***SALUTE TO NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK***

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Baker, Keith. **LMNO PEAS**. Beach Lane Books, 2010. $16.99. ISBN 978-1416991410. Hardcover. Preschool - Gr. 3.

Charming and silly—an alphabet book where each letter inspires sound-alike jobs for the busy peas. Rhymes and rhythms: “We’re painters/ poets/ and plumbers fixing leaks…”

Brown, Daniel James. **THE BOYS IN THE BOAT**. Viking, 2013. $28.95. ISBN 978-0670025817. Hardcover. Penguin, 2013. $17.00. ISBN 978-0143125471. Paper.

Nine boys, one boat, one Olympic Dream, the story behind the 1936 American Gold Medal winning crew team. Told in a style that will appeal to fans of *Unbroken* and *Seabiscuit*.

Davies, Jacqueline. **THE LEMONADE WAR.** Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2007. $16.99. ISBN 978-0618750436. Hardcover. 2009. $6.99. ISBN 978-0547237657. Paper. Gr. 4 - 7.

Brother and sister go to war—with plenty of detail about the lemonade business, math and marketing. Crowd-pleaser for the elementary school set.

Chast, Roz. **CAN’T WE TALK ABOUT SOMETHING MORE PLEASANT?** Bloomsbury, 2014. $28.00. ISBN 978-1608198061. Hardcover.

Honest, direct memoir of Chast’s struggles to help her aging parents through the indignities of aging and illness. Remarkable both for warmth and good advice (find the right lawyer).

Galbraith, Robert. **THE CUCKOO’S CALLING.** Mulholland, 2013. $26.00. ISBN 978-0316206846. Hardcover. 2014. $18.00. ISBN 978-0316206853. Paper.

PI Cormoran Strike and new office temp Robin Ellacott are an effective team, when it comes to investigating a celebrity suicide. London setting and solid protagonists.

Gellman, Ginger. **HISTORIC PHOTOS OF VERMONT**. Turner Publishing, 2009. $39.95. ISBN 9781596524491.

Black and white photographs capture the people and places of Vermont’s history—a quirky look at where we come from, rooted in the human condition.

Grabenstein, Chris. **ESCAPE FROM MR. LEMONCELLO'S LIBRARY**. Random, 2013. $16.99. ISBN 978-0375870897. Hardcover. Yearling, 2014. $6.99. ISBN 978-0307931474. Paper. Gr. 3- 7.

Kyle Keeley loves playing games – all kinds of games. He wins a contest to enter the library of world famous game designer, Luigi Lemoncello, who has a few tricks up his sleeve!

Hawkins, Paula. **THE GIRL ON THE TRAIN.** Riverhead Books, 2015. $26.95. ISBN 978-1594633669. Hardcover.

Rachel commutes past the same couple everyday. She makes up stories about their perfect lives, until the day she sees something that shatters their apparent perfection in an instant.

McNeal, Tom. **FAR, FAR, AWAY.** Knopf, 2013. $17.99. ISBN 978-0375849725. Hardcover. Ember, 2014. $9.99. ISBN 978-0375843297. Paper. Gr. 7 and up.

Jeremy has a secret: he can communicate with ghosts. The story that follows, narrated by Jeremy's ghost Jacob Grimm, is one of mystery, suspense, love and terror. DCF book.

Manning, Molly Guptill. **WHEN BOOKS WENT TO WAR: THE STORIES THAT HELPED US WIN WORLD WAR II**. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2014. $25.00. ISBN 978-0544535022. Hardcover.

War Hero Librarians fought publishers, printers and administrators in their quest to get cheap, light paperbacks in the hands of our soldiers. The power of reading to save culture.

Patricelli, Leslie. **TOOT**! Candlewick, 2014. $6.99. ISBN 978-0763663216. Board book.

The cute baby from *Blankie* and *Binkie* is at it again in this laugh-out-loud board book. Baby explores all the sounds that come out of various back ends – potty humor at its best!

Pratchett, Terry. **THE WEE FREE MEN.** HarperCollins, 2004. $8.99. ISBN 978-0060012380. Paper. Gr. 6 - 10.

A nine year old inadvertently stumbles into fairyland—and meets the stealin’, swearin’, drinkin’ crew of Nac Mac Feegles. Funny and real as fantasy can be—vintage Pratchett.

Zevin, Gabrielle. **THE STORIED LIFE OF A.J. FIKRY.** Algonquin, 2014. $24.95. ISBN 978-1616203214. Hardcover. Algonquin, 2014. $14.95. ISBN 978-1616204518. Paper.

A bookselling rep falls for an island bookstore owner in this small town charmer. Larded with author recommendations. Favorite: the cop who falls for Roald Dahl.