

May 2018

Summer Reading and Grant Opportunities



Summer Reading Returns to Rock

2018 Summer Reading Program "mini-grant" application packets have been sent to each library, bundled with the template for the final report. Make sure to have it completed and returned to [Julie](#) by Friday, June 1 so you can receive the \$200 to spend towards your programs.

And keep an eye out for more information regarding the Summer Reading "swag" like bookmarks, reading logs, and more. Contact [Julie](#) for more details or if you have any questions.

Need more ideas, tips, and tricks? Check out some of the resources available directly from [NYSED's Library Development Office](#) and the [For Library Staff section](#) on our own website.

Thinking about showing off your events on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter? Don't forget to

use #SummerReading and #LibrariesRock to spread the word! You can also mention @Collaborative Summer Library Program on Facebook and @cslpreads on Twitter to get more attention.

Contact Julie



SRP “Mini-Grants” Rock On!

Thanks to funding from our 2018 Family Literacy Grant from the NY State Library, CEFLS is excited to support summer reading in libraries and two reading centers with \$200 mini-grants. Funds will be used to purchase books and help offset program costs of community library based summer learning for our earliest readers and their families. We are looking forward to lots of stories and photos “from the field” as the fun begins. If you have summer reading events to add to our calendar, please contact [Dawn](#) at CEFLS.

Meanwhile, CEFLS staff members will be out and about promoting summer reading at member libraries. Look for us at the Mayor’ Cup festival weekend which runs from July 6-9. If you have materials that you would like us to distribute on your behalf, or (better yet) if you would like to join us at our activity booth, please let [Julie](#), [Karen](#), or [David](#) at CEFLS know.

Contact Dawn



Rock Out with Schools

We've made it easy to inform your local school about the exciting things going on at your library. Simply download the template designed by us as CEFLS and those at CSLP and fill in your information.

[Download the Template Letter](#)



Libraries Rock with myON!

As a part of *Summer Reading at New York Libraries*, the State Education Department and myON are partnering to bring thousands of enhanced digital books to children from birth through 8th grade and their families all around the state.

Start Reading with myON!

- 1) Patrons go to www.myon.com and click on the “myON Login” button.
- 2) Enter the following information:
School Name: Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System
(Begin by entering the first few letters of your school name, then click on it from the drop-down

menu)

Username: Enter one from the choices below –

Pre K – Grade 5: cefstudent1

Grades 6 – 8: cefstudent6

Password: read

3) Select a book and start reading!

myON Digital Library



Inspiring Sensory Play

New York's Libraries Information Network (NYLINE) is hosting a webinar titled *Inspiring Sensory Play: Babies and Toddlers* on **Thursday, June 7 from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM**. Registration has been paid for by CEFLS and you are welcomed to join us at our headquarters in Plattsburgh to participate. For more information, contact [Karen](#) and CEFLS.

Engage your littlest patrons with a program that incorporates the Early Literacy Skill of play. This program will provide participants with instructions on how to implement a sensory program on any budget, explore hands-on sensory stations, and learn how to turn a dollar store pool noodle into several early literacy activities.

Learning Objectives:

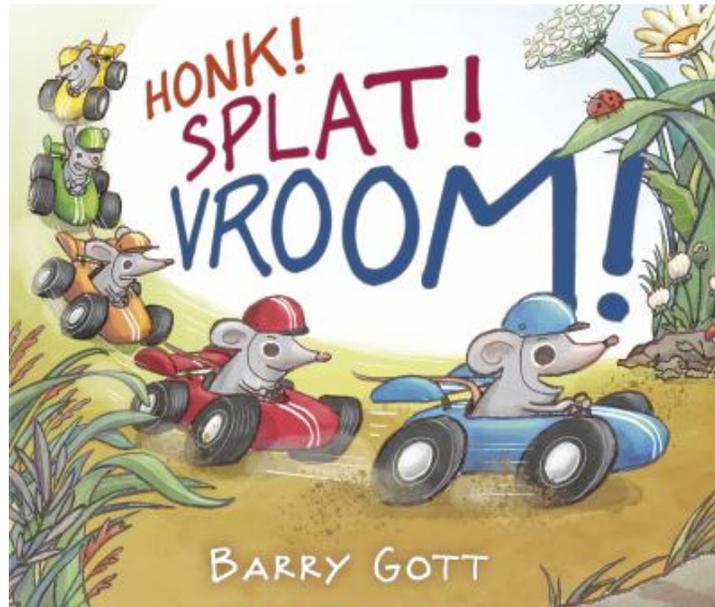
1. The goal of this program is to educate participants on the importance of play as an early literacy skill for infants and toddlers.
2. Participants will walk virtually through a variety of sensory play stations that can easily

- be replicated.
- Attendees will leave with the knowledge on how to create a similar program on any size budget.
 - Attendees will learn how to turn a basic dollar store pool noodle into several simple sensory activities for a baby.

Contact Karen

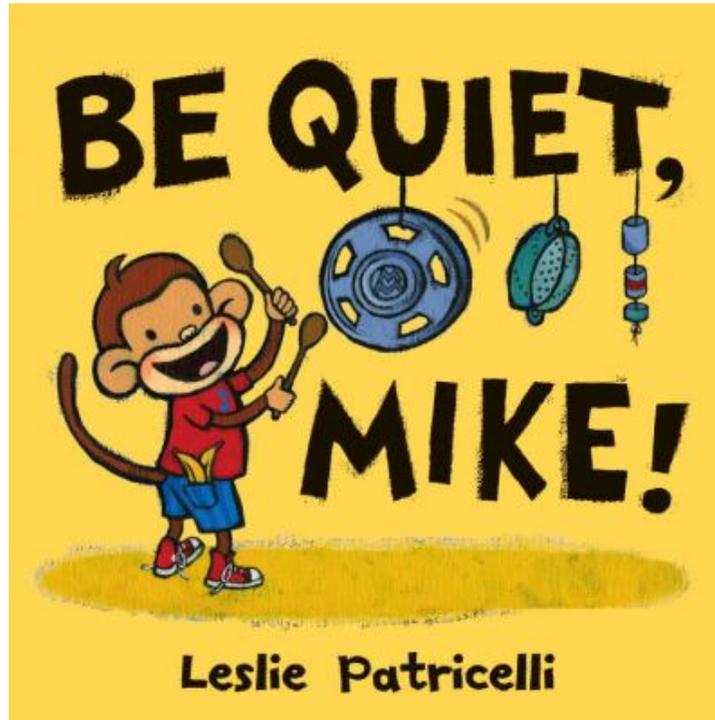


Titles for Summer Reading



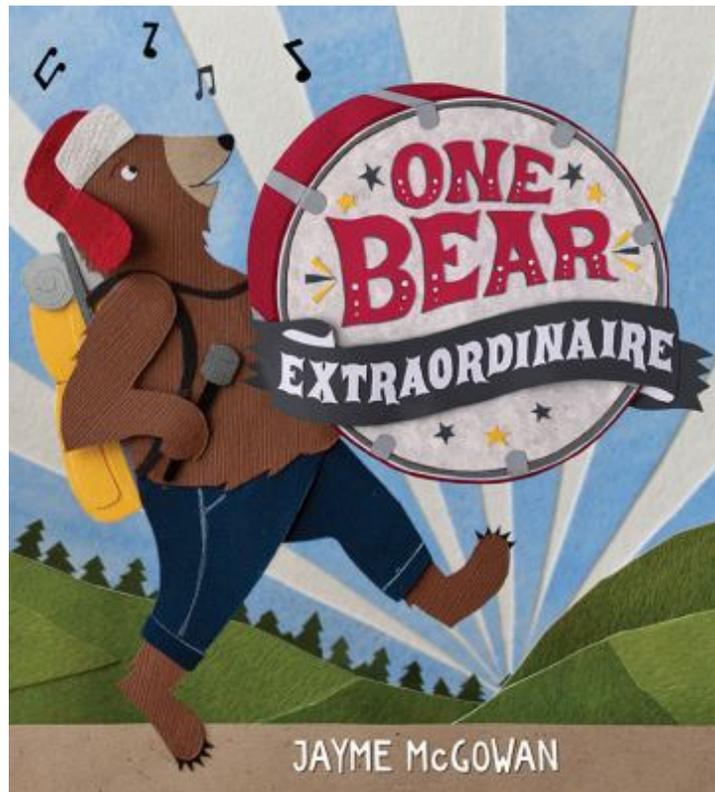
[Honk! Splat! Vroom!](#)

Barry Gott



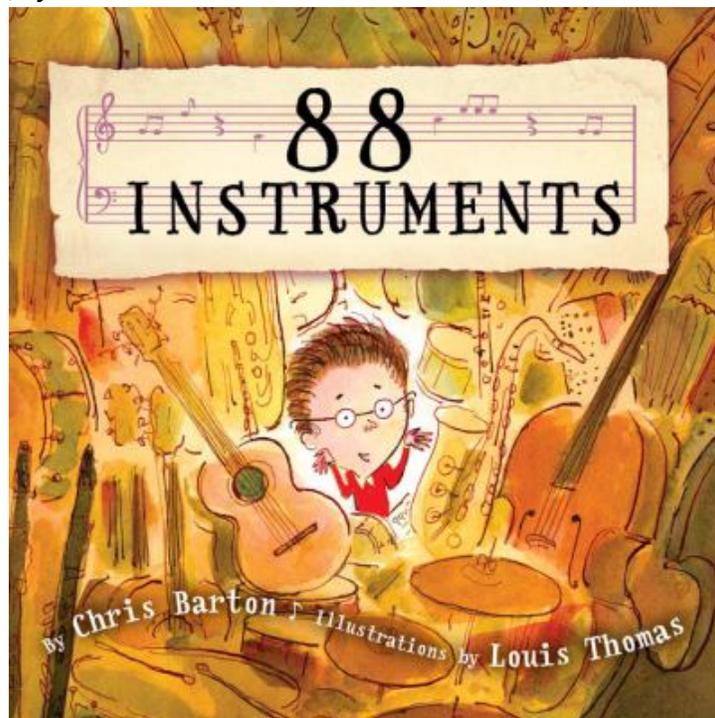
[Be Quiet, Mike!](#)

Leslie Patricelli



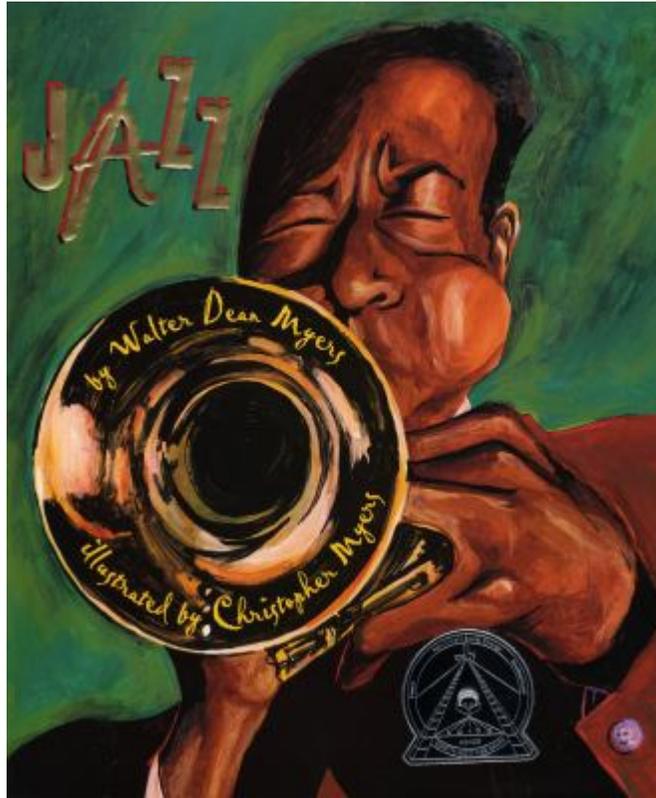
[One Bear Extraordinaire](#)

Jayme McGowan



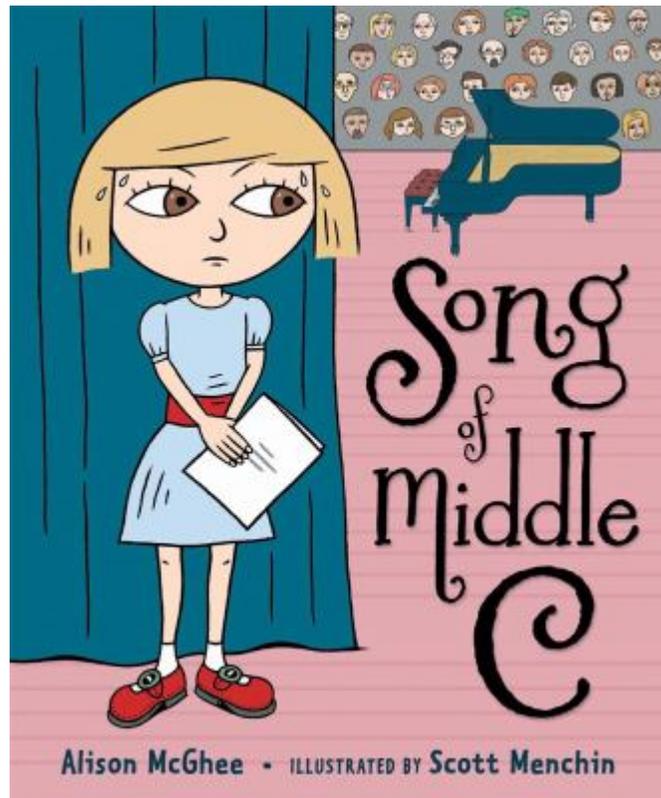
[88 Instruments](#)

Chris Barton



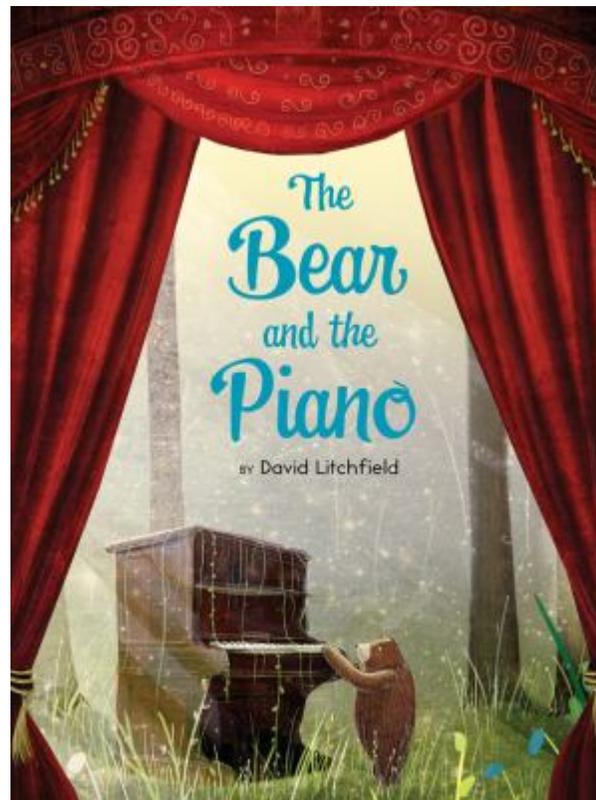
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Walter Dean Myers



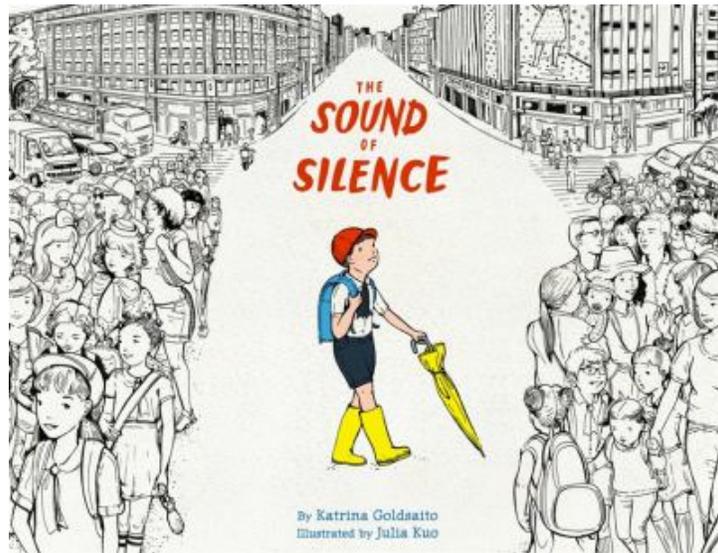
[Song of Middle C](#)

Alison McGhee



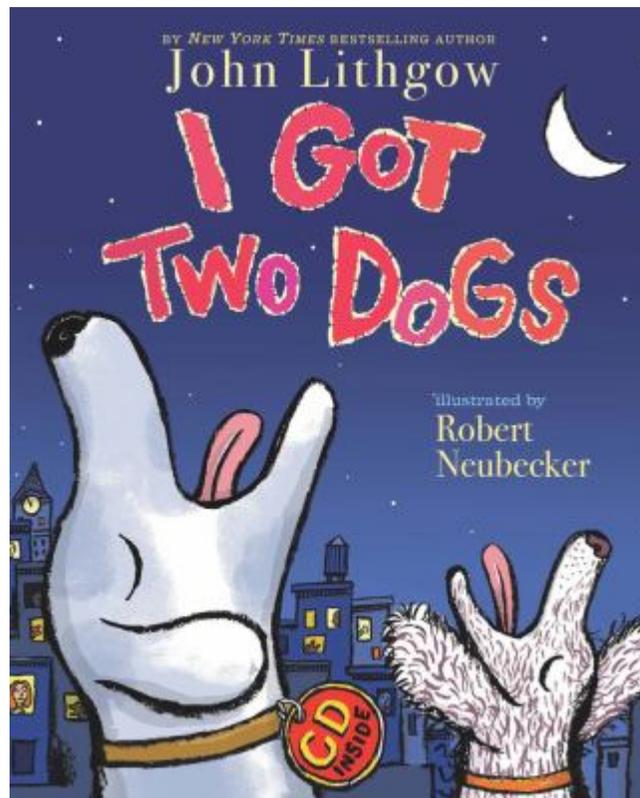
[The Bear and the Piano](#)

David Litchfield



[The Sound of Silence](#)

Katrina Goldsaito



[I Got Two Dogs](#)

John Lithgow



Book Bags for Teens

Looking for titles that would make for some good book club discussions for young adults? Check out some of the titles we've bundled with discussion questions in our Book Club in a Bag kits:

[Beauty Queens](#) by Libba Bray

"When a plane crash strands thirteen teen beauty contestants on a mysterious island, they struggle to survive, to get along with one another, to combat the island's other diabolical occupants, and to learn their dance numbers in case they are rescued in time for the competition."

[Eleanor & Park](#) by Rainbow Rowell

"Two misfits. One extraordinary love. Eleanor -- Red hair, wrong clothes. Standing behind him until he turns his head. Lying beside him until he wakes up. Making everyone else seem drabber and flatter and never good enough -- Eleanor. Park -- He knows she'll love a song before he plays it for her. He laughs at her jokes before she ever gets to the punch line. There's a place on his chest, just below his throat, that makes her want to keep promises -- Park. Set over the course of one school year, this is the story of two star-crossed sixteen-year-olds -- smart enough to know that first love almost never lasts, but brave and desperate enough to try."

[Noggin](#) by John Corey Whaley

"After dying at age sixteen, Travis Coates' head was removed and frozen for five years before being attached to another body, and now the old Travis and the new must find a way to coexist while figuring out changes in his relationships."

See All of the Book Club in a Bag Kits



STEAMing Up Your Library Programs

What is the secret ingredient for developing and implementing successful STEAM programs? Whether your library is large or tiny, well-funded or not, incorporating STEAM programs shouldn't be daunting, difficult or expensive. By offering STEAM classes to your community, your library can provide an opportunity for students of all ages to develop skills in communication, creativity, problem solving, critical thinking and analysis. Children, families, and adults will be encouraged to ask questions, learn transferable skills, and delve into basic scientific concepts. Learn how to find talented and passionate instructors, develop crucial partnerships, and discover fun and easy ways to transform your existing library offerings into STEAM classes that will inspire creativity, laughter, and camaraderie!

Leah Hamilton returns to CEFLS headquarters on **Monday, June 25** to share the latest and greatest STEAM tips and tricks. [RSVP with Dawn](#) by **Friday, June 15** as to make sure we have room for you.

Eat and Greet

9:30 AM - 10:00 AM

Workshop

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Lunch Provided by CEFLS

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Workshop Continues

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Summer Reading Idea Exchange

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

RSVP with Dawn



Need More Money?

More money, more problems? Still, we think it's worth it.

Best Buy Community Grants

Focuses on offering out-of-school time programs that create hands-on access to technology education and tools that teens will need to be successful in their future schooling and careers. Programs should include hands-on learning opportunities and engage the youth in experimenting, and interacting with the latest technologies to build 21st century skills. Grant funding typically ranges from \$4,000 to \$6,000 and will not exceed \$10,000. Application due by May 31, 2018.

Lowe's Community Partners Grants

Focuses on building better communities by providing monetary assistance to nonprofit organizations and municipalities looking for support of high-need projects such as: building renovations/upgrades, grounds improvements, technology upgrades as well as safety improvements. Grant funding ranges from \$2,001 to \$100,000.

Next cycle goes from July 2, 2018 to August 24, 2018.

Lowe's Small Grants

An outlet for organizations seeking smaller-scale assistance for non-educational focused projects. Grant funding ranges from \$100 to \$2,000. No specific dates.

Wish You Well Foundation

Focuses on supporting adult and family literacy in the United States by fostering and promoting the development and expansion of new and existing literacy and educational programs. Grant funding tends to range from \$200 to \$10,000.



Introducing the New LibGuide

Was that just not enough content related to financial literacy for you? We still have to covered with our [newest resource guide](#). With links to the best content on the web, from the government, through our databases, available in print, on audiobook, as ebooks, and e-magazines, the new guide covers a lot of ground. It covers credit and debt, identity theft and scams, investing, retirement planning, and much more for kids, teens, adults, and seniors. Spread the word about this new resource!

Financial Literacy LibGuide

“Where words fail, music speaks.”

- Hans Christian Andersen

Share Something

Don't be shy! The Pathfinder is meant to share useful information across member libraries in a timely and condensed manner, but doesn't replace the Trailblazer, which is meant to share stories from around the System. Do you have something to contribute to the Pathfinder? Contact [David Fuller](#) and it could be in our next issue.



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