



# STUDENT NEWS

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This summer we would like to invite you to "Find Your Voice" with the 2023 Talking Books Summer Reading Program!

Our voices have the power to share stories, express ourselves, and spark change. The actions we take each day can make a difference and impact our world. Join us for a fun-filled summer with activities, virtual events, and prizes!



We are excited to partner with the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS) to invite all registered participants to attend the following virtual events via Zoom:

- Kickoff event (all ages):  
Monday, June 26 at 1:00 p.m. PT
- Story time and music:  
Turtle Dance Music (K-3rd grade):  
Thursday, July 6, at 4:00 p.m. PT
- Author talk: **Celia Perez**, *The First Rule of Punk* (middle grades):  
Tuesday, July 11, at 4:00 p.m. PT



- Author talk: **Annette Bay Pimentel** and **Jennifer Keelan-Chaffins**, *All the Way to the Top: How One Girl's Fight for Americans with Disabilities Changed Everything* (K-5th grade): Saturday, July 22, at 10:00 a.m. PT
- Author talk: **Kwame Alexander**, *The Crossover* (YA and middle grades): Thursday, July 27, at 4:00 p.m. PT
- Author talk: **Jenny Torres Sanchez**, *We Are Not from Here* (YA): Thursday, August 3, at 4:00 p.m. PT

All participants who submit their reading logs by August 25, 2023, will be entered to win the Grand Prize of their choice: an iPad or Musical Night out. The Runner-up Prize will be a portable karaoke machine, and there will also be weekly opportunities to win \$25 Amazon gift cards. Scan the QR code for more information.



## Author Spotlight: Celia Pérez



The daughter of a Mexican mother and a Cuban father, Celia is originally from Miami and now lives with her family and a pit bull mix named Bagel in Chicago. In addition to writing books about lovable weirdos and outsiders, she works as a community college librarian.

**The First Rule of Punk** by Celia Pérez. DB089161. Twelve-year-old Malu reluctantly moves to Chicago and starts seventh grade with a bang. She violates the dress code with her punk rock aesthetic and spurns the most popular girl in favor of starting a band with kids like herself. For grades 4-7. 2017.

**Tumble** by Celia Pérez. DB110366.

Before she decides whether to accept her stepfather's proposal of adoption, twelve-year-old Adela Ramírez reaches out to her estranged biological father and the eccentric extended family of wrestlers she has never met, bringing her closer to understanding the expansive definition of family. For grades 5-8. 2022.



**Strange Birds: A Field Guide to Ruffling Feathers** by Celia Pérez. DB097010. After Ofelia, Aster, Cat, and Lane fail to persuade a local girls club to change an outdated tradition, they form an alternative group that shakes up their sleepy Florida town. For grades 5-8. 2019.

## Author Spotlight: Annette Bay Pimentel

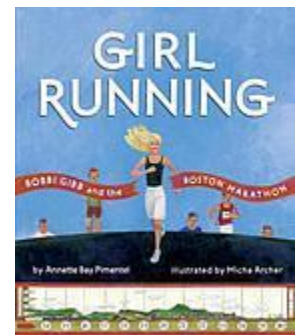


The best nonfiction picture books are true stories that are well-told, and Annette Bay Pimentel enjoys getting people to tell her their stories. She has published several picture book biographies and has received many awards, including the 2021 Schneider Family Book Award.

**All the Way to the Top: How One Girl's Fight for Americans with Disabilities Changed Everything** by Annette Bay Pimentel. BR 24705. DB104007. Lifelong activist Jennifer Keelan-Chaffins, born with cerebral palsy and determined to enact change in the world, participated in the Capitol Crawl, a powerful rally to make sure the Americans with Disabilities Act passed in Congress. For grades K-3. 2020.

**Before Music: Where Instruments Come From** by Annette Bay Pimentel DB111976. Music doesn't come out of nothing. It always starts somewhere. Discover how music is made in this survey of musical instruments from around the world. For grades 3-6. 2022.

**Girl Running: Bobbi Gibb and the Boston Marathon** by Annette Bay Pimentel. DBC12560. This is the inspiring story of the first female to run the Boston Marathon. Because Bobbi Gibb is a girl, she is not allowed to run on her school's track team. She bravely sets out to prove the naysayers wrong and show the world just what a girl can do. For grades K-3.





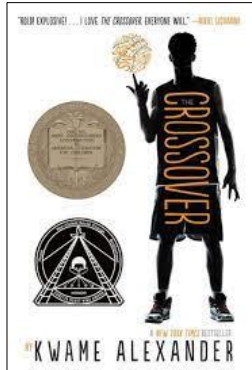
## Author Spotlight: Kwame Alexander

A poet, educator, producer, #1 New York Times bestselling author of 39 books, and recipient of numerous book awards, Kwame Alexander does it all! He writes children's picture books, middle grade novels, YA novels, love poems, plays, and TV scripts, including *The Crossover* TV series, based on his Newbery-Medal winning novel of the same name, which premiered on Disney+ in April 2023.



### **The Crossover: 1**

by Kwame Alexander. DB079528. Twin fourteen-year-old basketball stars Josh and Jordan wrestle with highs and lows on and off the court, as their father ignores his declining health. Told in hip-hop style verse. For senior high and older readers. 2014.



### **Rebound. Crossover: .5**

by Kwame Alexander. DB092794. 1988. Young Charlie is sent to stay with his grandparents, where he discovers jazz and basketball. He also learns more about his father's past. Prequel to *The Crossover*. For junior and senior high and older readers. 2018.

### **The Playbook: 52 Rules to Aim, Shoot, and Score in This Game Called Life**

by Kwame Alexander. DB096441. Inspiring lessons about the rules of life and uplifting quotes from athletes such as Stephen Curry and

Venus Williams, as well as other exemplars like Sonia Sotomayor and Michelle Obama. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 2017.

### **Out of Wonder: Poems Celebrating Poets**

by Kwame Alexander. DB101118. A collection of twenty poems written in tribute to well-known poets from around the world. Pays homage to Langston Hughes, Sandra Cisneros, Maya Angelou, Rumi, and more. For grades 4-7. 2017.

## Author Spotlight: Jenny Torres Sanchez

Jenny was born in Brooklyn, New York, but has lived on the border of two worlds her whole life. She loves music and wishes there was a way to play music in the background of her life for every mood and situation—like a movie.



**We Are Not from Here** by Jenny Torres Sanchez. DB 99474. When the threats that lurk around every corner suddenly become all too real, three teens cross from Guatemala through Mexico in search of a better life. Violence and strong language. For senior high and older readers. 2020.

**With Lots of Love** by Jenny Torres Sanchez. BR 24709. DB111528. Rocio and her family move from Central America to the United States, leaving behind their extended family and many happy memories, but Rocio's Abuela finds a way to send her something special for her birthday. For grades K-3. 2022.



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**New DVDS to Check out!**

**Puss in Boots: The Last Wish.**

DVD0688. When Puss in Boots discovers that his passion for adventure has taken its toll and he has burned through eight of his nine lives, he launches an epic journey to restore them by finding the mythical Last Wish. Starring Salma Hayek, Florence Pugh, and Antonio Banderas. Rated PG. 2022.



**Lightyear.** DVD0683. While spending years attempting to return home, marooned Space Ranger Buzz

Lightyear encounters an army of ruthless robots commanded by Zurg who are attempting to steal his fuel source. Starring Keke Palmer, Uzo Aduba, Chris Evans, James Brolin, and Bill Hader. Rated PG. 2022.

**Black Panther: Wakanda Forever**

DVD0689. The people of Wakanda fight to protect their home from intervening world powers as they mourn the death of King T'Challa. Starring Letitia Wright, Lupita Nyong'o, Angela Bassett, and Martin Freeman. Rated PG-13. 2022.

