

THE LIBRARY MINI PAGE



KEEPING FAMILIES CONNECTED TO THE LIBRARY



May is AANHPI Month!

This month we celebrate Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander culture and heritage. Be sure to learn about the contributions of AANHPI individuals to society!



MONTHLY EVENTS

* Cinco de Mayo May 5, 2026



This celebration is held on May 5 to remember Mexico's victory at the Battle of Puebla in 1862!

* World Baking Day May 17, 2026



Today is World Baking Day! Check out a cookbook from your library to bake some yummy treats today!

* National Creativity Day May 30, 2026



Get out your markers, paint, and glue ... it's time to be creative! Whatever your mind thinks you can create!

SUMMER READING

KEEP READING ALIVE!

Did you know that students can lose 2–3 months of reading skills over summer break? The good news is that just 20 minutes of reading a day can make a huge difference — and there are some fantastic opportunities to keep your child engaged all summer long! This year, Pinellas County students in Pre-K through Grade 5 can participate in the myOn Summer Reading Challenge, running May 22 through July 23, with chances to win tablets and even a laptop for top readers. Students can also earn 2 free tickets to a Tampa Bay Rays game through the Reading with the Rays program by reading just 24 hours over the summer. Free ebooks and audiobooks are always available through the SORA app using your child's Clever login — no trip to the store required! Looking ahead to next school year, students in grades 3–5 can get a head start by reading from the 2026–2027 Sunshine State Young Readers Battle of the Books list this summer — the more they read now, the more prepared they will be to compete with their classmates in the fall. And don't forget, the Tarpon Springs Public Library offers free books, summer programs, storytimes, and activities for kids all summer long — a great reason to get your library card if you don't already have one! We encourage every family to make reading a part of your summer routine. A flyer with all of these wonderful summer reading opportunities will be sent home with report cards. Keep an eye out for it and hold on to it all summer long. Your child will come back in the fall ahead of the curve and ready to shine!



Fast Facts of the Month

- The month of May is also Mental Health Awareness Month and Jewish American Heritage Month.
- May is the only month that never starts or ends on the same day of the week as any other month in a given year.

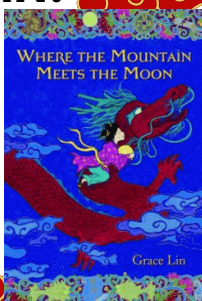
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FACTS

AUTHOR SPOTLIGHT

CELEBRATE ... GRACE LIN!

Grace Lin is a Taiwanese-American author of children's and middle grade books! She has been named a Newbery, Caldecott, and Geisel honoree and a National Book Award finalist for her books depicting Asian American culture. She raises chickens at her home in Massachusetts!



"If you make happy those that are near, those that are far will come."

—Grace Lin

Happy Birthday to Grace Lin on May 17th!

TO DO

LIBRARY BOOKS- DUE MAY 13TH

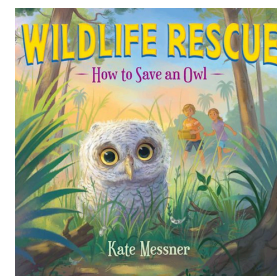
It's That Time of Year — Help Us Bring Our Books Home! As the school year winds down, we kindly ask that all library books be returned no later than Tuesday, May 13th. Before that date, we encourage you to do a quick sweep of your home — check backpacks, bedside tables, under beds, and those favorite reading spots around the house! Returning books on time ensures that every student has access to a full and complete library collection when we return in the fall. If you have any questions or concerns about a lost or damaged book, please don't hesitate to reach out. Thank you so much for your help



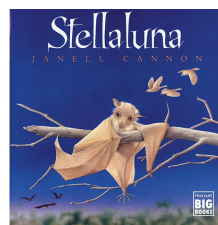
NEW BOOKS

WILDLIFE RESCUE

Wildlife Rescue by Kate Messner is an action-packed chapter book series perfect for animal lovers, following kids who help care for injured and orphaned wild animals at a wildlife rehabilitation center. Each book features a different creature in need — from baby foxes to injured owls — giving readers an up-close look at how these amazing animals are rescued, healed, and returned to the wild. If you love animals and adventure, this series will have you turning pages as fast as a hawk takes flight!



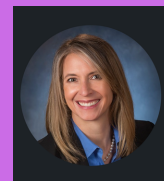
PRINCIPAL SPOTLIGHT

MRS. PRICE

Mrs. Price loves Stellaluna because it has everything a great book needs! She adores the story's adorable bat character and the animal-filled world she lives in. She shared that she admires how Stellaluna never gives up — even when life gets hard and confusing, she keeps going and learns to adapt to new situations. And the mother bat? She is the perfect mix of kind and firm, showing us that real love means guiding others with both warmth and strength. Pick up Stellaluna and see why it has captured Mrs. Price's heart!

"It reminds us that with perseverance and a kind heart, we can adapt to anything life brings our way!"

—Mrs. Price



SUMMER READING

SORA

Keep the reading fun going all summer long! Log into your Clever page and look for the Sora app, where you can check out books, magazines, and audiobooks for free — anytime, anywhere! Whether you are curled up at home, on a road trip, or relaxing at the beach, Sora makes it easy to keep reading alive all summer. Happy reading!



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