

# QUARTERLY MEDIA DISPATCH

The newsletter of the Erie 2 BOCES Media Center



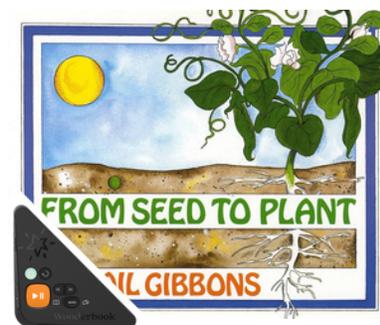
## Wonderbook Kits

Cultivate a love for reading and improve literacy skills with Wonderbooks!

Playaway Wonderbooks are hardcover books with built-in audiobook playback functionality, so that students can read along to the audiobook, using either the Wonderbook's high-quality speaker or headphone jack. To learn more, visit [Playaway's website](#).

We now have kits of Wonderbooks available, each kit containing a variety of different titles for students to choose from.

Kits are available at each grade level: three different kits for elementary, three middle-grade kits, and two YA kits for high school students. [Check them out now](#) in our catalog!





## New Lego Science Kits

Hands-on learning helps build confidence, yet only half of students have access to these experiences in science class, according to a new LEGO® Education report. LEGO® Education Science aims to change that.

With LEGO Education Science, teachers have everything they need to instantly engage students in scientific phenomena and spark student creativity and problem-solving through hands-on learning. Lessons are aligned to the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), state, and national standards to easily integrate into existing curriculum. Students will learn about biomimicry (NGSS-LS1-1), ways the impact of natural events can be reduced (NGSS-4-ESS3-2), changes in kinetic energy (NGSS-MS-PS3-5), and much more.

Each lesson starts with a big question to spark curiosity and invite inquiry, while also connecting scientific principles to the real world for deeper comprehension. Students will explore multiple paths to a solution, ask key questions, and work with their peers. Sets are designed for use by up to four students together, with each student taking an active role in the lesson. This supports different learning abilities and develops collaboration and communication skills.

Our new Lego Science kits are available in three grade bands: **grades K - 2**, **3 - 5**, and **6 - 8**. Each kit contains three complete sets, with up to four students per set.



# Teach the War for Independence with our Haversack Kit

In honor of the upcoming United States Semiquincentennial, the Saratoga National Historical Park has provided us with one of their [Traveling Haversack Kits](#).

This kit introduces elementary and middle-school students to the lives of soldiers and army followers during the War for American Independence (1775-1783), using reproductions of items that would provide sustenance and comfort in their daily lives. It's a perfect way to bring the War for Independence to life in your classroom.

The kit includes a standards-based teacher's guide, with plenty of classroom activities.



## Traveling Haversack Kit



## Coming Soon: New Culture Kits

The Media Center is always looking for ways to improve our offerings. While we have long had many curriculum kits available that cover a number of different cultures, we are now putting together new culture kits with up-to-date materials and more useful realia in the form of cultural artefacts and reproductions.

We will soon have two new kits available, one covering Japanese culture and one on Mexican culture. These kits will feature clothing, toys, practical items, models and reproductions that illustrate the respective cultural traditions and will be sure to spark your students' interest.

Look for these new kits, available soon!

# Also Coming Soon

## The Kindness Suitcase

This kit provides a complete set of resources for teaching the Holocaust to grades K - 3 in a way that's appropriate, accessible, and meaningful to young students.

Developed by the Holocaust Education Resource Organization of the Buffalo Jewish Federation, the Kindness Suitcase contains a number of books that explore the Holocaust, immigration, refugees, and the Kindertransport rescue effort. Students can learn about Paddington Bear and how the author of the beloved children's series, Michael Bond, was inspired to create the character by his memories of refugee children brought to Great Britain through the Kindertransport.

With the included teacher's guide and resources, students will build the SEL competencies of social awareness, responsible decision making, and relationship skills.



## Bambu P1S 3D Printers

After many years of service, the Media Center will be retiring and replacing our old 3D printers. Soon we will have 4 new Bambu P1S printers available to borrow.

The Bambu P1S is one of the easiest-to-use printers available, making it an excellent entryway to the world of 3D printing. Even inexperienced users can get up and running within minutes, thanks to the P1S's reliability and self-maintenance features. Its user interface is easy and straightforward, and it prints at lightning speed.

Due to the size and weight of the P1S, we ask that you please contact us directly via email for booking requests. You can reach out to Casey Twichell, the Media Center Clerk, for availability and to schedule a booking: [ctwichell@e2ccb.org](mailto:ctwichell@e2ccb.org)



# New Kits

## 10 Days in the USA

A fun, play-based way to learn about the 50 states!

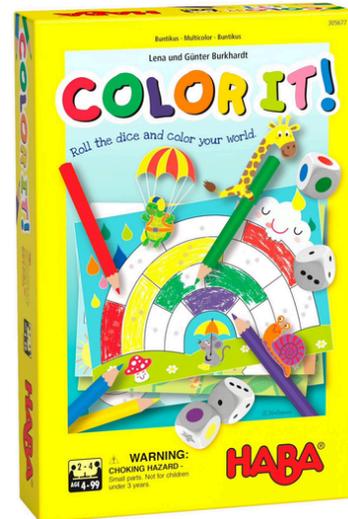
You have 10 Days in the USA. Travel the country by jet, car, and on foot. Plan your trip from start to finish using destination and transportation tiles. With a little luck and clever planning, you just might outwit your fellow travelers. Contains 10 complete copies of the game—enough for the whole classroom.



## HABA Color It! Coloring Game

In the merry land of Kaleido, some of the colors have disappeared! It's the players job to make the houses, flowers, hot-air balloons and rainbows shine in the most amazing colors once again! Save Kaleido by rolling the dice and choosing your colors wisely in two game variants. The first player to color in their sheet wins! A brightly colored roll & color game.

Our kit includes enough colored pencils and dice for the whole class, as well as several coloring design sheets to choose from (please make your own copies).



## Noodle Knockout

Order up! Build new fine motor skills as you snag oodles of noodles and toppings to make your bowls of ramen!

Build essential dexterity as children use the specially designed chopsticks to snag wiggly noodles and colorful toppings, strengthening hand muscles needed for writing. Each game also helps kids master early counting and color recognition skills.

Designed for 2-4 players per game, our kit includes 5 complete game sets, for use in a classroom of up to 20 students.



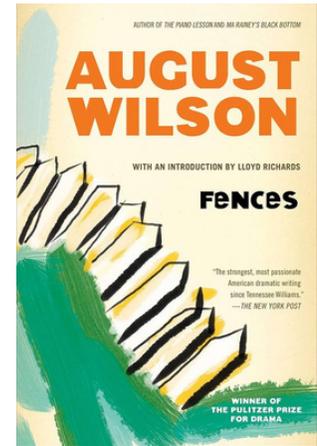


# New Multiple Copy Books

**Fences** – by August Wilson

The protagonist of *Fences* (part of Wilson's ten-part Pittsburgh Cycle plays), Troy Maxson, is a strong man, a hard man. He has had to be to survive.

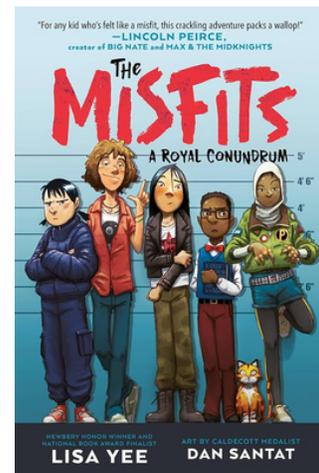
Troy Maxson has gone through life in an America where to be proud and black is to face pressures that could crush a man, body and soul. But the 1950s are yielding to the new spirit of liberation in the 1960s, a spirit that is changing the world Troy Maxson has learned to deal with the only way he can, a spirit that is making him a stranger, angry and afraid, in a world he never knew and to a wife and son he understands less and less.



**A Royal Conundrum (The Misfits)** – by Lisa Yee

An elite group of underdogs trained to fight crime must save their unique school from shutting down.

When a notorious thief is out for priceless treasure (gems! cats! general decorum!)—who're you gonna call? An elite team of crime-fighting underdogs, that's who! The Misfits are on the case in this hilarious illustrated series from Newbery Honoree Lisa Yee and Caldecott Medalist Dan Santat!



**Seedfolks** – by Paul Fleischman

A Vietnamese girl plants six lima beans in a Cleveland vacant lot. Looking down on the immigrant-filled neighborhood, a Romanian woman watches suspiciously. A school janitor gets involved, then a Guatemalan family. Then muscle-bound Curtis, trying to win back Lateesha. Pregnant Maricela. Amir from India. A sense of community sprouts and spreads.

Newbery-winning author Paul Fleischman uses thirteen speakers to bring to life a community garden's founding and first year. The book's short length, diverse cast, and suitability for adults as well as children have led it to be used in countless one-book reads in schools and in cities across the country.

