



October 2023



STUDENT FAVs from the Book Fair:

1. **Aggie Morton Mystery – Dead in the Piano**
2. **Tales to Keep you Up At Night**
3. **The October Witches**
4. **Thirst**
5. **Select**
6. **The Last Map Maker**
7. **The Clackity**
8. **Sheets**
9. **Hide Don't Seek**
10. **Finch House**
11. **Iceberg**
12. **I Will Protect You**

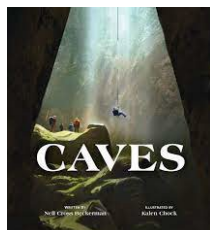
Caves

By **Nell Cross Beckerman**
Illustrated by **Kalen Chock**

Book Review by **Rachelle Park**

A beautifully illustrated book of adventure with factual details about caves all over the world. Beckerman does a nice job with word choice describing the thrill and process of spelunking whether you are ten or seventy-eight. The format moves from adventure to the facts and back and forth through the book. The book captures the essence of caves and cave exploration with the color choices of each page, by the illustrator. The range of facts about humans who have ventured into caves through the years is striking.

Author's Notes, Cave Rules, and More Fun Facts take the reader even further at the end of the book. "Do you dare?"



Odder

By **Katherine Applegate**
Book Review by **Julie Krueger**

#1 New York Times- bestselling author Katherine Applegate's new book *Odder* is about an otter that lives in central California. Odder loves to practice her underwater aerobics and spend time with her good friends. She is a fearless otter, almost to a fault. One day Odder runs into a hungry white shark. Suddenly Odder's life takes a dramatic turn, that will challenge her beliefs about herself and the humans who want to save her. *Odder* is a free verse book that is an easy quick read that peaks every imagination.

"Inspired by the true story of a Monterey Bay Aquarium program that pairs orphaned otter pups with surrogate mothers. *Odder* is a 2024 Battle of the Books selection.



FREADom to Read Week is October 1-7

Tiffany Hall, Library Supervisor

FREADom to Read Week celebrates the Constitutional freedoms of all Utahns to access information and stories without the censorship of ideas or perspectives. UELMA and ULA, our library state associations, strongly advocate for the protection of the Constitution and the First Amendment as principles that safeguard the free flow of ideas and strengthen the foundation of our democracy. Students and their families have First Amendment rights of speech and expression. Libraries offer equitable access to a wide range of age-appropriate materials for information and enjoyment.

FREADom to Read Week celebrates the power of choice and self-selection. Students and families should have access to titles that are a right fit for them. Librarians and their libraries are partners with parents and their children in creating opportunities for learning by providing curated collections that reflect the diverse and exciting populations in our schools and community.

*This news is brought to you by your **Library Technology Teacher!** **Rachelle Park** is eagerly awaiting the opportunity to discuss these exciting topics, help support your curriculum, and collaborate on lessons. Come visit me in the library!*