

MONTHLY MEDIA DISPATCH

The newsletter of the Erie 2 BOCES Media Center



Coming Soon: Dinosaur Bones

Let imaginative play spark your students' curiosity with our new foam dinosaur bones!

These dinosaur bones are life-sized, allowing kids to build whole dinosaur skeletons up to 5 feet tall. Made of light-weight, durable foam, they're easy to connect, even for younger children. With a variety of over 100 pieces included, the possibilities for creation are almost endless.

Also included is a small set of tabletop dinosaur bones, for making small models of larger creations or for more contained play.

Look for our new dinosaur bone kits in Fall 2023!



Other Materials Coming Soon

Also new: Jumbo magnetic building tiles!

These magnetic tiles are similar to the ever-popular Magna-Tiles, only they're giant-sized, allowing young children to build colossal structures. With extra-strength magnets built in, they stick together on any side and from any angle.



We're also adding a number of materials for sensory and hands-on learning, including a balance beam and stepping stones.

Our new balance beam sits low to the ground, but has curves and gradual height changes for an added challenge.

Or, build gross motor skills and keep kids active with our new stepping stones. They can step from A to Z with our alphabet stones, or step on our textured stones for extra grip and tactile stimulation.

For multi-purpose hands-on activities, we'll be adding new stand-up magnetic design centers.

These double-sided white boards have a magnetic surface that can be used for writing or with magnets, including a number of magnetic activity kits.

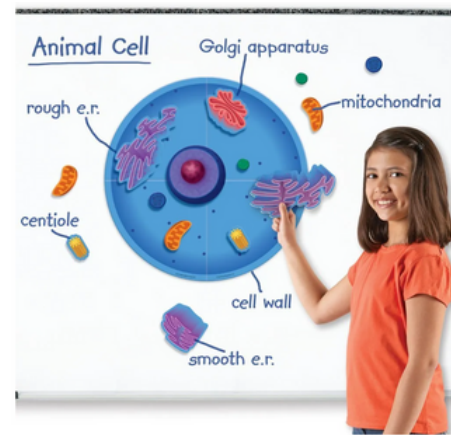
Students can put together spinning gears, design their own "roller coasters," or build pathways for falling foam balls. Through trial and error, kids can work with gravity and sharpen their problem-solving skills, all while creating their own unique designs.



Lastly, keep an eye out for our new STEM instructional models.

Use our giant magnetic animal cell kit to illustrate the cell's various organelles. Or, use our 3D foam cross-sections of animal or plant cells.

For modeling the solar system, our new inflatable set is out of this world! Size differences between the inflatable models approximate the proportionate differences in size between the sun and planets. Teach the order of the planets in a fun, hands-on way. Includes a pump for easy inflation.



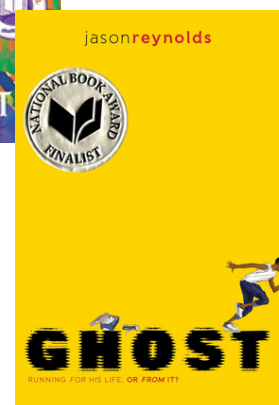
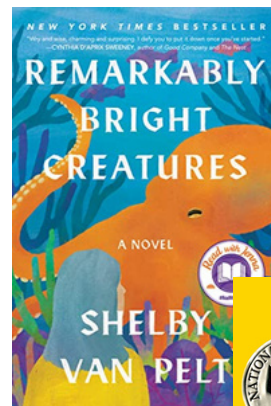
Coming Soon: Multiple Copies

Remarkably Bright Creatures – by Shelby Van Pelt

For fans of *A Man Called Ove*, a charming, witty and compulsively readable exploration of friendship, reckoning, and hope that traces a widow's unlikely connection with a giant Pacific octopus.

Ghost – by Jason Reynolds

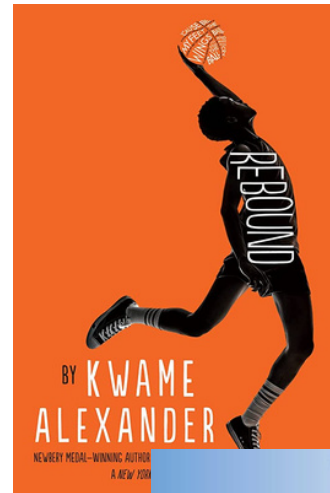
Ghost wants to be the fastest sprinter on his elite middle school track team, but his past is slowing him down in this first electrifying novel of the acclaimed Track series from Coretta Scott King - John Steptoe Award-winning author Jason Reynolds.



Rebound – by Kwame Alexander

From the New York Times bestselling author Kwame Alexander comes *Rebound*, the dynamic prequel to his Newbery Award-winning novel in verse, *The Crossover*.

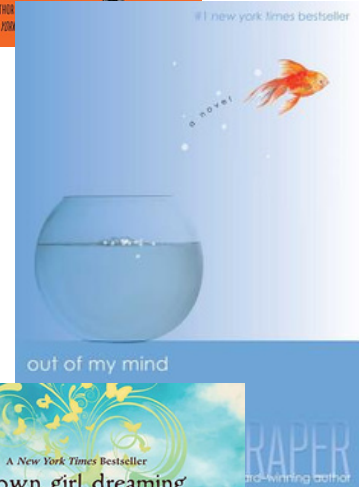
Before Josh and Jordan Bell were streaking up and down the court, their father was learning his own moves. Chuck Bell takes center stage as readers get a glimpse of his childhood and how he became the jazz music worshipping, basketball star his sons look up to.



Out of My Mind – by Sharon Draper

From award-winning author Sharon Draper comes a story that will forever change how we all look at anyone with a disability, perfect for fans of RJ Palacio's *Wonder*.

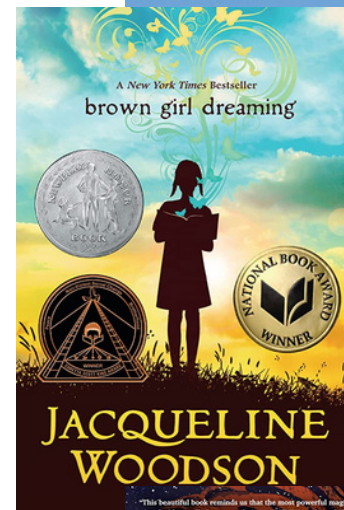
Considered by many to be mentally retarded, a brilliant, impatient fifth-grader with cerebral palsy discovers a technological device that will allow her to speak for the first time.



Brown Girl Dreaming – by Jacqueline Woodson

Jacqueline Woodson's National Book Award and Newbery Honor winner is a powerful memoir that tells the moving story of her childhood in mesmerizing verse. A President Obama "O" Book Club pick.

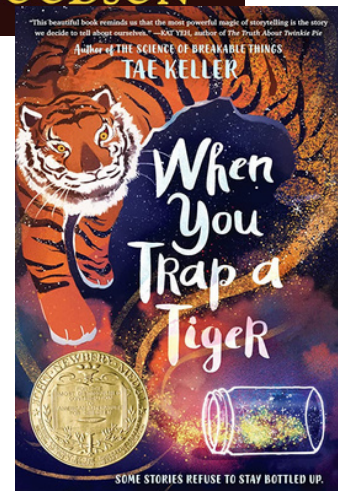
Raised in South Carolina and New York, Woodson always felt halfway home in each place. In vivid poems, she shares what it was like to grow up as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s, living with the remnants of Jim Crow and her growing awareness of the Civil Rights movement.



When You Trap a Tiger – by Tae Keller

Would you make a deal with a magical tiger? This uplifting story brings Korean folklore to life as a girl goes on a quest to unlock the power of stories and save her grandmother.

Some stories refuse to stay bottled up... When Lily and her family move in with her sick grandmother, a magical tiger straight out of her halmoni's Korean folktales arrives, prompting Lily to unravel a secret family history.

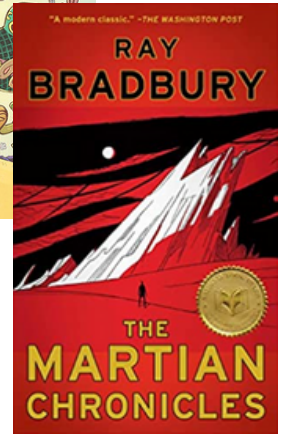


Team Up: El Toro and Friends – by Raúl the Third

From New York Times bestselling, three-time Pura Belpré Award-winning author-illustrator Raúl the Third, *Team Up* reveals how El Toro and his fellow wrestlers become master *luchadores* in an action-packed, graphic-novel-style El Toro & Friends paper-over-board reader from the Eisner-nominated World of ¡Vamos!

The Martian Chronicles – by Ray Bradbury

A seminal work in Ray Bradbury's career, whose extraordinary power and imagination remain undimmed by time's passage.



Reminder: Please Return Materials by June 15th

With June just around the corner, the end of the school year is fast approaching.

As we get ready for summer, please don't forget to return all materials that have been checked out from the Media Center by Thursday, June 15th.

If you will need to keep materials beyond that date later into June, please reach out to Casey Twichell by email or phone: ctwichell@e2ccb.org, 716-672-4371 ext. 2023.

We will also be making materials available over the summer for those teaching summer school, as individual cases allow.

Thank you, and have a great summer!