

Your resource for happenings at the Ventura County Library

Ventura County **READER**

Explore, Discover, & Connect

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STAFF HIGHLIGHT

"I am truly honored to be working with such a great team"

Ned Branch, Deputy Library Director

Meet the new Ventura County Library Deputy Director!

I came to the world of public libraries 10 years ago after more than 25 years in postsecondary education. In those ten years I came to understand what R. David Lankes meant when he said, "Bad libraries only build collections. Good libraries build services (and a collection is only one of many). Great libraries build communities." In the ten years I was the director of the Santa Paula library, I felt my mission was to do exactly that. In the short time I have been here, I have had opportunities to visit our libraries and to meet and speak with many of the staff. As a result of those opportunities, I know I came to the right place. Everyone has been supportive and welcoming. I am truly honored to be working with such a great team and great individuals. Another of my favorite library quotations is from Timothy Healy, who said, "The most important asset of any library goes home at night—the library staff." I could not agree more. - Ned Branch



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SEPTEMBER 30, 2023



Join us for the

VENTURA COUNTY CELEBRATION OF BOOKS

On the beautiful campus of CSU Channel Islands

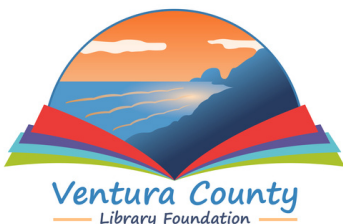
Presented by Premier America Credit Union



One County, One Book main author event, VIP Reception with the author, and booths featuring vendors, non-profits, local authors, children's story time, and more!

Are you a local author, vendor, or non-profit
who would like to participate?

Please contact: email@vclibraryfoundation.org



COUNTY of VENTURA
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SPRING EVENTS

Play to Learn

Drop-in play group for caregivers and kids aged 0- 5 years.
Oak View Library in the Community Room
Tuesdays, 3:30pm, following the weekly 3pm storytime

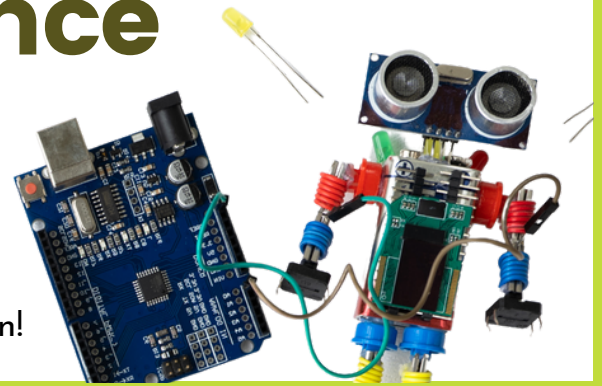
These 30 minute sessions feature sensory, art, and perceptual/motor development activities. A great opportunity for social-emotional learning, and to practice school readiness skills!



Pathways to Science

May 27th 2023 | 5pm-6pm | Soliz Library

Free K-8 STEM experiments that engage children to learn science in a fun way. Themes include coding, electricity and more! The program is led by Rio Mesa students and IB Diploma Candidates. Please call (805) 485-4515 to reserve a spot and for more information!



Paws for Reading



Children who read aloud to dogs can feel more comfortable because there is no pressure or judgment. It's a safe place to practice!

Kids of all ages
E.P. Foster - Thurs 4 to 6 pm
Hill Rd - Wed 3:30 to 5 pm
Ojai - Wed 1:30 to 2:30 pm



In-Person & Virtual Storytime

Check our website for dates and times.

Past episodes available on



Summer Reading Challenge

FIND YOUR VOICE

Read books, play games, and win prizes!



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Ventura County Library's 2023
Summer Reading Challenge runs

May 15 - August 4, 2023

Registration starts May 1st!

Ventura County Library urges everybody to get ready, get set, go to the library and sign up for our summer reading challenge!!

Over the summer, the library is hosting a range of free activities for children, teens, and adults to encourage and support a love of reading.

Participants may win prizes for reaching their reading goals.

READING CHALLENGE FOR ADULTS

More information coming soon!

Adults in this challenge may submit an entry every time they read a book.

Enter titles as you finish them, be they traditional books, audiobooks, or eBooks.

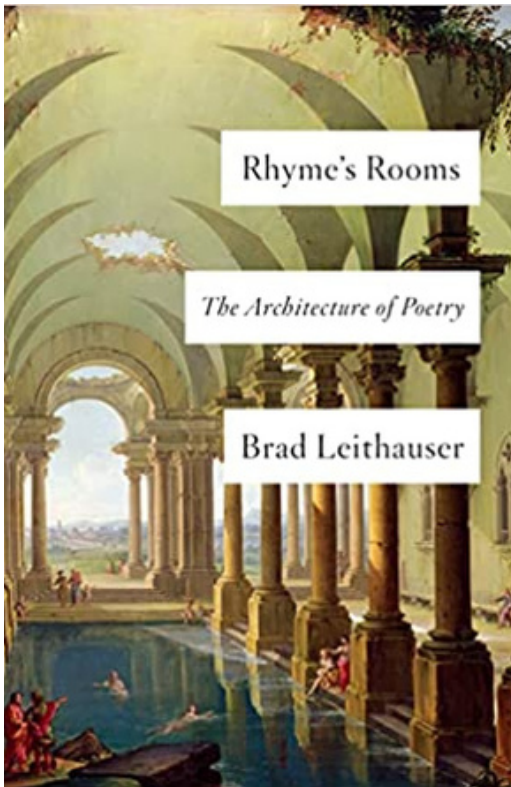
You can log up to 100 titles throughout the duration of the challenge, and each title is a chance to win a prize.



LEARN MORE, WATCH OUR VIDEOS!

POETRY

Our libraries don't lack for books about poetry, poems to read, and poetry to listen to. Here are some places to start.



Rhyme's Rooms

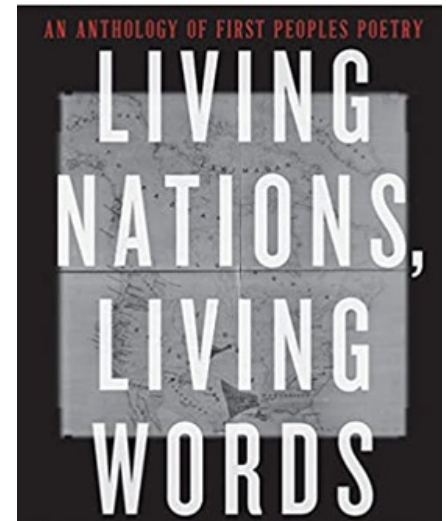
The Architecture of Poetry

Brad Leithauser



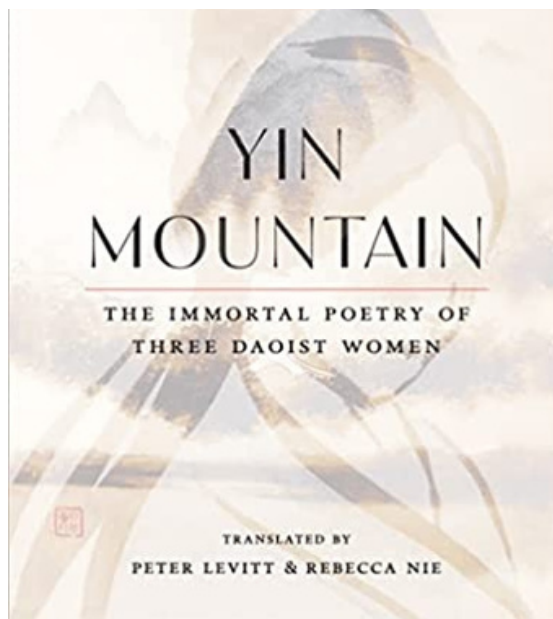
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POEMS



AN ANTHOLOGY OF FIRST PEOPLES POETRY

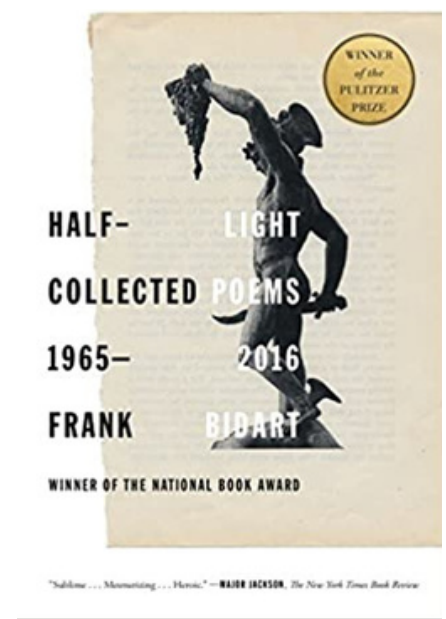
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YIN MOUNTAIN

THE IMMORTAL POETRY OF THREE DAOIST WOMEN

TRANSLATED BY PETER LEVITT & REBECCA NIE



WINNER of the PULITZER PRIZE

HALF-LIGHT COLLECTED POEMS 1965-2016 FRANK BIDART

WINNER OF THE NATIONAL BOOK AWARD

"Sublime... Monumental... Heroic." —HAIRER JACKSON, *The New York Times Book Review*

POETRY



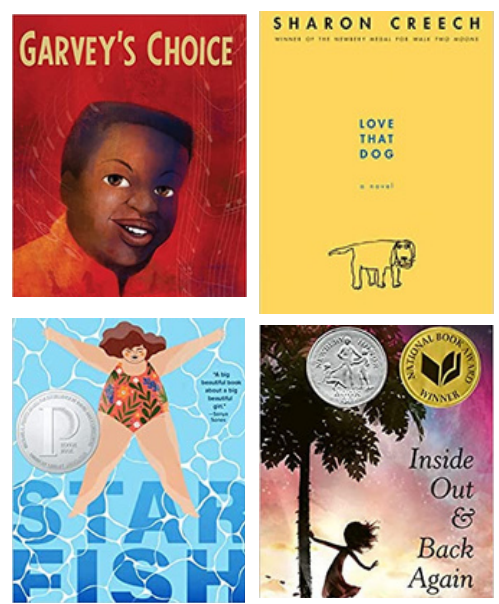
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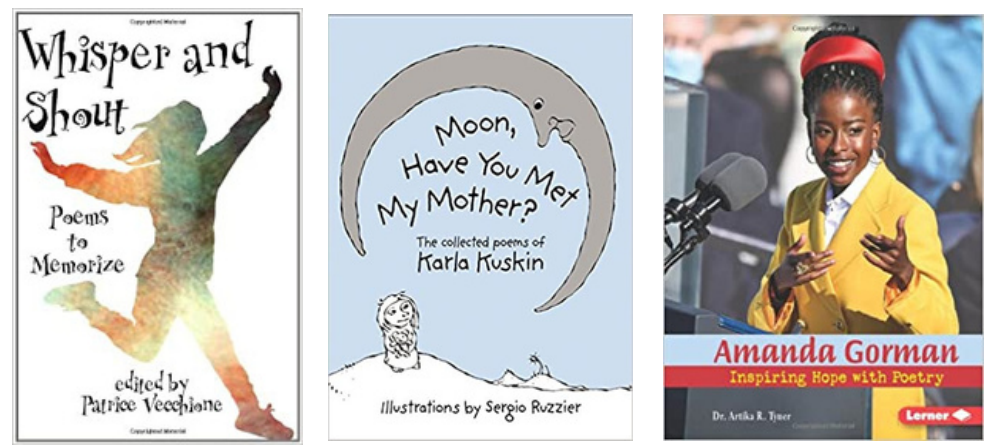
Early Reader



Children's Fiction



Children's Nonfiction



Young Adult

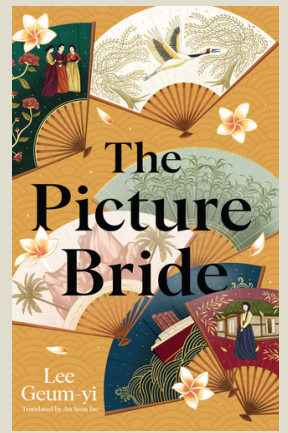
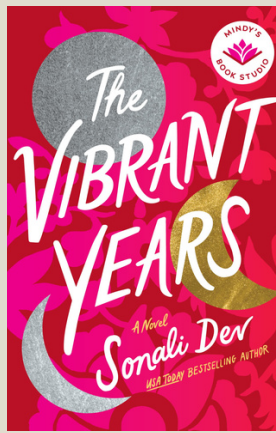


ASIAN/PACIFIC AMERICAN Heritage Month

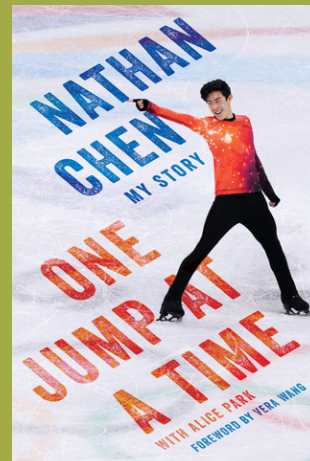
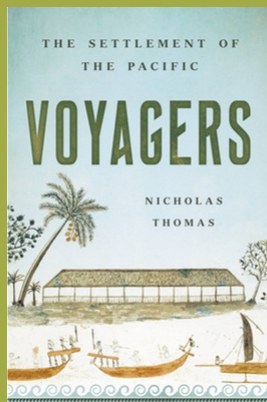
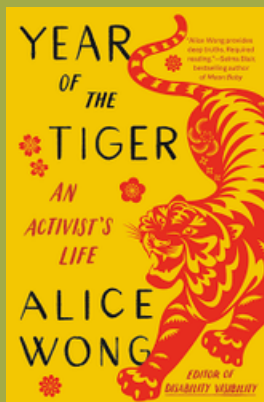
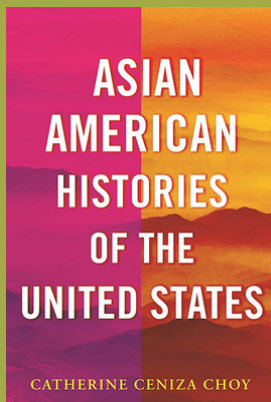
May 2023

There's a large area to cover here - from Japan and Iran to India and Hawaii. Our fiction selections honoring Asian/Pacific Americans deal with characters confronting their heritage, and for nonfiction, we have a selection of memoirs centered around recent immigration. For more Own Voices suggestions try [Novelist Plus](#) in our eLibrary.

Fiction



Nonfiction



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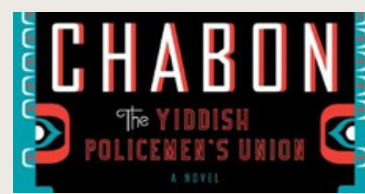
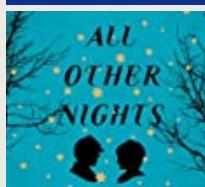
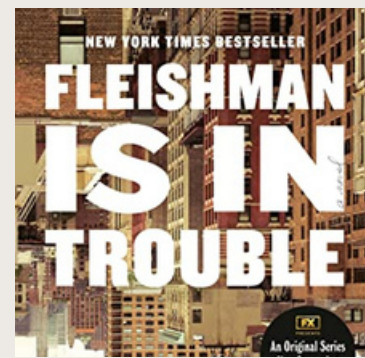
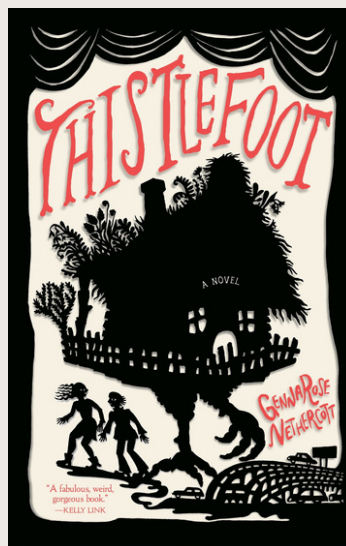
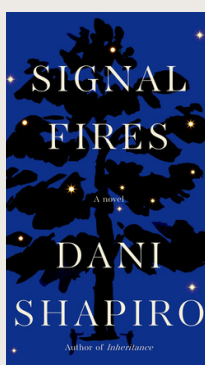
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JEWISH AMERICAN HISTORY

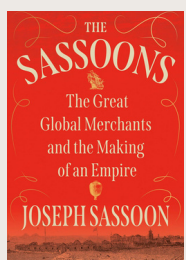
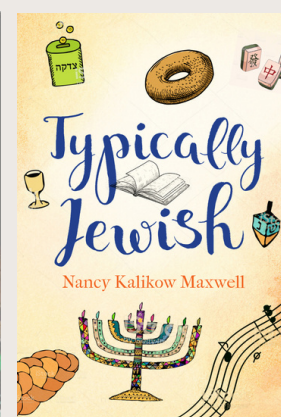
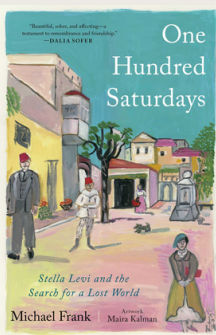


Judiasm's main branches - juxtaposing tradition and modernism- feature in these books exploring everything from orthodoxy to mainstream culture. There is something here for everyone, from the serious, the thought-provoking, and the informative, to the more lighthearted.

Adult Fiction



Adult Nonfiction



May

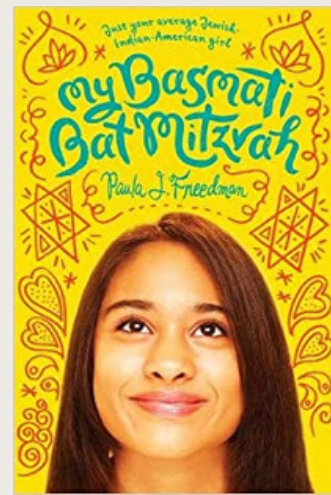
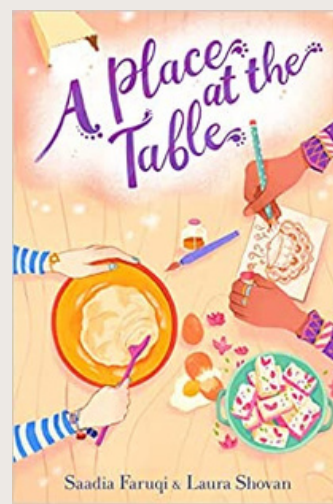
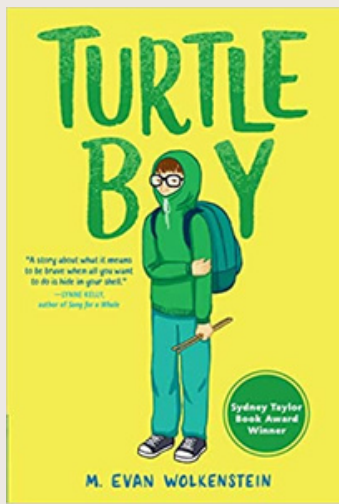
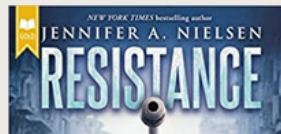
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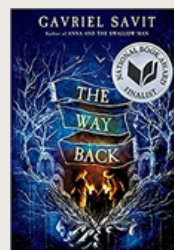
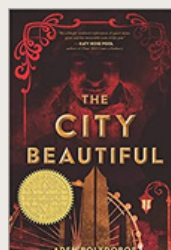
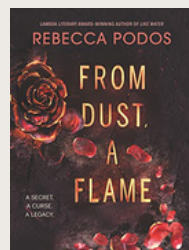
Children's Fiction



Early Reader



Young Adult



OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

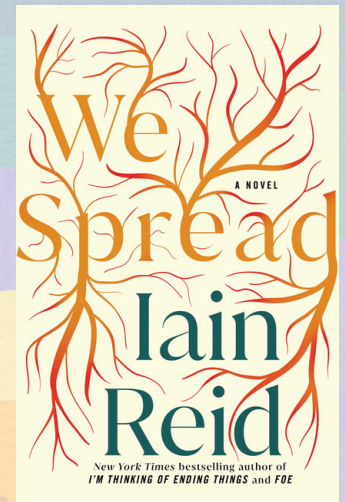
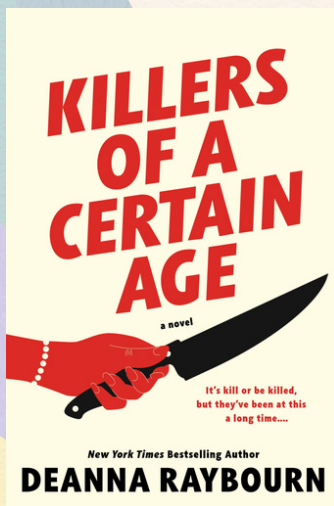


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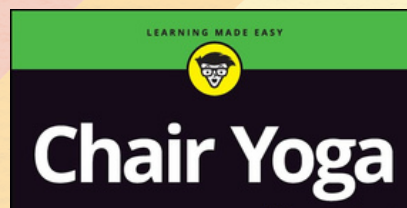
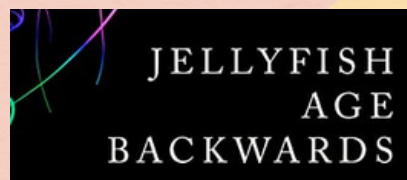
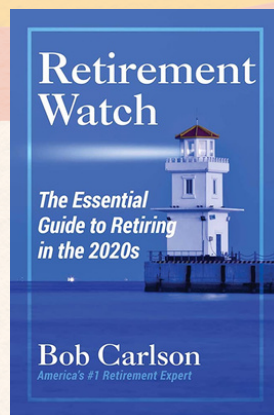
"Established in 1963, Older Americans Month is a time for us to acknowledge the contributions and achievements of older Americans, highlight important trends, and strengthen our commitment to honoring our older citizens."

- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Community Living

Fiction



Nonfiction



THE SWEDISH ART OF AGING EXUBERANTLY



Life Wisdom from Someone Who Will (Probably) Die Before You

MARGARETA MAGNUSSON

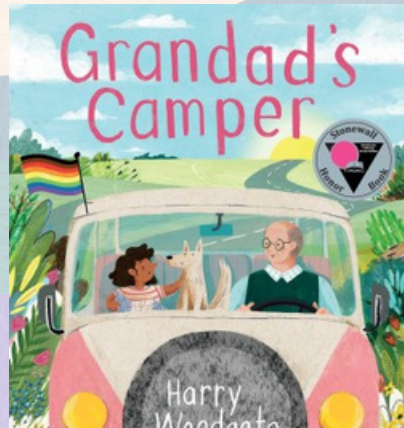
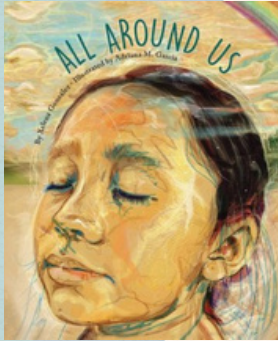
★ NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF ★ THE GENTLE ART OF SWEDISH DEATH CLEANING

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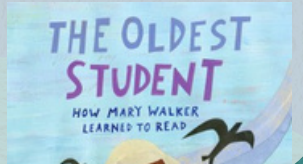
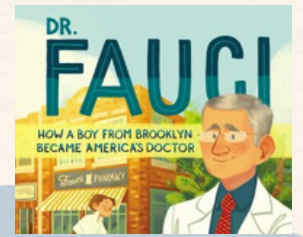


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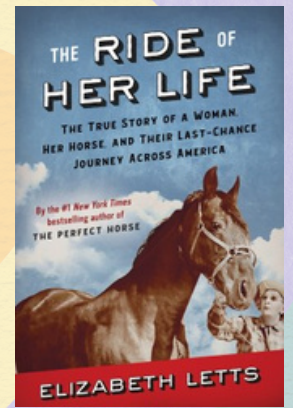
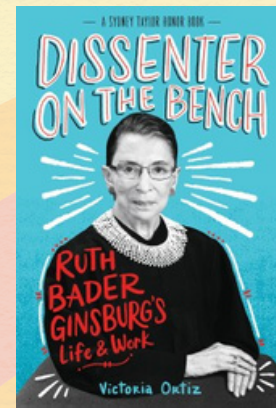
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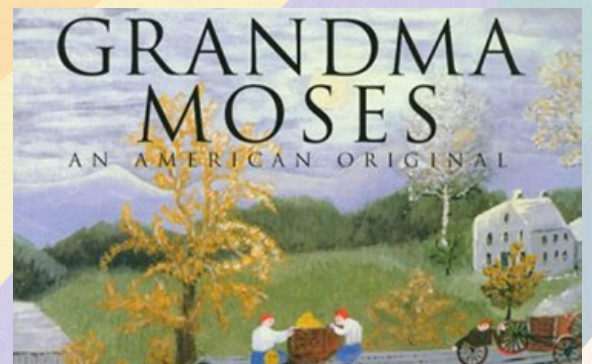
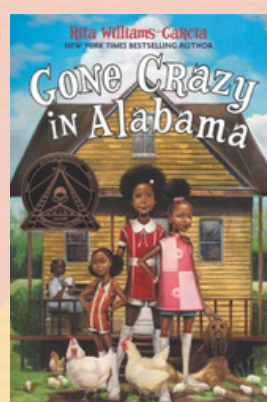
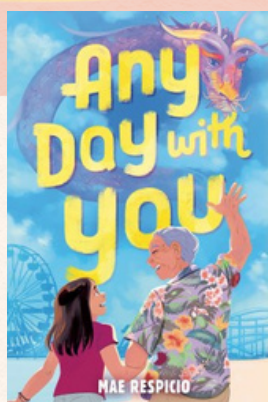
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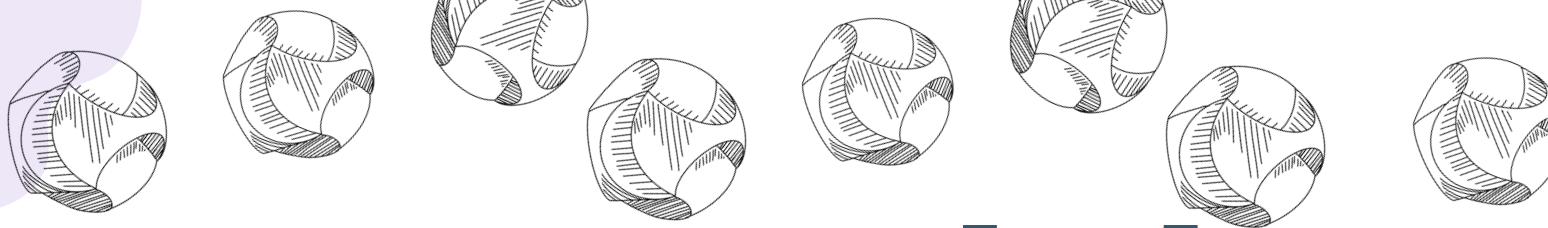


Middle Grade and Teen Nonfiction



Middle Grade and Teen Fiction





Paper Globe

SUPPLIES NEEDED

- printed out template
- scoring tool (knitting needle, skewer, chopstick)
- tape/glue
- coloring implements (optional)
- scissors

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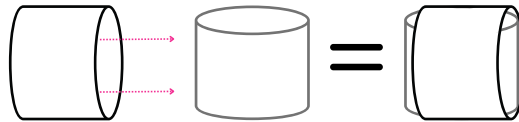
These paper globes are such versatile canvases! Experiment and have fun creating and decorating them!

01 COLOR, CUT, SCORE, FOLD



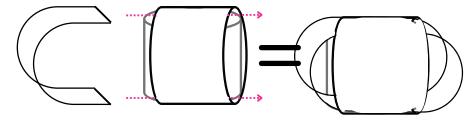
- Color the strips as desired.
- Score along the arches of all 3 strips.
- Cut all 3 strips out along the solid line.
- Gently fold along the arched scored line, then unfold.

02 TAPE, BEGIN CONSTRUCTION



- Tape 2 strips into tubes.
- Place one tube into the other tube, as shown above.

03 CONTRUCT, TAPE



- Take the third strip and put it over the inside tube but under the outside tube as shown above.
- Once third strip is placed, tape into tube shape.

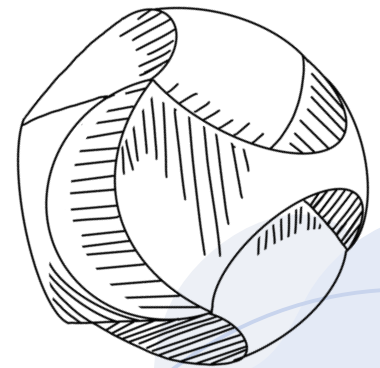
04 REARRANGE



- Rearrange tubes so that the scored partial circles show on the outside faces of the paper globe.

05 FORM, ENJOY

- Form paper ball by popping all the scored semi-circles inward.
- ENJOY!



Paper Globe Template

