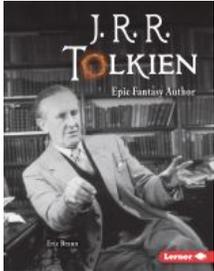
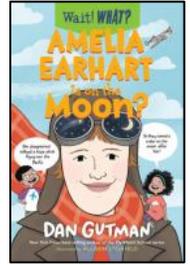


New Children's Books @ PPL – March 2022

Juvenile Nonfiction

Amelia Earhart Is on the Moon?, Dan Gutman, art by Allison Steinfeld

A new entry in the hilarious biography series that casts fresh light on high-interest historic figures. Did you know that Amelia Earhart loved heights so much she built a roller coaster in her backyard? Or that she used to race worms with her sister? Bet you didn't know that she took photographs of garbage cans to pay for flying lessons! Siblings Paige and Turner do--and they've collected some of the most unusual and surprising facts about the legendary pilot, from her childhood in the rural Midwest and the spark of her passion for flying to her record-smashing flights and her infamous disappearance over the Pacific Ocean. Narrated by the two spirited siblings and animated by Steinfeld's upbeat illustrations, *Amelia Earhart Is on the Moon?* is an authoritative, accessible, and one-of-a-kind biography infused with Gutman's signature zany sense of humor.



J. R. R. Tolkien: Epic Fantasy Author, Eric Braun

The robust, imaginative works of J. R. R. Tolkien have sparked the imaginations of readers around the world. From World War I soldier to bestselling author, trace the life of the man behind Middle Earth.

Birthday Traditions Around the World, Ann Ingalls, illustrated by Elisa Chavarri

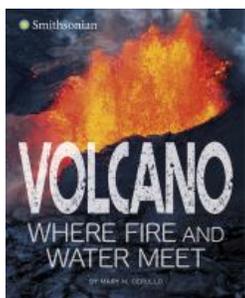
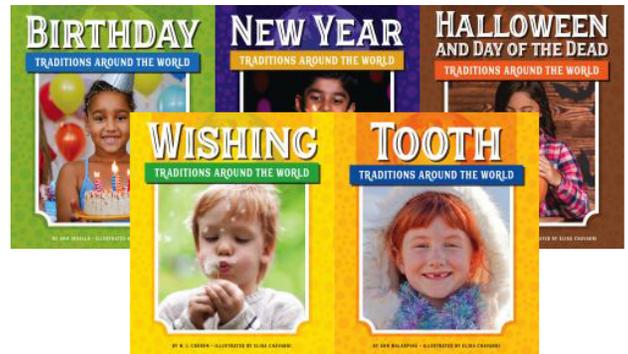
Halloween and Day of the Dead Traditions Around the World, Joan Axelrod-Contrada, illustrated by Elisa Chavarri

New Year Traditions Around the World, Ann Malaspina, illustrated by Elisa Chavarri

Tooth Traditions Around the World, Ann Malaspina, illustrated by Elisa Chavarri

Wishing Traditions Around the World, M.J. Cosson, illustrated by Elisa Chavarri

Make learning about holidays fun and engaging! Traditions around the World explores the history and meaning of important holidays while explaining how they are observed in different cultures. Each book features a representative song or story and a hands-on project to help readers celebrate.



Volcano: Where Fire and Water Meet, Mary Cerullo

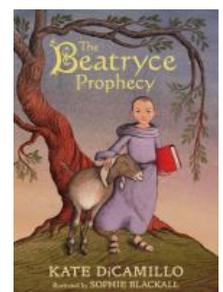
Lava shoots into the air, then bubbles down mountains, flattening, burning, and boiling everything in its path. The destructive forces of volcanoes are terrifying and well-known. But what about their other forces? Volcanoes can spur new growth of plants and trees. In the water, they create an environment where coral reefs and sea life can thrive. In fact, the meeting of volcanic fire and ocean water gave way to life on Earth. Award-winning children's science author Mary M. Cerullo pairs world-renowned Smithsonian volcanology research with her signature storytelling style in this dynamic volcanic journey. Stitching science, history, and mythology together, Cerullo explores these explosive wonders of nature and reveals the secrets they've been keeping since the beginning

of the world.

Fantasy/Adventure Fiction

The Beatryce Prophecy, Kate DiCamillo, illustrated by Sophie Blackall

In a time of war, a mysterious child appears at the monastery of the Order of the Chronicles of Sorrowing. Gentle Brother Edik finds the girl, Beatryce, curled in a stall, wracked with fever, coated in dirt and blood, and holding fast to the ear of Answelica the goat. As the monk nurses Beatryce to health, he uncovers her dangerous secret, one that imperils them all—for the king of the land seeks just such a girl, and Brother Edik, who penned the prophecy himself, knows why. And so it is that a girl with a head full of stories—powerful tales-within-the-tale of queens and kings, mermaids and wolves—ventures into a dark wood in search of the castle of one who wishes her dead. But Beatryce



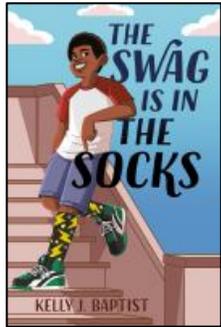
knows that, should she lose her way, those who love her—a wild-eyed monk, a man who had once been king, a boy with a terrible sword, and a goat with a head as hard as stone—will never give up searching for her, and to know this is to know everything.

The Ghoul of Windydown Vale, Jake Burt

Copper Inskeep holds Windydown Vale's deepest and darkest secret: he is the ghoul that haunts the Vale, donning a gruesome costume to scare travelers and townsfolk away from the dangers of the surrounding swamps. When a terrified girl claims she and her father were attacked by a creature — one that could not have been Copper—it threatens not just Copper's secret, but the fate of all Windydown.



Realistic Fiction

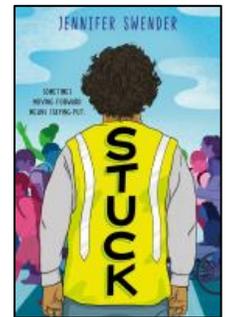


The Swag Is in the Socks, Kelly J. Baptist

Xavier Moon is not one to steal the show. He's perfectly content to play video games and sit at his bedroom window watching the neighborhood talk outside. But for Xavier's twelfth birthday, he receives a pair of funky socks and a challenge from his great-uncle, Frankie Bell, saying it's time to swag out and speak up. First on the list: get into the legendary Scepter League. Xavier's grandfather, great-uncle, and father were all invited to join the elite boys' after-school club that admits only the most suave and confident young men. Xavier has never had the courage to apply before, but his wild socks are getting him some big attention, so maybe it's time to come out of the shadows and follow in his family's footsteps. Or maybe Xavier will march down a new path altogether.

Stuck, Jennifer Swender

If Austin picked a color to describe his life, it would be tumbleweed brown. Austin doesn't like standing out. He's always the new kid, and there's no hiding his size. Plus, Austin has a secret: he struggles to read. Then Austin meets Bertie, who is razzmatazz. Everything about Bertie is bursting! But the best part of his newest school is the Safety Squad, with their laser lemon vests. Their easy confidence and leadership stand out in the coolest way. Even when things are not so vibrant and life at home makes Austin feel pacific blue, for the first time, he wants to leave a mark. And the more Austin speaks up, the more he finds he may not be that different after all.



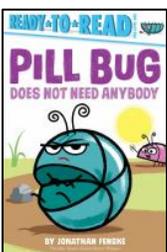
Just Harriet, Elana K. Arnold ; with drawings by Dung Ho

There are a few things you should know about Harriet Wermer: She just finished third grade. She has a perfect cat named Matzo Ball. She doesn't always tell the truth. She is very happy to be spending summer vacation away from home and her mom and dad and all the wonderful things she had been planning all year. Okay, maybe that last one isn't entirely the truth. Of course, there's nothing Harriet doesn't like about Marble Island, the small island off the coast of California where her nanu runs a cozy little bed and breakfast. And nobody doesn't love Moneypenny, Nanu's old basset hound. But Harriet doesn't like the fact that Dad made this decision without even asking her. When Harriet arrives on Marble Island, however, she discovers that it's full of surprises, and even a mystery. One that seems to involve her Dad, back when he was a young boy living on Marble Island. One that Harriet is absolutely going to solve. And that's the truth.

Easy Reader Books

Spike It, Mo!, David A. Adler ; illustrated by Sam Ricks

Mo and his parents are enjoying a sunny day at the beach! When the water is too cold to swim, Mo and his dad go for a walk and run into some of Mo's friends who are playing volleyball. After learning the rules, Mo and his dad join in to serve, set, and spike the ball. When the score is tied, will the smallest boy on the team be able to secure the game-winning point?



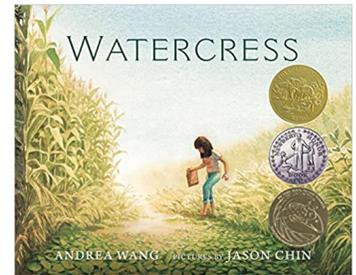
Pill Bug Does Not Need Anybody, Jonathan Fenske

See how everyone needs a friend now and then in this delightful Pre-Level 1 Ready-to-Read. Pill Bug rolls alone. Pill Bug does not need anybody. And Pill Bug likes it that way, until he finds himself in a tight spot! Can he get out of this on his own, or does Pill Bug need a helping hand?

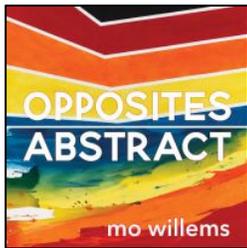
Picture Books

Watercress, Andrea Wang, illustrated by Jason Chin

Winner of the 2022 Caldecott Medal Driving through Ohio in an old Pontiac, a young girl's parents stop suddenly when they spot watercress growing wild in a ditch by the side of the road. Grabbing an old paper bag and some rusty scissors, the whole family wades into the muck to collect as much of the muddy, snail covered watercress as they can. At first, she's embarrassed. Why can't her family get food from the grocery store? But when her mother shares a story of her family's time in China, the girl learns to appreciate the fresh food they foraged. Together, they make a new memory of watercress.



Andrea Wang tells a moving autobiographical story of a child of immigrants discovering and connecting with her heritage, illustrated by award winning author and artist Jason Chin, working in an entirely new style, inspired by Chinese painting techniques. An author's note in the back shares Andrea's childhood experience with her parents.

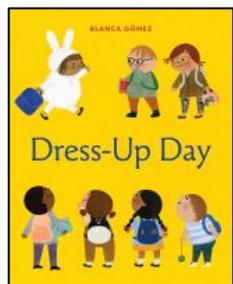
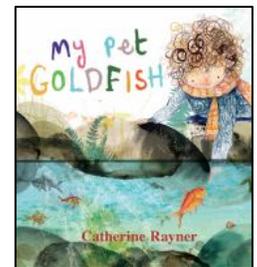


Opposites Abstract, Mo Willems

Mo Willems, award-winning, best-selling author/illustrator and inaugural Education Artist-in-Residence at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, delivers a masterfully inquisitive look at opposites. Is this dark? Is this light? Is this soft? Is this hard? Using colors, shapes, lines and textures, Willems invites readers to explore abstract concepts through eye-popping, emotive, and highly-accessible artwork. This all-ages concept book is perfect for readers young or old, big or small, or any other set of opposites.

My Pet Goldfish, Catherine Rayner

Follow Richard the growing goldfish from an indoor tank to an outdoor pond in a story filled with gorgeous multilayered illustrations and sprinkled with fascinating facts. Richard the goldfish quickly bonds with—and even learns to recognize—his human companion, who tells him all about his day after school. A visiting friend, Sandy, shares some cool fish facts: Did you know that goldfish nap with their eyes open—because they don't have eyelids? Or that they can let you know they're hungry by swimming up and blowing bubbles? Sandy has a backyard pond filled with goldfish of all shapes and jewel-like colors, some much bigger (and older) than his friend's new pet. What might Richard's own future hold? Drawn in by the expressive illustrations and child-friendly tone, readers will emerge with a new appreciation for the beauty and personality of these classic pets. Kids inspired to care for a goldfish of their own will find a list of things they will need in the back matter.

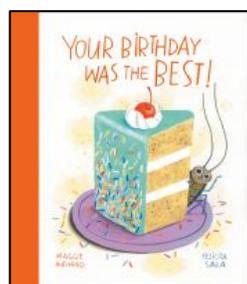


Dress Up Day, Blanca Gómez

When a little girl is home sick for dress-up day at school, she decides there's no need to miss out entirely: She'll just wear her rabbit costume the next day! But when the next day arrives and she's the only one in costume, it doesn't feel like such a great idea, after all. Can a little bit of confidence and an unexpected new friend turn a self-conscious moment into a wonderful one? Funny, endearing, and relatable to any kid who's ever felt insecure, *Dress-Up Day* is an ode to friendship, embracing individuality, and putting yourself out there no matter the occasion.

Mina, Matthew Forsythe

An emotionally-resonant picture book about trust, worry, and loyalty between a father and daughter. Mina and her father live in a hollowed-out tree stump on the edge of a pond on the edge of a forest. Nothing ever bothers Mina, until one day, her father brings home a suspicious surprise from the woods. Should Mina trust her father—or listen to her own instincts?



Your Birthday Was the Best, Maggie Hutchings, art by Felicita Sala

It's your birthday, and little do you know that an unwelcome guest has joined in on the festivities. A friendly cockroach has snuck undetected into the house, and has proceeded to join in on all of your fun party games. You were so excited to finally spot him napping on top of your birthday cake, having eaten his fill, that you couldn't help but scream! You think he's gone when your dad sucks him up in the vacuum cleaner . . . but with a birthday party this good, he's going to be nearly impossible to keep away!