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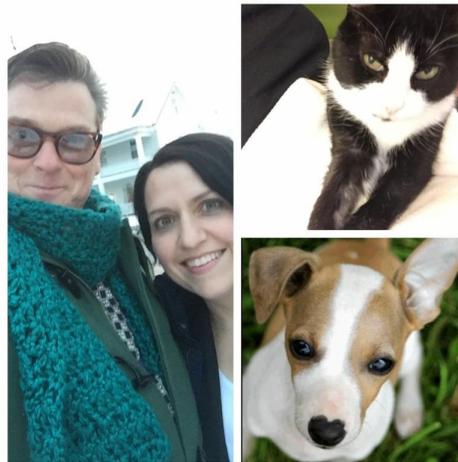
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Vermont Department of Libraries Staff News



Cass Mabbott and family

Cass Mabbott will begin as our new Youth Services Consultant on May 14! Cass has been a youth services librarian for twenty years. She started out as a volunteer, in high school, working at the local library in her hometown of Bloomington, Indiana. She has worked in small and medium-sized libraries in Southern California and larger libraries in Seattle, WA and Indianapolis, IN. For the majority of her public library career she was a children's and teen librarian/manager at the Seattle Public Library. Four years ago she took the major step of leaving the library to pursue her doctorate in Library and Information Science at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. Her focus, during her studies, was youth services in public libraries and social justice issues. Her dissertation is on how children's librarians help preschoolers develop a love of reading and information seeking skills while interacting with them in the children's section of their public library. She always planned on returning to serving public libraries and when she saw the job advertised in Vermont, she knew exactly where she wanted to be. Cass lives in Montpelier with her husband, Donald, her Italian Greyhound, Sal, and feisty cat, Gotham.

To learn more, please visit her website:

Credits

The banner photograph of the statue of Hiram Augustus Huse (1843-1902), State Librarian for 30 years, was taken by Ann Cousins.

Wendy Clark has joined the team at the Special Services Unit at Midstate Regional Library in Berlin! Wendy brings over 20 years of library experience- most recently as a youth librarian at a public library in Oregon- to her new role as Library Assistant at the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Welcome, Wendy!

A step forward for Vermont libraries- introducing...



...an integrated system to provide access to library materials across the state, extending access to quality information to Vermont citizens.

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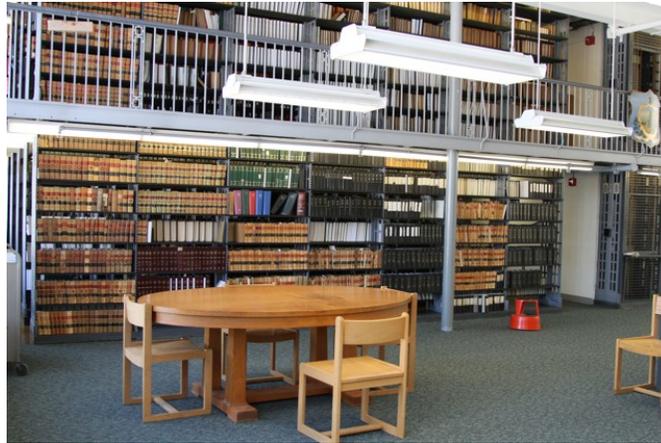
And the nominees are...



The 2017-2018 Vermont state book award nominees have been chosen! Read the full article to find out if your favorite new books made the lists.

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Vermont Department of Libraries Modernizes with Auto-Graphics' Library Management Solutions



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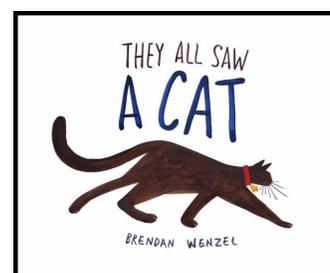
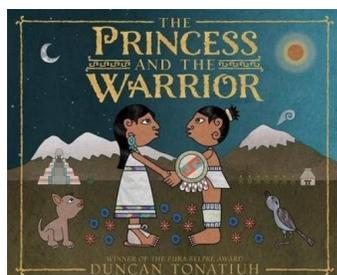
In the summer of 2017, Vermonters will have ready access to library materials from 549 libraries across the State as the Vermont Department of Libraries upgrades Vermont's interlibrary loan system. Auto-Graphics, Inc, a leading provider of library software, was selected to provide a new integrated library system and a resource sharing system, giving library patrons the ability to search across all participating libraries in the state. Tom McMurdo, Collections & Digital Initiatives Librarian, says, "The Department of Libraries looks forward to modernizing our resource sharing system and getting more information into the hands of Vermont citizens."

Over 50,000 items are circulated through the Department of Libraries' current interlibrary loan system each year. In addition to saving libraries time and money, the new system's ease of use will expand this popular service. According to McMurdo, "Auto-Graphics' software solution provides a seamless, efficient experience for anyone requesting an interlibrary loan or using the Department of Libraries catalog. This will allow us to maximize our resources to better serve the people of Vermont."

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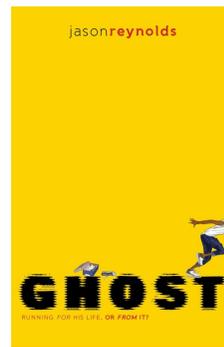
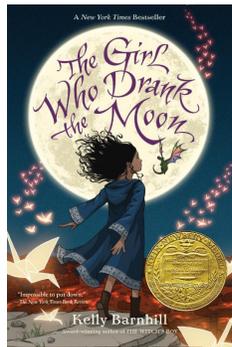
2017-2018 Nominees for Vermont's Youth Book Awards Announced

Winter is over, which means that the reading committees for Vermont's three youth book awards have finished the grueling task of reading and selecting books for the 2017-2018 nominee lists!

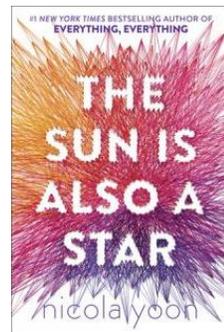
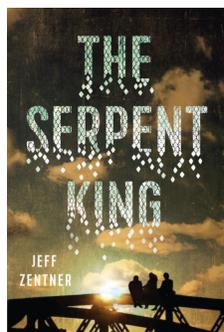


The Red Clover Book Award is given to the picture book receiving the most votes from Vermont

students in grades K-4. You can see the ten 2017-2018 nominees [here](#), which include Caldecott Medal honor book *They All Saw a Cat* by Brendan Wenzel and Pura Belpré Award finalist *The Princess and the Warrior: A Tale of Two Volcanoes* by Duncan Tonatiuh. Check our [our website](#) for more information about the Red Clover Book Award!



The Dorothy Canfield Fisher Book Award is given to the middle-grade title deemed the best by Vermont students in grades 4-8. The thirty nominated titles can be seen [here](#), and include National Book Award finalist *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds and Newbery Medal winner *The Girl Who Drank the Moon* by Kelly Barnhill. Visit [our website](#) for more information about the Dorothy Canfield Fisher Book Award.



The Green Mountain Book Award, Vermont's high school book award, is given to the nominee receiving the most votes from Vermont students in grades 9-12. The fifteen nominated titles are available for your perusal [here](#) and include Printz Award honor book *The Sun Is Also a Star* by Nicola Yoon and Morris Debut YA Award winner *The Serpent King* by Jeff Zentner. For more information about this award, visit [our website!](#)

Voting is currently going on to determine the 2017 winners of these awards, so stay tuned!

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