

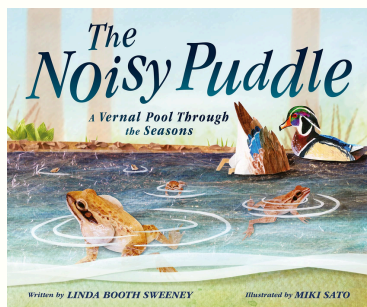


Preschool Pages: Best of 2024

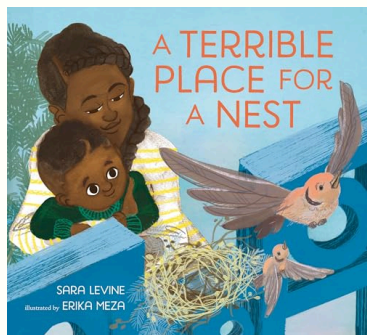


*Book Recommendations, Early Literacy Tips, and More
from the Deerfield Public Library Youth Services Department*

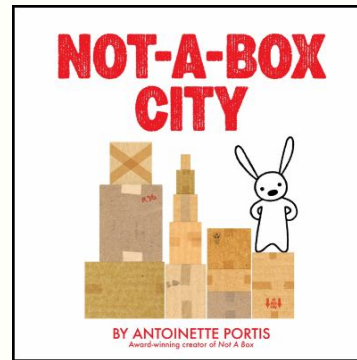
Book Recommendations



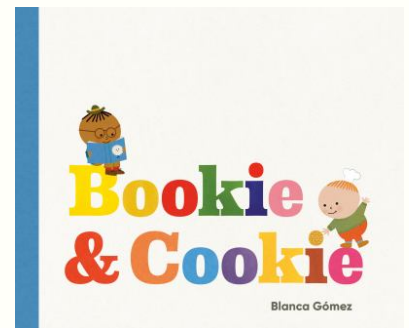
A beautiful book following how one pond changes through the seasons. Watch as the pond freezes, evaporates, and appears again. The textures of Sato's illustrations make this tale a feast for one's sense. You can even reread this book and create your own I Spy game by going back to search for the featured wildlife listed in the back of the book!



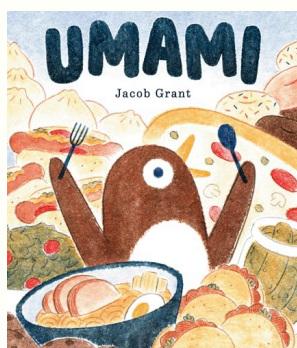
When Juno and his mom move unexpectedly, he struggles with all the changes happening. Things get even worse when a bird lays eggs in a nest precariously on the fence and the eggs fall and break. As Juno works to help the bird's second nest succeed, he learns to find his own footing in this new place as well.



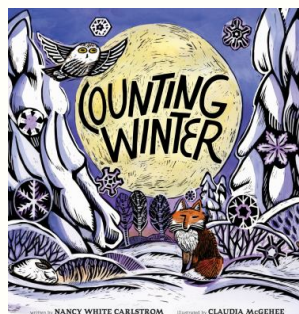
Antoinette Portis has written a wonderful follow-up to *Not a Box*, but this time she also addresses the value of sharing and working together as a team, in addition to creativity. Your child will likely be inspired to grab a few empty boxes and create something amazing... WITH their friends, of course!



Bookie and Cookie are best friends who live on the two pages of this book. They always do everything together but *always* on Cookie's page. What happens when Bookie doesn't feel like going to Cookie's page? A lesson about compromise and trying new things! The illustrations are full of rich detail that will invite close looking time and again.



Penguins only eat fish, and Umami is sick and tired of it! She decides to travel and gets the chance to try a variety of new foods. But will the other penguins like the spices and new dishes she brings home? A funny story that encourages exploration and trying something new.

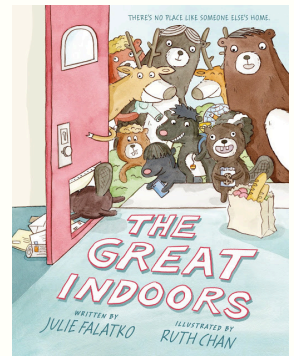
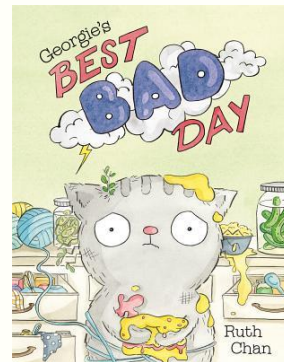
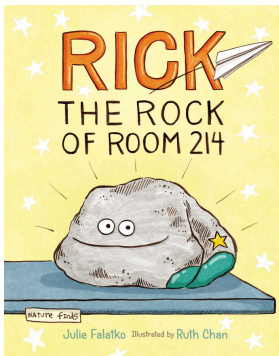
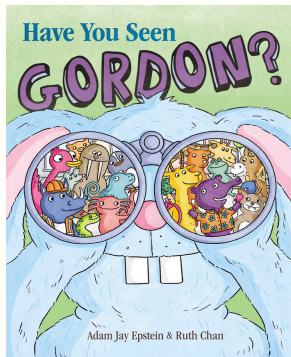


The stunning scratchboard art alone makes this a worthwhile read. Add in the lyrical poetry AND mathematical content, and you've got a winner! From taming winter to naming winter, from tracking winter to cracking winter, each animal's rhyme fits perfectly with its approach to the season.

Author/Illustrator Spotlight

RUTH CHAN

Sometimes an author or illustrator has so many great titles, we wish we could name them all! This month, we want to highlight the work of Ruth Chan. She has illustrated and written a variety of picture books and has recently written a middle grade graphic memoir about her childhood. Her drawings are silly, bold and cartoony, and fully of heart!



Beyond the Book!

As mentioned above, *The Noisy Puddle* can be made into an I Spy book. *Have You Seen Gordon?* also puts a twist on an I Spy story by using it to discuss consent with kids. Read these two books together. Discuss with your child the importance of respecting both people's and animals' boundaries when playing. You can even take this conversation further by discussing body language. Discuss how you like to say yes to playing certain games. Check out a book on your kid's favorite animal and learn how they communicate with their body language!

Not-a-Box City just begs to be turned into a real life experience, especially as holiday packages arrive in the mail. Use empty boxes to make your own creations; add details with markers or crayons. Adults can cut out windows and doors. In the same way, *Counting Winter* can also be the springboard to a family activity. Go for a snowy walk and count anything from squirrels to cardinals to geese flying south for the season. Or use it as a time to listen to the sounds in nature!

