

February 2021

EVENTS, PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Book Share Group

Wednesday Februay 17, 2021 @ 10 a.m. Meets the third Wednesday of the month at 10 .m. (via Zoom). Contact us to have zoom information emailed to you, or the follow the link found here just prior to the program.

Take Home Crafts and Story Time Kits

At this time, there is no in-person story time at the library, but we've created kits for you to host story time at home! Each kit has stories, an educational interactive, and activities to help young minds grow! Perfect for pre-schoolers and young learners. We also have a weekly take home craft for our young library visitors. Available via curbside, or just ask at the circulation desk.

Tax Forms

The library has not yet received any paper forms for distribution; however, forms can be downloaded directly from the IRS and Michigan Treasury. We can print any form for .15 cents per page.

https://www.irs.gov/forms-instructions https://www.michigan.gov/taxes

WiFi Access

The library currently has no workspace or reading space inside the library; however, the WiFi is accessible in the library parking lot and patio. We also have hot spots and Chromebooks available for check out. Chromebooks and Hotspots may be borrowed for 3 days. Contact us for more information and availability. District residents only.

Annual Report

The library's <u>annual report</u> is available online. What were we up to in FY 2019-2020? Just an expansion and a pandemic!

Construction Updates

It has been a busy few weeks of construction- and quite a range of Michigan weather. The footings were installed and the excavators back filled the site. We managed to get the foundation plumbing and electrical finished before the snowstorm hit last Thursday. Next comes the concrete, as soon as weather permits.



Youth Award Winners

Confession time: I've never been that into the Oscars, the Emmys, or the Grammys. I can take or leave the Golden Globes. And while I have been known to watch the highlights of the MTV awards and the Tonys, they haven't found their way into my planner with the date double underlined.

I tell you this because the ALA Youth Media Awards have been announced and I am so excited! Every year at the American Library Association Mid-Winter Conference the best of the best in children's and youth media are announced. It isn't just one award either, this is the motherlode of book awards. 18 awards (with honorable mentions, of course) are announced. I'm talking Caldecott, Newbury, Coretta Scott King, Pura Belpré Awards, and so many more. So without further ado, let me take you through some of my favorite award winners.

WHEN YOU TRAP A TIGER by Tae Keller is a phenomenal middle-grade novel all about the stories we tell, and the legacies we leave. This story centers on Lily, her grandmother, and her grandmother's folktales from Korea. Her grandmother has a secret that makes Lily believe that maybe those stories weren't just bedtime stories. This book has a lot of heart and just enough magic to inspire even the most cynical among us. This book won not only the Newbery Award but also the Asian/Pacific American Award for Children's Literature.

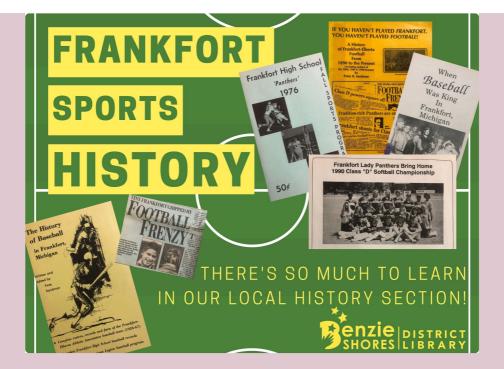
The Caldecott Award for American picture books was given to <u>WE ARE WATER PROTECTORS</u> illustrated by Michaela Goade and written by Carole Lindstrom. This colorful and beautifully illustrated book highlights the importance of safeguarding water resources, inspired by the Indigenous-led water movements. This book is stunning and as a good Michigander who wants to keep our lakes clean and safe, I adore the message!

¿VAMOS! LET'S GO EAT illustrated and written by Raúl Gonzalez won the Pura Belpré Award which honors a Latinx writer and illustrator whose children's books best portray, affirm and celebrate the Latino cultural experience. This book is part of a larger "¡Vamos!" series which feels right at home near the world of Richard Scarry. The sense of community within these stories and extremely detailed illustrations make this book a treat to read again and again.

You can find a full list of this winter's award winners at ALA.org

Read on, my friends!

Kaitlin



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