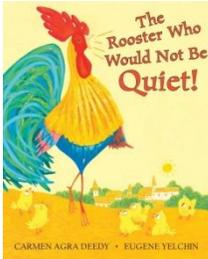


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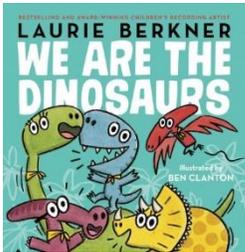
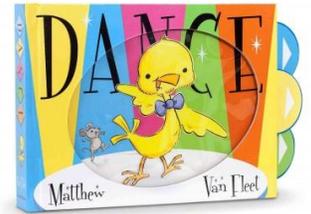
...that you can access [selection lists for children's and teen ebooks](#), including the recent ALA Youth Media Award Winners and Honors, in TitleSource 360? Click the hyperlink above to view the lists. Don't want to miss out on the 100+ Popular Children's and Teen series that are available to Axis 360 users as well? We've got you covered. Check out the Children's and Teen Services Series Ebooks lists on our [Automatically Yours page](#) for more information on how to subscribe.

**BOOK RESOURCES AND EXTRAS**



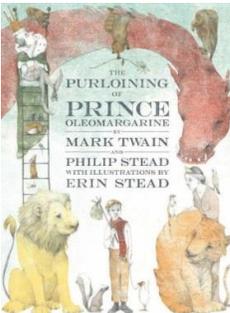
You might want to turn up your volume, but perhaps not TOO loud, to watch [the video](#) of Carmen Agra Deedy introducing her newest picture book, *The Rooster Who Would Not Be Quiet!* (ISBN 9780545722889 and 9781338114140 bilingual), featuring illustrations by Eugene Yelchin and celebrating the spirit of freedom. You'll want to add this one to your storytime collection. Check out the rest of Scholastic's spring titles in the videos that follow this one as well.

Get hopping with the [video](#) for Matthew Van Fleet's newest interactive board book release, *Dance* (ISBN 9781481487078), which tells the story of a newborn chick heading to the dance hall to learn how to boogie. A rockabilly recording of the song, performed by Dave Bickler of the rock band Survivor, is available for online listening. Download this fun [activity sheet](#) for more dancing and drawing fun!



Are you ready to meet some dinosaurs? If not, you should get cracking on a read of *We Are the Dinosaurs* (ISBN 9781481464635) by Laurie Berkner and illustrated by Ben Clanton, available this month and bringing the popular children's hit song alive with whimsical cartoon illustrations of dinosaurs marching and playing together. Request an event kit [here](#), or download the kit items directly [here](#).

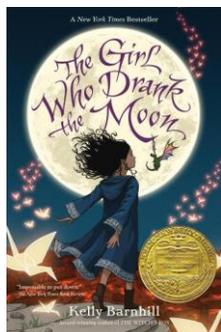
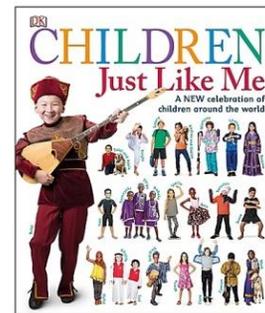
Have a listen to the [PW KidsCast](#) with Jennifer Torres, author of *Stef Soto, Taco Queen* (ISBN 9780316306867), discussing her new novel and growing up Mexican-American. Her lead character, Stef Soto, is hoping to break free from her overprotective parents and embarrassing reputation from her family's taco truck business, but she soon learns that family, friendship, and the taco truck are important and wonderful parts of her life.



Coming this fall, *The Purloining of Prince Oleomargarine* (ISBN 9780553523225, available to preorder now) brings a never before published, previously unfinished Mark Twain children's story to life via Caldecott Medal winners Philip Stead and Erin Stead. Now, while supplies last, you can request a Library Readers' Theater Event and Merchandising [kit](#) from Random House. Download links will follow in a later issue.



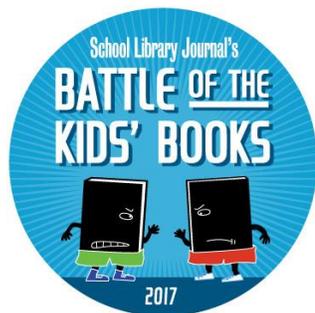
**Children Just Like Me: A New Celebration of Children Around the World** (ISBN 9781465453921) had a 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary re-release back in the fall. The updated edition celebrates everyday life around the world through the eyes and words of children, reflecting 30 diverse cultures, from Argentina to New Zealand to China and Israel. DK has just created a fantastic [downloadable activity pack](#) which includes a Children Just Like Me template for kids to write their own profile, a world flags matching game, and activity ideas for hosting an International Day at your library. Also, here's the [lovely video](#) introducing some of the children featured in the book.



This year's Newbery Award Winner, Kelly Barnhill's ***The Girl Who Drank the Moon*** (ISBN 9781616205676), is an epic fantasy about a young girl raised by a witch, a swamp monster, and a Perfectly Tiny Dragon who must unlock the dangerous magic buried deep inside. It's certainly a great pick for middle grade book groups. To that end, Algonquin Young Readers has provided downloadable [discussion questions](#) perfect for such use! Check it out.

## LIBRARY/INDUSTRY NEWS

**National Library Week is April 9th-15<sup>th</sup>** this year, with the returning theme "Libraries Transform." Get the full details on [ALA's page](#) dedicated to this year's events and PSAs. You can also download posters, postcards, bookmarks and other materials, get tips for using the Libraries Transform campaign locally, and receive updates about the campaign from the American Library Association via ALA's Libraries Transform public awareness campaign [here](#).



Are you ready for **SLJ's 2017 Battle of the Kids' Books** (lovingly referred to as BOB)? Check out all of the [great resources available from SLJ](#), and get ready for some fun, March Madness style. This year there are downloadable brackets, a poster, and lots of other fun resources to play along as the virtual elimination tournament of the last year's best books for children and teens fight it out to the end. The battle launches on Monday, March 13, and on Friday, March 31, the victor will be announced.

## CONTEST NEWS

We will have contest winners to post next month, but meanwhile, check out our current contests [here](#) (scroll down the page to the "Contests" header on the right), and enter to win the contests below from our publishing partners...

First up, Roald Dahl's Imaginormous Challenge kicked off March 1<sup>st</sup>, as an idea contest that encourages kids and their teachers to imagine "imaginormous" ideas. Willy Wonka is looking to award five new golden tickets, and will select the five ticket recipients from among those children



who submit story ideas. Winners will be eligible for many amazing things; those details are further outlined in this [PW article](#). The Challenge is open to 5-12 year-olds with a deadline of May 31, 2017. In addition, Scholastic will provide print materials to teachers, Penguin Young Readers will have a \$500 book giveaway and create teaching resources, and Post-It is offering teachers a chance to win Post-It Brand materials. Full challenge details and sign-up can be found [here](#).

## SUMMER BRAIN QUEST

Workman is offering a fantastic opportunity to stop summer slide, stay summer smart, and have fun by offering to partner with libraries to host a Summer Brain Quest® Kick-Off Party on June 10, 2017. Register [here](#) to host an official kickoff party in your library on Saturday, June 10 (or whenever works for you), and

Workman will work with your team to create the event, providing materials, ideas for display, gift bags, and more. The event is designed for ages 5 and up.

Last fall, we told you about the Boxcar Children's updated website, and now we're happy to announce their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! To celebrate, Albert Whitman is running a contest to win an exclusive Boxcar Children tote bag, journal, and a sneak peek at The Boxcar Children Great Adventure #2: The Clue in the Papyrus Scroll! To enter, click [here](#); this will also sign you up for the Boxcar Children Newsletter. Another contest, coming in March, will offer a chance for one lucky kid to win a voiceover role in the upcoming Surprise Island movie! Stay tuned to the newsletter and website ([boxcarchildren.com](http://boxcarchildren.com)) for full contest details.

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