

## LIBRARY LINKS

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### **Celebrating change @ your library**

The school library isn't what it used to be. Even its name has changed.

April is School Library Media Month, a time when the American Library Association and American Association of School Librarians remind us about the critical role that school media centers play.

Far from being "just books," today's school library media center connects students with a wide range of media, including books, videos, CD's and the Internet—not to mention databases and other online resources.

The goal is to have every student succeed! The library is one place where kids are not expected to know all of the answers. That is why we are here—to teach them how to find the answers.

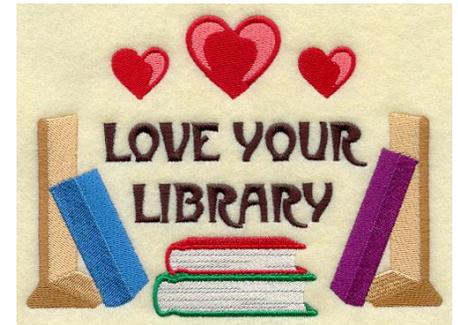
Research shows there is a direct link between student achievement and school library media programs that are staffed by professional media specialists and stocked with a full range of print, electronic and other resources.

Keith Curry Lance, Ph.D., an educational researcher who has conducted studies in eight states, found that students at schools with good libraries consistently scored from 10 to 18 percent higher on reading and other achievement tests regardless of the economic and educational levels of those in the community.

I find my work both important and fun. To me, reading is a joy. I love helping students find just the right book. I also love the thrill of the chase...helping students and teachers find the answers they need.

Finding information today is a whole different ballgame and Google isn't always the best source. Students today must know how to use both print and online resources if they are to succeed in school and throughout their lives. To learn more about what's happening in our libraries check out our web page or drop by and schedule a time to bring your class.

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### **April Is.....**

Brussels Sprouts and Cabbage Month  
Car Care Month  
Celebrate Diversity Month  
Community Spirit Days  
Counseling Awareness Month  
Cranberries and Gooseberries Month  
Deaf History Month  
D.E.A.R Drop Everything and Read Month  
Defeat Diabetes Month  
Financial Literacy Month  
Global Child Nutrition Month  
Holy Humor Month  
International Amateur Radio Month  
International Guitar Month  
Jazz Appreciation Month  
Keep America Beautiful Month  
Library Snapshot Month  
Listening Awareness Month  
Mathematics Education Month  
National Autism Awareness Month  
National BLT Sandwich Month  
National Cancer Control Month  
National Card and Letter Writing Month  
National Child Abuse Prevention Month  
National Distracted Driving Awareness Month  
National Donate Life Month  
National Food Month  
National Frog Month  
National Garden Month  
National Grilled Cheese Month  
National Humor Month  
National Kite Month  
National Parkinson's Awareness Month  
National Pecan Month  
National Pest Management Month  
National Poetry Month  
National Soft Pretzel Month  
National Youth Sports Safety Month  
Occupational Therapy Month  
Physical Wellness Month  
Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month  
School Library Media Month  
Sports Eye Safety Awareness Month  
Stress Awareness Month

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## **INFOHIO May go away.....Your help is needed!**

In the proposed biennium budget (FY18-19), the \$1.1 million funding INFOhio lost two years ago was not restored. Without it, **INFOhio cannot fund** *BookFlix, Storia, World Book, Science Online, Ancestry Library Edition, or any EBSCO databases*. Students and teachers will lose key tools that positively impact the third grade reading guarantee, new state standards, and college and career readiness. In HB 49, please support an amendment to restore INFOhio in line 97286 to "\$2,500,000."

It is critical that calls are made to the House Finance Committee members asking for their support of the amendment to restore INFOhio's funding. The House Finance Committee has a proposed amendment to restore INFOhio's funding in the works. All House Finance Committee members need to know it is important that they support the amendment.

I am encouraging everyone to take action IMMEDIATELY and **call** their Ohio House representative, especially those on the Ohio House Finance Committee.

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## **National Poetry Month**

When choosing books to read, how often do you reach for poetry books? If you're like me, not all that often. I have memories of enjoying Shel Silverstein's classic poetry book *Where the Sidewalk Ends*. Can you believe that book is now 40 years old?

Poetry, like other forms of literature, can also be entertaining, beautiful, and meaningful. Kids are usually immediately drawn to the rhythm and rhyme of poetry. Much like diversity, poetry can provide a mirror for us to see ourselves, and a window into others' experiences, to help us understand the lives and perspectives of different people.

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### **BrainPOP Seasons:**

[www.brainpop.com/science/](http://www.brainpop.com/science/)

Click on "WEATHER" and choose.....short animated movies introduce the science of seasons.

### **DKLT Summer Games and Puzzles, [www.dltk-holiday.com](http://www.dltk-holiday.com)**

Click on Summer Games and Puzzles and check out the "Lemonade Stand" game, which lets kids make choices that determine business success or failure.

**Can you tell the temperature by listening to the chirping of a cricket? The answer is yes!**

**Check it out at**

[www.loc.gov/rr/scitech/mysteries/cricket.html](http://www.loc.gov/rr/scitech/mysteries/cricket.html)

Here are a few poetry picture books to explore with kids during **National Poetry Month** and beyond. Enjoy!

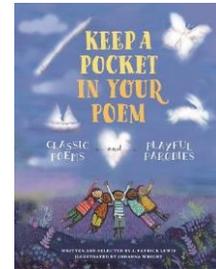


### *Fresh-Picked Poetry*

by Michelle Schaub, illustrated by Amy Huntington

### *Keep a Pocket in Your Poem*

by J. Patrick Lewis, illustrated by Johanna Wright



### *A Stick Is an Excellent Thing: Poems Celebrating Outdoor Play*

by Marilyn Singer, illustrated by LeUyen Pham

## **TECH BYTES**

**April 22nd is Earth Day**.... Check out these resources for Earth Day. Did you know that Earth Day was begun in 1970? What are you and your students planning to do? Find lesson plans, activities, graphics, and suggestions about how to connect your students with students around the globe, and more, to observe Earth Day for 2017. [http://www.infotopia.info/earth\\_day.html](http://www.infotopia.info/earth_day.html)

**Kidtopia** has resources for students in PK-4 about all kinds of animals. What interests your students?

Mollusks <http://www.kidtopia.info/mollusks.html>

Insects <http://www.kidtopia.info/insects.html>

Dinosaurs <http://www.kidtopia.info/dinosaurs.html>

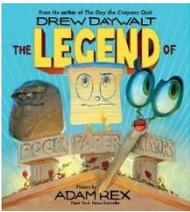
All Animals <http://www.kidtopia.info/animals.html>

**How many of the “30 Ways to Celebrate National Poetry Month” have your students completed?**  
Make it a contest!

<http://bit.ly/1URBdLg>

# New This Spring 2017

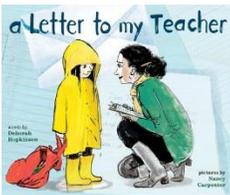
## Picture Books



### *The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors*

by Drew Daywalt, illustrated by Adam Rex

The epic battle depicted is humorous. There is Rock, from the Kingdom of the Backyard; Paper, from the Empire of Mom's Home Office; and Scissors, from the tiny village of the junk drawer? You thought you knew this game before ... well, think again. (On Sale: 4/4/17)

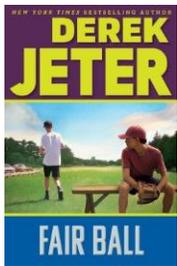


### *A Letter to My Teacher*

by Deborah Hopkinson, illustrated by Nancy Carpenter

Written as a thank-you note to a memorable teacher from a past student, this picture book tells the story of a young girl who doesn't like to sit still in class and regularly disrupts her teacher with dramatic outbursts. The patient teacher sees through this student's antics, and begins to understand that the girl's disobedient behavior is due to her struggles with reading. With the teacher's help and attention, the girl learns to overcome this challenge and eventually becomes a teacher herself. (On Sale: 4/4/17)

## Middle Grades

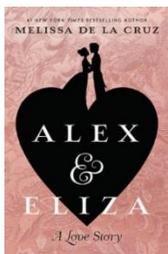


### *Fair Ball*

by Derek Jeter

Realizing that life isn't always fair can be a hard lesson to learn. You *can* choose how you want to think, act, and behave, and what attitude you want to have. Inspired by baseball superstar and bestselling author Derek Jeter's own life, *Fair Ball* explores changing friendships, distractions, stresses, and, yes, baseball, too. (On Sale: 4/18/17)

## Young Adult



### *Alex and Eliza: A Love Story*

by Melissa de la Cruz

Calling all "Hamilton" fans! This is one you won't want to miss. Bestselling YA author Melissa de la Cruz brings to life the romance of young Alexander Hamilton and Elizabeth (Eliza) Schuyler. An epic romance, a young country in chaos, class conflict, passion, smarts, and heart ... (On Sale: 4/11/17)

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