

BOOKENDS

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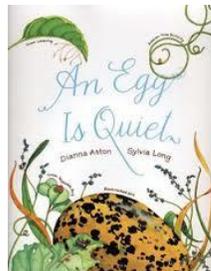
Believe it or not, winter will soon be over. March 20th marks the beginning of spring, and no one is looking forward to warmer weather than we are!

Spring is a time of renewal and beginning. It is a time when birds return and busily build their nests. At the ATC Library, we have several books that will help you catch the spring fever. Here are two you

might enjoy:



Even an Ostrich Needs a Nest



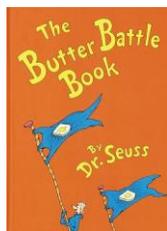
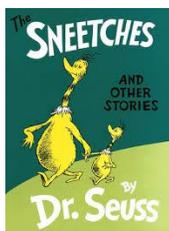
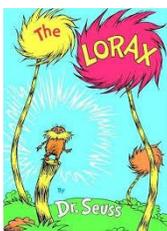
An Egg is Quiet



Read Across America

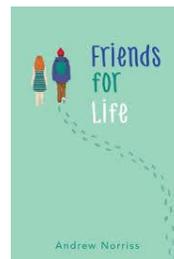
March 3rd was Read Across America Day, a literacy project of the National Education Association. This day and the month of March is set aside to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday and to promote the importance of reading.

We have several books by the master rhymers and storyteller himself. Go grab your hat and read with the cat! Be sure to pick up a Dr. Seuss bookmark!



Book Talkers

Looking for a good book to read? Here are two recommendations:



Friends For Life

By Andrew Norris

This book is about a lonely boy named Francis who didn't have any friends until he met Jessica - a ghost. Francis is being bullied because he likes fashion and design. He doesn't like himself much. Jessica helps Francis make new friends. I liked this book because it is about important lessons of liking yourself and being a friend.

Emily Maddalone
Grade 5



El Deafo

By Cece Bell

This book tells of Cece Bell who became deaf when she was four. She hates her new hearing aid and doesn't want to go to a special school for the deaf. My favorite part was when she comes back from the hospital and everyone is so kind to her. It made me happy that she was happy. If you like graphic novels, you should read this book. It teaches you that you can fit in with everyone and still be different.

Gracie Fleuriel
Grade 5

MCBA



Who will win this year's Massachusetts Children's Book Award? Students all over Massachusetts

will get to choose their favorite book on March 17th. Fourth and fifth graders who have read at least **FOUR** of the nominated books should see Mrs. Forina for a ballot in order to cast their vote.



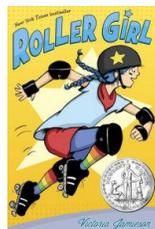
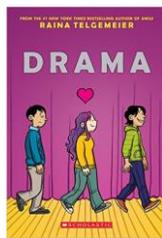
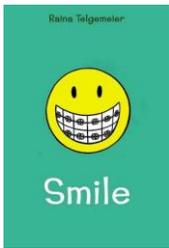
March Birthdays of Children’s Authors and Illustrators

- March 2 – Dr. Seuss
- March 11 – Ezra Jack Keats
- March 12 – Virginia Hamilton
- March 20 – Louis Sachar
- March 20– Lois Lowry

Graphic Novels

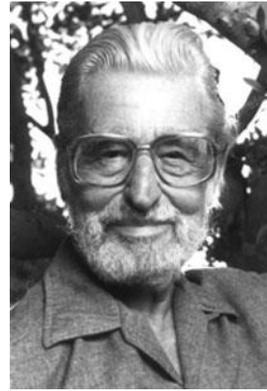
A graphic novel is a special book format that uses sequential art to tell a story. They can be both fiction or nonfiction. Unlike comic books, they are stand-alone stories with a more complex plot.

In addition to El Deafo, here are just some of the graphic novels available at our library.



40 Book Challenge

How many books have you read so far? If you are looking for more books, stop by the library to check out some you might enjoy.



Author Spotlight Dr. Seuss

Theodor Seuss Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss, was born on March 2, 1904, in Springfield, Massachusetts. His parents were hardworking German immigrants. Ted’s grandfather and father were successful brewmasters, and Ted enjoyed a very

comfortable and happy childhood. His fondest memories were of his mother Henrietta. She often would lure her children to sleep by chanting rhymes she remembered from her own childhood. He credited his mother for his ability to create the rhymes for which he is best known.

Like many authors, Ted did not start off writing books. After attending Dartmouth College and Oxford University, he began a career as a cartoonist. Many of his drawings were published in the Saturday Evening Post. The bulk of his prewriting career was spent designing advertising campaigns for the Standard Oil Company.

His first book that he both wrote and illustrated was *And to Think I Saw it on Mulberry Street*. It was rejected 27 times before finally being published. When Random House and Houghton Mifflin asked Ted to write and illustrate a children’s primer using only 225 words, his *Cat and the Hat* became history!

In all, our beloved Dr. Seuss, has written and illustrated 44 children’s books. Over 200 million copies have found their way into the homes and hearts of readers.



“A lot of good tricks
I will show them to you
Your mother will not mind
at all if I do.”

-*The Cat in the Hat*