

The Library League Newsletter

For Parents, Teachers and Caregivers

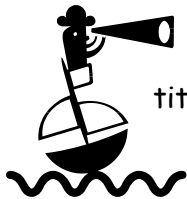
Welcome to the Library League Newsletter for Parents, Teachers and Caregivers. Our goals are to introduce you to books and other materials for use at home or in the classroom as well as give you titles to recommend to the most reluctant of readers. Please remember that not all books are meant for all ages or audiences so please review books you wish to use for their appropriateness.

Fantastic Fiction



[Zorgamazoo](#) by Robert Weston

Fans of Dr Seuss, Roald Dahl, Edward Gorey and Lemony Snicket will be waiting for this adventure written entirely in rhyming couplets.



Discover Dewey!

Bringing the world of information to kids, these selected non-fiction titles may be just what is needed to hook a kid on books.

Science

[10 Things I Can Do To Help My World :--Fun And Easy Eco-Tips](#). Walsh, Melanie. Ages 3 - 6
Simple text and die-cut illustrations describe ten ways children can help the environment, such as turning the water off when they brush their teeth and using both sides of a piece of paper.

[Amazing Ben Franklin Inventions You Can Build Yourself](#). Van Vleet, Carmella Ages 10 – 14.
120p

Presents fun activities and biographical information on inventor and statesman, Benjamin Franklin, with step-by-step instructions to over twenty-four hands-on projects.

[The Mad Scientist's Notebook: Warning! Dangerously Wacky Experiments Inside](#). Harris, Elizabeth Ages 8 – 12. 80p

Contains instructions for fifty science projects, including experiments that explore magnetism, electricity, gravity, and other concepts.

Poetry

[Hip Hop Speaks To Children: A Celebration Of Poetry With A Beat](#). Giovanni, Nikki. Ages 7 - 13, 80p

Children's poems that feature selections from Nikki Giovanni, Queen Latifah, and the Sugarhill Gang; and contains an audio Cd with thirty performances.

Biography and January/February History

[Adrian Peterson](#). Currie, Stephen. Overview of his life and football career .

[Abe's Honest Words: The Life Of Abraham Lincoln](#). Rappaport, Doreen Ages 4 - 8 48p
A biography by a noted author and illustrator, by Kadir Nelson.

[Duel! --Burr And Hamilton's Deadly War Of Words.](#) Fradin, Dennis. Ages 8 – 12. 40p
Examines the Burr-Hamilton duel which occurred on July 11, 1804, in which vice-president Aaron Burr and the secretary of treasury, Alexander Hamilton, used dueling pistols to settle their political grievances. Besides the historical importance, the picture format is a good introduction to a discussion of how to learn to deal with difference and setbacks in life.

[Lincoln Shot: A President's Life Remembered.](#) Denenberg, Barry Ages 9 - 14 40p
A biography of Abraham Lincoln presented in the form of a scrapbook dated one year after his assassination, with faux newspaper clippings and accounts of Lincoln's childhood, marriage, presidency, Civil War leadership, and shooting, as well as the capture and execution of the conspirators involved in his death. Oversize.

[March on! --the day my brother Martin changed the world.](#) Farris, Christine Ages 9 – 12. 32p
Christine King Farris describes how her brother, Martin Luther King, Jr., prepared for his legendary "I Have a Dream" speech in Washington, D.C.

[Our White House: Looking In, Looking Out.](#) Ages 10 – 14. 256p
A collection of essays, personal accounts, historical fiction, and poetry that traces the history of the White House through the eyes of the children who have lived and visited there.

[Washington At Valley Forge.](#) Freedman, Russell Ages 8 – 12. 80p
Provides an account of the six months during which the soldiers in George Washington's command camped at Valley Force, enduring the harsh winter of 1777-78 without adequate food, clothing, or blankets. Freedman is a winner of TCCL's Anne V. Zarrow Award for Young People's Literature.

Series Spotlight

Series additions, sequels and companion books are highlighted.

[Amy Hodgepodge](#) - Kim Wayans

Former Amy, whose family is racially mixed is at the center of this new series by Kim Wayans

[All Mixed Up](#)

[Happy Birthday To Me](#)

[Lost and Found](#)



[Andy Shane](#) - Jennifer Jacobson

Follow the adventures of Andy Shane, his Granny Webb and friend Dolores Starbuckle.

[Andy Shane is Not In Love](#)

[Sisters 8](#) - Lauren Baratz-Logsted

Each of the Huit octuplets must discover her unknown power and gift in order to find out what happened to their parents.

[Annie's Adventures](#)

[Durinda's Dangers](#)

[Ruby and the Booker Boys](#) - Derrick Barnes

At her new school Ruby Booker's brothers are the big men on campus, until she arrives.

[Brand-New School, Brave New Ruby](#)

[Trivia Queen, 3rd Grade Supreme](#)

[Slumber Party Payback](#)

[Ruby Flips for Attention](#)

[Wiley & Grampa's Creature Features](#) - Kirk Scroggs

The adventures of Wiley and his grandfather, who have a love of monster trucks, man-eating vehicles and other silly things, are chronicled.

[Night of the Living Egnog](#)

[Curse of the Kitty Litter](#)

[Jurassic Grampa](#)

[Diary of a Wimpy Kid: the Last Straw](#) - Jeff Kinney

Greg and military school? What? Third title in Jeff Kinney's Wimpy Kid series

The Books of UMBER - P. Cantanese

12-year-old Happenstance has no memory of his past and is unsure why Lord UMBER is interested in him.

[Happenstance Found](#)

[The Wednesday Tales Trilogy](#) - Jon Berkeley

Orphaned and living in a barrel Miles Wednesday and his friend, Little, go on many adventures.

[The Lightning Key](#)

[Edgar & Ellen Nodyssey](#) - Charles Ogden

These new Edgar and Ellen adventures take place after Augustus Nod's return after 200 years.

[Split Ends](#)

[39 Clues](#) - Peter Lerangis

Follow Amy and Dan Cahill as they compete against their relatives to find the 39 clues first.

[The Sword Thief](#)

[Take the Mummy and Run: the Riot Brothers Are on a Roll](#) - Mary Amato

Hunting for Lost Mummies and creating a water park are just two of Orville and Wilbur's latest adventures in the newest book by Mary Amato.

Books Coming Soon to a Theatre Near You

A regular feature on of the Library League's Books & Reading Page

[Inkheart](#) by Cornelia Funke -
Release date January 23, 2009

Movie Web site:

<http://www.inkheartmovie.com/>

Other books by Cornelia Funke:

[Inkspell](#)

[Inkdeath](#)

[Dragon Rider](#)

[Ghosthunters and the Totally Moldy Baroness](#)

[Ghosthunters and the Muddy Monster of Doom](#)

[Ghosthunters and the Gruesome Invincible Lightning Ghost](#)

[Ghosthunters and the Incredibly Revolting Ghost](#)

[Igraine the Brave](#)

About Cornelia Funke:

<http://www.corneliafunkefans.com/>

<http://www.scholastic.com/corneliafunke/bio.htm>

<http://www.kidsreads.com/authors/au-funke-cornelia.asp>

Other books you might like:

[Magic by the Book](#) - Nina Bernstein

[Sisters Grimm](#) - Michael Buckley

[The Anybodies](#), [The Nobodies](#) and [The Somebodies](#)- N.E. Bode

[Into the Woods](#) - Lyn Gardner

[How to Save Your Tail](#) - Mary Hanson

[Clemency Pogue](#) - J.T. Petty

[Secret Order of the Gumm Street Girls](#) - Elise Primavera

[Summer Reading is Killing Me](#) - Jon Scieszka

**Tale of Despereaux - Kate DiCamillo -
Release date December 19, 2008**

Movie Web site:

<http://www.thetaleofdespereauxmovie.com/splash/>

Other books by Kate DiCamillo:

Picture Books -

[Great Joy](#)

[Louise: The Adventures of a Chicken](#)

Juvenile Fiction -

[Because of Winn-Dixie](#)

[Mercy Watson](#) (Series)

[The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane](#)

Young Adult Fiction -

[The Tiger Rising](#)

About Kate DiCamillo:

[Anne V. Zarrow Award for Young Readers' Literature 2007 - featuring Kate DiCamillo - DVD](#)

[Interview with Kate DiCamillo on KWGS, August 23, 2007](#)

<http://www.katedicamillo.com/>

<http://www.kidsreads.com/authors/au-dicamillo-kate.asp>

<http://childrensbooks.about.com/cs/authorsillustrato/a/katedicamillo.htm>

<http://content.scholastic.com/browse/contributor.jsp?id=2445>

Other books you might like:

[The Wolves of Willoughby Chase](#) by Joan Aiken

[Whittington](#) by Alan W. Armstrong

[Poppy](#) by Avi

[Ragweed](#) by Avi

[Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH](#) by Robert C. O'Brien

[The Cricket in Times Square](#) by George Selden

[Stuart Little](#) by E.B. White