Welcome back to the 2019-2020 school year and our library newsletter. To view back issues of this newsletter, please visit our libguides at https://tvt.libguides.com/Educators/Newsletters

If you have questions about the library or would like to see something different in the newsletter, please let us know.

Student Health and Well-being


Upcoming Jewish books

A blog by Erika Dreifus focusing on 12 Jewish books that will be released this upcoming fall. It includes short stories, poetry and others. https://www.erikadreifus.com/2019/08/12-jewish-books-on-my-radar-for-fall-2019/

A Secret Syrian Library

A short video interview with BBC correspondent and author, Mike Thomson, describing a secret library that was created and maintained among the rubble in Syria. This is an introduction to a book he has written on the same topic. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hX0ghIlU_7c

The Book of Life Podcast

If you enjoy listening to podcast, this may be one of interest to you. Hosted by Heidi Rabinowitz, the Book of Life podcast is an interview format broadcast about mostly children’s Jewish literature.

The newest episode of The Book of Life Podcast features an interview with Sadaf Siddique and Gauri Manglick, the co-creators of Kitaab World, a website that promotes South Asian children's books. Within their website, they created a campaign called Counter Islamophobia Through Stories, (similar to the Love Your Neighbor campaign that Heidi worked on to help bring Jewish books to ALL readers), and they even turned their campaign into a book called Muslims in Story.

You can hear the episode at https://jewishbooks.blogspot.com/2019/08/sister-religionsister-kidlit.html, where you can also find a transcript.
Collection Highlights

New Suns: Original Speculative Fiction By People of Color, edited by Nisi Shawl (YA FIC SHA)
Short stories (Upper School)

As the title suggests, this book is a collection of short stories in science fiction, fantasy, horror and the ways they interact. Many of the authors have previously been nominated for a Hugo or Nebula award and will introduce you to a variety of characters and perspectives. Stories are anywhere from 8 to 20 pages long.

They Call me Güero: A Border Kid's Poems
by David Bowles (YA FIC BOW)
Poetry (Middle School)

Güero is a bilingual middle schooler trying to discover where he fits in. With red hair and a freckled face he doesn’t quite fit on either side of the border, but he finds a way to navigate his world by writing poetry full of themes familiar to any middle schooler. For example, “The Gift” addresses his desire for a phone before high school and “Sundays” reveals how quickly the weekend can pass.

Winnie: the True Story of the Bear Who Inspired Winnie-the-Pooh
by Sally M. Walker, Illustrated by Jonathan D. Voss (599.78 WIN)
Non-fiction (Lower School)

When a soldier finds a baby bear at a train station, he knows he cannot leave the bear behind. But taking care of a baby bear while training for battle is a difficult task, and it becomes even more difficult when Harry learns he must go to fight. Who is going to take care of the bear now?

Stephen Curry
by Dan Wetzel (921 CUR)
Biography (Lower School)

This is the first book of the athlete-biography series “Epic Athletes” and is styled as a chapter book. It blends comic-like illustrations with informative texts about Stephen Curry’s dreams, goals and accomplishments towards becoming an NBA superstar.