HAPPY SPRING BREAK!
Spring is almost here! The season officially begins March 20th. Here are some March and April birthdays.
- Dr. Seuss - March 2
- Stephen Curry - March 14
- Lady Gaga - March 28
- Robert Downey Jr. - April 4
- Emma Watson - April 15
- Chance the Rapper - April 16

DID YOU KNOW?
- The Chicago River has been dyed green as a tradition for over 50 years in celebration of St. Patrick’s Day. A fluorescein dye is used to create a green path to Ireland.
- March 8: International Women’s Day. Women of the world unite!
- March 14: Pi Day celebrates the annual occurrence of 3/14 with math jokes, competitions, and freshly baked pie!
- March 23: Puppy Day
- April is National Poetry Month
- Nickelodeon was launched on April 1, 1979 - that’s 40 years ago this year!
- April 22: Earth Day
- Jelly Bean Day is April 22!

MARCH MADNESS
The college basketball tournament in March is known as March Madness as millions of people try to predict which teams will win each game.
WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH

Celebrate by reading these books! Radioactive! by Winifred Conkling, DB086067. Recounts the discovery of artificial radiation by Irène and Frédéric Joliot-Curie in 1934. Their groundbreaking advancement in physics led physicist Lise Meitner to unlock the secrets of fission. For junior and senior high.

#NotYourPrincess; Voices of Native American Women by Lisa Charleyboy, DB089900. A collection of poems, essays, interviews, and art to express the experience of being an Indigenous woman. Stories of abuse, humiliation, and stereotyping are countered by the voices of passionate women making themselves heard and demanding change. For junior and senior high and older readers.

DVD SPOTLIGHT

Incredibles 2 (DVD0217)
Everyone’s favorite super family is back! Helen must lead a campaign to bring Supers back, while Bob juggles the day-to-day heroics of home life. But when a new villain emerges with a dangerous plot, the Parrs meet the challenge together! Starring Craig T. Nelson and Holly Hunter. Rated PG. 2018.

READS FOR SPRING

Islandborn by Junot Diaz, DB090278. Lola was just a baby when her family left the Island, so when her teacher asks her to draw a picture of her homeland, Lola can’t remember anything about it. She has to ask her family, friends, and neighbors to share their memories of the island. For grades K-3.

Rescue & Jessica; a Life-Changing Friendship by Jessica Kensky, DB090933 and BR022046. When he is paired with a girl who has lost her legs, Rescue worries that he isn’t up to the task of being her service dog. Based on the true story of Rescue and Jessica Kensky, who was injured in the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing. For grades K-3. 2018.

Mya in the Middle: Magnificent Mya Tibbs by Crystal Allen, DB092814. Feeling ignored by her parents, Mya searches for a way to stand out as the middle child. Things get worse when a school project makes Mya feel like she is caught in the middle again with her friends. Sequel to the Wall of Fame Game (DB 88478). For grades 3-6. 2018.
Elephant Secret by Eric Walters, DB092471. Thirteen-year-old Sam and her father scrape by while caring for rescued elephants. When a special baby elephant is delivered at the sanctuary, Sam realizes that a mysterious benefactor has crazy plans for the herd. For grades 4-7. 2018.

Finding Langston by Lesa Cline-Ransome, DB092516. After picking up a book of Langston Hughes's poetry in the library, his young namesake discovers the power in words. Poetry helps him cope with the loss of his mother, the move from Alabama to Chicago as part of the Great Migration, and being bullied. For grades 4-7. 2018.

The Girl in the Locked Room: a ghost story by Mary Downing Hahn, DB092517. When her family moves into an abandoned house with hopes to restore it, Jules doesn't love it like her parents, and even feels there is something wrong with the place. A girl who lived there a century before communicates with Jules - revealing her tragic story. For grades 4-7. 2018.

Nine From the Nine Worlds; Magnus Chase and the gods of Asgard by Rick Riordan, DB092615. Nine short stories, each set in a different one of the Nine Worlds from Norse mythology. Companion to the Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard series. For grades 6-9. 2018.

The Hazel Wood by Melissa Albert, DB090179. When Alice's grandmother, reclusive author of pitch-dark fairy tales, dies, Alice's mother is stolen by a figure claiming to come from the cruel supernatural world where her grandmother's stories are set. For senior high and older readers. 2018.

The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo, DB092221 and BR022420. A novel in verse. Frustrated by her Mami's religious aspirations for her, Xiomara copes by writing poetry. When her school starts a poetry club, Xiomara looks for a way to participate in this forbidden activity. For senior high and older readers. 2018.

Moxie by Jennifer Mathieu, DB090111. In a small Texas town where high school football and sexist behavior reign supreme, high school student Vivian starts a feminist revolution. For senior high and older readers.
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