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# CHILDREN'S NEWS

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## NEWS FROM THE CHILDREN'S ROOM

Well, the snow is finally melting, the temperatures are warmer, and a few patches of green grass are even beginning to show...I think that spring is really here. Of course, the arrival of beautiful spring days sometimes makes it hard to spend all of our time in the basement. But as long as everyone continues to visit us to talk about great books and stories, here we are, and here we will stay.

We welcomed spring to the Children's Room with a couple of great "Turn Off the Television" events. On March 28th we

started the week with a PJ party. Cindy and a handful of brave souls made their way through the wet and wild outdoors for an evening of pajamas, sleeping bags, fun, and stories indoors. On April Fool's Day Steve Blunt helped us wrap up the week and kept us entertained with plenty of music and jokes (no foolin'). With great fun like that, who could miss television?

Of course, books are always a wonderful alternative to television. And to help encourage good reading habits for the young and old (and everyone in-between), the Friends of

the Lane Memorial Library are preparing another Book Sale. The sale will be held in the Lane Room downstairs from April 7th through April 9th. So, you'll have three days to shop for all kinds of books, CDs, and videos. Plus, there you'll have a shot at the raffle and a chance to win some great prizes. And everything you buy will also help us keep the library going strong! Thank you, Friends.

**REMINDER: The After School Book Group will meet to discuss ON MY HONOR at 3:30 PM on April 20th.**

## STORY TIMES

Our current story times will continue through April 19-21, 2005.

Toddlers, ages 15 months to 36 months meet on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 9:30 AM. Pre-schoolers, ages 3 and up

meet on Wednesdays at 10:30 AM. Ages 4 and up meet on Thursdays at 10:30 AM.

When this round finishes, we will take a break from story times to prepare for the summer

reading program. Information regarding summer reading will be available after JUNE 1st. Stay tuned...

For information regarding our current story hours, please call the Children's Room: 926-4729.

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### Special points of interest:

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# SIERRA'S BOOK REVIEWS

**TOLIVER'S SECRET**, by Esther Wood Brady—Take one step farther in American history with this incredible story about a young girl whose grandfather is a spy for the patriots. After an accident leaves the grandfather unable to deliver a message the patriots urgently need, the girl steps in. Learn about this girl's one mission to get a loaf of bread containing the secret message across enemy lines. An exciting read that keeps you interested and on your feet!

**KINGS MOUNTAIN**, by G. Clifton Wisler—While the American

Revolution was going on, everyone put in a bit of effort to send the British back to England. This is a wonderful story about a Cherokee boy who lived in the mountains and went off with his father to fight in the war. The book is slow starting, but gets very interesting as it continues on. Do not put this book down even if you do not like the beginning—keep on reading!



**MANDIE AND THE QUILT MYSTERY**, by Lois Gladys Leppard—A secret message written on a quilt in Cherokee directs Mandie and her friends to an adventure with Mandie's Cherokee relatives. This is a thrilling adventure about a missing quilt and a scary message. A great book that just makes you want to read more of Mandie's journeys—luckily, this is a series!

## 2005 NEWBERY AWARDS

The 2005 Newbery Medal winner is **KIRA-KIRA**, by Cynthia Kadohata.

The title comes from the Japanese word for "glittering," an appropriate word for this novel about a Japanese-American family, told from the point of view of the younger sister. You can find this book on the new book shelf in our Young Adult section upstairs.

2005 Newbery Honor Books:

- \* **LIZZIE BRIGHT AND THE BUCKMINSTER BOY**, by Gary D. Schmidt
- \* **AL CAPONE DOES MY SHIRTS**, by Jennifer Choldenko
- \* **THE VOICE THAT CHALLENGED A NATION: MARIAN ANDERSON AND THE STRUGGLE FOR EQUAL RIGHTS**, by Russell Freedman

The Newbery Medal honors the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children.

**NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK**  
**APRIL 10-16**

## 2005 CALDECOTT AWARDS

The 2005 Caldecott Medal winner is **KITTEN'S FIRST FULL MOON**, by Kevin Henkes.

This story of a kitten who mistakes the moon for a bowl of milk is a visual treat from front to back. Find this book and numerous other treasures by Kevin Henkes on our shelves in the Children's Room.

2005 Caldecott Honor Books:

- \* **THE RED BOOK**, by Barbara Lehman
- \* **COMING HOME SOON**, illustrated by E. B. Lewis and written by Jacqueline Woodson



\* **KNUFFLE BUNNY: A CAUTIONARY TALE**, by Mo Willems

The Caldecott Medal honors the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children.