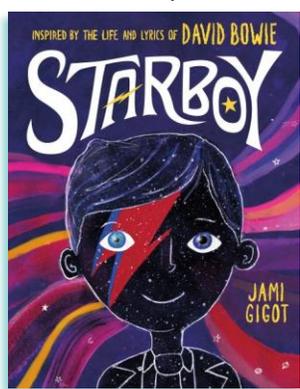


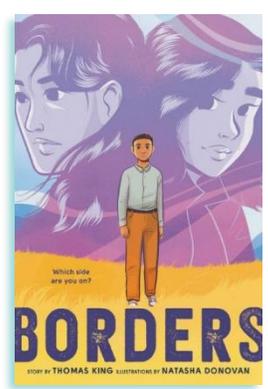
BAKER & TAYLOR ONLINE RESOURCES

Greetings, all! As your summer programming gets underway, don't forget to register for our virtual Summer Reading patron-facing author events! Find the links in our Upcoming Events segment, and check out this wonderful [video introduction](#) from Alex Aster, author of *Curse of the Night Witch*, and part of our July 21st tween author event.



As we celebrate this year's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month, be sure to check out our [selection list](#) of new and noteworthy related titles compiled from [PW's collection](#) culled by Cady Zeng. It includes titles for readers to "discover the importance of one's pronouns, learn about memorable LGBTQ icons, follow budding queer romances, and more."

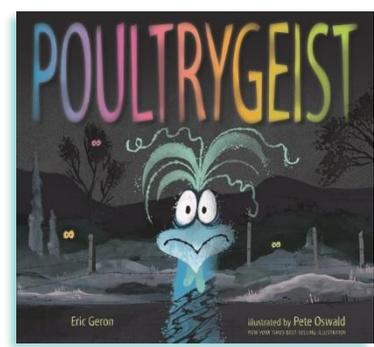
A double issue means double featured lists! Our second featured [selection list](#) this month includes titles by and about Indigenous Peoples from Diane Patrick's *PW* selections "focused on the history, culture, survival, and contemporary lives and storytelling of Indigenous peoples." Be sure to see her article written with Calvin Reid, [In Focus: Retelling the History of Indigenous People](#), as well - it features various publishers' programs to support Indigenous populations, with suggested reading for children, teens and adults.



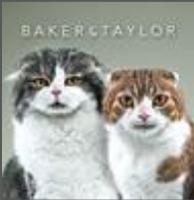
Rounding out our library resource highlights this month, and in order to more effectively support DEI needs within communities, we recently launched *DI: Diversity & Inclusion*, a new publication that offers libraries an easy resource to discover titles for children and adults with a focus on diverse cultures, abilities, backgrounds, locations and identities. In addition to the standard "Buy Now" buttons, you can search by keyword, create a wish list that can be emailed to a co-worker or customer, and add sticky notes to pages for future reference. Check out the [spring issue](#), and subscribe, for free, to get the soon-to-be-released summer issue by contacting your Baker & Taylor sales representative.

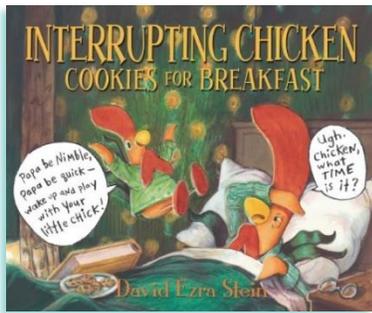
BOOK RESOURCES AND EXTRAS

With campfire story season upon us, we'd wager you've never told the story of a chicken ghost before, but soon you can! Get ready for *Poultrygeist* (ISBN 9781536210507), written by Eric Geron, with art from Pete Oswald. You'll never think of a chicken crossing the road in quite the same way again. Don't take our word for it, though – check out the [trailer](#) and the [author's note](#). The book arrives on shelves in August, so preorder yours now.



Before we chicken out and move on to another subject, there's a new [activity kit](#) available featuring the characters from David Ezra Stein's *Interrupting Chicken*



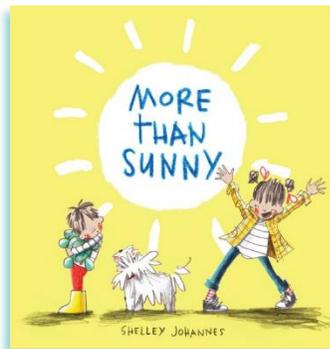
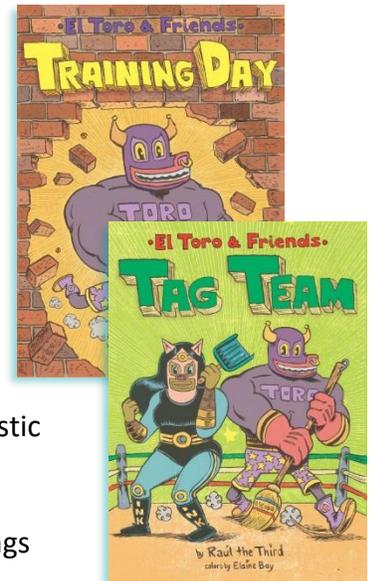


picture book series, including the forthcoming fall title, **Cookies for Breakfast** (ISBN 9781536207781). Your storytime-goers are sure to love this one!

El Toro, Little Lobo's hero from Raúl the Third's *Vamos! Let's Go To the Market!* is back in TWO new early readers for eager readers. **Training Day** (ISBN 9780358380382) and **Tag Team** (ISBN 9780358380399) are

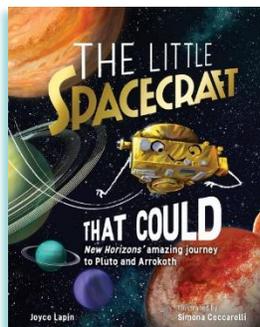
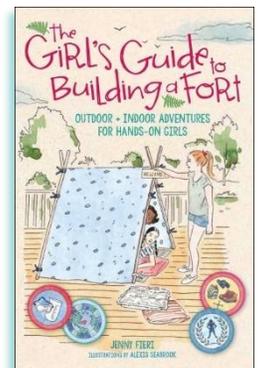
perfect for younger comics (and especially wrestling!) fans who'll be able to practice both Spanish and English as they dive into this new series.

Download activities for both [here](#).



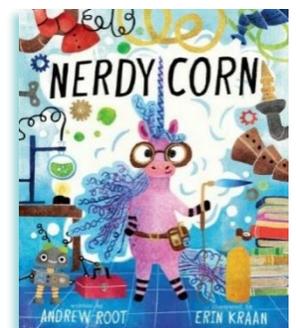
More Than Sunny (ISBN 9781419741814) is a fantastic read-aloud, offering a positive message about embracing the day, no matter if it's rainy or sunny, making it's way through the seasons with two siblings who enjoy their adventures no matter what the weather. or something in between. This is a debut picture book written and illustrated by Beatrice Zinker chapter book author Shelley Johannes; check out the [trailer](#) narrated by her son.

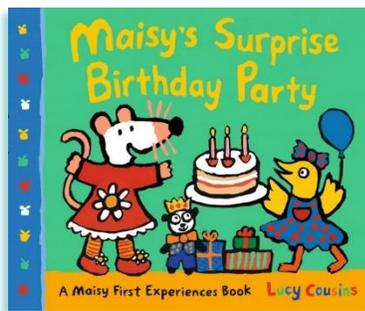
There's more summer fun, or anytime fun for that matter, to be had in **The Girl's Guide to Building a Fort: Outdoor + Indoor Adventures for Hands-on Girls** (ISBN 9781524861179), featuring screen-free, hands-on activities for independent exploration, making, building, and play. Download the [summer fun activities](#), and peruse all of the many activities and videos on Andrews McMeel Kids [Resources page](#), including the Escape from a Video Game series, poetry writing prompts from *Limelight* author Solli Rapheal, and more!



Next up, take off into space with **The Little Spacecraft That Could: New Horizons' Amazing Journey to Pluto and Arrokoth** (ISBN 9781454937555) by Joyce Lapin and illustrated by Simona Ceccarelli. (Sterling Publishing). Watch her take the first close-up photos of Pluto, and journey another billion miles to mini-world Arrokoth! A timeline, glossary, and list of resources will lead budding space explorers to learn more once they've completed the journey. View the stunning trailer [here](#).

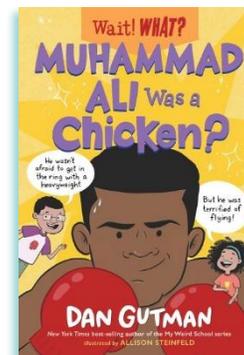
Science enthusiasts will also love **Nerdycorn** (ISBN 9781534460058), aka Fern the unicorn, a chemistry and math "nerd" who can live without all the glitter and shimmering rainbows her friends prefer. When Fern is asked to help the unicorns who've been teasing her, will she agree to use her skills to save their dance, will she stand up for herself, or both? You'll have to read to find out! Download the [activities](#) to round out a fun and glittery storytime!





Before we move on from picture books, we couldn't end before wishing Maisy a Happy 30th Birthday! You can get in on the fun, too, with this amazing [activity collection](#) tailored to help young people celebrate their favorite mouse's big day, and don't forget to order your copies of ***Maisy's Surprise Birthday Party*** (ISBN 9781536216639 REI, 9781536216776 PAP) today!

On to middle grade, Dan Gutman is back with *Wait, What?!*, a new series featuring one-of-a-kind biographies packed with surprising and wacky facts about historical figures. Who better to make nonfiction fun? The first two titles, ***Albert Einstein Was a Dope?*** (ISBN 9781324015581 HRD, 9781324017059 PAP) and ***Muhammad Ali Was a Chicken?*** (ISBN 9781324015604 HRD, 9781324017066 PAP), arrive next month. Find activities to tie-in to these first two titles [here](#).

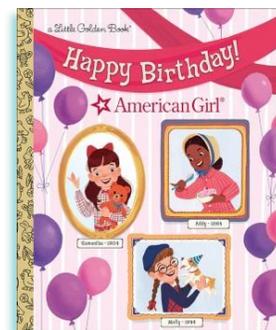


LIBRARY/INDUSTRY NEWS



We are thrilled to share the news that Peachtree Publishers will be launching Peachtree Teen in 2022! The first three titles, coming next spring/summer, are written by debut authors across varied genres. Read more [here](#), and stay tuned for updates as the list continues to build.

We're also excited that Mattel's American Girl brand will have titles publishing under the Random House umbrella, and namely in the Little Golden Books and Step Into Reading series, including a 35th anniversary ***Happy Birthday!*** ***American Girl*** (ISBN 9780593381854) title coming in August. We think this will be a great fit! Read more [here](#).



And finally, ALSC recently released the ALA Notable Children's Books for 2021. View the lists [here](#), and don't forget to register for the open meetings later this month.

CONTEST NEWS

In our next issue, we'll announce the winner of the ***Someone Builds the Dream*** virtual author visit with Lisa Wheeler and Loren Long to announce; you still have a few days to enter, so [go there now](#) for your chance to win!

CAT TALE OF THE MONTH



This month, Baker and Taylor recommend ***Strange Planet: The Sneaking, Hiding, Vibrating Creature*** (ISBN 9780063049741), written and illustrated by Nathan W. Pyle, publishing this month. They said: From the mind of *Strange Planet* creator Nathan Pyle comes this funny, kid-friendly picture book about two aliens living on earth and their introduction to life with an amazing creature, aka a cat! We think it's a fantastic summary of the many things cats are known to excel at, and what we are loved for. Four paws up!

We hope to see you at [ALA](#). Stop by our booth and say hello!