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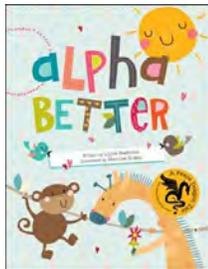
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## Check This Out!

### New Youth E-books from FEL

We are thrilled to announce the addition of safety eBook titles for grades K-12 in the [Gale Virtual Reference Library](#).



The 12 titles for kindergarten and elementary school ages are



## ***Quick Links***

[FLYP Materials](#)

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## ***Webinars***

07/11/19

[Living in a Material World: Crafting Programs for Adults](#)

3 - 4 p.m.  
Eastern

07/15/19

[Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon](#)

[Landing](#)  
4 - 5 p.m.  
Eastern

07/16/19

[Youth Gardening: Back Pocket Lessons and Activities](#)

2:30 - 3:30 p.m.  
Eastern

07/17/19

[Translated Books For Youth: Celebrating the Batchelder Award - Past, Present, and Future](#)

brightly-illustrated picture books, perfect for story time at the library or at home. Topics cover:

- Alphabet and reading.
- School bus safety.
- Sharing.
- Kindness.
- Safety at school.

Find these in the new Children's Books section in the Gale Virtual Reference Library.

## **Connections**

### **Connected Director and Library Literacy Program**

**Sandy Newell**



The Connected Director and Library Literacy Program provides training, services and technical assistance to library literacy staff, library supporters and public library directors.

The program provides activities to help library staff, volunteers and literacy partners improve adult literacy services for their communities, using training and resources identified by the Library Literacy Planning Committee. The committee members are appointed by the State Librarian.

The program hosts a statewide meeting for selected Friends leaders interested in telling the library story, and a Friends of the Library Workshop open to all Friends members and staff.

Sandy Newell provides support to public library directors soon after they are hired. Sandy gives individual workshops on Florida governance, state grants, planning and much more. A variety of networking opportunities bring new and experienced directors together in face-to-face and virtual meetings.

For more information, contact Sandy Newell at [sandy.newell@dos.myflorida.com](mailto:sandy.newell@dos.myflorida.com) or 850.245.6624.

3 - 4 p.m.  
Eastern



**July 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.

[National Picnic Month](#)

[National Ice Cream Month](#)

07/04/19  
[Independence Day](#)

07/07/19  
[World Chocolate Day](#)

07/17/19  
[World Emoji Day](#)

07/20/19  
[Moon Landing 50th Anniversary](#)

07/25/19  
[Culinarians Day](#)

07/31/19  
[National Mutt Day](#)

**News from Wakulla County - NASA Lunar Rover Competition**  
by [Rebecca Sahar](#)

The Summer Reading Program's main focus this year is on space with the theme of *A Universe of Stories* and commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 space mission. What better way to celebrate than to take part in a Lunar Rover Competition being held by the [NASA Florida Space Grant Consortium](#)?



The purpose of the competition is to have teams operate a 3D printed Rover on a Lunar Simulated Surface, located at the [Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex](#), and perform certain required tasks in the fewest moves.

Only two libraries in the state will be participating, [Wakulla County Public Library](#) and [Hardee County Public Library](#). These two libraries can have up to three teams each, consisting of four students per team. The competition will take place July 17 via remote internet control.



The [2019-2020 Sunshine State Young Readers Award Program](#) (SSYRA) and the [Florida Teens Read Program](#) encourages students to read independently for pleasure and read books to improve their reading fluency.

The following book lists are now available:

- [Sunshine State Young Readers Award Jr.](#)
- Grades 3 - 5.
- Grades 6 - 8.
- Florida Teens Read.

For more information about SSYRA, contact the [Florida Association of Media in Education](#) (FAME.)

## Space Place



Join [STARnet](#) for a live webcast event to celebrate NASA's 50th anniversary of Apollo 11's historic moon landing! There will be a guided re-creation of Apollo 11's journey to experience how this mission was executed by crew members and mission control in Houston.



Webcast Information:

**July 15, 2019 | 4 p.m. Eastern**

Webcast URL: [youtu.be/Xhh7mNUJ9Oo](https://youtu.be/Xhh7mNUJ9Oo)

This live webcast is brought to you by the [American Museum of Natural History](#) and STARnet's [NASA@ My Library](#) program.

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## Book Reviews From the Field



Levy, Dana Alison. *It Wasn't Me.* (2018.) New York: Delacorte Press.

In a middle school art gallery, photographs by Theo, a student artist, are vandalized by being covered with marker lines, drawings and hateful messages. Five students who were spotted near the gallery at the time of the incident most likely either participated in or witnessed the act. The school principal wants to suspend five likely suspects/witnesses, but another teacher proposes to conduct a "restorative justice circle" with them and Theo. Her goal is to make the kids understand each other, their stories and the fights each of them may be facing. Each day, the suspects have to write answers to the same questions, thus documenting how their views, attitudes and feelings towards each other change after each day of discussions and discoveries.

The story is reminiscent of *The Breakfast Club* movie, with six kids depicting clearly identifiable roles: the Victim, the Overachiever, the Jock, the Weirdo, the Screw-up and the Nerd. Through interactions and discussions, the lines defining them become blurred and their "brands" less obvious. At times, the justice circle seems to be falling apart, speeding towards disaster and no solutions. But slowly, sometimes one step forward, two steps backward, the changes become noticeable.

This book is an engaging read, with vivid characters, plot and mood twists. It covers topics relevant to preteens (or "tweenbots" as Theo calls them) and teens, such as bullying, honesty, tolerance, grief, courage, sacrifice and communication. The book also draws attention to the point that life is not usually black and white, and understanding one another takes time. This novel is recommended for ages 9-14.

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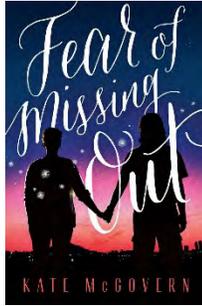
**McManus, Karen M. *Two Can Keep a Secret...If One is Dead.* (2019.) New York: Delacorte Press.**

Ellery and her twin brother Ezra have left sunny California and moved to Echo Ridge, Vermont. It is the middle of their senior year, and they are going to live with their grandmother while their mother is in court-ordered rehab for opioid abuse. Echo Ridge is tiny, and everyone knows everyone else and their secrets. The town is infamous, too, because there have been a string of homecoming queen disappearances and deaths over the years, including their own mother's twin sister who went missing 23 years ago. Now it's Ellery's turn in the spooky spotlight. Homecoming is fast approaching, and it appears that homecoming queens are being targeted again - somebody nominated Ellery.



Ellery and Ezra become modern-day Bobbsey Twins in an attempt to solve the past murders and prevent Ellery's death. The novel has a Riverdale vibe (think the new Archie, Betty, Veronica, and Jughead TV show.) The language and situations in *Two Can Keep a Secret* are suitable for readers 15 and older. The book covers a lot of subjects, including guilt, innocence, justice, family, sexuality and identity. The ending reminds us that the bad guy is usually precisely who you would expect, but is a person you could not imagine capable of keeping murder a secret. Readers will be inspired to rush back through the pages and realize they missed key details because they were seeing the killer through trusting teenage eyes! The novel is a cautionary tale and a riveting murder mystery. McManus portrays her teenage characters more realistically than most authors today, and her characters' inner monologues seem genuine. *Two Can Keep a Secret* is an excellent selection for any library.

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**McGovern, Kate. *Fear of Missing Out*. (2019.) New York: Farrar, Strauss and Giroux.**

Astrid's cancer has come back. With a fear of missing out on life, Astrid embarks on a road trip in search of answers to the mystery of cryopreservation. When things do not go as planned, she makes a YouTube video that puts her and her family in the spotlight. Astrid's life is hers, but will she make the right choice?

This novel pulls at your emotions, being both heartbreaking and uplifting at the same time. You see and feel the struggles that a person with cancer and their family face. This book is highly recommended, but have tissues with you when you read it. For ages 13 and up.

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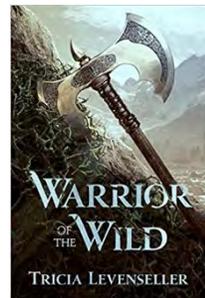
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**Levenseller, Tricia. *Warrior of the Wild*. (2019.) New York: Feiwel and Friends.**

In the village of Seravin and the surrounding villages, the lower god Peruxolo maintains control by using fear and threats of death to any who oppose or displease him. No one knows the source of his powers or how to defeat him, so they continue the tradition of the "Payment," in which every village contributes goods to pacify Peruxolo.



Every year, youth trainees must pass their coming-of-age trial and take up their chosen profession. If they pass, a celebration follows. If they fail, they must pass an even more difficult trial before returning to their home and restoring their status. Rasmira Bendrauggo, the daughter of her village's leader, is confident in her abilities as a warrior and eagerly awaits her trial so that she can prove herself to her mother, father and the village bullies. But when Rasmira unexpectedly fails and is sent into the wild, she must learn to trust herself, let go of her past and welcome new people and beliefs into her life, if she is to complete her task of challenging Peruxolo!

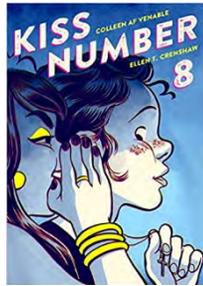
Levenseller provides an intriguing story for middle YA readers that includes LGBTQ+ themes, the heartbreak of betrayal and self-resilience, packaged in the magical genre of fantasy.

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Venable, Colleen AF. *Kiss Number 8*. (2019.) New York: First Second.

Amanda "Mads" Orham leads a pretty ordinary teenage life. She attends church every Sunday, enjoys going to afternoon ballgames with her father and regularly bickers with her mother. At her Catholic school, she hangs out with her two best friends - goody-two-shoes Laura and the uninhibited Cat. There's also Adam, Laura's younger brother, who's got a not-so-secret crush on her. But when Mads overhears her father talking on the phone with another woman, her ordered world slowly begins to unravel. Then *Kiss Number 8* happens, changing everything.

Though filled with comedic moments, *Kiss Number 8* is not lighthearted fare. When Mads begins to question her sexual identity and admits to her attraction to the same sex, the backlash is painful. Those who you most expect to support her don't. Venable touches on a slew of heavy topics including abandonment, domestic violence and homophobia. She does so in a way that doesn't overwhelm the narrative. Mads's evolving relationship with her mother is heartwarming and her resilience in the face of hardship is commendable.

The graphic novel format lends to easy reading, though some mild language and scenes of a sexual nature make it suitable for older teen readers. Recommended for those interested in stories featuring strong female protagonists and/or LGBT literature.

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**Florida Library Youth Program**

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