwood on a more regular basis and work on reading, fair play, integrity and spirit. I have been able to create these opportunities for our students because of our new collaboration with UMASS. This collaboration came out of our [COMMUNITY Project Based Learning Unit](#) in the Fall. **Without the help of our very capable library paraeducator, Sarah Tatro, none of these extra projects are possible.** Please express your support for the library paraeducator position by reaching out to Nick (yaffen@arps.org), Allison (estes@arps.org) and Dr. Morris (morrism@arps.org).



March 31, 2023

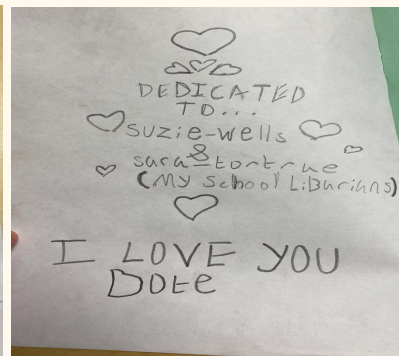
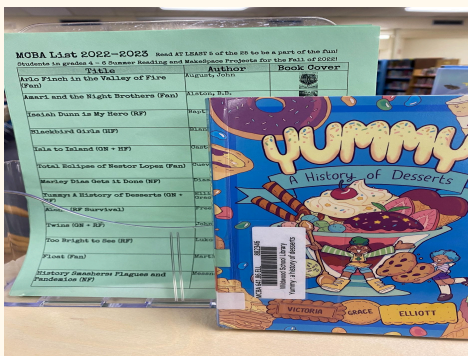
Do you know what a noodlehead is?

Folktales offer us the opportunity to see the world through many perspectives and understand that as humans we all struggle. Folktales are also highly entertaining! As many of our classes are discovering how the library is organized and how to find books they love, we are learning about folk and fairy tales. In the 398 folktales section this week 2nd, 3rd and 4th graders are learning about the traditional wise fool. This is one of my favorite characters in all of literature. A noodlehead or



wise fool is a person who makes seemingly foolish decisions but there is a wisdom to their logic. Noodlehead stories are a great introduction to folktales because examples of noodleheads date back for 2 millenia and can be found in many different cultures. Juan Bobo is from Latin American culture, Mulla Nasruddin from the Islamic tradition, foolish Jack from English folklore; See a few more examples in the photo!

Love in the Library!



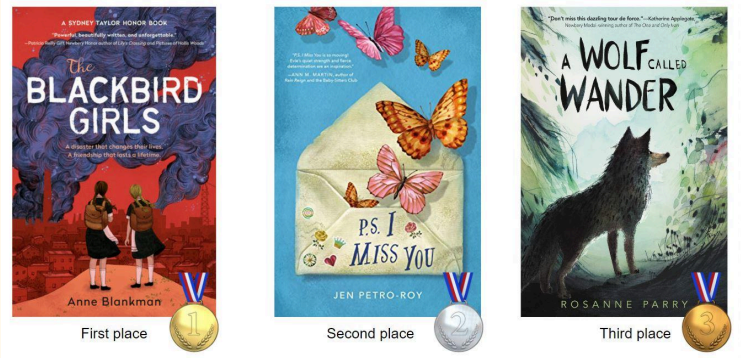
The MCBA book *Yummy: A History of Desserts* inspired a young wildwood author to make their own history of yummy things. The dedication page made my whole week!

March 17th, 2023

Many thanks to the Wildwood Community who contacted the Amherst School Committee to restore the library paraeducator position to the 2024 budget. [Please See my personal letter of thanks.](#)

This is my favorite time of year! Our 4th, 5th and 6th grade students have voted for their favorite [MCBA book](#) and after many weeks of reading, planning, gluing, cutting, decorating, strategizing, problem solving, writing questions, almost giving up and re-writing directions, we finally get to play their MCBA games! It warms my heart to hear students reading clearly written directions and playing games that have been made with so much creativity and passion. It makes the many tribulations, after hours formatting and cutting questions, worth it!

MCBA winners are...



Thank you, Sarah Tatro! Without her the WW Library MakerSpace would be impossible to run!

Games based on the [MCBA books](#): (L - R)
Lemons: strategy board game to photograph the Bigfoot, **Amari and the Night Brothers**: portals and shortcuts help you save Amari's brother, **Yummy**: answer questions to earn model magic ingredients to make recipes from the book, **I Survived the Nazi Invasion**: Lego obstacles challenge players to answer questions, **Float**: keep Emerson from floating away, **Isla to Island**: help Marisol reach New York - color is the key, **Isaiah Dunn is My Hero**: Go fish for your WW teacher Superhero pair, **Black Bird Girls**: escape radiation and reach the safe city using robotic cars.

March 10, 2023

This week in the Wildwood Library:



4th grade field trip with Amherst College to The Eric Carle Museum. Wildwood students acted as docent experts for the Christian Robinson Exhibit: "What Might You Do?" The Exhibit runs until June, 2023.



These projects are not possible without our library paraeducator's time and effort. Please let the School Committee and our administration know how much

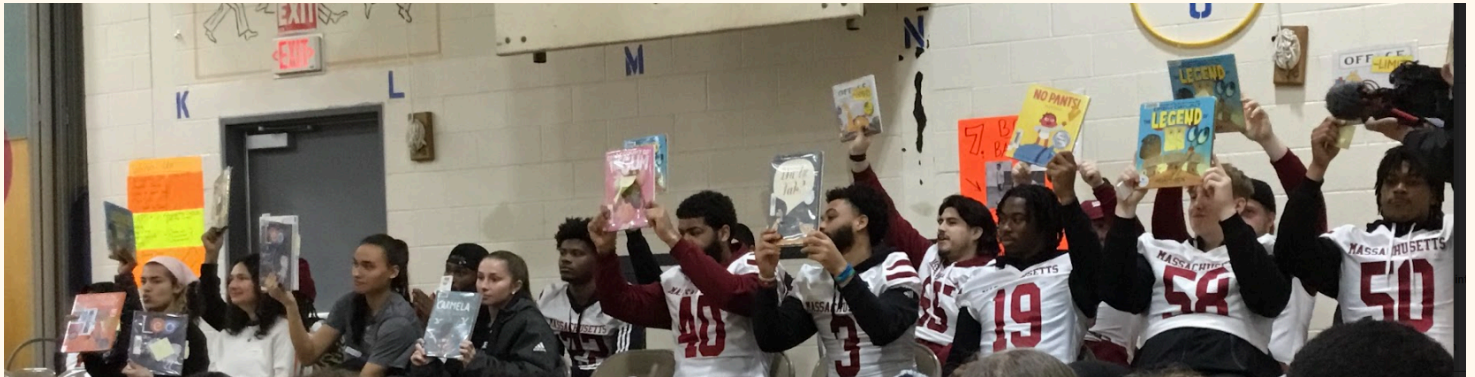
you value our School library programming:

You can email the School Committee at SCPublicComment@arps.org, leave a voicemail or text at 413-362-1891, or Speak in person at the next School Committee meeting on March 14.



5th and 6th Grade MakerSpace MCBA Games are READY TO PLAY! Students read an MCBA Book and created a board game based on the book! Let's play!

March 2nd, 2023 was Read Across America Day!



UMass
Student-
Athletes know
the power of
reading!



Fuel your brain
power by reading
6 books in 6
months

32 UMass Student Athletes joined us to celebrate reading.

- UMass Student-Athletes have shared a reading incentive bookmark with all Wildwood students!
- The challenge: read 6 books in 6 months!
- Record the titles and redeem the bookmark for a reserved ticket to a UMass home football game (must be redeemed 24 hours before game time)

Our very own Wildwood students picked their favorite pictures for the UMass student athletes to read aloud. It is an impressive list of outstanding picture books. [Click here to see them all!](#)



Student athletes from Lacrosse, Rowing, Swimming, Soccer and Football joined us. Students from WW and UMass had a great time reading together!



Show this completed bookmark at the Mullins Center Box Office for 1 FREE reserved ticket to a UMass Football game being played at McGuirk Alumni Stadium during the 2023 season. Must be redeemed at least 24 hours prior to kickoff.

February 17, 2023

We are So GRATEFUL for Sarah Tatro, our library paraeducator, for all that she does:

- Checks in and checks out over 2,000 books per week
- Covers, stickers and prepares books for check out (about 1,000 per year)
 - KIDS LOVE NEW BOOKS and SARAH makes Sure new books get to our shelves ASAP!
- Repairs books
- Keeps our library looking great
- Always shelves books and finds missing books
- Makes our displays and signs AMAZING - this is how kids learn how to find books they love!
- Holds books for students (Has your student ever really wanted the next book in the series? Sarah knows and often has the book waiting for your student at their next check out time).
- Assists students with their student jobs in the library
- Provides LOVE and ATTENTION to anyone who might need a bit extra that day!



The Wildwood Library is a safe and welcoming place because of SARAH!

Ask your student about Sarah T.! Tell our administration what an outstanding job Sarah does for Wildwood and your students. Send a quick email with your thanks to: Nick Yaffe (yaffen@arps.org) or Dr. Michael Morris (morrisM@arps.org) It might be nice to include Sarah too! (tatroS@arps.org)



**THANK YOU SARAH T.! In the words of a very wise second grader:
"You've been here a long time and you know what you're doing!"**

February 10, 2023

Winter in the library means we turn our attention to nonfiction!

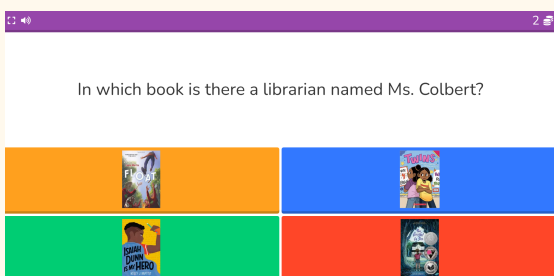
Students in K - 3rd grade are exploring where to find books on topics that they love or want to learn more about. Learning how to navigate the nonfiction shelves and use the library catalog prepares students for using other libraries (and book stores). When you can find what you want in one system, that means you can master another system and find things independently. Many of our students will explore new topics as we try to encourage them to take books from areas that are new to them. I've had students learn they love Space and Planets (500s), cookbooks (600s), origami (700s) and mythology (200s)! Trying something new can be difficult and even overwhelming. During this time we talk a lot about flexible thinking and I try to be flexible too and let students borrow a few more books than typical!

Our 4th grade students are partnering with Amherst College students.

4th graders will be children's literature experts who will provide feedback for the Amherst college students on their written stories in the course: Indigenous Narratives: Creating Children's Stories about Native American History. We have been reading stories from the MCBA book *Ancestor Approved: Intertribal Stories for Kids* edited by Cynthia Leitich Smith. Next week our students will meet the Amherst College students and discuss these stories in a book group. [For more information check out the letter that went home to 4th grade families.](#)



The MCBA Battle of the Books Blooket Showdown!



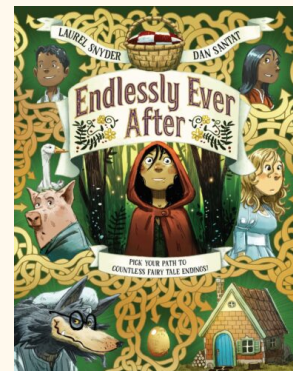
All year students in 4th - 6th grade have been reading [the 25 Massachusetts Children's Book Award books](#). Now we get to have some fun playing a quiz game with questions created by our very own Wildwood Students. The students love to play Blooket Gold Quest because anyone can win! There's still time to read. Students will vote for their favorite MCBA book in March.

February 3, 2023

Best of Wildwood 2023



The Winner of the Best of Wildwood Award is
Endlessly Ever After
by Laurel Snyder!



There were 4 honor books this year:



Knight Owl by Christopher Denise

Layla the Last Black Unicorn by Tiffany Haddish

Kick Push by Frank Morrison

Yoshi and the Ocean by Lindsay Moore

Books featured at our African American Read-In ASsembly:

[For more great books suggestions for February and all year click here.](#)

Let the Children March
by Monica Clark-Robinson

Theme: The Civil Rights Movement/Stand up for what is right
Recommended by Reese and Lev for grades 3 - 6.

Summary:

First Dr. M.L.K Jr gave a speech about justice. Then the children marched and went to jail - that surprised us! Finally the kids were released and justice came.

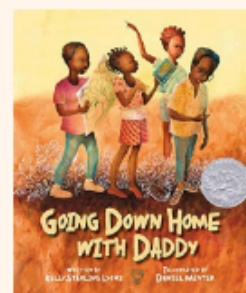


Going Down Home with Daddy
by Kelly Starling Lyons and Illustrated by Daniel Minter

Theme: Think with your heart.
Recommended by Ellie and Anna for grades 1 - 4.

Summary:

A family has a reunion and the kid can't think of a present for his grandma and then he tells her how being on the land where his family comes from makes him feel and that is a great gift.

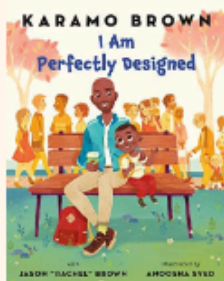


I am Perfectly Designed
By Karomo Brown

Theme: You are perfect just the way you are.
Recommended by Betsy and John for grades K - 2.

Summary:

It's about a Dad and his Son having fun together and sharing happy moments together. The boy and his father talk about how he is perfect, and how he is changing over the years but will always be loved by his father.



I Promise

By LeBron James

Theme: Be your best self
Recommended by Emil and Christiano for grades K - 2.

Summary:

In this book the famous basketball player LeBron James encourages us to be and do our best.



January 2023

The Best of Wildwood voting begins next week! Our students have worked together to narrow our nominations down to just 20 books. Now all students will be invited to vote for a 2022 picture book that:

1. Has exceptional illustrations that match the story
2. Is interesting or funny
3. Has an unique book design

To learn more about the process and see the revision of the ballot visit our

[ww library Best of Wildwood page.](#)

This week our students have been reviewing [books for the 10th annual African American Read-In](#). During library class students chose from 36 titles and wrote summaries of books they recommend to our guest readers joining us next Thursday. Check out the book list and student summaries here:

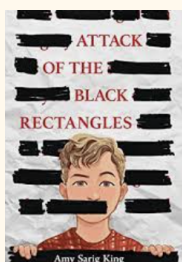
2023 African American Read-In Titles



December 9, 2022

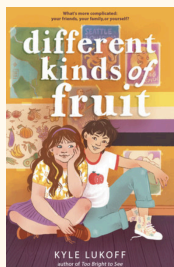
The NEWBERY MEDAL will be awarded in January!

Lewis, Miguel and I have been reading a lot while we are in Cusco, Perú! Here is a round-up of our recently completed titles. Many of these books are on some mock Newbery lists ([goodreads](#), School Library Journal's [Heavy Medal blog](#)). The John Newbery Medal is awarded every January (since 1922) by the American Library Association to the most distinguished American children's book published in the previous year. While the award is far from perfect, I always enjoy finding new books and authors by following the friendly competition. Many of these titles are available at the Wildwood library. We are far from home but we are still reading on [the SORA app \(click here for directions for reading online and audiobooks\)](#).



Genre: realistic fiction

Mac's teacher is censoring books in his 6th grade classroom. Will he stand up and speak out? He has a lot going on at home. His dad is an alien from another universe and living apart from his family. This book provoked a lot of good discussions in my family about truth, censorship and identity. A must read!



Genre: historical fiction

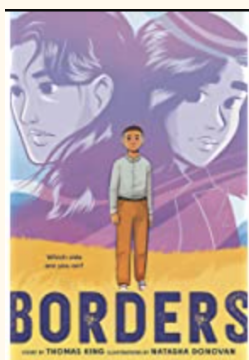
In Kyle Lukoff's 2022 novel, Anabelle expects 6th grade to be the same old thing but a new student changes her perception of herself, her town and her school community. I learned so much as I fell in love with the characters in this book. It is inspiring and touching.



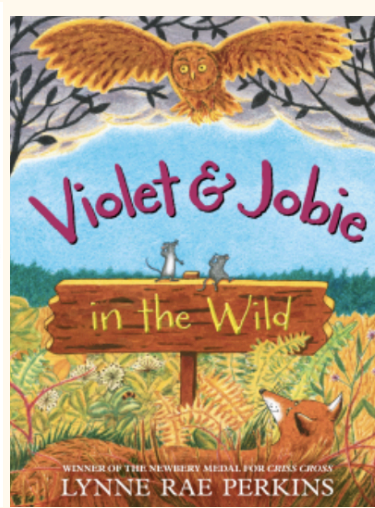
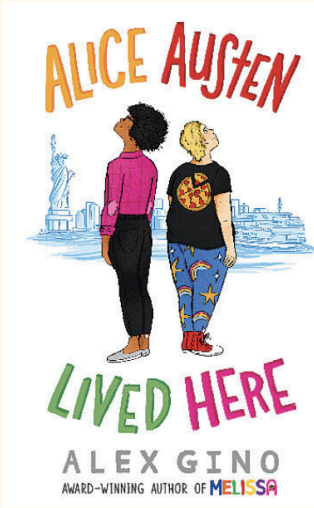
Genre: Contemporary Art, Text and Media - that is what is so incredible and unique about this collaboration between Jason Reynolds and Jason Griffin. Part what's wrong with the world and part hope for the future. This text-smashed with art graphic novel was a [window book affording me a small peek](#) into the African American experience in America at this moment.

See the next page for some more titles I loved this year and some I can't wait to read!

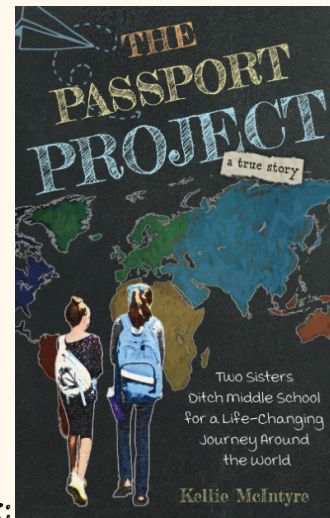
Graphic Novels:



Chapter books:



I'm reading this one right now:



Next up/on deck:

November 18, 2022



¡Hola de Perú! Our family just arrived in Cusco, Peru on Wednesday. Did you know that Cusco is 11,200 feet above sea level? We are slowly getting used to the altitude but walking uphill is a breath-taking experience!

On Monday, my family starts Spanish classes. We have already been practicing our Spanish with our host. We are lucky to be staying in a small house in the center of the city. We have been exploring a bit and made a trip to the local supermarket. A few more fun facts about Cusco (also spelled Cuzco):

Cusco was the capital of the Inca Empire. It is thought to have been settled in the 1100s but made the center of the Inca empire during the reign of Pachacutec (aka Pachacuti Inca Yupanqui) in the 1400s making it the center of the Inca Empire which extended as far North as present day Ecuador and as far South as present day Chile and Argentina. The city is in the shape of a puma with the head of a condor. [This image is from a great article on the Smithsonian: National Museum of the American Indian.](#) There is also a short video explanation too!

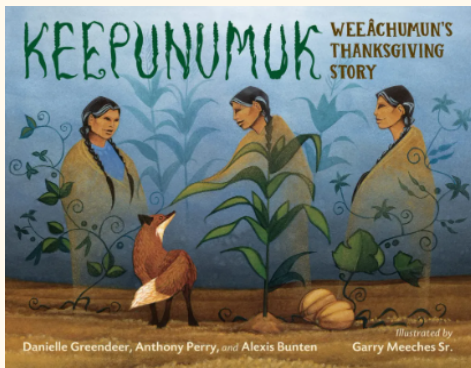


SEARCH Peru, Pachacutec
(aka Pachacuti Inca Yupanqui),
Cuzco and the Inca on

[Encyclopedia Britannica!](#)



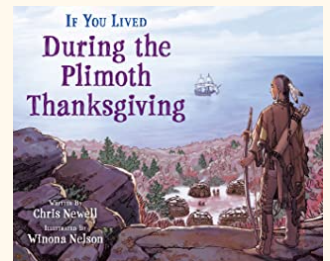
November 4, 2022



I am excited to announce that Danielle Greendeer, one of the authors of *Keepunumuk: Weeâchumun's Thanksgiving Story* will be at [the Eric Carle Museum on Sunday, November 6th at 2 PM in the reading library for storytime](#). Danielle Greendeer (Mashpee Wampanoag) co-authored [this Best of Wildwood nominee](#) to represent the Thanksgiving story for a more inclusive America

honoring the voices of Native peoples. The companion website (<https://keepunumuk.com/>) offers many resources including "[rethinking thanksgiving](#)" and [ways to decolonize Thanksgiving](#). Thanks to the PGO I was able to buy 2 additional copies of *Keepunumuk* for the WW library to ensure that all teachers have access to this important recentering of the Thanksgiving story.

I also purchased *If you lived during the Plimoth Thanksgiving* by Chris Newell. An essential resource for teaching hard truths. This title has helped replace outdated books about our shared history. As a member of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, Newell is able to offer a more comprehensive, full-circle look at Thanksgiving traditions.



You may have heard from your student that I will be on leave from November 15th - January 17th with my family. We are taking our oldest son, Miguel, back to his home country, Peru. We are grateful for this opportunity to immerse our son in his native country and language. **I will continue to update this newsletter during my absence.** The very capable Sara T., our library paraeducator, will be stepping in to replace me and our Best of Wildwood curriculum will continue to expose our students to diverse, rich, fiction and nonfiction picture books. [Look for lesson supports \(videos, and interviews\) here at the Best of Wildwood website.](#)

October 28, 2022



Project Based Learning: What is Community?

In Library class each 4th grade student had the opportunity to take photos of our Wildwood community.

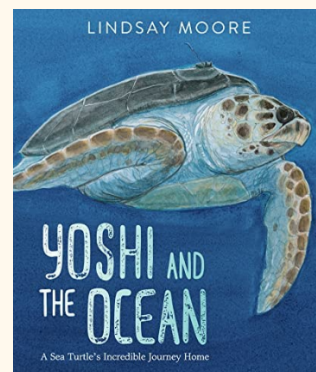
Each student chose at least one photo (from hundreds taken over a 4 week period) that represented the idea of community to them.

Now you can read their poems, thoughts and paragraphs and see their photos on our [4th grade community website](#). I'll be adding more throughout the week ahead.



Best of Wildwood! Nonfiction

In Yoshi and the Ocean: A Sea Turtle's Incredible Journey Home by Lindsay Moore. Students love the true story of a rehabilitated sea turtle who swims



over 25,000 miles from Cape Town, South Africa to the west coast of Australia to return to their home beach. The back matter has amazing diagrams and facts about sea turtles. We also had fun visiting [Yoshi's blog](#) from Two Oceans Aquarium in South Africa. [Read more about our Best of Wildwood books on our website.](#)

October 21, 2022

In the Wildwood MakerSpace 5th and 6th grade students are busy creating games to go along with a book from [the MCBA list](#). Students are brainstorming questions, creating game boards, problem solving, thinking about strategy, gluing and (on occasion) having fun. Thanks to the WW PGO for continuing to fund materials for the MakerSpace!



Our Best of Wildwood book list continues to grow!

Inspired by the ALA's Caldecott Medal but KIDS make the rules!

The best picture book of the year should be published in 2022 and:

1. Only kids can vote (K - 6 this year)
2. The pictures must go well with the story
3. Must be funny or interesting
4. Must have a unique book design
5. The illustrations must match the story

We just added some new titles. Students will read, evaluate and determine which books make it on our voting ballot in January! Our 3rd grades make the rules with input from the K - 2nd grade students.

[For more information click here.](#)



October 14, 2022

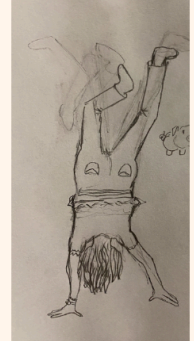
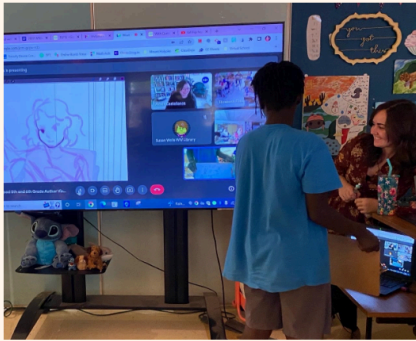
What a week in the Library! Our students loved meeting Alexis Castellanos. Some student reactions to our afternoon on Google Meet with the Cuban American author:

"I can't believe she loves RPG (Role Play video games) like me!"

"It was so fun to meet a real author."

"She is an amazing artist."

"I liked drawing with her and showing her my art!"



Some fun facts about Alexis Castellanos:

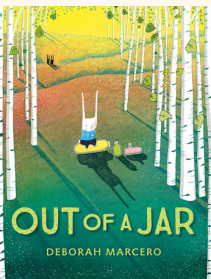
Much of the inspiration for *Isla to Island* came from her family.

She has two cats, Rory and Bell.

It took 6 years to write *Isla to Island*.

She watched YouTube to learn how a graphic novel is made!

Best of Wildwood! This week in the lower grades students read *Out of a Jar* by Deborah Marcero or *Layla the Last Black Unicorn* by Tiffany Haddish and Jerdine Nolen. *Out of a Jar* emphasized the importance of naming and expressing one's feelings. In the story the bunny learns to feel his feelings and let them go. Tiffany's Haddish's debut



picture book allowed us to examine [Dr. Rudine](#)

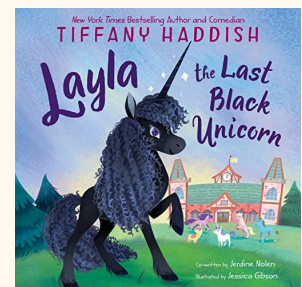
[Sims Bishop's](#) theory about books being **Mirrors and Windows**.

Students felt Layla's story was a mirror book because:

"Like Layla, I have had kids be mean to me and I had to find how was special."

"I have curly hair like Layla."

"I live in the woods too!"



October 7, 2022

"What is Community?" The Arts Team Project Based Learning Unit field trip to UMASS was fun and educational. Students in 4th grade visited the UMASS Modern Art Museum and looked for signs of Community while completing a scavenger hunt around the pond. We saw music, art, student athletes and beautiful fall colors!



MCBA Author Visit Our 4th, 5th and 6th grade students have generated lots of great questions for our visiting author, Alexis Castellanos, please read our questions here in [the Author Visit Announcement](#).

Our students are excited to see Alex draw and talk about her experience as a Latinx graphic novelist/author on THURSDAY, 10/13 AND FRIDAY, 10/14. We are grateful to the WW PGO for sponsoring this opportunity.



Alexis Castellanos
Graphic Novelist, Author
WW Library Author Visit

5th grade Thursday, October 13th
12:20 - 1:20

6th grade Thursday, October 13th
1:25 - 2:25

4th grade Friday, October 14th
1:15 to 2:15



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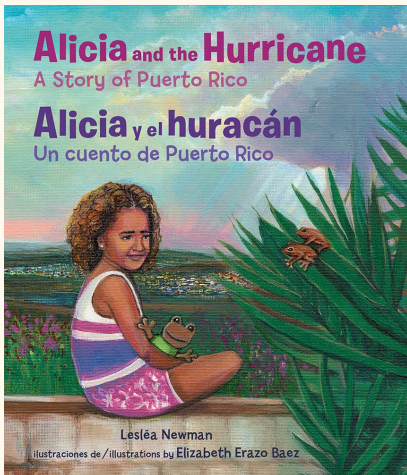
September 30, 2022

4th grade students are working on poems and video essays to explore the theme of community. Students brainstormed keywords to help them write about photographs they have been taking at recess and lunch. We are very excited about our field trip to UMASS on Thursday, October 6th to look for and learn about **community**.

The Best of Wildwood!

We have been reading about Puerto Rico and learning about los coquíes (small tree frogs native to Puerto Rico) in *Alicia and the Hurricane/Alicia y el Huracán*

written by Massachusetts' own Lesléa Newman. This best of WW nominee is illustrated by Elizabeth Erazo Baez. A portion of the sales of this title goes to the on-going recovery effort in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria.



Our talented library paraeducator, Sarah, and I have worked together to weed and update **the past MCBA (Massachusetts Children's Book Award) collection**. I am happy to report that this collection for students in grades 4 - 6 (typically) is **AMAZING!** I highly recommend **ANY BOOK** on these shelves! **How many do you think I've read?**



September 23, 2022

What is Community?

This fall our fourth graders have been learning about community and what makes a community in their Specials classes (Art, P.E., Music, Library, Technology). On Thursday, October 6th (rain date October 7th) Students will visit the nearby **UMASS Amherst campus community as a part of this Project Based Learning Unit**. Our 4th grade students will visit the UMASS Modern Art Museum and participate in a "scavenger hunt" of different communities on the UMASS campus.



Students have fallen in love with *HOT DOG* this week.

The weather has turned cooler this week but in Doug Salati's picture book the reader can feel the heat of the city. The lovable pet in the story says "Enough!" Our students make great predictions about what happens next!



Also in Best of Wildwood News:

Students in 3rd grade have proposed a change: **All grades levels can vote this year!** This would mean students in grades 3 - 6 as well as K - 2 would be welcome to vote in the Best of Wildwood project for the first time in 8 years. I wonder what your student thinks about this suggestion?

Inspired by the ALA's Caldecott Medal but KIDS make the rules!

The best picture book of the year should be published in 2022 and:

1. Only kids can vote (K - 6 this year?)
2. The pictures must go well with the story
3. Must be funny or interesting
4. Must have a unique book design
5. The illustrations must match the story

Important notes:

Sep 16, 2022

I am excited to announce our MCBA Author Visit! This virtual author visit is made possible by our WW PGO!

Castellanos MCBA Author Visit Announcement 2022

Alexis Castellanos is a graphic novelist living in Los Angeles whose book, *Isla to Island*, is on our Massachusetts Children's Book Award list this year. Her debut novel is an almost wordless graphic novel that closely follows the story of her mother's journey from Cuba to New York in the 1960s. Alexis will meet virtually with grades 4, 5 and 6 for 60 minutes on October 13th and 14th. She will talk with students about the writing process, she will do some drawing and answer questions.



Since 2017 Wildwood Library has hosted one or more authors each school year for our students. These impactful visits help students see themselves as writers. In March 2020, we hosted Megan Lambert (*Real Sisters Pretend*) but we have not had the opportunity for another author visit due to COVID. **Alexis Castellanos will be our first graphic novelist. We are grateful to the WW PGO for funding this great event!**

For Best of Wildwood this week:

The new favorite is *Endlessly Ever After* by Laurel Snyder and Dan Santat. This choose your own adventure story has unpredictable endings and tons of surprises!



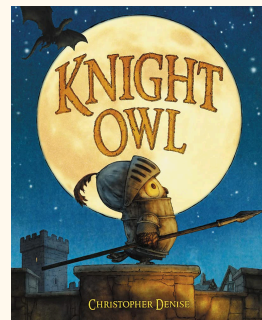
September 9, 2022

We checked out 911 books to excited readers this week! Have fun reading and don't forget to return your library books. 639 books were returned this week and only 2 had been chewed on by family pets! Please remember to keep your books in a safe place away from water, food, siblings and furry friends.

Our 5th and 6th graders are about to begin working in [the Wildwood Library MakerSpace](#). Students will be building games based on the [2022 - 2023 Massachusetts Children's Book Award Books](#). The MakerSpace challenges our students to make connections to their reading, think creatively and gives them the opportunity to work with peers and build games that we will play together.



Our younger students started reading the best books of 2022. Students in Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade will vote for their favorite in January. Our kid-centered Caldecott Award is affectionately known as [The Best of Wildwood](#). Students in 3rd grade create the selection list and the criteria for The Best of Wildwood. This week *Knight Owl* by Christopher Denise has been the fan favorite.



September 1, 2022

In the Wildwood Library we believe in the right to **READ**. Students are encouraged to **ask questions** and **seek answers** in the library. We have a growing collection of diverse books for diverse readers. **Students are encouraged to find books that match their interests.**

Please help your student keep their library books in SAFE, DRY place! It is helpful to have a special place for your library books so your student can remember to read them and return them on their library day.

Students in grades 1 - 6 can check out 4 books per week and they may keep their books for up to 14 days. Students may not have more than 8 books out at one time. Students in Kindergarten may check out 2 books per week and they are encouraged to return their books each week. Students in grades 4 - 6 may visit the library to exchange their books any day of the week with permission from their teacher.

If your student forgets their library books there is a white library return bin outside the front doors of Wildwood for you to return books anytime. Students may also bring overdue library books in the morning after their library day and exchange them for new books. If your student has an overdue book they will bring home a reminder with the book title(s).

Your library day is...

Library Schedule 2022 - 2023	
Monday	K - Drew 2 - MS. Jag 3 - MS. Thomas 5 - Elder/Sonoda 6 - Chris A
Tuesday	1 - MS. Tharion 3 - MS. Mary 4 - Super Mario 5 - MS. Comeau 6 - Jaimie A
Wednesday	K - MS. Lisa 2 - MS. Applegate 4 - MS. Moss

	5 - MS. Bing-Owen
ThursDay	2 - MS Heard/MS. Riley 4 - MS. WoodS/MS Hickman 6 - Chris B
Friday	RoomS A, B, C 1 - Victoria 3 - Mr. K/MS.Courtney 6 - Jaimie B