

Connections

Keeping educators connected to the Hoover Public Library

Volume 7, Issue 4

January-February 2012

Upcoming Fun

• Reader's Studio (Mondays)

Blue Ribbon Books
Jan 9 at 6:30 pm
Fractured Fairy Tales
Feb 13 at 6:30 pm

• Saturday Events

Year of the Dragon
Jan 21 at 10:30 am
Kidz Kitchen with Pinkalicious
Feb 11 at 10:30 am & 1:30 pm

• Larry Moore, the Magic Man @ the Plaza

Tu, Jan 17 at 6:30 pm

• Tween Scene: Hot Reads, Sizzling Pizza

Tu, Jan 24 at 6:30 pm

• Valentines for Children's Hospital

Feb. 1-11

• Tween Scene: How-To Crew Makes Candy Necklaces & Pop-Up Cards

Tu, Feb 7 at 6:30 pm

• Happy Heart Day

Tu, Feb 14 at 6:30 pm

Library Closed

M, Jan 16

Important Numbers

Children's Dept	444-7830
Reservations	444-7833
TeleTale	444-7838
Outreach/Tours	444-7839
Teen Dept	444-7826

www.hooverlibrary.org

Our Favorite Books of 2011

PICTURE BOOKS: 46 TITLES

Apple Pie ABC by Alison Murray
Back to School Tortoise by Lucy M. George
A Ball for Daisy by Chris Raschka
Be Quiet, Mike! by Leslie Patricelli
Big Bouffant by Kate Hosford
Bugs by the Numbers by Sharon Werner & Sarah Forss
The Busy Life of Ernestine Buckmeister by Linda Ravin Lodding
Caveman: A B.C. Story by Janee Trasler
Cows to the Rescue by John Himmelman
Dinosaur vs. the Library by Bob Shea
Dog in Boots by Greg Gormley
Five Little Monkeys Reading in Bed by Eileen Christelow
Gilbert Goldfish Wants a Pet by Kelly DiPucchio
Good Night, World by Willa Perlman
Grandpa Green by Lane Smith
Hooray for Amanda & Her Alligator! by Mo Willems
I Broke My Trunk! by Mo Willems
I Want My Hat Back by Jon Klassen
If Beaver Had a Fever by Helen Ketteman
If You're Hoppy by April Pulley Sayre
I'm a Shark! by Bob Shea
Is Everyone Ready for Fun? by Jan Thomas
Itsy Mitsy Runs Away by Elanna Allen
Leap Back Home to Me by Lauren Thompson
The Little White Owl by Tracey Corderoy
Llama Llama Home with Mama by Anna Dewdney
Love Waves by Rosemary Wells
Mr. Duck Means Business by Tammi Sauer
My Dad, My Hero by Ethan Long
Not Inside This House! by Kevin Lewis
A Pet for Petunia by Paul Schmid
Piggies in the Kitchen by Michelle Meadows
Pirate Boy by Eve Bunting
Press Here by Hervé Tullet
Queen of the Falls by Chris Van Allsburg
Rah, Rah, Radishes! A Vegetable Chant by April Pulley Sayre
RRRRalph by Lois Ehlert
Say Hello to Zorro by Carter Goodrich
Sneezy the Snowman by Maureen Wright
Socksquatch by Frank W. Dormer
Teach Your Buffalo to Play Drums by Audrey Vernick
Ten Little Caterpillars by Bill Martin Jr.
Where's Walrus? by Stephen Savage
Wiener Wolf by Jeff Crosby
You Will Be My Friend! by Peter Brown
You're Finally Here! by Mélanie Watt

PAGE 2

FAVORITE FICTION TITLES OF 2011, GOODREADS

PAGE 3

FAVORITE NONFICTION TITLES OF 2011, VALENTINES FOR CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL



FICTION BOOKS: 41 TITLES

An Accidental Adventure: We Are Not Eaten by Yaks by C. Alexander London (adventure/humor)
Aliens on Vacation by Clete Barrett Smith (science fiction)
Bird in a Box by Andrea Davis Pinkney (historical fiction)
Bless This Mouse by Lois Lowry (animal)
The Boy at the End of the World by Greg van Eekhout (science fiction)
The Candymakers by Wendy Mass (mystery/realistic fiction)
Charlie Joe Jackson's Guide to Not Reading by Tom Greenwald (realistic fiction)
The Cheshire Cheese Cat: A Dickens of a Tale by Carmen Agra Deedy (animal)
Cosmic by Frank Cottrell Boyce (science fiction)
Darth Paper Strikes Back by Tom Angleberger (realistic fiction)
The Deadlies: Spiders on the Case by Kathryn Lasky (animal/mystery)
The Emerald Atlas by John Stephens (fantasy)
Everybody Bugs Out by Leslie Margolis (realistic fiction)
Flat Broke by Gary Paulsen (realistic fiction)
The Friendship Doll by Kirby Larson (historical fiction)
The Ghostwriter Secret by Mac Barnett (mystery/humor)
The Grave Robber's Secret by Anna Myers (historical fiction)
Horton Halfpott by Tom Angleberger (mystery/humor/historical fiction)
Hound Dog True by Linda Urban (realistic fiction)
Inside Out & Back Again by Thanhha Lai (historical fiction/verse)
Kat, Incorrigible by Stephanie Burgis (fantasy/mystery/humor)
The Midnight Tunnel by Angie Frazier (mystery/historical fiction)
Nowhere Girl by A.J. Paquette (mystery)
Okay for Now by Gary D. Schmidt (historical fiction)
Saving Zasha by Randi Barrow (historical fiction/animal)
Second Fiddle by Rosanne Parry (mystery/historical fiction)
The Six Crowns: Trundle's Quest by Allan Jones (adventure/animal/fantasy)
The Son of Neptune by Rick Riordan (fantasy/adventure)
Spellbound by Jacqueline West (mystery/scary/fantasy)
The Star Maker Laurence Yep (historical fiction)
Storm Runners by Roland Smith (adventure)
Theodore Boone: The Abduction by John Grisham (mystery)
Toys Comes Home by Emily Jenkins (humor)
Trouble-maker by Andrew Clements (realistic fiction)
True (. . . Sort of) by Katherine Hannigan (realistic fiction)
Tuesdays at the Castle by Jessica Day George (fairy tale)
Vanished by Sheela Chari (mystery)
Waiting for the Magic by Patricia MacLachlan (touch of whimsy)
When Life Gives You O.J. by Erica S. Perl (realistic fiction)
Wonderstruck by Brian Selznick (mystery)
Young Fredle by Cynthia Voigt (animal)



Goodreads Is a Good Idea

Have you ever forgotten the title of a must-read book then realized you can't even remember who told you about it? Have you ever drawn a blank while trying to recommend a book to a student who only reads realistic fiction? Did you ever wish there was an easier way to keep track of what your students are reading? Do you ever feel like it's a challenge to get your students away from the computer or gaming system long enough to even read a book? If so, *Goodreads* might be just the answer you're looking for. So what is *Goodreads*? Think of it as Facebook for book lovers. You can get book reviews and ratings from friends, favorite authors, other teachers, or even from random people whose bookshelves look interesting to you. You can also post your own reviews and catalog what you have read, what you are currently reading and what you plan to read in the future. This is accomplished by creating shelves to house different categories of books. Here at the library, we use our *Goodreads* account to assist with reader recommendations. Our shelves include various genres and read-alike categories. We also have a shelf dedicated to new and future releases. Another reason we like *Goodreads* is that patrons can get book recommendations from home just by visiting *Goodreads* and viewing our shelves. We invite you to check it out for yourself at www.goodreads.com.

We think you will find numerous ways to use it in your classroom. Here are just a few ideas to get you started. First of all, having a class account means that you will be able to keep track of your student's progress by viewing the books they are currently reading. In addition you will be able to see what page each student is on in the book they are reading. This enables you to encourage or challenge your students based on their individual needs. You can also start interest-based or reading level-based book clubs. This will allow children to read the same book as several of their peers providing them with the opportunity for discussions or collaborative projects. You will also receive a monthly newsletter that will be delivered to your email. The newsletter will feature book talks with authors and upcoming releases, along with other book-related news. As you add books to your shelves, the newsletters become more personalized and you will start receiving notifications when an author that you have read has a new release. What are you waiting for? Sign up today. There are so many possibilities and, best of all, it's free!

NONFICTION BOOKS: 25 TITLES

Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart by Candace Fleming

America Is Under Attack: September 11, 2001 by Don Brown

At This Very Moment by Jim Arnosky

Balloons Over Broadway: The True Story of the Puppeteer of Macy's Parade
by Melissa Sweet

Big Questions by Laura Buller

Blizzard of Glass: The Halifax Explosion of 1917 by Sally M. Walker

Can We Save the Tiger? by Martin Jenkins

Celebritrees: Historic and Famous Trees of the World by Margi Preus

Energy Island: How One Community Harnessed the Wind and Changed Their World by Allan Drummond

Every Thing On It by Shel Silverstein

The Great Big Book of Families by Mary Hoffman

How They Croaked: The Awful Ends of the Awfully Famous by Georgia Bragg

Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans by Kadir Nelson

Into the Unknown: How Great Explorers Found Their Way by Land, Sea, and Air by Stewart Ross

The Lego Ideas Book: Unlock Your Imagination by Daniel Lipkowitz

Miss Dorothy and Her Book Mobile by Gloria Houston

A Nation's Hope: A Story of Boxing Legend Joe Louis by Matt de la Peña

Nurse, Soldier, Spy: The Story of Sarah Edmonds, A Civil War Hero by Marissa Moss

Pablo Neruda: Poet of the People by Monica Brown

Shy Spaghetti and Excited Eggs: A Kid's Menu of Feelings by Marc Nemiroff

Swirl by Swirl: Spirals in Nature by Joyce Sidman

Treasury of Greek Mythology: Classic Stories of Gods, Goddesses, Heroes & Monsters by Donna Jo Napoli

Underground by Shane W. Evans

Wheels of Change: How Women Rode the Bicycle to Freedom (With a Few Flat Tires Along the Way) by Sue Macy

Worst of Friends: Thomas Jefferson, John Adams and the True Story of an American Feud by Suzanne Tripp Jurmain

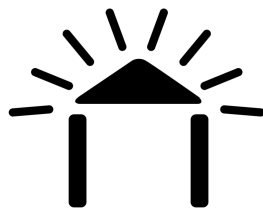


Give a Little Love

February 1-11, 2012

We will be collecting valentines to send to Children's Hospital. They can be store-bought or homemade as long as they are signed. Everyone who brings in valentines will receive a special holiday prize. So get creative and help bring a smile to the boys and girls at Children's Hospital this Valentine's Day.

** Don't Forget! The hospital will not accept valentines that have candy attached to them or feature religious themes.*



Hoover Public Library