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# SLCSD Library Newsletter

## What's Happening in our Libraries?

November 2023



### In the Dilworth Library



**Brother Eagle, Sister Sky** by Susan Jeffers  
quoting Chief Seattle's speech at a treaty negotiation concerning ecological awareness – "We are all a part of the earth." was shared with 4<sup>th</sup> graders.



New: **The Barren Grounds** – "a middle grade fantasy deftly & compellingly centers Indigenous culture."

### Keepunumuk:

### Weeachuymun's Thanksgiving Story

By Danielle Greendeer

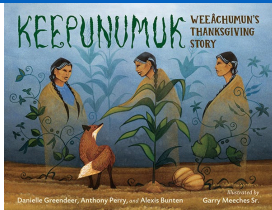
Book Review by Beth Tanner, Wasatch Elementary

Keepunumuk is a beautifully illustrated story of first contact and the harvest feast of 1621. The tale follows the three sisters (corn, beans, and squash) as they witness that fall and winter and retell the meeting of the newcomers and First Peoples. This book is an essential read for Native American Heritage Month as we seek to tell the stories and celebrations of Indigenous Americans while also acknowledging the complexities of the history of Thanksgiving. Together, the authors: Danielle Greendeer (Mashpee Wampanoag citizen), Anthony Perry (Chickaswa citizen), and Alexis Bunten (Yu'pik and Unangan) envelope readers in beautiful storytelling that is enjoyable and accessible while also sharing pronunciations, facts, maps, and recipes to accompany this stunning picture book.

Be sure to check out the accompanying information and lesson guides at:

<https://keepunumuk.com/rethinking-thanksgiving/>

<https://keepunumuk.com/curriculum/>



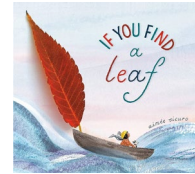
*This news is brought to you by your Library Technology Teacher! Mrs. Park who is eagerly awaiting the opportunity to discuss these exciting topics, help support your curriculum and collaborate on lessons. Come visit me in the library!*

### If You Find a Leaf

By Aimee Jicuro

Book Review by Kelly Dick

Looking for a Fall book that will spark imagination and creativity in your students? *If You Find A Leaf* is about a young artist who draws inspiration from fallen leaves around her. Whether it's a horn from a ginkgo leaf or a cozy blanket from a silver maple leaf, Sicuro's illustrations leave her readers wondering what they would do if they found a leaf. She even includes a "how to" create your own leaf collage at the end. Such a beautiful book to celebrate fall and our connection to the natural world.



### Building Stronger Communities Through Shared Reading: The Power of the Big Library Read

Tiffany Hall, Library Supervisor

November 2-16 is the national Big Library Read! This annual event is organized by libraries around the world to encourage people to read a specific book simultaneously. This shared reading experience transcends geographical boundaries and age groups. When a community of readers embarks on a collective reading journey, the book becomes a point of connection that allows readers to bond over their thoughts and emotions related to the story. Reading the same book encourages readers to engage in conversations about the plot, characters, and themes. This discussion becomes a catalyst for communication. Books can also expose readers to diverse perspectives, cultures, and experiences. When a community reads the same book, it promotes empathy and understanding as readers step into the shoes of the characters and gain a more profound insight into different ways of life, fostering a sense of inclusivity and acceptance.

*Artie and the Wolf Moon* is a young adult paranormal thriller by Olivia Stephens. The e-book and audio books will have unlimited online check-out through Sora for middle and high school students and employees during this two-week period. All students and employees have access to the [SLCSD Sora online library](#).