NEW BOOKS @ YOUR LIBRARY: CHILDREN’S LITERATURE AND TEACHING MATERIALS

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NEW BOOKS: INFORMATIONAL BOOKS

When planning units for your classroom, consider adding some informational books to your lesson plans. Informational books can also be known as non-fiction books, and they are books which contain facts about just one subject or many subjects. An example of a one subject informational book is a title about going to the dentist, whereas a multiple subject book has information about different animals. Children can learn about a variety of things by looking at informational books or by you sharing those books with them. Here are some examples of new informational books that we have here at the Lexington library. There are additional titles available too. Please don’t hesitate to ask one of the librarians if you need help finding one of these titles or anything else. We will be glad to help you.

**Balloons over Broadway: The True Story of the Puppeteer of the Macy’s Parade**
Written and illus. by Melissa Sweet

Call #: JF S

The author uses collage and illustrations to tell the true story of the man who created the floats for the Macy’s parade. Since the Macy’s parade occurs on Thanksgiving Day, this title can be used with a unit on Thanksgiving or holidays. It can also be used with units about careers and parades or outdoor events.
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<td>Nubs: The True Story of a Mutt, a Marine, &amp; a Miracle</td>
<td>Brian Dennis, Kirby Larson, and Mary Nethery</td>
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<td>A dog befriends a Marine serving in Iraq, and this is the true story based on their friendship. Teachers can incorporate <em>Nubs</em> into units on friendship, animals, or communities and service.</td>
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<td>Underground: Finding the Light to Freedom</td>
<td>Shane Evans</td>
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<td>Mr. Evans uses simple language to explain the Underground Railroad to young children. This book won the 2012 Coretta Scott King illustrator award, and it can be incorporated into a Black History Month unit. There are other titles here in the library that can be used to support that theme.</td>
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<td>Whales</td>
<td>Seymour Simon</td>
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<td>Whales are amazing creatures, and the words and the pictures in this book help young people learn about whales. Use this title with a unit on the ocean, animals, or the environment.</td>
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What We Wear: Dressing Up Around the World
By Maya Ajmera

Call #: JF A

Children around the world tell readers what kinds of clothes they wear each day. In addition to a unit on clothing, which can include the different types of materials clothes are made of, what types of clothing we wear in different seasons, etc., you can use this title with a unit celebrating different cultures.

BUGS, BUGS, BUGS

On a final note, the June/July 2012 issue of The Mailbox magazine has a “Bug Centers” unit which focuses on bugs and insects. The article has ideas for the following: a literacy center, dramatic-play area, a sensory center, a discovery center, a math center, an art center, and a writing center with patterns to help you create some of the ideas mentioned. The library has informational books to support a Bug/Insect unit too, and here is a sampling of those titles.

*Are You a Bee* JF A
*Are You a Butterfly* JF A
*Are You a Dragonfly* JF A
*Are You a Grasshopper* JF A
*Are You a Spider* JF A
*Are You an Ant* JF A
*Ask a Bug* JF L

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*Thank you, Creative Enrichment students, for allowing the library to put your concept books on display in the library. They will be on display in the library throughout the month of April, so please stop by and see them. Thank you all again.*