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# Battle of the Books

**March 9, 2024**

# Just the Facts



- 5th grade students
- 3-5 students per team
- 12 books
- 4 months
- 1 competition

# 5th Grade Students



- Any student with an Rochester Hills Public Library card
- RCS
- Private/Parochial
- Virtual Campus
- Homeschool

\*we will allow students w/o a RHPL card as long as one student on the team has a RHPL card\*

# 3-5 Students Per Team



- No fewer than three, no more than five
- Teams need to:
  - Find a coach
  - Choose a team name
  - Create a team costume
  - Strategize
  - Read!

# 12 Books



- Chosen by Youth Services Librarians
- Represent variety of genres and format
- Based on 5th grader interest, awards, professional reviews, relevancy, author, and reading level
- No books are required
- Books are available for Battle participants only
  - Only two books can be checked out at a time
  - Books check out for two weeks with one renewal

# 4 Months



- November 15 – March 9
- Register by Saturday, February 10 in the Youth Services Department
  - Teams **must** have a coach before registering
  - There is no cap on registration
  - RHPL library cards are required for registration
- The Battle is on Saturday, March 9 at 2:00 pm in the Hart MS gymnasium
- The awards ceremony is on Monday, March 11 at 6:00 pm in the Hart MS gymnasium

# 1 Competition



- Hart MS gymnasium
  - 50 questions based on 12 books
  - Title and author
  - Teams have 30 seconds to answer each question
  - We provide answer sheets and pencils
  - Some confidence boosters
- Scoring
  - 2 possible points for every answer
  - The important thing is that your 5th grader has fun!
- Awards ceremony

# Why Do We Do It?



- Foster a continued love of reading
- Share the experience
- Have a conversation
- Find new books
- Have fun!

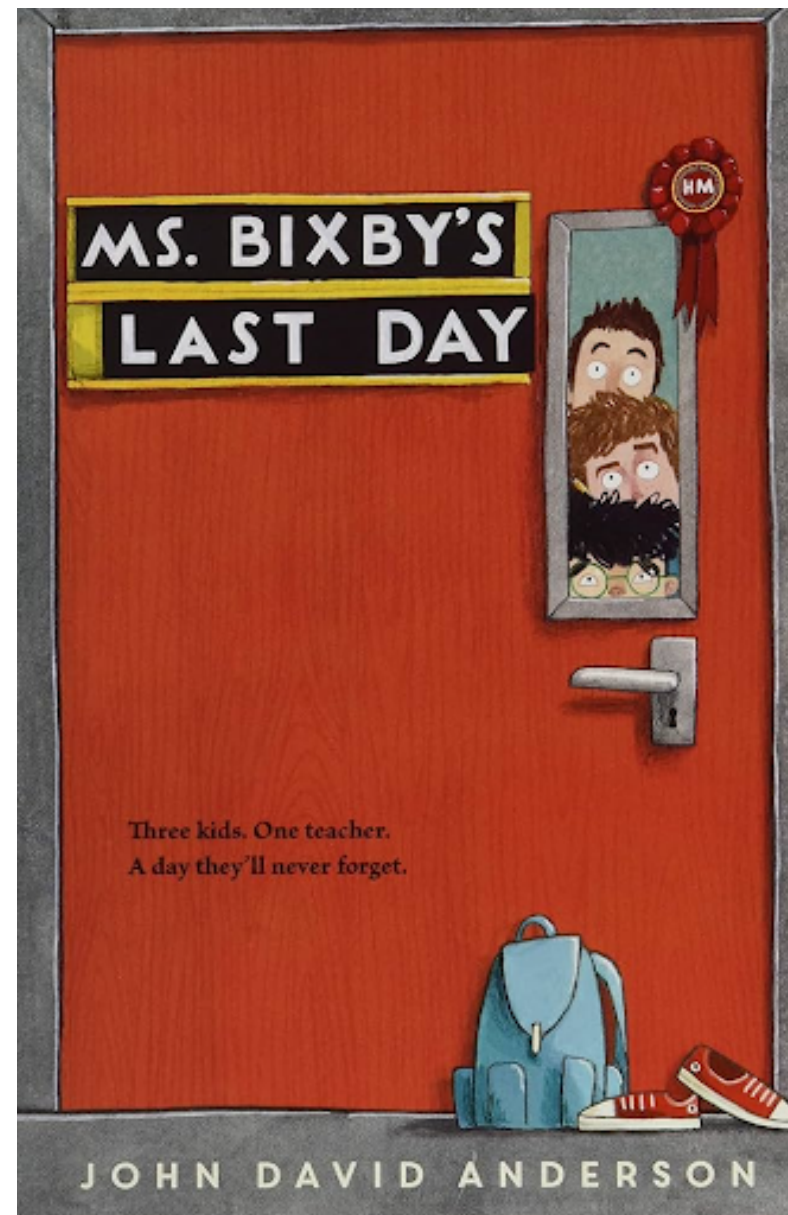




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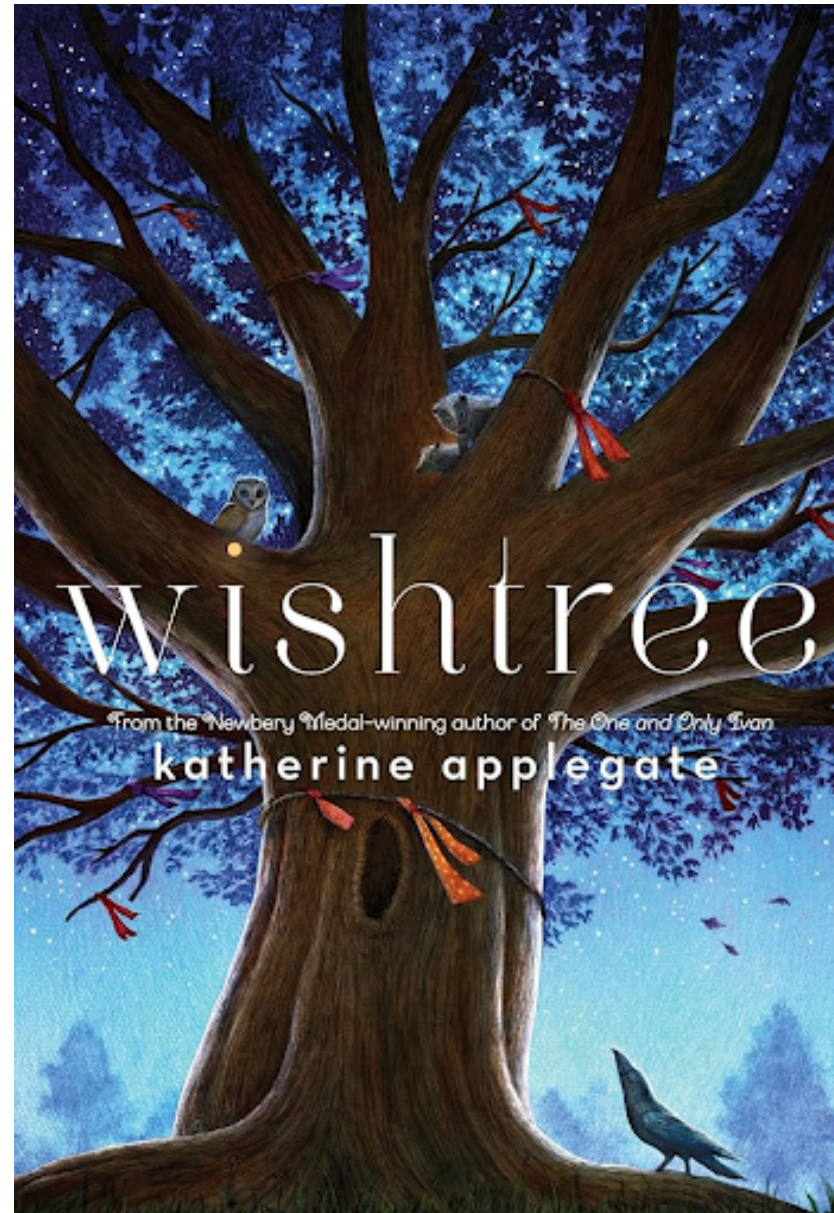
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## by John David Anderson

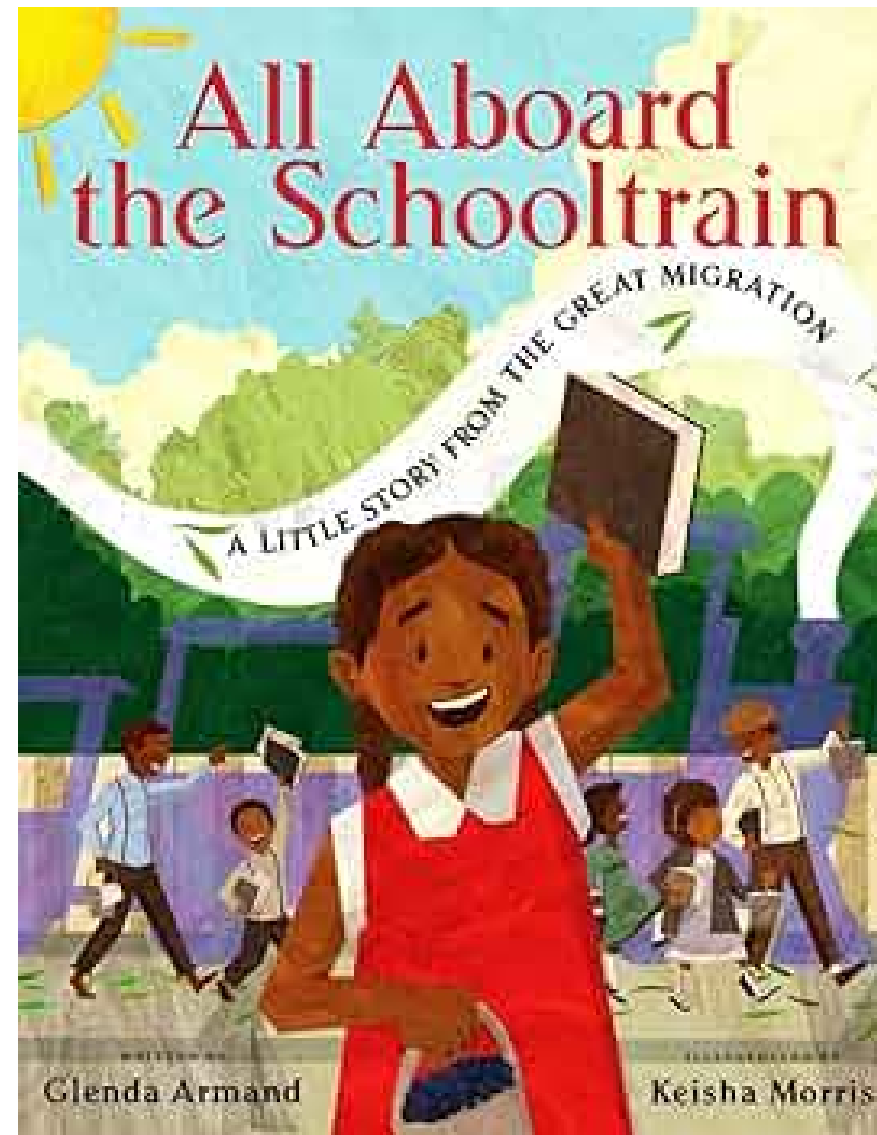


# *Wishtree*

by Katherine Applegate

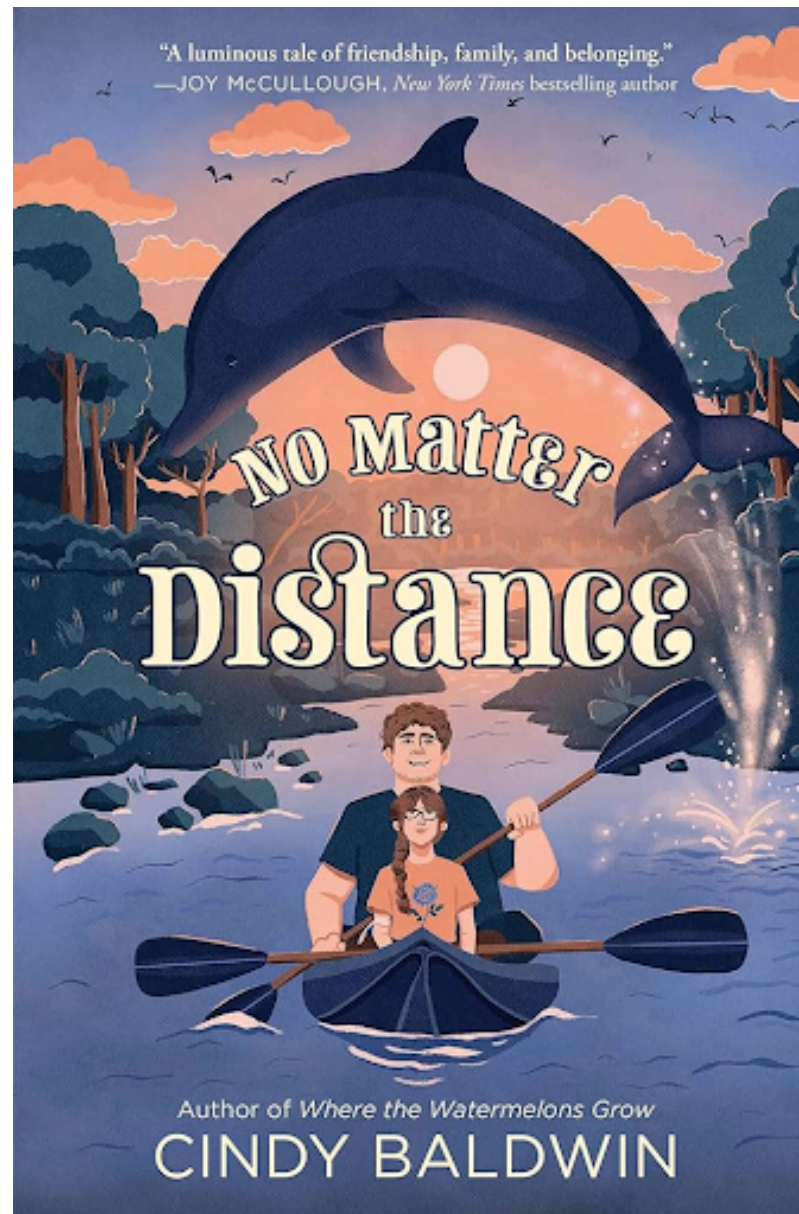


# *All Aboard the Schooltrain: A Little Story from the Great Migration* by Glenda Armand



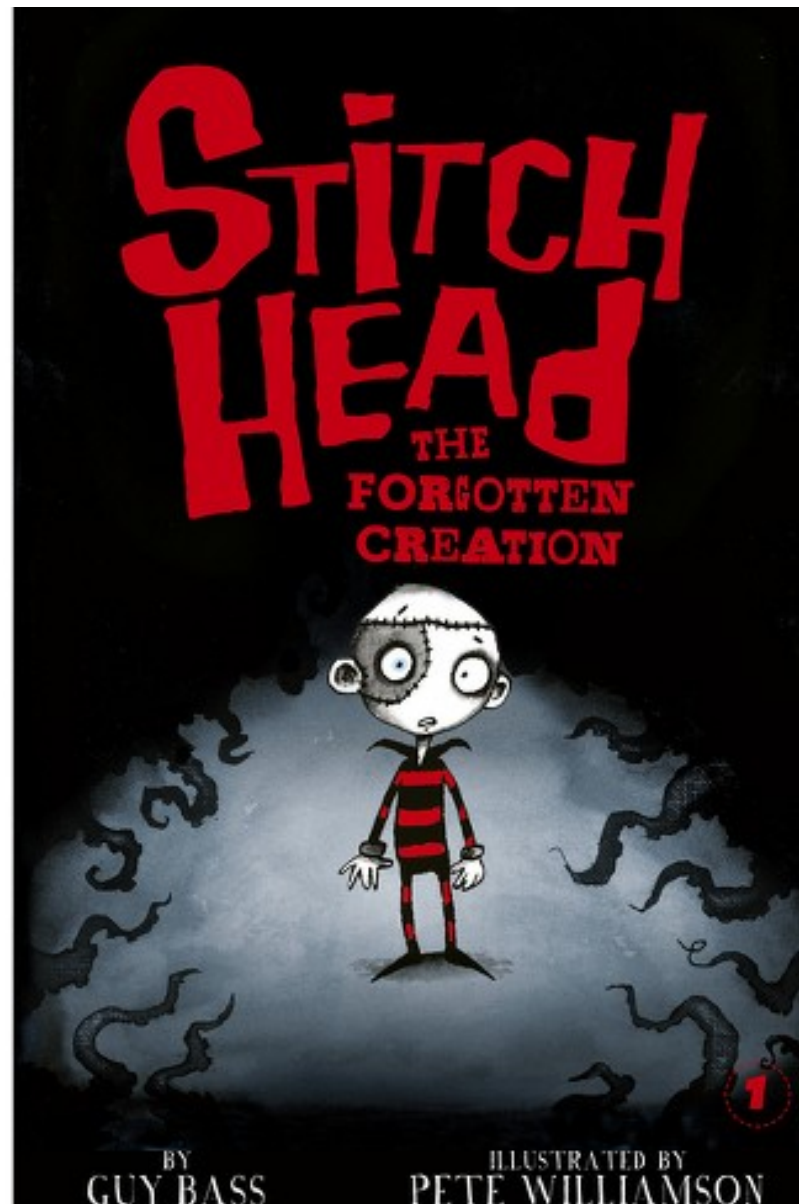


# *No Matter the Distance* by Cindy Baldwin



# *Stitch Head: The Forgotten Creation*

## by Guy Bass



# *Swim Team*

## by Johnnie Christmas





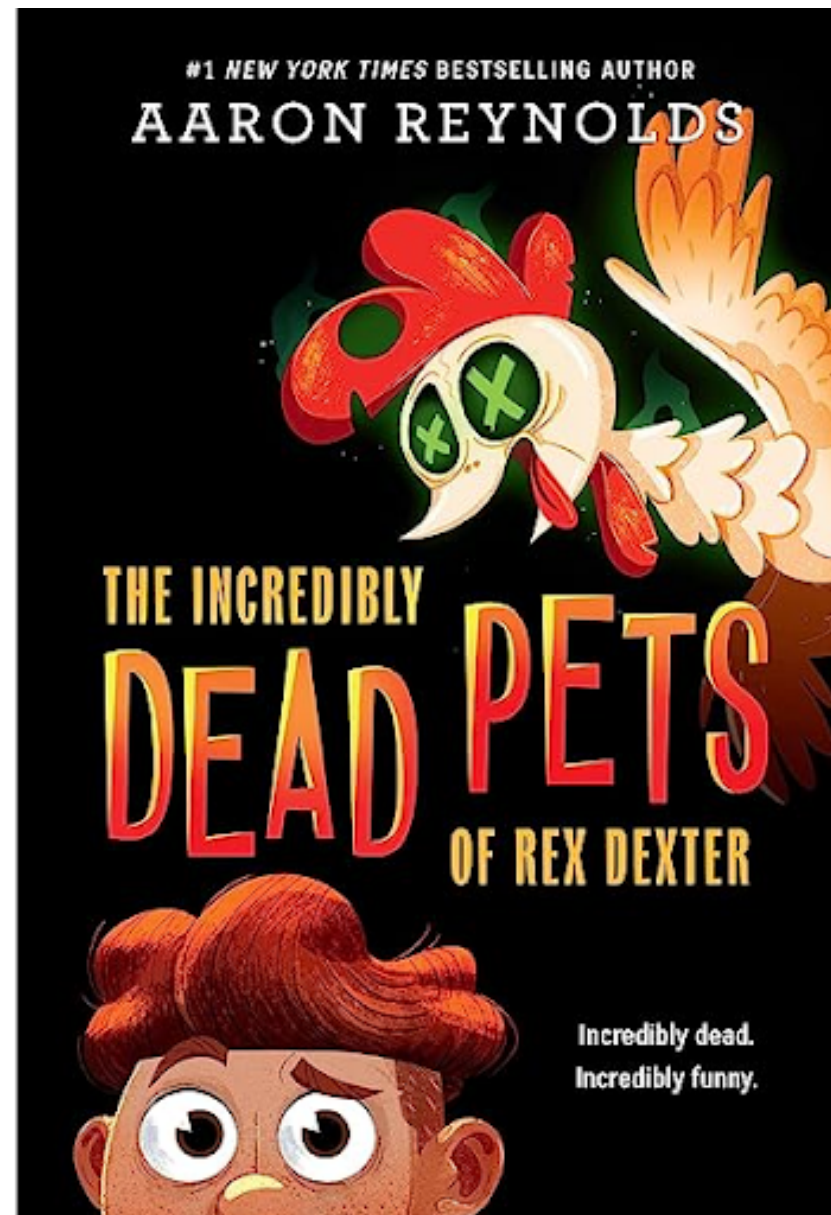
# *Ophie's Ghosts*

## by Justina Ireland





# *The Incredibly Dead Pets of Rex Dexter* by Aaron Reynolds



# *The Cardboard Kingdom* by Chad Sell



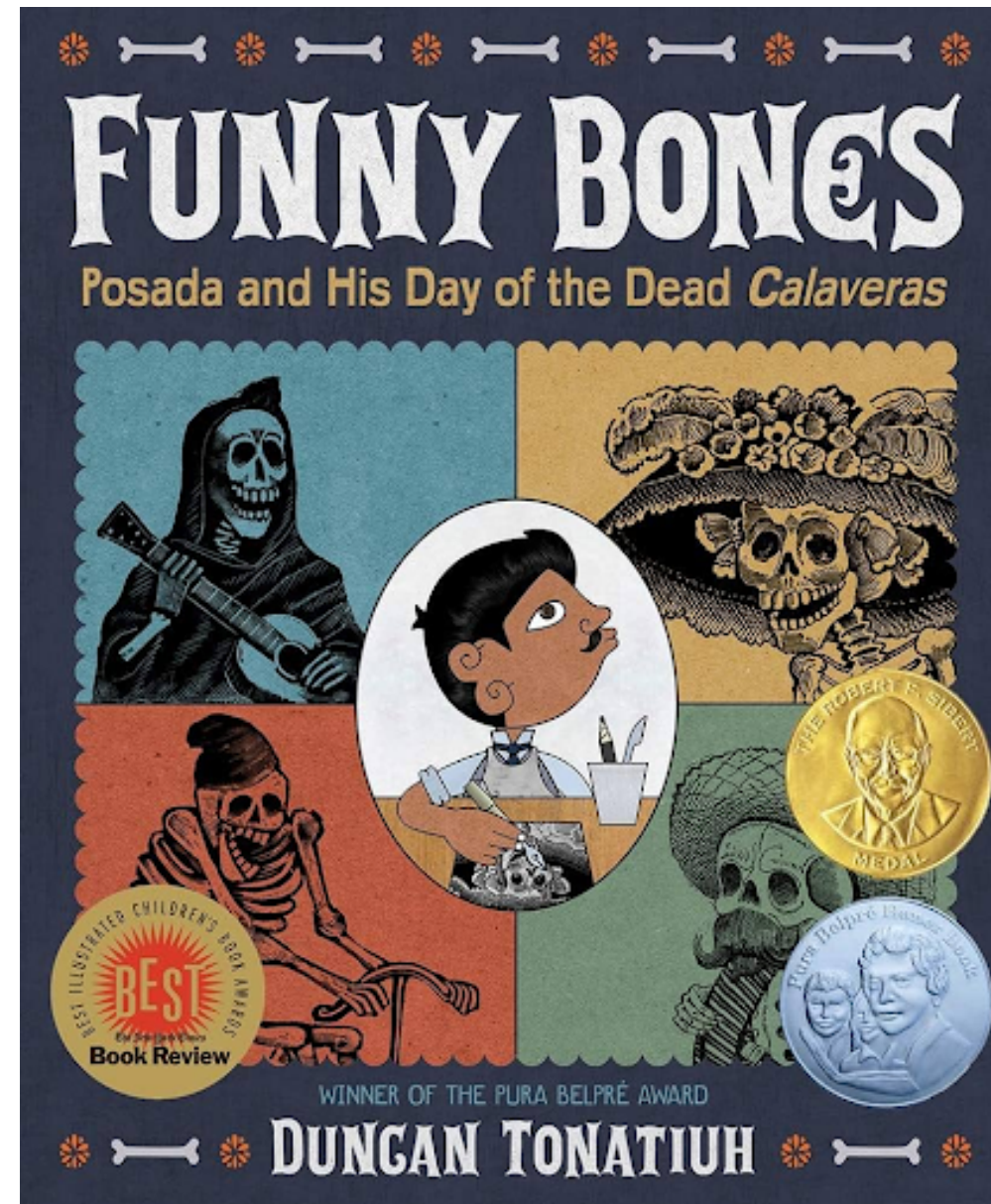
# *Ghosts*

by Raina Telgemeier



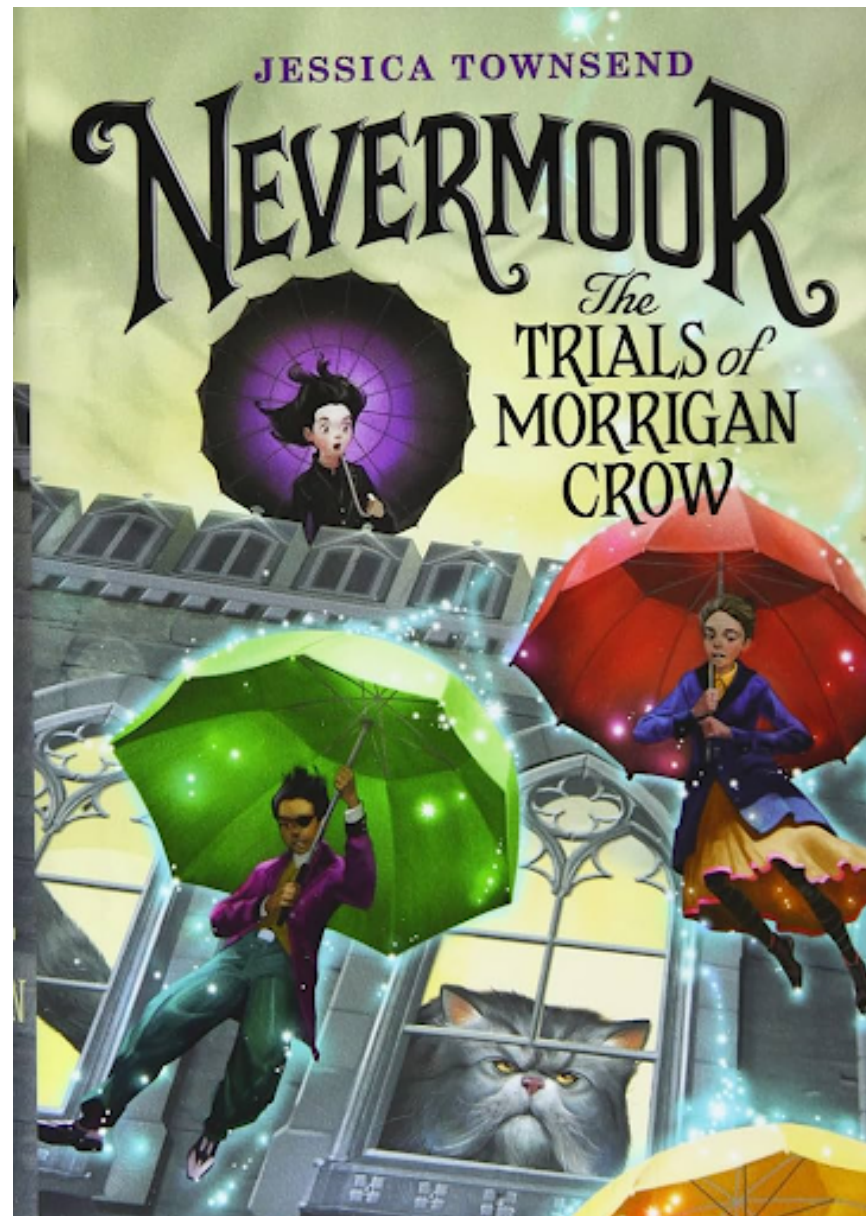


# *Funny Bones: Posada and His Day of the Dead Calaveras* by Duncan Tonatiuh



# *Nevermoor: The Trials of Morrigan Crow*

by Jessica Townsend



# Important Dates

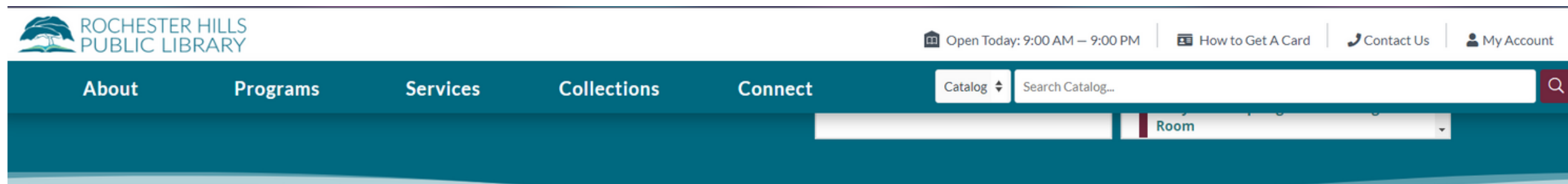


- Wednesday, November 15 to Saturday, February 10: Registration
- Saturday, December 16, 11am: Battle Coach Meeting
- Saturday, February 10: Deadline to make sure all information is up to date
- Saturday, March 9, 2pm: Battle of the Books at Hart MS
- Monday, March 11, 6pm: Awards Ceremony at Hart MS



# Need More Information?

Visit [rhpl.org](https://rhpl.org) ➔ Collections ➔ Departments ➔ Youth ➔ What's New @ Youth Services



**Online Resources**  
RHPL's online resources for kids aged 0-14 years of age, selected by RHPL Youth librarians.



**Recommended Reads**  
Not sure what to read for storytime at home? Take a look at our librarian curated reading lists.



## What's New @ Youth Services

- [2024 Battle of the Books Parent Guide](#)
- [2024 Battle of the Books Coach Tips](#)

Thank you for another successful Battle of the Books! View the [video here](#).


Bright By Text

# Please Stay Seated...



- Do not leave your chair until I say to
- Walk calmly
- Choose one book



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**Questions?**

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