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## Back in the Swing of Things

Deep breath ... hold it ... and exhale. Congratulations, you just rocked the 2018 Summer Reading Program! The future holds falling leaves, football games, cooler temperatures and sending those summer readers back to school.

With back to school comes a variety of emotions. Good reads can help children identify those feelings by reading about characters with similar experiences. Check out page 2 for a list of currently available and upcoming children's reads for the back to school season.



## Learning by Senses

**A**fter attending a sensory program at The Village Library in July it was instantly obvious why parents and their children love this program – it's ooey gooey popping fun.



A little girl slapped a big blob of shaving cream in her mom's hand and grinned, a little boy was rattling colorful beads in a clear tube, a small group was huddled around a water station dipping and emptying containers of water and more parents were crowding into the room with their children.

Sensory play includes activities that stimulate the senses: touch, smell, taste, movement, balance, sight and hearing.



Sensory play is beneficial for all children. However, sensory play has been known to benefit children who have autism of sensory integration dysfunction disorder. Sensory play also helps develop motor skills – children learn to coordinate muscle groups as they play. Sensory play can also have a calming affect.

"Early learners can learn a lot from their senses and sensory play gives them new ways to talk about and experience the world around them," Youth Engagement Specialist at the Village, Sally Gray said. "And parents also like it because we do the messy part, so they don't have to do that at home."



The program at the Village began in February and the July 24 program had more families than ever. The program was attended by 38 kids and 22 adults.

Want to learn more about sensory play? Read children's librarian Katherine Hickey's article on the ALSC Blog here:

<http://www.alsc.ala.org/blog/2016/11/sensory-shenanigans/>

# Back to School Kid's Reads

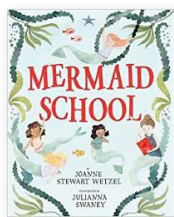
## Ages 0-8

### Mermaid School - New!

By: Joanne Stewart Wetzel

Grade level: Pre-Kindergarten – 1

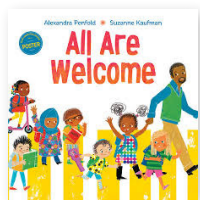
Ever wondered what school is like for mermaids? It turns out, it is quite like human school – there are mermaid friends, mermaid teachers, and new lessons to learn. They even discuss fantasies of tail-less boys and girls who can't breathe under water. Will Molly the mermaid's day at school go "swimmingly"?



### All are Welcome - Coming Soon!

By: Alexandra Penfold

Grade level: Pre-Kindergarten – 2



Kids in patkas, hijabs, yarmulkes, and baseball caps play side-by-side and learn from each other's traditions in

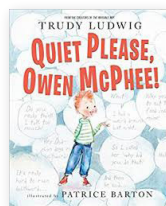
this illustration of a diverse community. Challenging topics are lightened with cheerful illustrations and a positive message of inclusivity for all expressed through rhyming verses.

### Quiet Please, Owen McPhee - Coming Soon!

By: Trudy Ludwig

Grade level: Pre-Kindergarten – 2

Owen McPhee is a chatterbox. He talks endlessly – irritating his classmates. He gets left out and ignored by the rest of the class. Owen talks so much that he forgets to listen, until one day he gets laryngitis and must voicelessly make a positive contribution at school. Will Owen finally



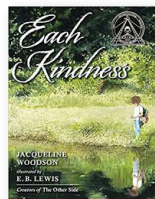
understand the importance of listening?

### Each Kindness

By: Jaqueline Woodson

Grade Level: 2-5

Each Kindness, by award-winning author Jaqueline Woodson, tells the story of what it is like for a new girl in class to fit in – from the class bully, Chloe's point of view. The author depicts how the new student's kindness makes her feel ashamed of her actions. Meanwhile, Chloe's teacher begins a series of lessons on kindness. This is a moving story with beautiful illustrations that show how one person's actions can cause a ripple.



## Ages 9-12

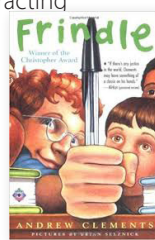
### Frindle

#### - More Copies Coming Soon!

By: Andrew Clements

Grade level: 4 – 6

Nick is rather talented at distracting teachers, getting the entire class out of boring lectures. However, his new fifth-grade teacher, Mrs. Granger, cannot be fooled into his schemes. After his plans to divert her attention fail, he is assigned an extra report as punishment. Nick must complete an assignment over "How new words are submitted to the dictionary" and he becomes more enthusiastic about the assignment than he thought. He suggests a new word for the dictionary, only further annoying Mrs. Granger in the process. Will his new word take off or will his teacher make sure his efforts are thwarted?



### Ramona the Pest

#### - More Copies Coming Soon!

By: Beverly Cleary

Grade level: 4 – 6

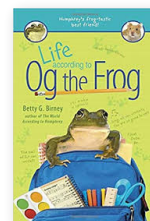
The adventures of lovable handful Ramona Quimby is a classic middle-grade read that parents will want to share with their children for years to come. There is never a dull moment at school with Ramona – she can't seem to stay out of trouble. Will her new teacher, Miss Binney, get her to behave or is she destined for more mischievous adventures?



### Life According to Og the Frog - New!

By: Betty G. Birney

Grade level: 2 - 4



This series depicts the life of lovable classroom pet, Og the frog, and his perceptive observations about classroom behavior. Children who read Birney's The World According to

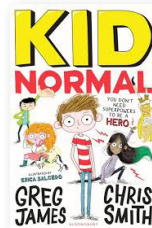
Humphrey will enjoy the spinoff series featuring Humphrey the hamster's friend, Og. The ultimate question Og must answer is, should he return home to the swamp or stay a classroom pet forever?

### Kid Normal - Coming Soon!

By: Greg James

Grade level: 5 – 7

If you think you have it rough at school – try being a "normal" 11-year old in a school full of super heroes. Murph Cooper is a "Super Zero" at school, but when the super children become minions to the wasp-man villain's mind control, the Super Zeros must save them. Will their powers of teamwork, courage and leadership be enough for Murph and the other zeros to save the day?



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# COMING UP...

**AUGUST 23**

Commission Meeting at Belle Isle Library

**AUGUST 23**

Staff Association Meeting at the Service Center

**SEPTEMBER 2 & 3**

All Metro Libraries Closed for Labor Day

**SEPTEMBER 20**

Commission Meeting at Del City Library

**SEPTEMBER 27**

Staff Association Meeting at Del City Library



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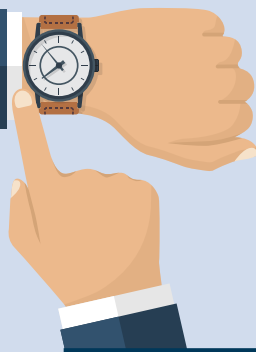
**Y**ou have probably heard that Learning and Development has begun integrating Lynda.com courses into EduBrite – so what does that mean for staff? Lynda.com will give staff access to nearly seven thousand courses that can be bookmarked, customized and chunked within EduBrite to meet specific staff member's needs.

The ability to chunk materials means you only watch what you need in the Lynda course. Most of these videos are just one minute to five minutes in length. Corresponding worksheets and

exercises are also available within some courses to easily synthesize lessons.

Instead of having to complete hours of videos to get credit for one course, course content will be more easily adjusted to the learner's needs. Some categories covered include technology such as excel to learn how to create pivot tables and professional training in areas such as difficult conversations.

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## In Case You Missed It...

### Alexa, meet Hoopla

Hoopla announced an integration with Amazon Alexa, allowing users to use voice commands to access and listen to Hoopla music and audiobook downloads, ask the number of borrows/credits they have remaining on their account and other information.

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### Training Times – July 2018

Welcome to the July edition of Training Times! There's a lot to celebrate in July, including hitting our goal of 25,850 participants in our Summer Reading program! Over in L&D we are celebrating the August launch of Lynda.com, picking back up on Access Workshops, prepping Collection Development training, and planning for Staff Day in October!

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### Database Highlight #51: *We've got the Digital Encyclopedia for That*

Some kids love Frog and Toad and some kids would rather read about real amphibians! Today's kid doesn't need a heavy Britannica set. We have a digital encyclopedia online and available 24/7. Britannica Library Children is a kid-friendly version of the classic Britannica encyclopedia.

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### Mergent Intellect – New Features

The premier company and industry database, Mergent Intellect, has added two new features: a Learning Center and the ability to add financial details to your search criteria.

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### Database Highlight #52: *We've got the Film Script for That*

Sick of beach reads? Try something different with Film Scripts Online. This week's database highlight contains over 1,000 film scripts including golden age classics, award winners, and modern masterpieces. Keyword search or browse by genre, award, people, and more. This is a great database for movie buffs and movie scholars. Pair Film Scripts Online with Kanopy and have a movie night.

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### Updates to Support Resources

The How-To Guides have been updated to remove Freegal and add a section about our eBooks from EBSCO. Feel free to print these guides on demand or print and display for customers to help themselves.

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### Database Drop: *New York Times Online*

Collection Development is considering dropping New York Times Online.

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### Graphic Novel Changes

The Graphic Novel Discussion Group's recommendations for changes in cataloging and shelving these materials have been adopted and will be implemented in the coming months.

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**Reminder:** Starting August 1st, ARRC will no longer be accessible and will be fully replaced by AutoMate.

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