

## **2017 BookFest Book Discussion Group Leaders and Book Lists**

**You are kindly requested to read all of the titles listed before attending the break out session**

### ***Wildly Inventive: Nonfiction Picture Books Today***

A bevy of compelling, creative, and visually stunning informational books

Group Leader: Monica Edinger - Teacher, Reviewer, and Writer

*Giant Squid* by Candace Fleming and illustrated by Eric Rohmann

*The Hello Atlas* by Ben Handicott and illustrated by Kenard Pak

*How to Build a Museum: Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture* by Tonya Bolden

*Schomburg: The Man Who Built a Library* by Carole Boston Weatherford and illustrated by Eric Velasquez

*Some Writer: The Story of E. B. White* by Melissa Sweet

*Strong as Sandow: How Eugen Sandow Became the Strongest Man on Earth* by Don Tate

### ***Newbery Contenders? You Be the Judge!***

A selective sampling of titles that might be under consideration for a shiny medal in 2018.

Group Leader: Jennifer Hubert Swan @ReadingRants, Middle School Librarian at LREI

*One Last Word: Wisdom from the Harlem Renaissance* by Nikki Grimes

*Orphan Island* by Laurel Snyder

*Vincent and Theo: The Van Gogh Brothers* by Deborah Heiligman

### **Mock Caldecott: Let's discuss some Caldecott candidates**

Group Leader: Rita Auerbach - Chair of the 2010 Caldecott Committee

Matthew Cordell. *Wolf in the Snow*.

Jason Chin. *Grand Canyon*.

Stephanie Graegin. *Little Fox in the Forest*.

Patrick McDonnell. *The Little Red Cat Who Ran Away and Learned His ABC's (the Hard Way)*.

Sarvinder Naberhaus. *Blue Sky White Stars*. Illus by Kadir Nelson.

Jerry Pinkney. *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*.

## **Jump into STORY: Characters, lands, quests & dreams to savor *Out Loud!***

Introducing tellable tales from the ANNE IZARD STORYTELLERS' CHOICE AWARD, which highlights distinguished titles in the field of storytelling published for children and adults.

Storytellers, librarians, and co-editors of *WHO SAYS? Essays on Pivotal Issues in Contemporary in Storytelling*, Melissa Heckler and Carol Birch serve on the ANNE IZARD STORYTELLERS' CHOICE AWARD committee.

*Which Side Are You On?* by George Ella Lyon, illus. Christopher Cardinale  
*The Boy Who Loved Math* by Deborah Heiligman, illus. LeUyen Pham  
*Mama Miti* by Donna Jo Napoli, illus. Kadir Nelson  
*Sojourner Truth's Step-Stomp Stride* by Andrea Davis Pinkney, illus. Brian Pinkney  
*You Never Know* by Francine Prose and Mark Podwal, illus.  
*Go to Sleep, Gecko!* by Margaret Read MacDonald, illus. Geraldo Valerio  
*Mrs. Chicken and the Hungry Crocodile* by Won-Ldy Paye, Margaret H. Lippert & Julie Paschkis

## ***Let's Get Graphic!***

*An exciting assortment of recently released graphic novels that are flying off the shelves & captivating young readers of all ages.*

Group Leader: Christopher Lassen - Youth Material Selector - BookOps: The New York Public Library & Brooklyn Public Library

*All's Faire in Middle School* - Victoria Jamieson  
*Colette's Lost Pet* - Isabelle Arsenault  
*Lint Boy* - Aileen Leitjen  
*Older than Dirt: A Wild but True History of Earth* - Don Brown & Michael Perfit  
*One Trick Pony* - Nathan Hale  
*Real Friends* - Shannon Hale & LeUyen Pham

## **Wordless Picture Books: The Fine Art of Visual Storytelling**

**Group Leader: Luann Toth, Managing Editor of Reviews, School Library Journal**

*Sidewalk Flowers*-JonArno Lawson  
*Where's Walrus?*-Stephen Savage  
*Mr. Wuffles!*-David Wiesner  
*The Red Book*-Barbara Lehman  
*The Lion and the Mouse*-Jerry Pinkney

## **Exploring Place in Bilingual Children's Books**

Characters in landscapes imagined and real can help children connect the world of school and outside

Cecilia Espinosa, School of Education and Alison Lehner-Quam, Library, both faculty members at Lehman College, are committed to sharing diverse children's books that serve as mirrors and windows

*Diego Rivera His World and Ours* by Duncan Tonatiuh  
*I Know the River Loves Me / Yo Se que el Río Me Ama* by Maya Christina Gonzalez

*Marta! Big & Small* by Jen Arena, Illustrated by Angela Dominguez  
*Martí's Song for Freedom* by Emma Otheguy, illustrated by Beatriz Vidal  
*Salsa: Un poema para cocinar / A Cooking Poem (Bilingual Cooking Poems)* by Jorge Argueta, illustrated by Duncan Tonatiuh  
*Somos Como las Nubes/ We are Like the Clouds* by Jorge Argueta, illustrated by Alfonso Ruano  
*Viva Frida!* by Yuyi Morales, photographs by Tim O'Meara

### **Immigration and Isolation: The trials and triumph of youth in middle grade fiction**

Group Leader: Sandra Farag - Youth Material Selector - BookOps: The New York Public Library & Brooklyn Public Library

An inspiring and thoughtful look at recent titles illustrating the contemporary immigrant and refugee experience.

*Amina's Voice* by Hena Khan  
*The Only Road* by Alexandra Diaz  
*Refugee* by Alan Gratz  
*Save Me a Seat* by Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan  
*Wishtree* by Katherine Applegate

### **Noisy Roosters and Hungry Chupacabras: What's New in Latinx Kid Lit**

Group Leader: Emma Otheguy, author and historian

*Lola Levine and the Halloween Scream* by Monica Brown  
*The Rooster Who Would Not be Quiet* by Carmen Agra Deedy  
*Bravo, Poems about Amazing Hispanics* by Margarita Engle  
*The Distance Between Us, Young Readers Edition* by Reyna Grande  
*The Chupacabra Ate the Candelabra* by Marc Nobleman  
*Martí's Song for Freedom* by Emma Otheguy  
*The First Rule of Punk* by Celia C. Pérez

### **A Funny Thing Happened**

Not all YA is gloom and doom; these recent titles prove just that.

Group Leader: Shelley Diaz, reviews manager and YA editor at *School Library Journal*

*When Dimple Met Rishi* by Sandhya Menon  
*Tash Hearts Tolstoy* by Kathryn Ormsbee  
*I Hate Everyone But You* by Gabby Dunn & Allison Raskin  
*The Epic Crush of Genie Lo* by FC Yee  
*The Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue* by Mackenzi Lee

## **Insides, Outsides, and In Between**

Recent picture books exploring gender identity

Group Leader: Cheryl Klein, editorial director at Lee & Low Books

SPARKLE BOY by Lesléa Newman, illustrated by Maria Mola (Lee & Low, 2017)

I AM JAZZ by Jessica Herthel and Jazz Jennings, illustrated by Shelagh McNicholas (Dial, 2014)

RED: A CRAYON'S STORY by Michael Hall (Greenwillow, 2015)

INTRODUCING TEDDY: A GENTLE STORY ABOUT GENDER AND FRIENDSHIP by Jessica Walton, illustrated by Dougal MacPherson (Bloomsbury, 2015)

WHO ARE YOU? A KID'S GUIDE TO GENDER IDENTITY by Brook Pessin-Whedbee, illustrated by Naomi Bardoff (Jessica Kingsley Publishers, 2016)

## **Beginning Readers**

### **New Books for the Newest Readers**

**Group Leader: Julie Roach - Manager of Youth Services, Cambridge Public Library (MA)**

*Noodleheads See the Future* by Tedd Arnold, Martha Hamilton and Mitch Weiss, illustrated by Tedd Arnold

*Andy & Sandy and the Big Talent Show (Andy & Sandy)* by Tomie dePaola, illustrated by Jim Lewis.

*The Good for Nothing Button! (Mo Willems' Elephant & Piggie Like Reading!)* by Charise Mericle Harper.

*Snail and Worm Again* by Tina Kügler

*Barkus* by Patricia MacLachlan, illustrated by Marc Boutavant

*Something's Fishy* by Kevin McCloskey

*What's Your Favorite Favorite? (Ballet Cat)* by Bob Shea

*Charlie & Mouse* by Laurel Snyder, illustrated by Emily Hughes