

New in the Library

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Family Resources

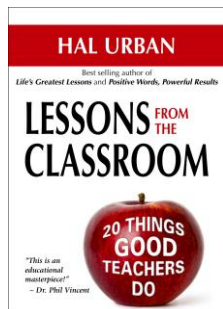
Parent Association Executive Committee Meeting Minutes / FR 371.19 MER

Minutes from the monthly meetings of The Meridian School's Parent Association Executive Committee.

Teacher Resources

Lessons from the Classroom: 20 Things Good Teachers Do / TR 371.1 URB

The author provides a nuts-and-bolts book intended to be a resource and a guide with practical suggestions rooted in common sense. Learn how he protects the air from toxic words, forms partnerships with parents, creates a caring community, uses the power of visual reminders and more. Donated by Yaneth Vrentas, 2011.

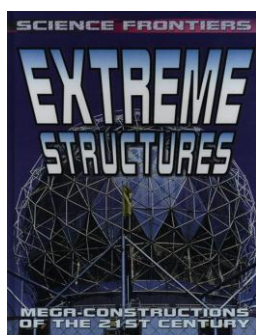


Non-Fiction

Plate Tectonics / 551.1 LUO

An introduction to plate tectonics that explains how the planet has changed over millions of years, what impact shifting tectonic plates has on the world, and how scientists discovered the movement of Earth's crust.

Interest level: 3-6 Reading level: W

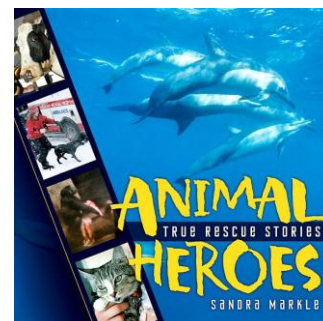


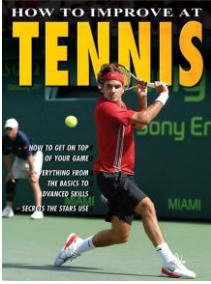
Extreme Structures: Mega-construction of the 21st Century / 624.1 JEF

Examines the ways people's ideas about architecture and engineering are changing, discussing such topics as "eco" structures, luxury and leisure structures, skyscrapers, high-tech domes, the world's biggest and longest bridges, tunnels, and air-, sea-, and spaceports. Photographs of many famous regional structures and details about famous architects and designers. Interest level: 3-6 Reading level: W

True Rescue Stories: Animal Heroes / 636.088 MAR

Animals, both wild and domestic, have become heroes when they've come to the rescue of humans. In these heartwarming, true stories, the author shows how dogs, cats, cows, monkeys, and even dolphins use their normal senses or special training to help people in trouble or in need all over the world. Interest level: 3-6 Reading level: V



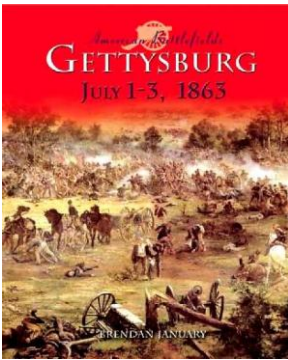
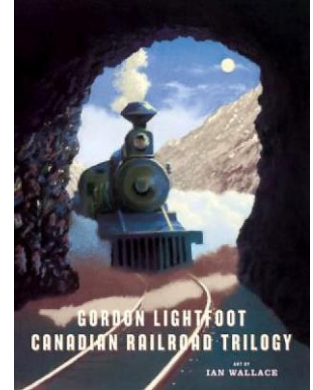


How to Improve at Tennis / 796.34 DRE

Provides step-by-step instructions for improving one's tennis game, covering rules and regulations, the court and equipment, body position, grips, beginning to advanced strokes and skills, drills, becoming physically fit, and a typical match day for a professional player. *Character Education: Sportsmanship.* Interest level: 3-8 Reading level: U

Gordon Lightfoot Canadian Railroad Trilogy / 811.54 LIG

Contains illustrated lyrics to Gordon Lightfoot's iconic song about the history of railroads in Canada showing sweeping landscapes and evocative portrayals of the people who lived the building of the railroad. Interest level: 3-6 Reading level: R

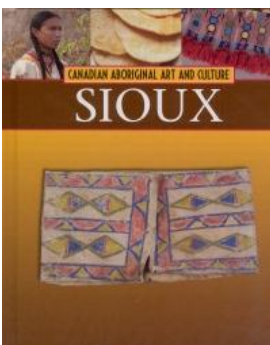
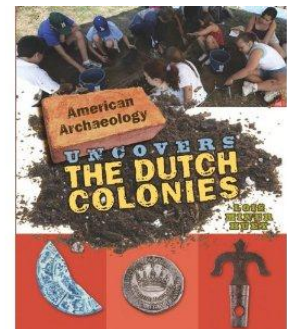


American Battlefields: Gettysburg July 1-3, 1863 / 973.7 JAN

An illustrated account of the battle of Gettysburg which occurred over the course of three days, from July 1-3, 1863, and proved to be a turning point in the Civil War. Includes background information on the societies in the North and the South, generals, an introduction to battle leaders and soldiers' equipment, and how the outcome changed the character of the nation. Interest level: 5-8 Reading level: Z

American Archaeology Uncovers the Dutch Colonies / 974.7 HUE

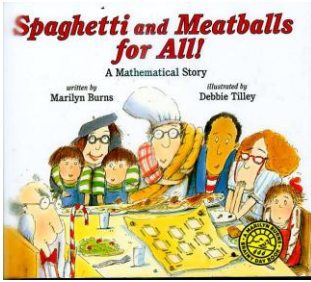
Describes the methods used by American archaeologists to learn about early Dutch settlers in North America. Features a Dutch fort, town, farm, windmill, and warehouse along with other New Netherland colonies and a mysterious shipwreck. Interest level: 5-8 Reading level: W



Canadian Aboriginal Art and Culture: Sioux / 978 REB

Full-color photographs and illustrations describe the history, culture, traditions, and celebrations of the interior plains Sioux peoples of Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta, Canada. Includes a recipe for Sioux fry bread and directions to make a parfleche bag. Interest level: 3-6 Reading level: P

Fiction



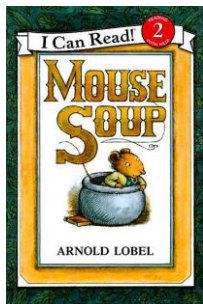
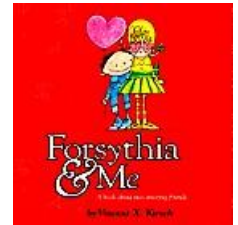
Spaghetti and Meatballs For All! A Mathematical Story / E BUR

The Comfort family hosts a family reunion and seating gets complicated as people rearrange the tables and chairs to seat additional guests. Interest level: K-3 Reading level: M

Forsythia & Me / E KIR

Chester has always been in awe of his best friend's accomplishments, but when she becomes ill, he shows that he is capable of doing amazing things to entertain her while she is bed-ridden. *Character Education: Friendship, Helpfulness.*

Interest level: K-3 Reading level: M

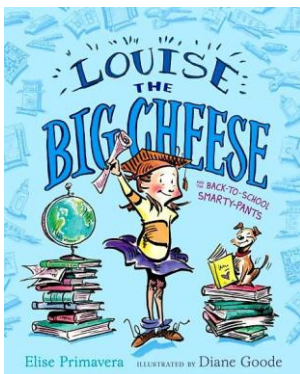


Mouse Soup / E LOB

A weasel catches a mouse reading under a tree and puts him in a cooking pot. "WAIT!" says the mouse. "This soup will not taste good. It has no stories in it." Enjoy four wonderfully fanciful tales the mouse relates to fool a gullible weasel and escape the soup pot. Donated by Daniel Satterthwaite, September 2011. Interest level: K-3 Reading level: H

Say Something / E MOS

A child who never says anything when other children are being teased or bullied finds herself in their position one day when jokes are made at her expense and no one speaks up. Donated by the Diversity Committee, September 2011. Interest level: K-5 Reading level: J

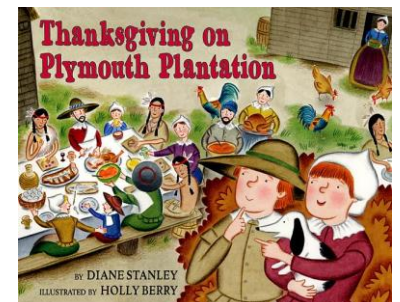


Louise the Big Cheese and the Back-to-school Smarty-pants / E PRI

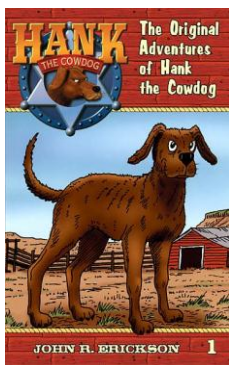
It's a new school year and Louise wants to start off on the right foot! Louise decides she will get straight *As* like her big sister Penelope. But, Louise finds out the new teacher, Mrs. Pearl, is strict, and everyone knows she never, ever gives *As*. With humor and heart and a health dose of attitude, this is a sassy tale of the growing pains that sometimes come with gaining wisdom. *Character Education: Self-confidence.* Interest level: K-3 Reading level: K

Time-traveling Twins: Thanksgiving on Plymouth Plantation / E STA

Twins Liz and Lenny, along with their time-traveling grandmother, visit Plymouth Plantation to see how the Pilgrims lived and to celebrate a three day feast with the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag people. Meet Squanto and other Native Americans. Help with the harvest and the many daily chores and play games. Find out what life was really like to



be a Pilgrim and why they left England. Interest level: K-3 Reading level: N

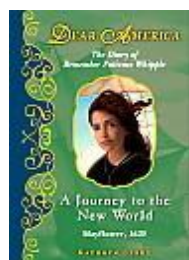
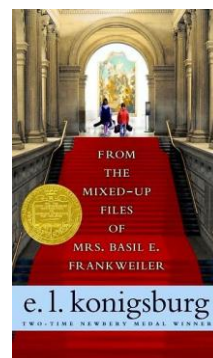


The Original Adventures of Hank the Cowdog / F ERI

Guts, glory, danger, and sacrifice are all in a day's work for Hank the Cowdog, Head of Ranch Security. While investigating a vicious murder on his ranch, Hank finds himself the number one suspect. Resigning in a fit of despair, he heads for the hills to become an outlaw, and a band of ruthless coyotes is happy to teach him the trade. They seem to be on his side...until they unveil their plan for a raid on Hank's ranch! Hank knows he can't beat them--will he be forced to join them? Donated by Poppy Meyer, October 2011. Interest level: 3-6 Reading level: Q

From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler / F KON

Two suburban children run away from their Connecticut home and go to New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art, where their ingenuity enables them to live in luxury and make remarkable discoveries about the mystery of an angel statue and of themselves. Donated by Owen Draper, October, 2011. Interest level: 2-6 Reading level: S

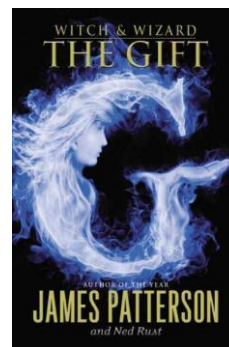


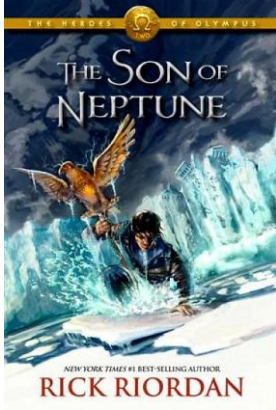
A Journey to the New World: The Diary of Remember Patience Whipple / F LAS

Twelve-year-old Mem presents a diary account of the trip she and her family made on the Mayflower in 1620 and their first year in the New World. Donated by Caroline Woodward, October 2011. Interest level: 3-8 Reading level: V

Witch & Wizard: The Gift / F PAT

After escaping imprisonment by the totalitarian regime known as the New Order, siblings Wisty and Whit Allgood, who possess magical powers, establish themselves as leaders of the Resistance, a hidden community of teenagers like themselves, hunted by the state and determined to defy its ban on the arts, magic, and all other forms of creativity. Donated by Isabella Todaro, November 2011. Interest level: 5-8 Reading level: S





The Heroes of Olympus, Book 2: The Son of Neptune / F RIO

Demigod Percy Jackson, still with no memory, and his new friends from Camp Jupiter, Hazel and Frank, go on a quest to free Death, but their bigger task is to unite the Greek and Roman camps so that the Prophecy of Seven can be fulfilled. Interest level: 4-8 Reading level: Q

Minn and Jake / F WON

Fifth-grader Minn, the tallest girl in school, begins a rocky friendship with Jake, a new student who is not only very short, but is also afraid of the worms and lizards that Minn likes to collect. This free-verse story shows friendships sometimes sprout where they are least expected. Interest level: 3-6 Reading level: R

