



STUDENT NEWS

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Happy Holidays, Students!

As we slide into a new year, we want to challenge you to keep reading this winter! Celebrate the season by completing the **Winter Vibes Reading**



Challenge, and you will be entered in a drawing for a \$25 Amazon gift card. There is no need to sign up, just follow the instructions on the enclosed flyer, snuggle up, and start reading!

FUN READS FOR WINTER!

Thankful by Elaine Vickers. **DBC24416**. When the first snow falls, a girl writes on strips of paper what she is thankful for, from a safe and warm home to wishes come true, as her family makes a thankful chain. For preschool- grade 2.

The Christmas Mitzvah by Jeff Gottesfeld. **DB107553**. A Jewish man takes on the jobs of his Christian neighbors on Christmas Eve and day so they can spend the holiday with their families, starting a tradition that lasts for decades. For preschool-grade 2.

Magic: Once Upon a Faraway Land by Mirelle Ortega. **DB113203**. Growing up on a pineapple farm in Mexico, a young girl discovers the magic in everyday transformations that take place around her. For Preschool-grade 2.

Powwow Day by Traci Sorell. **DB108405**. River has been very ill and weak. She cannot join in the dancing at this year's tribal powwow. She watches from the sidelines as her sisters and cousins dance the celebration, but as the drum beats, she finds the faith to believe that she will recover and dance again. For grades K-3.

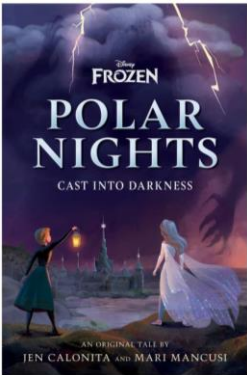
Ten Ways to Hear Snow by Cathy Camper. **DBC19995**. Walking to her grandmother's home to help make warak enab, Lina discovers many ways to hear snow, from the scrape of a shovel on a sidewalk to the quiet pats of snowman-building. For grades K-3.



A True Home by Kallie George. **DB114645**. Mona the mouse is precisely the maid they need at the grandest hotel in Fernwood Forest, where animals come from far and wide for safety, luxury, and comfort. Animal Fiction. OBOB title. For grades 2-4.

A Merry Christmas Cookbook by Cristina Garces. **DB107731**. Disney characters share their favorite Christmas recipes, including Belle's classic winter porridge for breakfast, Lightning McQueen's pot pie for dinner, and Pooh Bear's mini honey buns for dessert. For grades 3-6.

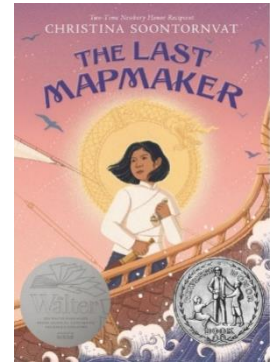
Polar Nights: Cast into Darkness by Jen Calonita. **DB114696**. As the annual Polar Night's Celebration approaches, Anna and Elsa must uncover the real story behind a spooky campfire tale that appears to be true before everyone in



Arendelle forgets who they are and is cast into darkness forever. Fantasy. For grades 4-7.

Wildoak by C. C Harrington. **DB113110**. BR024842. Twelve-year-old Maggie's stutter causes her much heartache, but she finds comfort with her menagerie of pets, whom she can speak with fluidly. When she finds an abandoned snow leopard in a forest in Cornwall, their chance encounter will change their lives forever. Schneider Family Book Award. For grades 4-7.

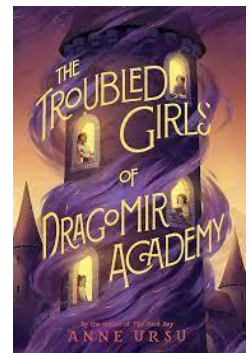
The Last Mapmaker by Christina Soontornvat. **DB111961**. A high-seas adventure set in a Thai-inspired fantasy world. A young woman struggles to unburden herself of the past and chart her own destiny in a world of secrets. Newbery Honor. Adventure. For grades 4-7.



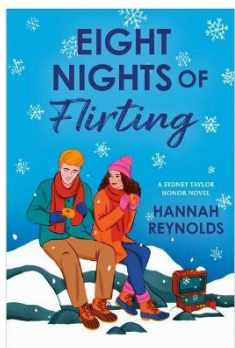
The Patron Thief of Bread by Lindsay Eagar. **DB10829**. Part of a roving gang of street urchins, Duck sets out to prove her worth by posing as a baker's apprentice. She soon realizes there is more to life and family than what she's always known. Historical Fiction. For grades 5-8.

The Ice House by Monica Sherwood. **DB112857**. As a worldwide, extreme freeze continues, Louisa's family, neighbors, friendships, and schoolwork are all affected, leading her to build a house of ice in the yard to escape. Science Fiction. For grades 5-8.

The Troubled Girls of Dragomir Academy by Anne Ursu. **DB105869**. After her brother's sorcerer testing day turns into a disaster, Marya's parents blame her. The Guild orders her to attend Dragomir Academy, a school for wayward girls. But instead, she finds friendship and discovers her talents. Fantasy. For grades 5-8.



Eight Nights of Flirting by Hannah Reynolds **DB111033**. Sixteen-year-old Shira is on a mission to find the perfect boyfriend over Hanukkah, but after



getting snowed in on Nantucket with her nemesis-slash-former-crush her plans begin to go off the rails. Romance. Sydney Taylor Honor Book. For senior high and older readers.

The Getaway by Lamar Giles.

DB111267. Jay discovers that the mountain resort where he lives and works with his friends and family is also a doomsday oasis for the rich and powerful. Mystery. For senior high and older readers.

The Cruel Prince by Holly Black.

BR022377. DB089978. Jude, seventeen and mortal, gets tangled in palace intrigues while trying to win a place in the treacherous High Court of Faerie, where she and her sisters have lived for a decade. Fantasy. OBOB title. For senior high and older readers.

The Weight of Our Sky by Hanna Alkaf. **DB094195**. Amidst the Chinese-Malay conflict in Kuala Lumpur in 1969, sixteen-year-old Melati must overcome



prejudice, violence, and her own obsessive-compulsive disorder to find her way back to her mother. Historical Fiction. OBOB title. For senior high and older readers.

SPECIAL WINTER DATES

- **Hanukkah**- Celebrate the Festival of Lights! December 7-15
- **Winter Solstice**- Did you know this is the shortest day of the year, with the fewest hours of daylight? December 21
- **Christmas Day**- December 25
- **Kwanzaa**- Did you know the word “Kwanzaa” itself comes from a Kiswahili phrase “first fruits of the harvest?” December 26-January 1
- **New Year’s Day**- January 1
- **Braille Day**- Louis Braille’s birthday! January 4
- **MLK Day**- Martin Luther King Jr’s birthday- January 15
- **Groundhog’s Day**- February 2
- **Chinese New Year**- The Year of the Dragon begins! February 10
- **President’s Day**- February 19

OBOB REMINDER!!! If you are participating in Oregon Battle of the Books at your school, we have many of the titles available to send on a cartridge or you can download them from BARD. Contact us to request your grade level! Also, remember to give us a call at 800-452-0292 if you want to change the kinds of books you are getting, update your account, or need help choosing the next books to read. We can set you up with a series or send your favorite authors. We are here to help!





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CHECK OUT OUR NEW DVDS!

Did you know that we have a large collection of descriptive DVDs available for you to check out? Give us a call or email if you would like to request one!

The Little Mermaid. **DVD0769.** A young mermaid makes a deal with a sea witch to trade her beautiful voice for human legs so she can discover the world above water and impress a prince. Starring Malle Bailey, Melissa McCarthy. Rated PG. 2023.

Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. **DVD0764.** When her family moves from the city to the suburbs, 11-

year-old Margaret navigates new friends, feelings, and the beginning of adolescence. Starring Abby Ryder Fortson, Rachel McAdams, Benny Safdie, and Kathy Bates. Rated PG. 2023.

The Super Mario Bros. Movie.

DVD0763. A plumber named Mario travels through an underground labyrinth with his brother, Luigi, trying to save a captured princess. Starring Chris Pratt, Anya Taylor-Joy, Keegan-Michael Key, Jack Black, and Charlie Day. Rated PG. 2023.

