

**Evanston Public Library
Nonfiction Recommendations 2019**

***The Crayon Man: The True Story of the Invention of Crayola Crayons* by Natascha Biebow, ill. Steven Salerno**

What's your favorite color? For Edwin Binney, every color was his favorite. Discover how crayons became as ubiquitous and beautiful as they are today.

***Firefighters' Handbook* by Meghan McCarthy**

So you want to be a firefighter? Well strap in and hold tight, kids! With this deep dive you'll learn about everything from how to pass the CPAT to the difference between a fire truck and a fire engine, and more!

***Flower Talk: How Plants Use Color to Communicate* by Sara Levine, ill. Masha D'Yans**

No color choice is random. A purple prickly pear gives a cantankerous rundown of the job of each color when a flower wears it and how it uses hues to attract different kinds of critters.

***Follow Your Stuff: Who Makes It, Where Does It Come From, How Does It Get to You?* by Kevin Sylvester and Michael Hlinka**

Who makes the things you buy and why should you even care? With meticulous attention, Sylvester and Hlinka follow the life cycle of the t-shirts, medicines, books, cell phones, and glasses you buy. Prepare to become a responsible global citizen!

***Hello, Crochet Friends!* by Jonah Larson with Jennifer Larson**

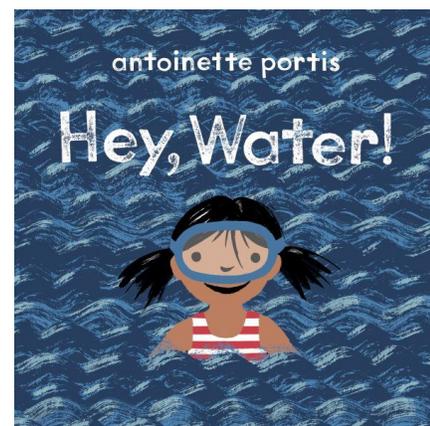
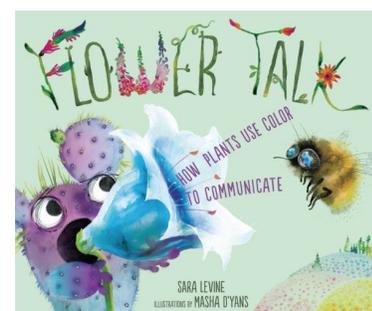
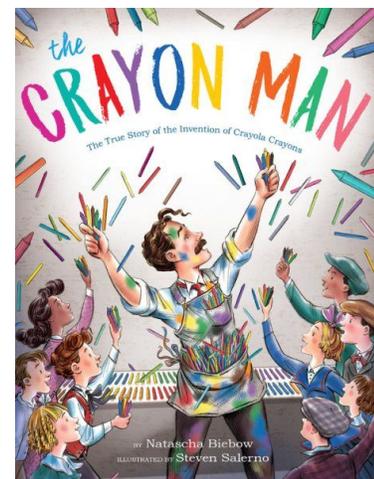
Adopted from Ethiopia, Jonah had a hard time concentrating in school. So when his 5th grade teacher suggested he bring in his calming crochet work it led to an amazing transformation. The true tale of the ultimate crafting fidget spinner.

***Hey, Water!* by Antoinette Portis**

A masterful display of water in all its myriad forms. Perfect for both the youngest of readers and older kids, behold the mighty water cycle!

***It Began With a Page: How Gyo Fujikawa Drew the Way* by Kyo Maclear, ill. Julie Morstad**

A stunning encapsulation of the Japanese-American woman who fought racism, sexism, and more through the power of her children's book art.



***Magic Ramen: The Story of Momofuku Ando* by Andrea Wang ill. Kana Urbanowicz**

After the devastation of WWII, Momofuku Ando became obsessed with the notion of creating cheap, delicious, nutritious food for the poor. The birth of ramen as we know and love it today!

***Mario and the Hole in the Sky: How a Chemist Saved Our Planet* by Elizabeth Rusch, ill. Teresa Martínez**

What do you do when you can see a looming disaster that could wipe out all life on Earth and nobody will listen to you? A stellar bio of Nobel Prize winner Mario Molina, who discovered the dangers of CFCs.

***Monument Maker: Daniel Chester French and the Lincoln Memorial* by Linda Booth Sweeney, ill. Shawn Fields**

“A sculptor is nine-tenths mechanic, and one-tenth poet.” How did a small town mechanic, builder, inventor, and designer get to create the statue of Lincoln that sits in the Lincoln Memorial? Learn the story here.

***Mummies Exposed!* by Kerrie Logan Hollihan**

From bog bodies exhumed in Ireland to mummies found in the Aztec mountains, this globe-trotting account explores the startling discoveries of mummified bodies and how studying them unlocks mysteries about the past.

***Nine Months: Before a Baby Is Born* by Miranda Paul, ill. Jason Chin**

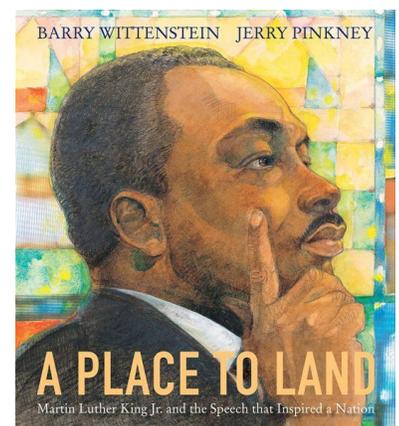
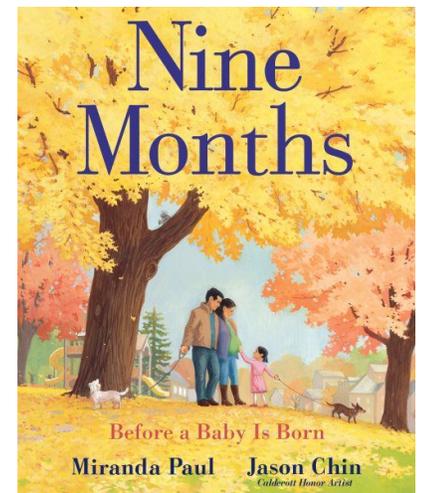
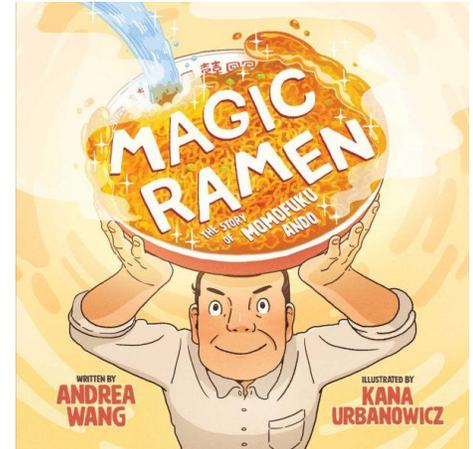
As a little girl prepares for the new baby coming, readers get to see every trimester, embryo, and stage of growth inside the mommy. A wonderful introduction to life as we know it.

***A Place to Land: Martin Luther King Jr. and the Speech That Inspired a Nation* by Barry Wittenstein, ill. Jerry Pinkney**

King’s words at the 1963 March on Washington are legendary now, but creating them was no easy task. In this true story, kids learn about the collaboration and last minute inspiration that led to the “I Have a Dream” speech we know today.

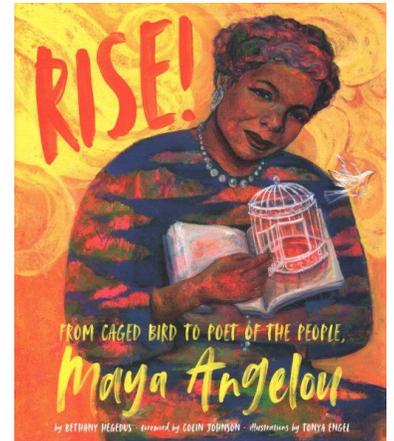
***Queer Heroes: Meet 52 LGBTQ Heroes from Past & Present* by Arabelle Sicardi, ill. Sarah Tanat-Jones**

From Sappho to Freddie Mercury, from Alvin Ailey to Alan Turing, meet the queer pioneers from long ago and those still fighting the good fight today. A collected biography featuring the truly courageous.



***Rise! From Caged Bird to Poet of the People, Maya Angelou* by Bethany Hegedus, ill. Tonya Engel**

Small and vulnerable, young Maya moved from place to place with her brother Bailey, enduring abuse and ultimately rising above it all to become a national treasure. Sumptuous art and brave writing tell her story with honesty and love.



***Rocket to the Moon!* by Don Brown**

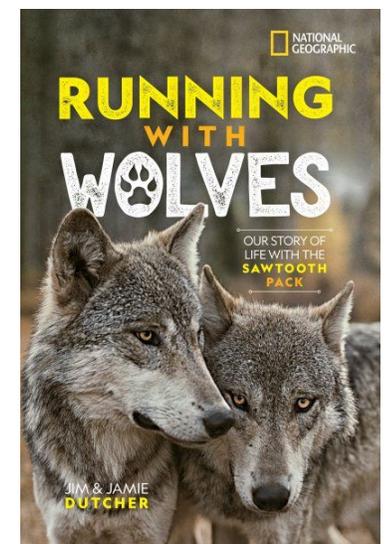
Going to the moon? Now that's a big idea. So how the heck did we get there? From "the rockets red glare" to "one giant leap" kids get a whirlwind breakdown of the history of flight itself.

***The Roots of Rap: 16 Bars on the 4 Pillars of Hip-Hop* by Carole Boston Weatherford, ill. Frank Morrison**

Vibrant illustrations enhance this poetic tribute to rap and hip-hop and the cultural forces that helped this exciting form of music develop and take shape.

***Running with Wolves* by Jim and Jamie Dutcher**

In the 90s, the Dutchers lived with the Sawtooth wolf pack and learned surprising things about how the wolves interact and play with each other. This account allows readers to experience the dangers and joys of howling along with the wolves.

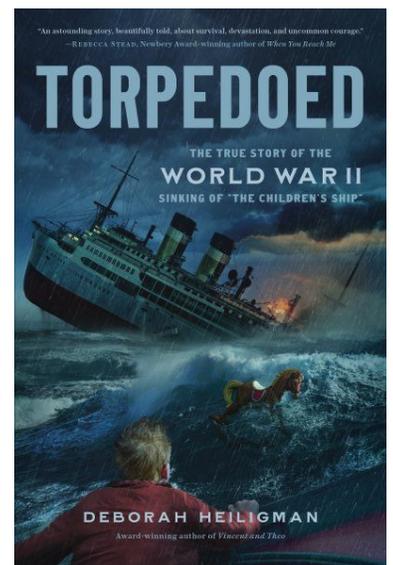


***Skulls!* by Blair Thornburgh, ill. Scott Campbell**

"Skulls are safe and snug, like a car seat for your brain." Join one little girl as she tells you all about your incredible, amazing, fantastic, irrepressible skull.

***Stonewall: A Building. An Uprising. A Revolution* by Rob Sanders, ill. Jamey Christoph**

A testament and history of America's first major protest for LGBTQ+ rights and equality, this eloquent look at the Stonewall protest is the civil rights story every child needs to hear.



***This Promise of Change: One Girl's Story in the Fight for School Equality* by Jo Ann Allen Boyce and Debbie Levy**

This powerful account, a memoir-in-verse, puts readers in the shoes of Jo Ann Allen, one of the 12 African-American students who integrated her high school in Clinton, TN in 1956 and maintained her hopeful spirit as the world around her exploded into racist violence.

***Torpedoed: The True Story of the World War II Sinking of "The Children's Ship"* by Deborah Heiligman, ill. Lawrence Lee**

It is September 1940, and 100 children have been placed on the S.S. City of Benares, heading towards Canada and safety. The ship never makes its

destination. Here is the tale of the survivors and the ones who never surfaced again.

***Wait, Rest, Pause: Dormancy in Nature* by Marcie Flinchum Atkins**

When the going gets tough, the tough wait, rest, and pause. Magnificent photography introduces dormancy to the youngest of readers.

***What Is a Refugee?* by Elise Gravel**

“A refugee is a person just like you and me.” Simple language and art make this complicated topic comprehensible to younger readers.

***What Miss Mitchell Saw* by Hayley Barrett, ill. Diana Sudyka**

In the 1840s Maria Mitchell was taught to “sweep the sky” using her father’s telescope. Being the first to spot a comet wasn’t in the plan. A marvelously wrought tale, gorgeously rendered, of an early woman scientist, illustrated by an Evanston artist!

