

SALUTE TO NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Reviewed on "Across the Fence" on WCAX

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**Amy Howlett, Springfield Town Library; Caitlin Corless,
Essex Free Library, Essex; and Judy Simpson, WCAX**

Alcott, Kathleen. **INFINITE HOME**. Riverhead Books, 2015. \$27.95. ISBN 978-1594633638. Hardcover.

A widowed landlady in Brooklyn rents apartments to a diverse, unlikely group of people, who find that they must rely on one another when faced with a great challenge.

Beaton, Kate. **THE PRINCESS AND THE PONY**. Arthur A. Levine Books, 2015. \$17.99. ISBN 978-0545637084. Hardcover. Preschool - Gr. 3.

Princess Pinecone knows exactly what she wants for her birthday: a horse worthy of a warrior. To her dismay, she gets a small, chubby pony. Laugh out loud story of friendship and teamwork.

Child, Lauren. **THE NEW SMALL PERSON**. Candlewick, 2015. \$17.99. ISBN 978-0763678104. Hardcover. Preschool - Gr. 3.

Elmore Green is an only child who has everything he could ever want: his own room, his own toys, and every ounce of his parents' love. When a new small person moves into his house, everything changes.

Coates, Ta-Nehisi. **BETWEEN THE WORLD AND ME**. Spiegel & Grau, 2015. \$24.00. ISBN 978-0812993547. Hardcover.

A letter, father to son, on the perils of growing up black in today's America. Coates bears witness to his life as he warns his son and other boys of color about the world.

Graff, Lisa. **LOST IN THE SUN**. Philomel Books, 2015. \$16.99. ISBN 978-0399164064. Hardcover. Gr. 5 and up.

When Trent is involved in a horrible accident that results in another boy's death, he must find a way to overcome his guilt and rage. A touching story of acceptance and forgiveness.

Jones, Kelly. **UNUSUAL CHICKENS FOR THE EXCEPTIONAL POULTRY FARMER**. Illus. Katie Kath. Alfred A. Knopf, 2015. \$16.99. ISBN 978-0385755528. Hardcover. Gr. 3 up.

Sophia moves from LA to an old farm where she finds a mysterious hen. Letters to her dead grandmother and Great Uncle Jim help the story unfold, one unusual chicken at a time.

King, Laurie. **DREAMING SPIES**. Bantam, 2015. \$16.00. ISBN 978-034553181. Paper.

Sherlock Holmes and Mary Russell, an old married couple, travel as Japanese pilgrims do, learning Japan from the inside out. Newfound knowledge helps when they return to Oxford.

Kantner, Seth. **ORDINARY WOLVES**. Milkweed Editions, 2004. Out of print. ISBN 978-1571310446.

Cutuk is a white boy, growing up in the Inupiak culture of remote northern Alaska. He lives in a sod hut and hunts caribou and bear. Glowing first novel of conflict between cultures.

King, Lily. **EUPHORIA**. Atlantic Monthly Press, 2014. Hardcover. \$25.00. Grove Press, 2015. Paper. \$16,00. ISBN 978-080212370.

Three anthropologists cross paths in New Guinea in the thirties, as anthropology is just emerging. A compelling novel based on the lives of Margaret Mead and Gregory Bateson.

Mattick, Lindsay. **FINDING WINNIE: THE TRUE STORY OF THE WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS BEAR**. Sophie Blackall, illus. Little, Brown, 2015. \$18.00. ISBN 978-0316324908. K – Gr. 6.

In 2014 a Canadian vet headed for the battlefields of Europe, bought a baby bear. Winnie lived at the London Zoo, where A. A. Milne's son Christopher met her and made her famous.

Nielsen, Susin. **WE ARE ALL MADE OF MOLECULES**. Wendy Lamb Books, 2015. \$16.99. ISBN 978-0553496864. Hardcover. Gr. 7-10.

Stewart and Ashley are complete opposites. When Stewart's dad and Ashley's mom fall in love, the two teenagers are displeased to find themselves living under the same roof.

Selznick, Brian. **THE MARVELS**. Scholastic Press, 2015. \$32.99. ISBN 978-0545448680. Hardcover. Gr. 4-7.

Two stand-alone stories— one in pictures, one in word – come together to create a mysterious adventure that spans several centuries. An imaginative work of art that is worthy of its title.

Thomson, Bill **CHALK**. Amazon Children's Publishing, 2010. \$15.99. ISBN 978-0761455264. Hardcover. Preschool – Gr. 3.

Three kids with chalk create an amazing adventure in the playground. A wordless picture book makes it easy for the youngest children to tell a story of magic, adventure, and wit.