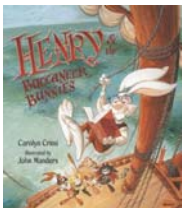


The following books may be found in the **Monarch** book display area.  
(Look for the butterflies!)

**Sea horse: the shyest fish in the sea**

Christine Butterworth

Presents the life cycle of the endangered sea horse, discussing its mating behavior, the defense mechanisms it uses against predators, and the type of environment it lives in.



**Henry & the Buccaneer Bunnies**

Carolyn Crimi

Captain Barnacle Black Ear, baddest of the Buccaneer Bunnies, is ashamed of his book-loving son, Henry, until the day a great storm approaches.

**Surprising sharks**

Nicola Davies

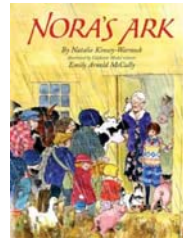
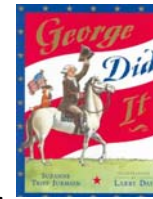
Introduces many different species of sharks, pointing out such characteristics as the small size of the dwarf lantern shark and the physical characteristics and behavior that makes sharks killing machines.



**George did it**

Suzanne Jurmain

Provides insight into the personal side of George Washington along with little known and funny facts about the man who, although he didn't want the job, would eventually become our nation's first president.



**Nora's ark**

Natalie Kinsey-Warnock

During the Vermont flood of 1927, a girl and her grandparents share their new hilltop house with neighbors and animals.

**Library lion**

Michelle Knudsen

A lion starts visiting the local library but runs into trouble as he tries to both obey the rules and help his librarian friend.



**SuperHero ABC**

Bob McLeod

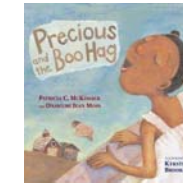
Humorous SuperHeroes such as Goo Girl and The Volcano represent the letters of the alphabet from A to Z.



**Precious and the Boo Hag**

Pat McKissack

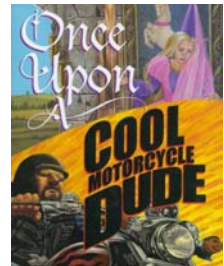
Home alone with a stomachache while the family works in the fields, a young girl faces up to the horrifying Boo Hag that her brother warned her about.



**Once upon a cool motorcycle dude**

Kevin O'Malley

Cooperatively writing a fairy tale for school, a girl imagines a beautiful princess whose beloved ponies are being stolen by a giant, and a boy conjures up the muscular biker who will guard the last pony in exchange for gold.



**The chicken-chasing queen of Lamar County**

Janice N. Harrington

A young farm girl tries to catch her favorite chicken, until she learns something about the hen that makes her change her ways.



**Stink: the incredible shrinking kid**

Megan McDonald

The shortest kid in the second grade, James Moody, also known as Stink, learns all about the shortest president of the United States, James Madison, when they celebrate President' Day at school.



**Clementine**

Sara Pennypacker

While sorting through difficulties in her friendship with her neighbor Margaret, eight-year-old Clementine gains several unique hairstyles while also helping her father in his efforts to banish pigeons from the front of their apartment building.

### **Cookies: a bite-size life lessons**

Amy Krouse Rosenthal

Definitions for everyday words, such as "fair" and "cooperation," are presented to youngsters in order to demonstrate important life lessons with regard to managing day-to-day choices, problems, and situations in a young person's world.



### **The great fuzz frenzy**

Janet Stevens

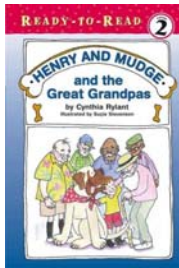
When a tennis ball lands in a prairie dog town, the residents find that their newfound frenzy for fuzz creates a fiasco.



### **Henry and Mudge and the great grandpas**

Cynthia Rylant

When Henry and his dog Mudge go with Henry's parents to visit Great-Grandpa Bill in the home with lots of other grandpas, they lead them all on a wonderful adventure.



### **Skippyjon Jones**

Judith Bryon Schachner

Skippyjon Jones is a Siamese cat with an overactive imagination who would rather be El Skippito, his Zorro-like alter ego.



### **The secret science project that almost ate school**

Judy Sierra

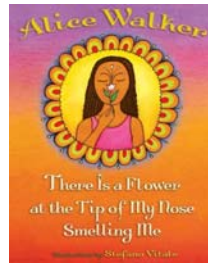
A boy sends off for "Professor Swami's Super Slime" to use as his science fair project and then has to cope with the funny disaster that follows.



### **There is a flower at the tip of my nose smelling me**

Alice Walker

A poem that captures the wonderful interaction between nature and humans with such verses as "There is a sky at the end of my eye seeing me" and "There is a sunrise at the edge of my skin praising me."



### **Today I will fly!**

Mo Willems

While Piggie is determined to fly, Elephant is skeptical, but when Piggie gets a little help from others, amazing things happen.



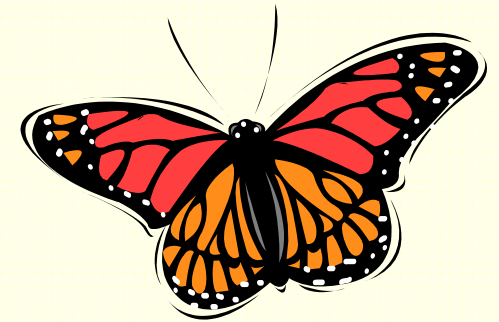
### **The blizzard**

Betty Ren Wright

Although a blizzard prevents his cousins from visiting for his birthday, a disappointed Billy ends up having a very special day when his teacher and classmates must stay overnight at his family's house to wait out the snowstorm.

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