

The Miquon School



Happy New Year!

Here's hoping your winter break was full of relaxation, rejuvenation, and reading!

Keep reading to see some great new books, learn about upcoming local events, and find out more about what's going on in your library.

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Miquon Mock Caldecott



What do *The Polar Express*, *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*, and *Where the Wild Things Are* have in common? Each book has won the highly-coveted Randolph Caldecott Award. Each year, the American Library Association convenes a committee of librarians to choose the "most distinguished American picture book." This year, Miquon is holding its own Mock Caldecott Award, in which each voter will choose what they feel is the best picture book of the year.

We are choosing between 12 picture books that have been getting a lot of buzz from the children's literature community, including a couple graphic novels, wordless books, and a wide variety of simply wonderful picture books. Before we vote, we will be discussing illustration techniques, how picture books are created, and the importance of diversity in children's literature awards.

Students and staff will vote in late January, and the official [Youth Media Awards](#) announcements will take place on Monday, January 27. Stop by the library to take a look at our contenders!

Another by Christian Robinson

The Bell Rang by James Ransome

Fry Bread, illustrated by Juana Martinez-Neal, written by Kevin Noble Maillard

Hum and Swish by Matt Tavares

My Papi Has a Motorcycle, illustrated by Zeke Peña, written by Isabel Quintero

New Kid by Jerry Craft

Noodlephant, illustrated by K-Fai Steele, written by Jacob Kramer

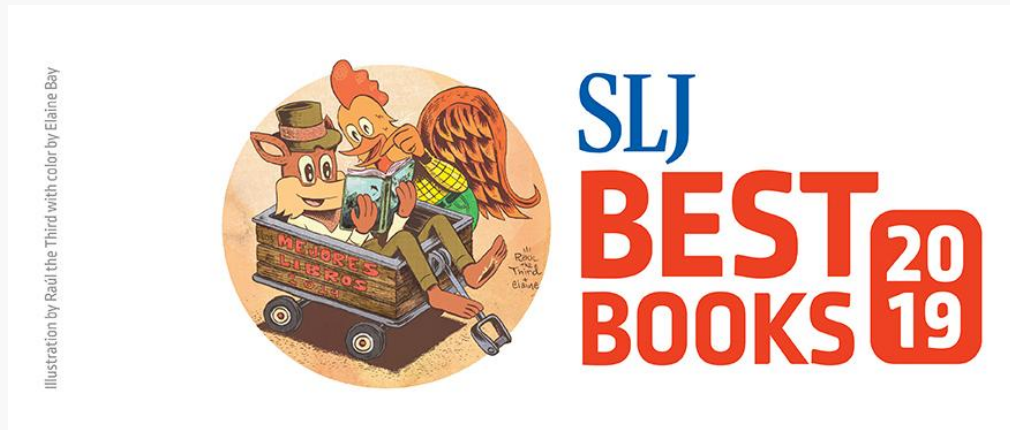
Queen of the Sea by Dylan Meconis

Saturday by Oge Mora

A Stone Sat Still by Brendan Wenzel

Read these books!

Let's look back at the best children's books of 2019. Consult these lists for great gift ideas or to start a list of must-read books for 2020.



School Library Journal Best Books 2019

School Library Journal publishes a best-of list every year, and helpfully breaks it down into smaller lists of Nonfiction, Transitional Books (shorter, illustrated chapter books for beginning readers), Graphic Novels, Middle Grade Novels, and more.



The New York Times 25 Best Children's Books of 2019

From a picture book about training your dog to stunning portraits of African American history to a graphic novel about mystical paper lanterns, this list has something for everyone. Includes young adult titles.



[Kirkus Reviews Best Picture Books Lists](#)

And if you'd like even more finely-tuned booklists, look to Kirkus Reviews. Their lists include Best Picture Books of 2019 [For Animal Lovers](#), [For a Good Laugh](#), [With Themes of Resilience](#), and more.

For older readers, be sure to check out their [Best Middle Grade](#) Lists, too!

What's Happening in the Library?

The Library is open all school days from 8:00 until the first bell rings at 8:25. Library materials can be returned any day, at any time! Just drop books off in the basket inside the door.



Weekly Library Visits:

Nursery - Tuesday
Kindergarten - Thursday
Courtney and Marisa - Thursday
Celia and Marea - Wednesday
Rachel and Marie - Monday
Wendy - Tuesday
Diane and Mark - Wednesday
Louis and Sarah - Monday

Choice Time

Specialists are open for Choice Time! The Library is open on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays** for a relatively quiet, calm space for students to unwind, read, draw, and connect with friends.



Book Care

Please designate a shelf or basket at home where Miquon library books can live. Encourage your child to bring books back each week, especially if they are frequent borrowers.

Overdue notices will be sent out by email once per month.

If a book is damaged or lost, just contact [Sarah](#) to arrange for a replacement or payment.

Checkout limits

N and K students may check out 1 book per week, limit 2 books checked out total.

Students in 1st - 4th grades may check out 1 or 2 books per week, limit 5 books checked out total.

Students in 5th and 6th grades have a limit of 10 books checked out total.

Books are due in 2 weeks and can be renewed if a student needs more time.

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Support Your Library: Book Donations

The Library happily receives book donations and even has a birthday book program! Visit our [Amazon wishlist](#) to select a book that you would like to donate. A bookplate with the student's name will be placed inside the book. If you have gently used books at home you would like to donate to the library, please contact [Sarah](#) first.

Upcoming Bookish Events

Saturday, January 18, 11:00 am

Read to a Therapy Dog

Young readers are invited to share stories with Cene, a local certified therapy dog. Kingessing Library | [details](#)

Wednesday, January 22, 7:30 pm*

A Conversation with Tommy Orange: One Book, One Philadelphia Kickoff Event
The 18th season of One Book kicks off with a reading and conversation with

Tommy Orange, author of *There There*--the 2020 One Book, One Philadelphia selection--and 6abc's Tamala Edwards. The evening will include a performance by the Red Blanket Singers, as well as a performance of an original work by Curtis Institute of Music composer Elise Arancio. The event will conclude with a book signing.

Parkway Central Library | [details](#)

**Note: Although all ages are welcome to attend this event, parents and caregivers should be aware that the selected book (and likely this book discussion) is appropriate for adult audiences.*

Monday, January 27, 8:00 am

Youth Media Awards Announcements

The American Library Association (ALA) will reveal the next classics in children's and young adult literature during its Youth Media Awards announcements from Philadelphia. Libraries, schools and book lovers from around the globe will follow the action live by [watching online](#), tuning into Facebook Live @AmericanLibraryAssociation or following hashtag #alayma20.

[Details](#)

Sunday, February 9, 2:00 pm

Sundays on Stage: Traditions of India by Ramya Ramnarayan

Combining fluid movement with complex melodies and rhythmic patterns, traditional Indian dance originated more than 2,000 years ago in Hindu temples.

Artist Ramya Ramnarayan, in beautiful costumes, jewelry and makeup, brings the art form to life, highlighting the role dance has in the cultural and spiritual life of India.

Parkway Central Library | [details](#)

Happy Reading!

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