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### Check This Out!



#### Equal Access to All

Emily Hart is the Equal Access to All Coordinator for the Bureau of Library Development. She works with the federal E-Rate program, which provides funding to public libraries to offset information technology fees. She also supports the state's public librarians in their work with Underserved Populations, which include senior citizens, the blind and visually-impaired, and patrons in rural and small communities. For more information, contact Emily at 850.245.6633 or [emily.hart@dos.myflorida.com](mailto:emily.hart@dos.myflorida.com).



#### [Humans in Space Youth Art Competition](#)

If your patrons are between 10-18 years old, they can help shape ideas for the future of space exploration with the international **Humans In Space Youth Art Competition**.

Create artwork that is musical, literary, visual or video that expresses ideas and inspiration for living, working and doing science on the Moon. What will it look like, sound like, and feel like? Winning artwork will be displayed through a worldwide tour. The first place visual and literary artworks will receive \$250 US, and the first place video and musical artworks will receive \$500 US. [Submissions](#) are due April 30, 2019, 12:59 US Eastern.



#### [Hanging of the Hands for Children's Week](#)

Children's hand art will be displayed throughout the Capitol Rotundra as a reminder to legislators and advocates that we must take care of our children. The [Hanging of the Hands](#) will be displayed Sunday, March 24 - Friday, March 28, 2019. If you have children at your library that wish to participate, contact your local [Hanging of the Hands Coordinator](#) before March 10, 2019.

### Space Place

[School Library Journal:](#)  
[Middle Grade Magic](#)  
[Virtual Summit](#)  
 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
 Eastern

### **March 2019 Celebration Dates and Promotional Events**

The links below will show you how to bring these promotions to your library. Don't forget to share your activities with others.

[Women's History Month](#)

[Irish-American Heritage Month](#)

03/02/19  
[Read Across America Day](#)

03/05/19  
[Mardi Gras](#)

03/11/19  
[Johnny Appleseed Day](#)

03/17/19  
[St. Patrick's Day](#)

03/18/19  
[First Walk in Space](#)



#### **NASA @ MY LIBRARY**

The NASA @ My Library workshop was entertaining and educational at the same time. The attendees were able to participate in a number of space related activities.

[Starnet](#) houses the activities that were shown during the workshop. Once you are at the website, click on the "Check It Out" bar. You will be able to find activity guides for different ideas that coordinate with "A Universe of Stories" summer program.



Try some out and let us know what you think.

### **Library Spotlight**

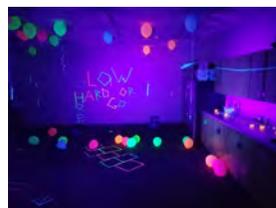
#### **Jefferson County Glow Party by Courtney Nicolou**

January 12, 2019 we had our first Glow Party at the Jefferson County Public Library. Glow parties have a simple premise with fantastic results: if you black out a room and fill it with glow in the dark props, UV lights, and dance music, children will have an excellent time! This was true for us and we plan to recreate it for future events.



The idea for our Glow Party was born from one of our story time patrons' favorite activities: bubbles. At the end of every story time, to signal to our children who are diligently working on their crafts that story time is concluding, we play a "bubbles" song on the speaker and library assistant Terez, who is 6'5, walks around the room with a bubble machine. The bubbles rain down and the children dance, chase bubbles, and laugh together. It's become an activity that they look forward to each week. Noticing how much they enjoy this weekly activity, Terez had the idea to have a party exclusively dedicated to bubbles and dancing.

We regularly hold Saturday events, including "Maker Spaces with Terez." The children in our community love Mr. Terez and his activities are well attended. We planned this event for a Saturday as well and advertised with flyers and several Facebook posts. To set up for the event, we removed as much as furniture from our community room as we could and blacked it out using black butcher paper on the doors and under the windows. Next we decorated the floor with glow-in-the-dark tape. Terez spelled "Glow Hard or Go Home" on the wall. He had about twenty glow-in-the-dark balloons inflated to decorate the ceiling and four UV lamps angled at the ceiling, walls, and floor throughout the room. Lastly, we made a dance music playlist and set up a large bubble machine.



The day of the party we had approximately thirty attendees, decked out in UV reactive clothes, glasses, and earrings! We passed out glow sticks and blow up microphones for lip syncing to the music. They were eager to get into the room and once inside they

immediately danced, sang, laughed, and batted at the glow-in-the-dark balloons. Parents enjoyed taking pictures of their children in the UV lighting with the glow-in-the-dark props. We served pizza and Sprite with tonic water ice cubes and dry ice. It had an amazing effect that the children marveled at. To top it off, Terez's sister created glow-in-the-dark cupcakes! We consider this event a success and we are going to replicate it for our summer reading kick-off party with a spin to encompass this year theme. We're calling it a "Galaxy Glow Party!"

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### Social Media Connections

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### Manga Café

**Anashin. *Waiting for Spring.* (2017-present.) New York: Kodansha Comics.**

Mitsuki is a very shy first-year high school student. Determined to be braver and make friends now that she's in high school, her plans go awry when the four most popular boys in her school stop by the café where she works. An unlikely friendship develops, but Mitsuki's feelings for Towa gradually shift towards romance. The four boys are on the basketball team, which means they are forbidden from dating. What's a shy girl like Mitsuki going to do? The drama heats up when her childhood friend Aya returns from America and declares his love for her. Drawn into the spotlight by spending time with the "four heavenly kings" of Seiryō High School, Mitsuki has to navigate jealous girls, new friendships, rumors and new experiences.



This is a sweet, gentle romance story with a secondary focus on basketball and friendship. Slowly paced, *Waiting for Spring* is a character-driven narrative. The boys provide a healthy dose of comic relief, and Mitsuki's best girl friends are off-the-wall characters who get into various hijinks throughout the series. The artwork is very expressive, allowing readers to intuit much about the characters and their feelings.

Lack of language, violence and sexual content make this a solid choice for younger readers looking for a safe romance. Recommended for larger collections and libraries needing more tween romance manga.

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### Book Reviews From the Field

**McClafferty, Carla Killough. *Buried Lives: The Enslaved People of George Washington's Mount Vernon.* (2018.) New York: Holiday House.**

*Buried Lives: The Enslaved People of George Washington's Mount Vernon* is an excellent account of the daily lives of slaves at George Washington's farm in Virginia. The author has gone to great lengths to interview dozens of living relatives and experts, and she has done countless hours of research. Although there were at times nearly 500

slaves at Washington's farm, the author has focused on five slaves. These selected slaves are brought back to life through in-depth details from letters and diaries kept by George Washington, fellow soldiers, diplomats, and dozens of handwritten letters of visitors to Mount Vernon.

The format is very accessible since the first five chapters are devoted to separate slaves. Each chapter could actually be a small book all by itself, and it seems as if this book was destined to be in a school library. It is ideal for students to divide up the chapters and study an individual slave. Each slave's story overlaps since they worked and lived together, and the author does occasionally repeat facts so that each chapter could stand alone. It is well written, unbiased, and considerate.

In the sixth chapter, McClafferty delves further into Washington's struggle with slave ownership. The seventh chapter focuses on the slaves' fates after the death of the first President and the final chapter is devoted to the history of the graveyards and historical buildings of Mount Vernon.

Students in middle school and high school would greatly benefit from this work. The author has included images of handwritten letters, oil paintings, diagrams and sketches. Each chapter is made more accessible through these artifacts. *Buried Lives* should be included in every academic library, and it is an excellent glimpse into our nation's past.

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**Durst, Sara Beth. *Fire & Heist*. (2018.) New York: Crown Publishing.**

Sixteen-year-old Sky Hawkins is surrounded by her three older brothers: Charlie, the twins Liam and Tuck, and one very reserved father. Her mother, however, vanished after trying to pull off a dramatic heist that no one in her family knew about, except maybe her husband. The only thing they know for sure is that her mom had help, but from whom or where? Now Sky and her family are left to deal with the loss of status in the small Wyvern society of Aspen, Colorado. Not only did Sky lose her mother, but also her boyfriend Ryan and all of their high-standing Wyvern friends. Sky finds herself relying on a quiet human, Gabriela, when she decides to track down her mother. Sky is determined to save her family's fortune and pull off her first heist to reclaim her family's status in Wyvern society.

Sara Beth Durst's *Fire & Heist* is an excellent introduction into the Sci-Fi world of dragons and shifters. This novel is perfect for lower YA readers and an easy read for upper YA.

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**Demetrios, Heather. *Dear Heartbreak*. (2018.) New York: Henry Holt and Co.**

Heartbreak. Everyone has experienced this in their lives at one time or another. In this collection, teens from around the world write letters to "Heartbreak" about their experiences with things like: cheating, break-ups, loneliness and backstabbing betrayal. YA authors come together to respond to these young teens about the dark side of love. With no sugarcoated fairy-tale responses and straight hold answers, authors share their stories and give advice to teens.

Due to the language and content, I would recommend this for ages 16 and up.

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**Sanderson, Brandon. *Skyward: Claim the Stars*. (2018.) New York: Delacorte Random House Children's Books.**

The humans living on Detritus, a planet protected by an orbit filled with several thick and relatively impenetrable layers of space junk, have been under-siege for generations by the Krell, an alien species seemingly determined to destroy them. Spensa is hell-bent on proving herself by becoming a hero-pilot like her father. He died in a defining battle, labeled a coward for attempted desertion during the fight, and condemning his family with the same label. Even though the Air Force leadership blacklists her from flight school, Spensa fights against all the odds in her mission of redemption to become a pilot. Spensa's bravery, the support of her closest friend, and a chance discovery all come together to reveal the truth of her father's last moments. Spensa's fight for survival will determine the future of human civilization on the planet. Will she have what it takes to save her people and reclaim her family's glory?

*Skyward: Claim the Stars* is a story about Spensa's coming of age, testing boundaries, limits, and skill while negotiating her place in the world. It is the first volume in a new young adult science fiction series by acclaimed author Brandon Sanderson. The novel contains lengthy battle scenes depicting death and destruction, but the imagery is not too graphic. This story is best suited for the tween age group who might enjoy a story featuring a strong-willed character unwilling to be defined by other people's expectations. The conclusion will leave young readers anticipating Sanderson's next installment in the series to learn what becomes of Spensa and Detritus' fate.

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**Beaty, Andrea. *Rosie Revere and the Raucous Riveters*. (2018.) New York: Amulet Books.**

What a lovely little book! Rosie Revere (Engineer) and her friends Ida Twist (Scientist) and Iggy Peck (Architect) are known as the Questioners. The friends help do their part by assisting Rosie's Aunt Rose and her group of gal pals, the Raucous Riveters. The Questioners work on inventing a machine that helps one of the Riveters participate in an art show and be able to paint with her two wrist casts. Through experimentation, pluck and ingenuity, Rosie and her friends and neighbors come up with a unique solution.

This series is full of wonderful lessons about helping each other, especially for youngsters who are filled with questions and the desire to create as well. Bonus points for STEM-related themes. Grade 2 and up.

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## Florida Library Youth Program

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