

**Greetings from the
Buffalo & Erie County
Public Library!**



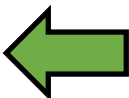
Library website

www.buffalolib.org

- **Library locations** – Find your local library!
(Each page contains hours, programs, book sales & more!)
<https://www.buffalolib.org/locations-and-hours>
- The Buffalo & Erie County Public Library (B&ECPL) consists of a Central Library, 8 branches in the City of Buffalo and 22 contract member libraries which operate 28 facilities outside the City of Buffalo.



*Read a Book
Owl mascot*



Library on Wheels - Bookmobile

<https://www.buffalolib.org/locations-hours/bookmobile>

- Check out books, movies, music, audiobooks.
- Use free WiFi.
- Get a library card or update your account.
- Pickup holds and return items – just like at any library!
- Can provide story times and programming.
- Have questions answered and be helped with a variety of needs.



Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/becplmobilesvcs/>



Online Catalog

- [Online Catalog](#) – Search for books & order them to your local library
Can't find what you're looking for locally? Try [interlibrary loan](#)!

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar with buttons for Library Home, Suggest a Purchase, Pay Fines Online, Research + Resources, Locations + Hours, Find New & Coming Soon Titles!, and Getting Started. A search dropdown menu is open, displaying a list of categories such as New York Times Best-Seller Lists, Staff Picks, and New materials. On the left, there are promotional banners for OverDrive (eBooks and audiobooks), Free Music (requiring a library card), and BookMyNE (mobile access). On the right, a 'Welcome to the Catalog' message includes login instructions and a list of featured categories like Children's Non-Fiction, Picture Books, and DVDs. At the bottom, there are book covers for 'The Return', 'The Searcher', and 'V.E. Schwab'.

E-Books & E-audiobooks

- Libby/Overdrive [Download instructions](https://buffalo.overdrive.com/)
- Advanced Search - <https://buffalo.overdrive.com/advanced-search>

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E-Resources

Can't make it to the library? We have digital content!

- Freegal ([FREE downloads](#) – up to 5 a week!)

- Databases



Kid Search

Britannica Escolar

Britannica content in Spanish for native Spanish speakers, bilingual students, and students learning Spanish. [NOVELny](#)

Britannica School

Britannica School is the go-to site for learning more about any subject—for all grades Pre-K-12 and all reading abilities—offering thousands of up-to-date, curated, and curriculum-relevant articles, images, videos, audio clips, primary sources, maps, research tools, recommended Web sites, and three separate databases—Elementary, Middle, or High. [NOVELny](#)

Gale In Context: Elementary

Gale In Context: Elementary (formerly Kids InfoBits), introduces elementary school students to database searching with resources featuring age-appropriate, curriculum-related content. [NOVELny](#)

Gale in Context: Middle School

Resource for students in grades 6 to 8. Offers magazines, newspapers, primary sources, over 12,000 videos and more on a variety of topics. Supports national and state curriculum standards in language arts, social studies and science. [NOVELny](#)

More E-Resources

- **Subject Guides**

<https://www.buffalolib.org/subject-guides/all>

[Virtual Learning/Homeschooling Resources](#)

[Parenting Resources](#)

Guides are updated often to ensure timely content.

- **Kids Resources** (including a blog!)

<https://www.buffalolib.org/services/kids>

- **Teen Resources** (including a blog!)

<https://www.buffalolib.org/services/teens>

Arts

BABEL Series

Business and Finance

Census

College and Career

Community Connections

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Education Resources

Health

History and Biography

Home and Family

Immigration

Law and Government

Lifestyles

Literary Studies

Local Information

Math, Science and Technology

News and Current Topics

Reference

Senior Resources

Social and Cultural Studies

Taxes

Children's Events + Activities



Books + Read Down Your Fines



Books + Reading



Teen Events



Early Literacy



School + Homework Help



College + Career



School + Homework Help



How can educators get students a library card?

- Library card applications can be printed online or obtained at any library

- **E-library card for all ages!** <http://vf.buffalolib.org/vufind/OnlineSignup/Home/>

Adult applicants, 17 and up, will receive a full privilege card.

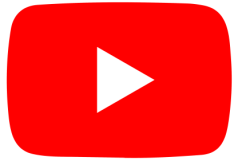
Youth applicants, 16 and younger, are able to apply for one of two card types:

- If a parent/guardian fills in the consent area of the form, the applicant will receive a full privilege youth card. Parents will have an opportunity to change the profile to restrict video or Internet permissions upon receipt of the physical card.
- If the parent/guardian section is not completed, the applicant will receive a Student Digital Card. A Student Digital Card is enabled for online services only, including OverDrive, Freegal, and homework help via the research databases, etc. These cards cannot be used to check out library materials, nor do they allow the cardholder to access the Internet on a library computer. The card can be upgraded by visiting any library location with the parent/guardian.
- All successful applicants receive their library card numbers via email. The physical cards are mailed to each cardholder's home address.

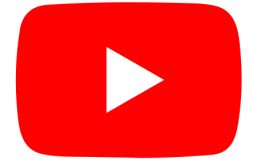
- **Read Down Your Fines** (ages 16 and under)

<https://www.buffalolib.org/kids/books-read-down-your-fines>





Helpful YouTube videos



- **How to Use Libby/OverDrive to Download Ebooks and Audio Books**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p2jManLNcYY>

- **How to Apply for a Library Card Online**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3_0UE7FsIns

- **How to Suggest a Purchase**

Did you know you can suggest a purchase for titles that the library system does not currently own? Find out how in this video!

https://youtu.be/_cxKjEG7A5U

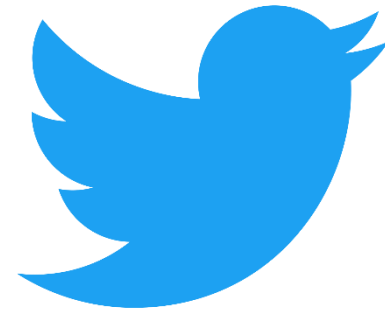
Video created by [Hamburg Public Library](#)

Social Media

- [Facebook](#)
- [Instagram](#)
- [Twitter](#)
- [Pinterest](#)
- [YouTube](#)
- [Goodreads](#) (Children's Department)
- [All Booked Up podcast](#) (SoundCloud)
- Branches have separate social media pages



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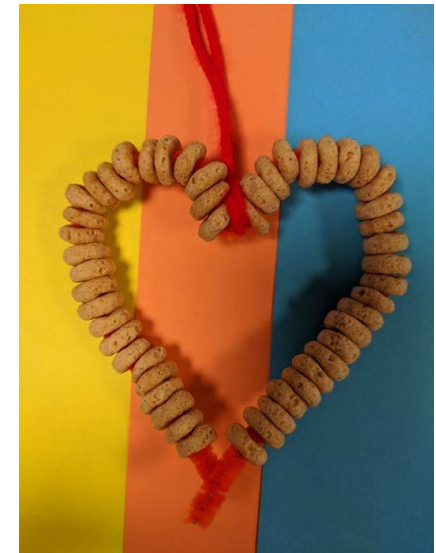


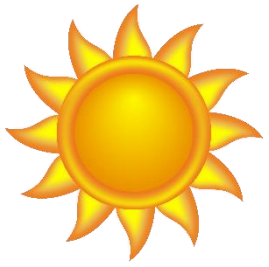
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Library Programs

- **Virtual content** - <https://www.buffalolib.org/whats-happening>
Storytimes, STEM challenges, sensory activities, craft demonstrations, virtual escape rooms, book clubs and more!
- **Take & Makes / Grab & Go activities** (while supplies last)





Summer Reading



- **Summer Reading Lists**

<https://www.buffalolib.org/books-movies-music/summer-reading-list>

Check that the library is stocked with titles on the list for summer reading – if not, contact a librarian!

- **Online Reading Contests** (Summer & Winter) – Write reviews to for a chance to win a prize! Branch libraries often have their own in-person summer reading program with prizes

- **Teacher Resources**

<https://www.buffalolib.org/services/teachers>

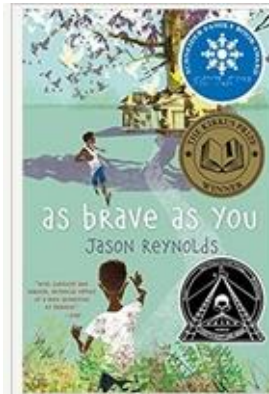


Book Club in a Bag

The bags are checked out for 6 weeks and can be returned to any Buffalo and Erie County Public Library location.

For multiple copies not listed – ask a librarian.

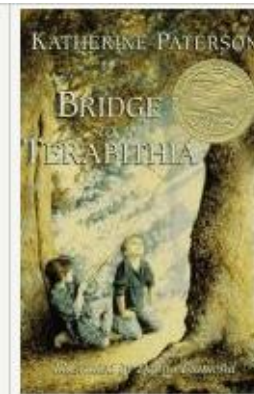
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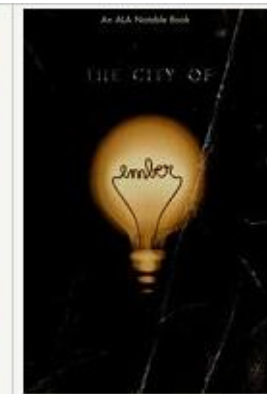
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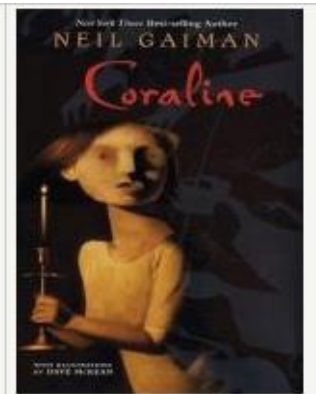
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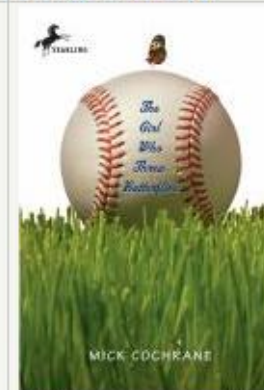
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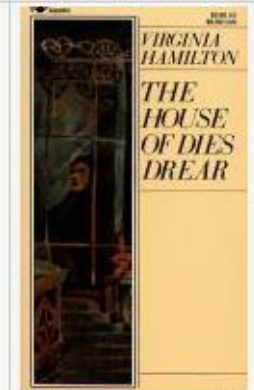
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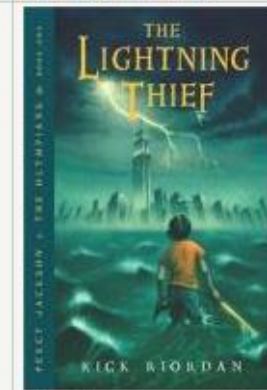
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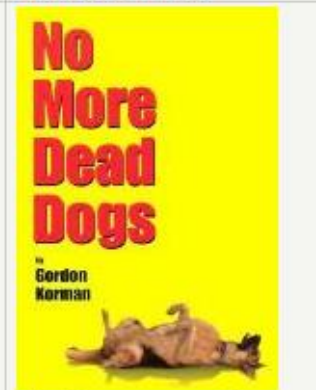
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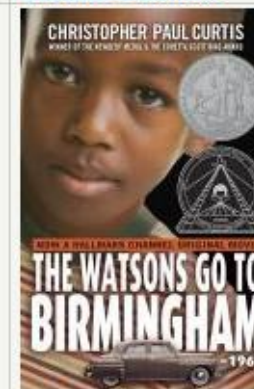
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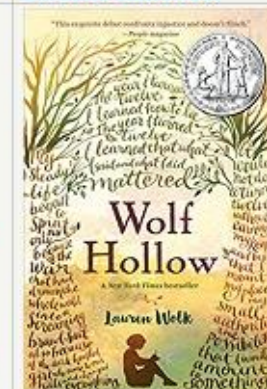
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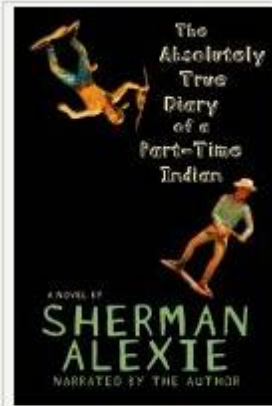


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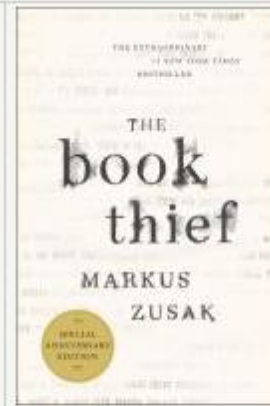
Book Club in a Bag

Kits are available through the Library's request system in the card catalog. If a kit is not "available" when you place your request, you may not receive it in time for your club's schedule.

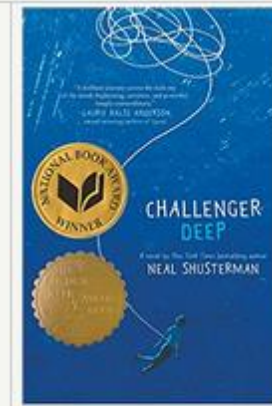
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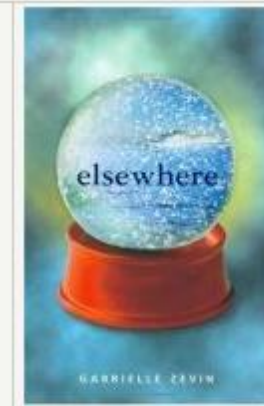
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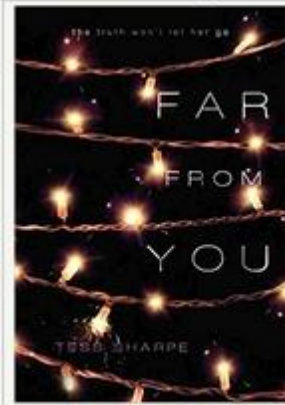
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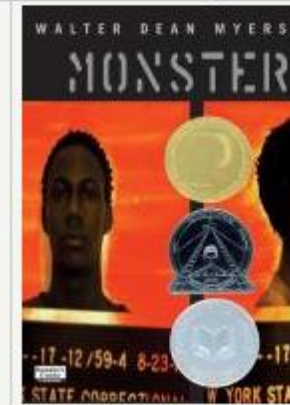
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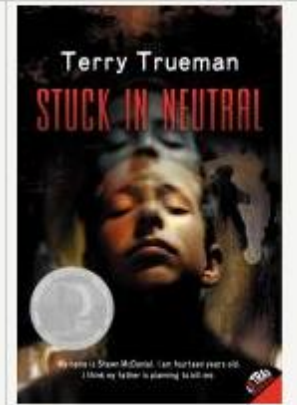
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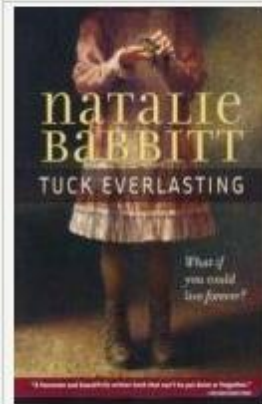
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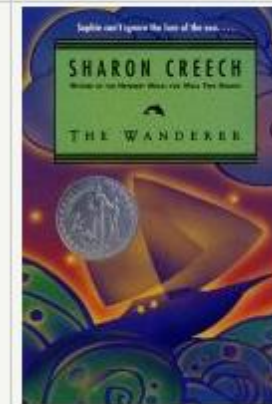
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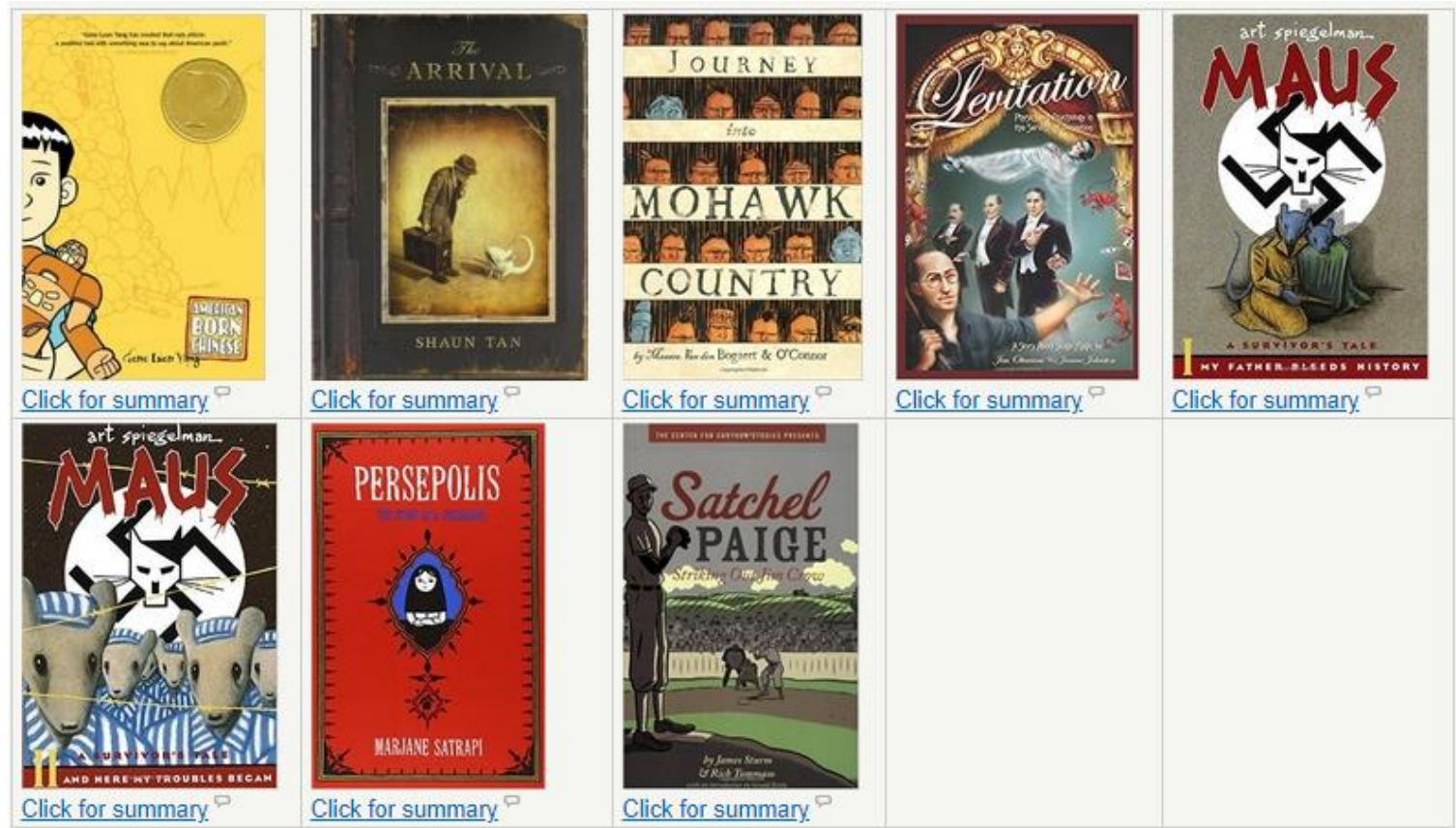


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Book Club in a Bag

Graphic novel classroom kit

Each Graphic Novel Classroom Kit contains 30 copies of the selected book, subject specific audio/visual material, a folder of support materials and an information/contents sheet.












<https://www.buffalolib.org/get-graphic/graphic-novel-classroom-kits>

<https://www.buffalolib.org/books-and-reading/get-graphic>

Current Trend - Library of Things

- Describes collections of things other than books that are being loaned like books, for no charge.
- Elma Public Library - <https://www.buffalolib.org/locations-hours/elma-public-library>

 Akai Midi Keyboard	 GoPro Camera	 Metal Detector
 Drum Pad & Drumsticks	 Button Maker	 Garmin eTrex10 GPS
 Ukulele	 Portable Turntable	 USB Microscope

 Glockenspiel	 Violin	 Dash Robot
 USB Microphone	 Code-a-pillar	 Makey Makey Kit
 Code & Go Robot Mouse	 Ozobot	 littleBits Gizmos & Gadgets Kit

Library of Things

Library of Things

The Boston Free Library has the following items available for 7-day loan period. Must be checked out on a valid adult library card and picked up and returned at the Boston Library during open hours.

- Sports Action Camera
- Green Screen
- Outdoor Projector and Screen
- Telescope
- Trail Camera
- Ukulele
- Portable Light Therapy Energy Lamp
- Digital Radon Detector
- Metal Detector
- Karaoke System
- Bubble Machine
- Film Slide, Negative and Photo Converter
- Super 8 and 8 mm Film Converter
- Record Player - Converts Vinyl, Cassette and CD to USB Flash Drive



Yard Games

The Boston Free Library now has yard games available for a 7-day loan period. Must be picked up and returned at the Boston Library; not eligible for reservations.



















- Corn Hole
- Bocce
- Giant Jenga
- Volleyball/Badminton
- Croquet
- Kubb
- Kan Jam
- Ladder Ball

Purchase of these items was made possible by funding generously secured by Senator Gallivan.

<https://www.buffalolib.org/locations-hours/boston-free-library> - **Boston Free Library**

Library of Things

- Aurora Town Public Library - <https://www.buffalolib.org/locations-hours/aurora-town-public-library>

	<p>MiP</p>		<p>Bee-Bot (x2)</p>		<p>Code-a-pillar</p>		<p>Ozobot Bits</p>
	<p>Star Wars BB-8</p>		<p>littleBits Deluxe Set +littleBits KORG</p>		<p>Sphero 2.0 (x2)</p>		<p>Cubelets</p>
	<p>Dinosaur 4D+ The Prehistoric Experience Cards</p>		<p>Animal 4D+ Alphabet Cards</p>		<p>Hue Animation Studio</p>		<p>Makey Makey</p>
	<p>iPad Air (Black)</p>		<p>iPod Touch (x2)</p>		<p>Osmo Starter Kit & Pizza Co. Game</p>		<p>Osmo Genius Kit & Coding with Awbie Game</p>
	<p>iPad Air 2 (White)</p>		<p>Osmo Creative Kit (Must be checked out with another Osmo set)</p>				

- Must be checked out on an adult library card, by an adult, 17 years of age or older.
- Please pick up and return Things only at the front desk of the Aurora Town Public Library. Please do not return Things in the book drop.
- Things circulate for one week with one renewal.

Library of Things

- **Town of Collins Public Library** - <https://www.buffalolib.org/locations-hours/town-collins-public-library>

Borrow a metal detector, tennis set, and more! Items must be borrowed from and returned to the Collins Library with an Adult card. Check out what's available through the [catalog!](#)



- **North Collins Public Library** - <https://www.buffalolib.org/locations-hours/north-collins-public-library>

These items can be checked out on an adult card for 7 days.

 Bounty Hunter - Metal Detector	 Little Bits Gizmos & Gadgets Kit	 Snap Circuits Pro Electricity Kit	 Oz Bot	 Zoomy - Handheld Microscope	 Button Maker
 Base Coding Kit	 Makey Makey Kit	 Hamzer Digital Music Piano Keyboard	 Fisher Price Code-A-Pillar	 BOSE Soundlink Bluetooth Speaker	 14 foot Movie Projector Screen
				 Topvision Video Projector	

STEM Kits



Microscope



**K'NEX
Levers and Pulleys**



**K'NEX
Bridges**



K'NEX Roller Coaster



Brain



Sphero Robotics



Skeleton



Electricity



Metal Detector



MUST BE CHECKED OUT
ON AN ADULT
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AND RETURNED TO THE



CLARENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY
CLICK ON QR CODE FOR MORE
INFORMATION

[STEM Kit Circulation Guidelines
and Agreement](#)

Clarence Public Library

<https://www.buffalolib.org/locations-hours/clarence-public-library>

Library of Things

- **NASA Explorers Backpack**

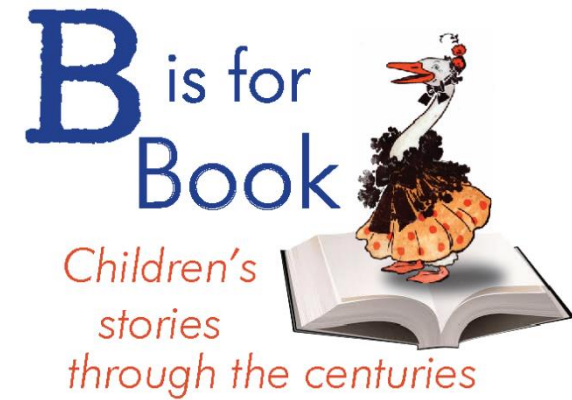
<https://www.buffalolib.org/nasa-space-explorers-backpack>

- Learn how to use a simple telescope
- Program a mini robot
- Learn about space, planets & constellations
- The backpack contains everything you will need to get started including a 76 mm FunScope telescope, Code & Go Robot Mouse, charts, books and instructions.



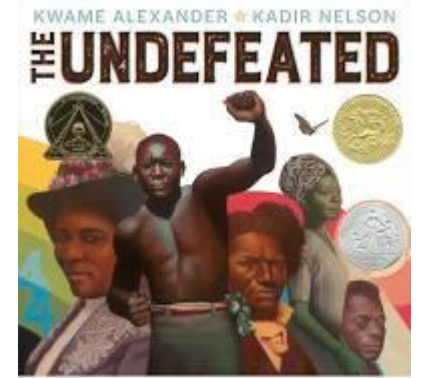
Second Floor Central Library Exhibit

- Featuring Aesop's Fables, Fairy Tales, Mother Goose, ABC books, primers, pop-up books, classic children's titles, a "Goodnight Library" area and more!
- <https://www.buffalolib.org/whats-happening/b-book>
- <https://www.buffalolib.org/b-book/families-schools>
- [Search & Find](#) and [Scavenger Hunt](#) and [Exploration Game](#)

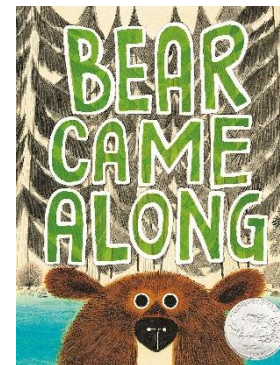
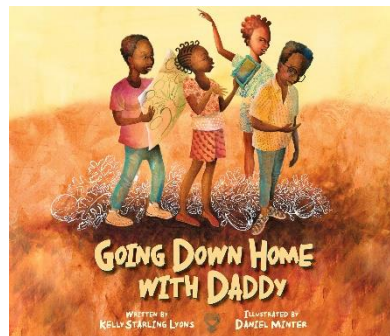
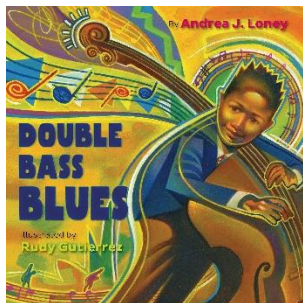




Award Winners - Caldecott

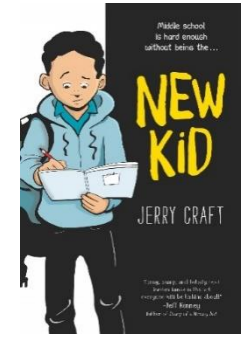


- The Caldecott Medal was named in honor of nineteenth-century English illustrator Randolph Caldecott. It is awarded annually by the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association, to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children.
- <http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/caldecottmedal/caldecottmedal>

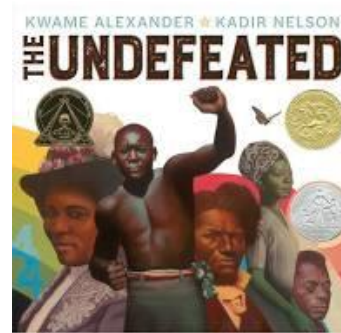
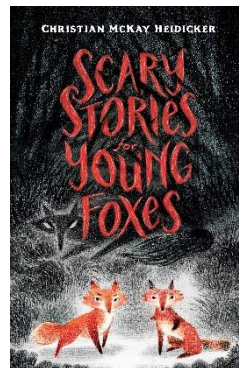
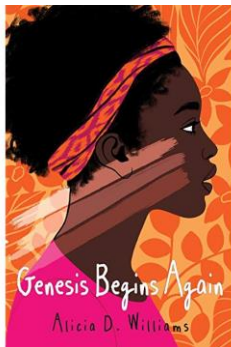




Award Winners - Newbery



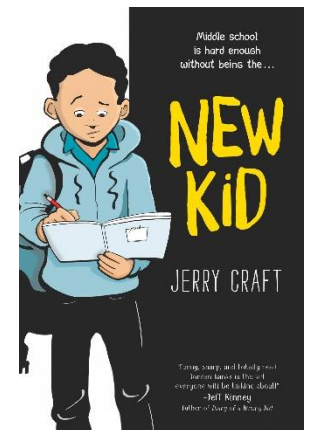
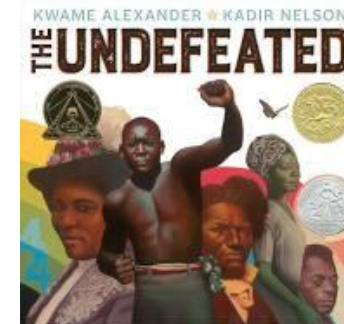
- The Newbery Medal was named for eighteenth-century British bookseller John Newbery. It is awarded annually by the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association, to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children.
- <http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/newberymedal/newberymedal>



Award Winners - Coretta Scott King Book Awards

- **The Coretta Scott King Book Awards** are given annually to outstanding African American authors and illustrators of books for children and young adults that demonstrate an appreciation of African American culture and universal human values. The award commemorates the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and honors his wife, Mrs. Coretta Scott King, for her courage and determination to continue the work for peace and world brotherhood.

- <http://www.ala.org/rt/emiert/cskbookawards>

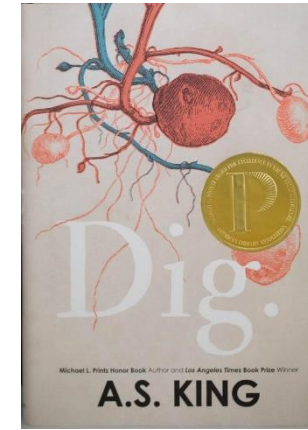


Other notable awards

- **Printz Award**

<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/printz-award>

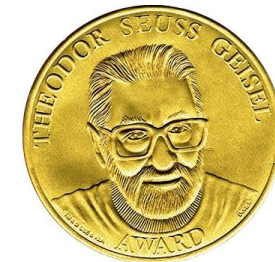
The Michael L. Printz Award is an award for a book that exemplifies literary excellence in young adult literature. It is named for a Topeka, Kansas school librarian who was a long-time active member of the Young Adult Library Services Association. The award is sponsored by [Booklist](#), a publication of the American Library Association.



- **(Theodor Seuss) Geisel Award**

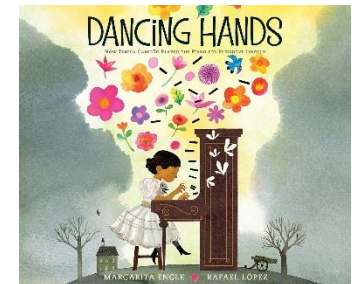
<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/geiselaward>

The Geisel Award is given annually to the author(s) and illustrator(s) of the most distinguished American book for beginning readers published in English in the United States during the preceding year.



- **Pura Belpré Awards** <http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/belpremedal>

The award is named after Pura Belpré, the first Latina librarian at the New York Public Library. The Pura Belpré Award, established in 1996, is presented annually to a Latino/Latina writer and illustrator whose work best portrays, affirms, and celebrates the Latino cultural experience in an outstanding work of literature for children and youth.



Thank you!

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