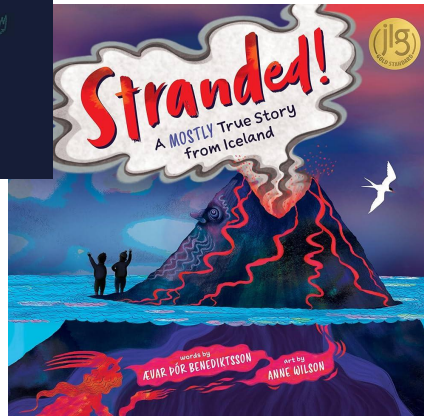
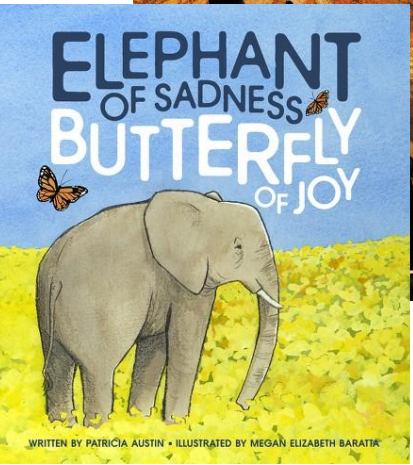
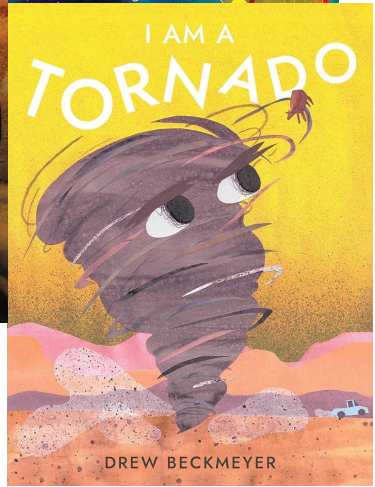
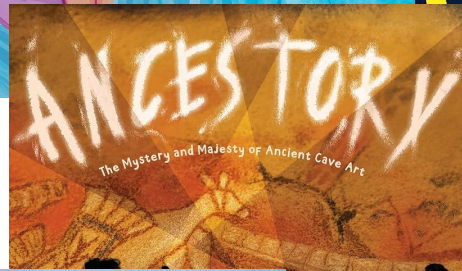
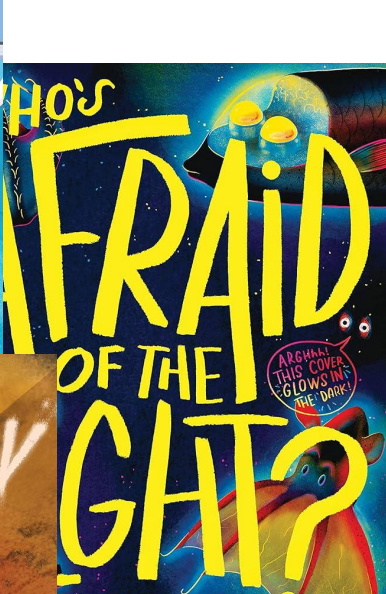




# Red Clover List: Beyond the Classroom

Using the Red Clover List to create innovative public library programs that tap into common experiences across elementary schools in Vermont





# Common practices for using Red Clover at school



**LET ME CHECK MY CALENDAR**



-after winter break  
-beginning of the year

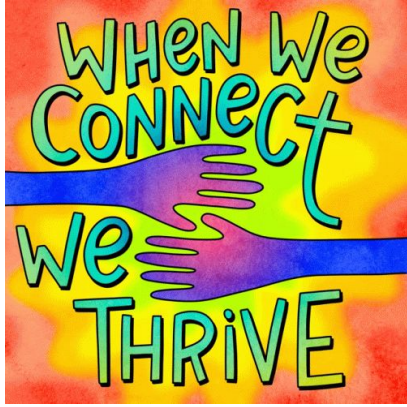


-matched to dates related to themes in the book



-celebration day/week

# Partner with your local school(s) around timing



- Connect with your local elementary school librarian or other teacher that implements it.
- Complement what the school does.
- Keep it fresh and exciting.
- Announce the new list in spring or as you receive the books.
- Celebrate the winner in June.



# Support your homeschoolers

- Provide programming for all 10 books
- Share the [Red Clover Website](#) for learning ideas
- Collect and turn in votes



# Luli and the Language of Tea tea-tasting program at Orwell Free Library



**Multi-generational storytime with tea-tasting!**

Partnered with Stone Leaf Tea in Middlebury

Donated tea (3 varieties), borrowed cups

Show and Tell atmosphere

# Around the World with Tea

Tips for success:

Brew plenty of tea ahead of time

Capable Volunteer

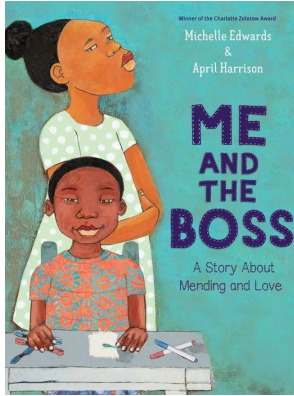
Comfortable seating for all attendees

Invite everyone to smell the tea before tasting

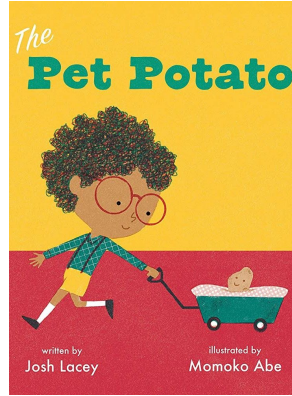




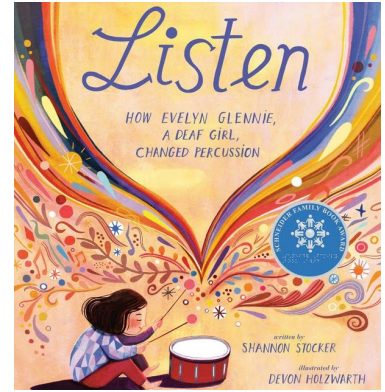
# Program ideas for this year's books



Sewing  
program with  
professional or  
sewing club



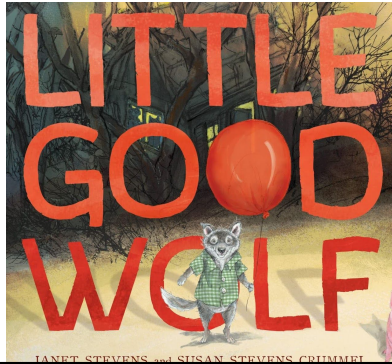
Master  
Gardener  
talk or  
planting  
workshop



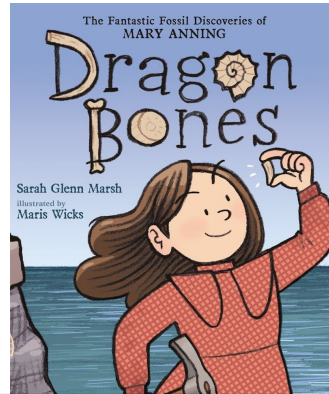
Music wall  
outdoor play  
installation



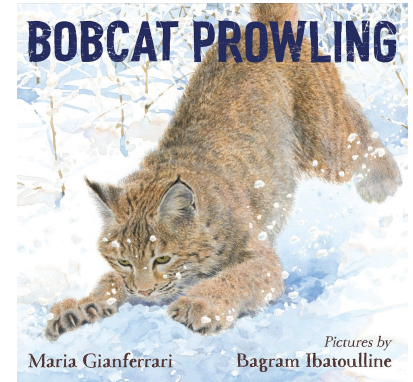
# Program ideas for this year's books: Adventure Begins at Your Library



Fairy Tale School -  
pick fairy tales and  
have activities  
around "lessons  
learned"



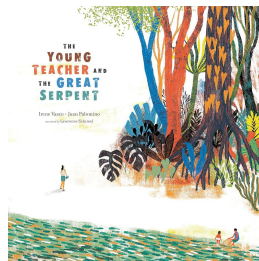
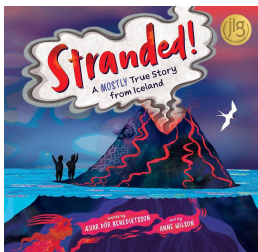
The adventure of  
discovery!  
Paleontology/geology  
speaker or hands-on  
excavation crafts for kids  
(plaster of paris fossils)



Fish and Wildlife -  
animal tracking or  
Live Animal  
programs

# Program Ideas for using the New List in your library!





<p><b>Travel Talk / Invite an Expert</b></p>	<p>Iceland; Ascension Island (illust.); Geologist/Volcanologist</p>	<p>Colombia; Amazon International/rural teacher Multiple modes of transport</p>	<p>Arborist; Master Gardener Texas, Oklahoma, Georgia, New Mexico, Arizona pecan plantation</p>
<p><b>Celebrations</b></p>	<p>International Day of Volcanoes: 4/10 Icelandic National Day: 6/17</p>	<p>International translation day: 9/30; Colombian Independence Day: 7/20/24; Indigenous Peoples Day 10/14/24</p>	<p>Arbor Day:4/25/25 National Pecan Day: 4/14/25 National Love a Tree Day: 5/16</p>
<p><b>Science/ Natural History</b></p>	<p>Volcanoes Islands Melting points</p>	<p>Flooding Rain Forest Local Legends</p>	<p>Nut and seed identification and/or collection; Tree identification</p>
<p><b>Arts and Crafts/ Making</b></p>	<p>Make volcanoes Hot soup; Viking crafts 2 truths &amp; a lie game</p>	<p>Cloth books / embroidery Storytelling Digital illustrations</p>	<p>Plant trees; ID &amp; label trees Pecan / Nut &amp; Seed recipes Recipe swap; Seed library</p>



# Ancestry



## Art:

- Making dyes using minerals
- Using carving/etching tools
- Stone carving or painting
- Charcoal/chalk drawings

## History:

- Art as documentation
- Indigenous communities often connected to the sites and stories
- New England Petroglyphs
- Archeology Resources

# Swimming Toward a Dream

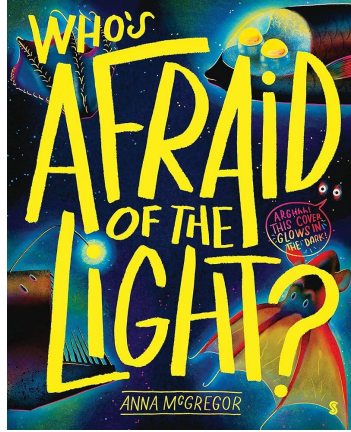


## Syria and Refugee Stories:

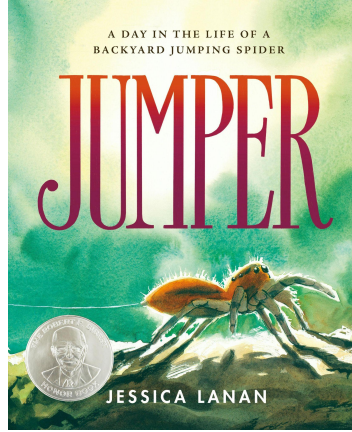
- Highlight refugee stories
- Look for local speakers to share stories
- Collaborate with local refugee organizations

## Swimming and Olympics:

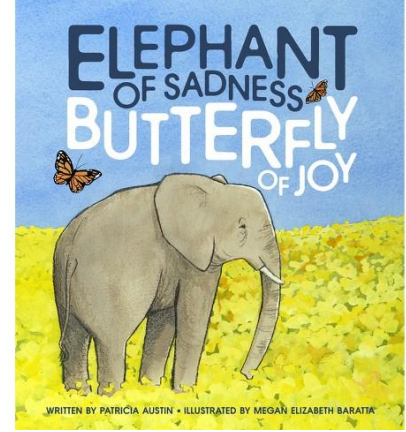
- Local Olympians
- Highlight other olympic stories
- Swimming stories and training materials



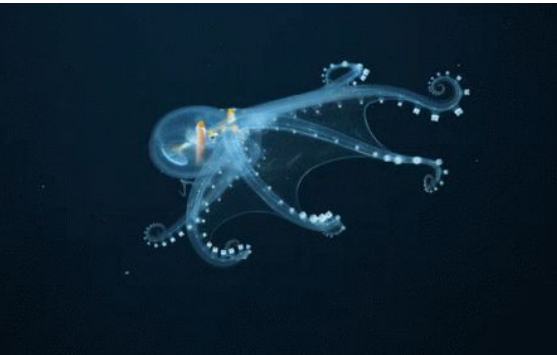
Deep Ocean  
Dark  
Art

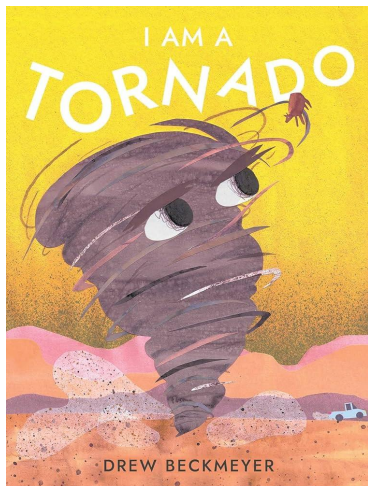


Spiders  
Science  
Points of View

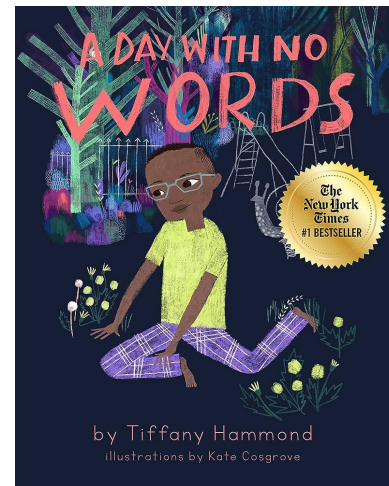


Poetry  
Social-Emotional  
Animals





- Tornado Art (with an automatic Spin Art device or with markers on a string)
- Soda Bottle Tornado craft ([Tornado Tubes](#))



- Sensory-friendly storytime
- Nonverbal communication programming (ASL presentation or club)



# Red Clover Website



Red Clover

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Resources by VT Librarians

Voting Resources



# Red Clover Book Award



## Red Clover Book Award

Welcome to the new Red Clover Book Award website. Here you'll find this year's nominees with links to book details, teaching resources, and related STEAM activities.

[View the 2023/24 list of nominees!](#)

*The Red Clover Book Award is designed for children in kindergarten through fourth grade. Each year thousands of Vermont school children read the 10 nominated picture books and vote for their favorite in the spring. The award has been handed out annually since 1997.*



Questions?  
Ideas to  
share?

