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# READER

Explore, Discover, & Connect



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# LIBRARY UPDATE

Nancy Schram, Library Director

In spite of the COVID-19 pandemic and the closure of library facilities to the public, the Ventura County Library continues to offer access to library materials, along with many virtual resources, programs and services. The Library is also playing a key part in providing community members with access to the Internet and computers at this time. As students participate in online learning, people search for jobs and create resumes, the workforce works remotely, people seek telemedicine, and so many people are connecting virtually, it is vital that we strive to make this technology accessible to all to level the playing field and close the digital divide.

Our libraries provide free WiFi access outside all 12 library facilities that is available 12 hours per day during daytime hours 7 days per week. Individuals may socially distance outside the facilities and connect via their own devices. The Library is also working hard to increase its

lending capacity of Internet and Computer Kits. These kits may be checked out by people 18 and older, and contain a Chromebook, a WiFi hotspot, and chargers. WiFi hotspots are also available for loan on their own at select library locations. Additionally, the Mobile Library is now scheduled to make specific visits throughout Ventura County again, bringing WiFi on Wheels services and library materials to schools and underserved locations. The vehicle serves as a WiFi hotspot, providing WiFi access outside the vehicle for several feet, allowing students and community members to socially distance and connect to the Internet. Like at all of the physical library branches, the Mobile Library staff also provide walk up holds pick up services of library materials and issue new library cards. The Ventura County Library is proud to play a key part in helping to address broadband inequity and digital poverty throughout the County.



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# VCLF News

Kathy Long, Chair

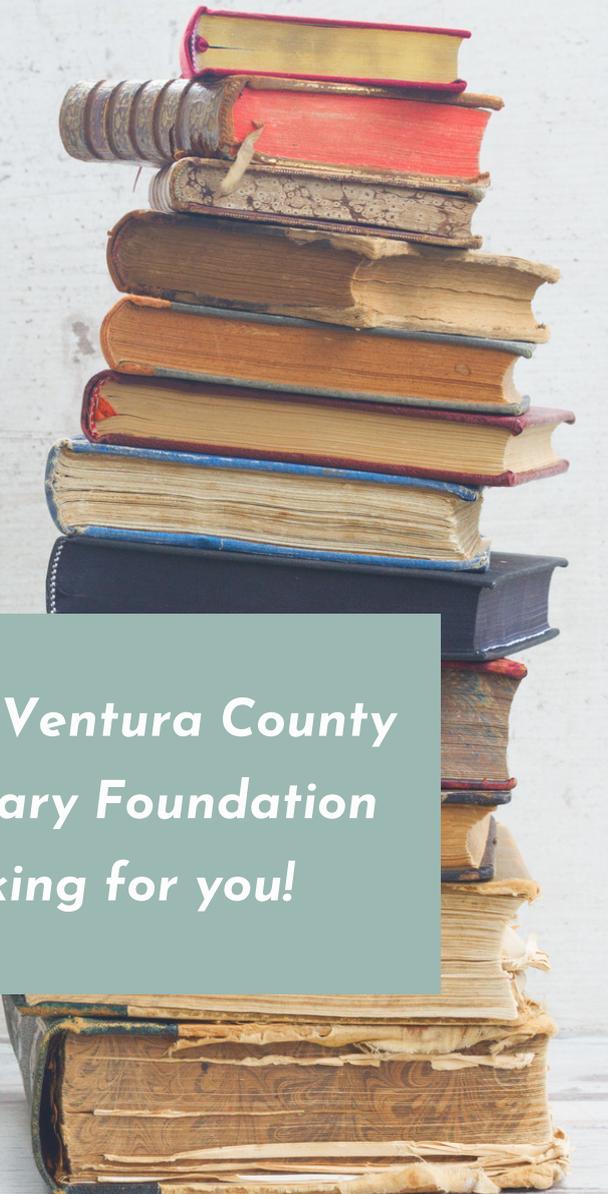
Happy New Year 2021 Ventura County Library fans! As we all look ahead with hopes and dreams for a healthier, stronger Ventura county; we must also take time to be thankful for so many great public/private partnerships that work to enrich our community. This letter is to introduce you to the Ventura County Library Foundation, formed a few years ago to support and enrich the programs and needs of the library system.

Our slogan Growing Minds Countywide is a reminder that your support of the Ventura County Library Foundation creates a better future:

- For curious children learning about life
- For ambitious young minds that will someday change the world; For adults who need career tools
- For seniors who appreciate the convenience of an easily accessed library system; and
- For a Ventura County that truly benefits from a more engaged and informed citizenry

Our Board, composed of 14 community volunteers, incorporated as a 501.c3 non-profit, to raise funds to support the library mission. Our first significant and successful project was to secure funding to launch a Mobile Library ---have you seen it or used the services? It has been very successful traveling throughout the county to provide access to you the public, with books, WIFI/computer access, and links to the world of literacy. The demand has been so great, we see a need for another mobile unit!

Other projects include supporting the implementation of STEAM centers in our public libraries, providing learning equipment, activities and space. We've also supported the very successful summer "Lunch at the Library" program; Operation Read and Read Adult Literacy programs. To learn more about the Ventura County Library Foundation, and how you can support us, go to [vclibraryfoundation.org](http://vclibraryfoundation.org). We welcome your comments, engagement, and support. Thank you for supporting our Ventura County Libraries!



**The Ventura County  
Library Foundation  
working for you!**

# READ LITERACY

Carol Chapman, Program Coordinator



## REMOTE LEARNING

READ tutors will continue to meet remotely with their learners for the duration of this pandemic. Some tutors are tutoring via telephone, others are having text-materials mailed directly to their homes. Internet conferencing sites like Zoom, Skype, and Google Classroom are favored by many tutoring partners. Special materials, designed to use on these computer platforms, have been purchased and will be available from site supervisors in 2021.



## VOLUNTEER

We are also pleased to announce that many READ learners, including several who earned citizenship through our program, voted for the first time in November's election. New tutor training sessions will begin online in February. If you are interested in becoming a tutor (or want to find a tutor to help you with your reading), call our office at 805-677-7160 or 805-677-7159.

A selection from our eLibrary to help on your lifelong learning journey.



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# VIRTUAL

# WINTER EVENTS

## JAN 16 DISCOVER SCIENCE



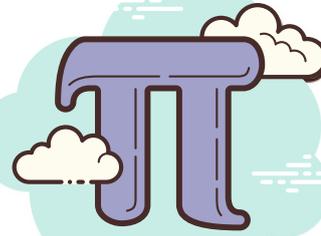
**for grades K-5**  
A group of Foothill Tech high school students teaching physics and science concepts on Zoom.

MAR 14

PI DAY

3:14pm

Join Ms. Cherry for this irrationally fun storytime.



## MINECRAFT MONDAYS



4 - 5:30pm



Must have access to Java PC/Mac or Bedrock App/Win10 Editions  
[vencolib.minecraft@gmail.com](mailto:vencolib.minecraft@gmail.com) to be Allow Listed

## GLOBETROTTING MONDAYS



Dive into other cultures at 10:30am

Take a trip around the world through stories and songs.

# Virtual Storytime On Facebook!

MON

10:30 am

Globetrotting Storytime on Facebook

TUE

10:30 am

Storytime on Facebook

WED

10:30 am Storytime on Facebook

3:30 pm Art Lessons on Facebook

7:00 pm Bilingual Stories on Facebook

THUR

10:30 am

STEAM Storytime on Facebook

7:00 pm

Bedtime Stories on Facebook

FRI

10:30 am

Storytime on Facebook

SAT

10:30 am

Storytime on Facebook



Past episodes available on





# WINTER READING CHALLENGE



Ventura County Library's 2020 Winter Reading Challenge for all begins on January 19th!

Read books, play games, and win prizes!

[VENCOLIBRARY.BEANSTACK.ORG](http://VENCOLIBRARY.BEANSTACK.ORG)

Kids from all across the county are encouraged to read books and log reading minutes.

Participants in this challenge log minutes every time they read.

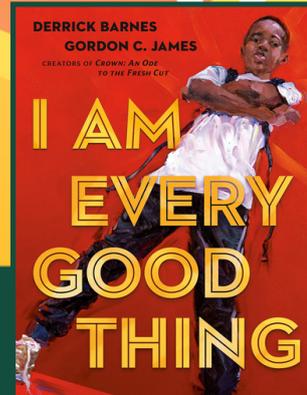
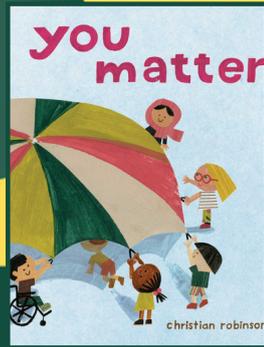
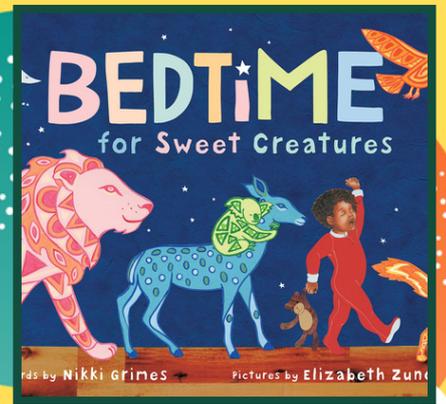
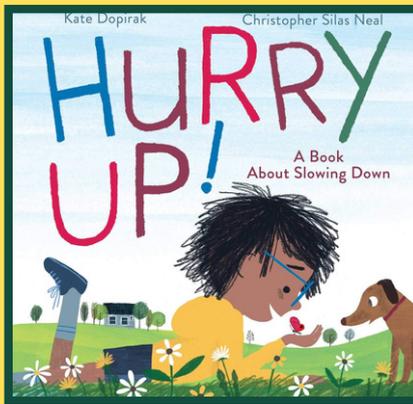
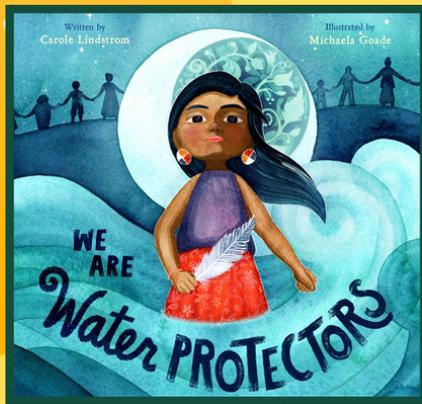
After reading 500 minutes, readers may collect one free book to add to their home libraries.

Good luck, and happy reading!

Adults in this challenge may submit an entry every time they read a book.

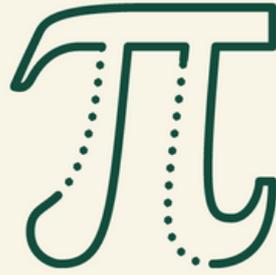
Enter titles as you finish them, be they traditional books, audiobooks, or eBooks.

You can log up to 100 titles throughout the duration of the challenge, and each title is a chance to win a prize.



## 20 MS. CHERRY'S FAVORITE BOOKS

# Celebrate Pi Day

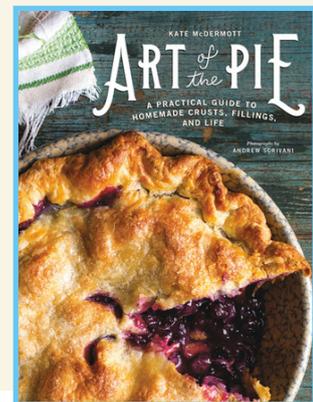
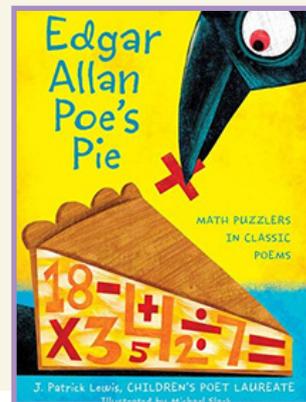
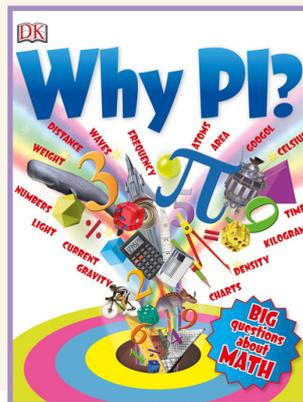
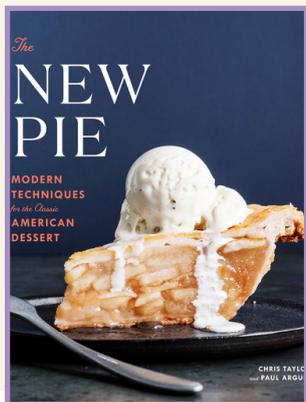
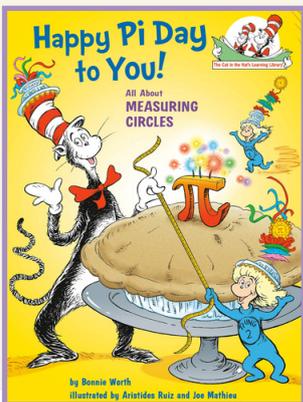


Hill Road Library will give out a special Pi Day pack for kids the week leading up to 3/14 and catch a special Pi Day storytime on Facebook Live.

Pi is the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter. Pi is commonly written as 3.14, so we celebrate Pi Day on March 14th. Are you as confused as I am? We have some books that might help! *Why Pi?* is filled with games, puzzles, and brain teasers to make math and Pi fun. *When Does a Line Become a Shape?* explains mathematical concepts and real-world applications of geometry. Dr. Seuss shows how to measure Pi in *Happy Pi Day to You*.

Or perhaps when you hear Pi day you think of pie? We have books for that too - picture books like *Wolf Pie*, *Babyberry Pie*, *Rabbit Pie*, *Piggie Pie*, *Humble Pie*, *Elephant Pie*, *Mom Pie*, and *Pie in the Sky*. Hungry yet? We have cookbooks too, like *The New Pie: Modern Techniques for the Classic American Dessert*, and *Art of the Pie! A Practical Guide to Homemade Crusts, Fillings, and Life*.

- Deborah DaMore, Library Technician III



# Preschool Prep

## ALL ABOUT EARLY LEARNING



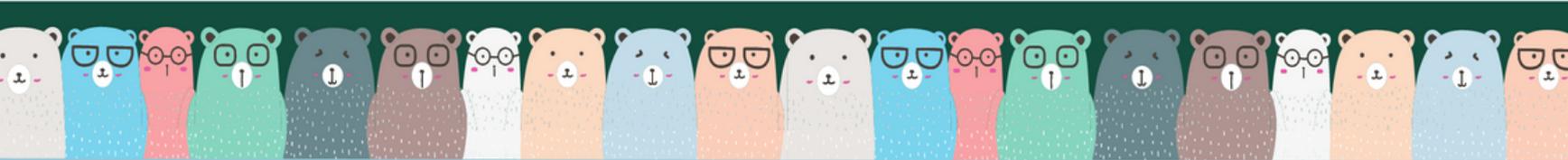
### PARENTING TIPS

BY MOLLY KRILL, YOUTH SERVICES MANAGER

With growing concern over developmental delays in children caused by too much exposure to screens, it is even more important to find a balance between real-life play and online play. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends limiting children between the ages of two and five to no more than one hour of screen time each day and to choose quality programming. Beginning in January, our Live Storytimes on Facebook will start a Globetrotting theme as we explore people and cultures around the world.

In addition to our resources, we recommend PEEP and the Big Wide World, produced by American Public Television WGBH. PEEP is a curated collection of videos, games, and apps that follow the best practices for using media with children ages 3 to 5. Developed with guidance from preschool science and early childhood experts, PEEP teaches age-appropriate science concepts and models science skills. Also available in a Spanish version.

For more science fun, visit the PEEP and the Big Wide World [peepandthebigwideworld.com](http://peepandthebigwideworld.com)



# PEEP and the Big Wide World™

by Molly krill, Youth Services manager

We wanted to take a moment to highlight this app supported by PBS WGBH

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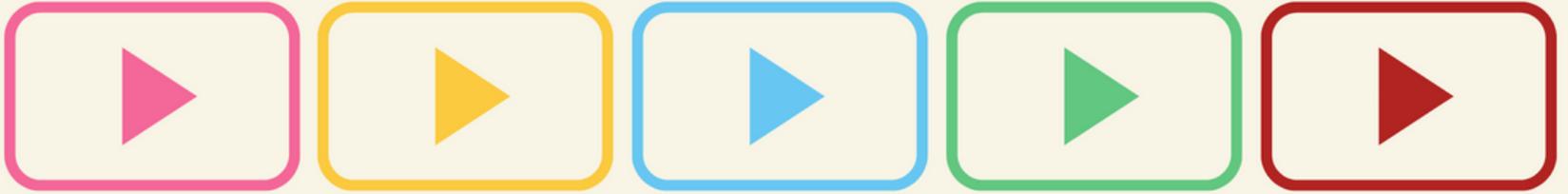
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# FINGERPLAYS

## FOR LITTLES



Visit our Youtube playlist for this song and more at [bit.ly/VCLsongs](https://bit.ly/VCLsongs)



### WEATHER SONG

(OH MY DARLING CLEMENTINE)

This song rhyme is a great way to start a daily discussion about weather and how it is always changing.

What's the weather,  
What's the weather,  
what's the weather  
everyone?

Is it windy, is it cloudy,  
Is there rain, or is there sun?

Substitute "cloudy" or "windy" with "snowy", if applicable.

### ZOOM ZOOM ZOOM

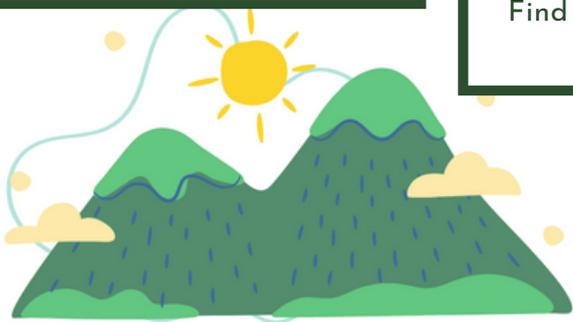
Zoom Zoom Zoom  
We're going to the moon  
Zoom Zoom Zoom  
We're leaving very soon  
If you want to take a trip  
Climb aboard my rocket ship  
Zoom Zoom Zoom  
We're going to the moon  
Zoom Zoom Zoom  
We're leaving very soon  
in 5, 4 3, 2, 1, BLAST OFF!

Find our video on Youtube [here](#).

### RAINBOW FUN

(TWINKLE TWINKLE LITTLE STAR)

I know the colors of rainbow fun  
**green** like a frog and  
**yellow** like the sun  
**orange** like a pumpkin  
**white** like the snow  
a ruby **red** apple and  
a jet **black** crow  
**purple** like a flower  
**brown** like a bear  
a little **pink** pig  
with a **blue** shirt to wear



Ventura County Library Presents

# Lessonface

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teens, and  
adults!



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## JOIN US ON FACEBOOK AS WE CELEBRATE NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

THIS FEBRUARY DURING OUR BEDTIME STORIES  
ON TUESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 7:00 PM!

Happy Healthy Teeth Start Here!

From wiping baby's gums with a wet washcloth to brushing that first tooth, Ventura County Public Health (VCPH) Oral Health Program is working with partners and families to start healthy oral health habits that will last a lifetime. Become a Happy Healthy Tooth champion at home by: Brushing teeth twice a day for 2 minutes, flossing every day, eating healthy, and drinking plenty of water...try it from the tap, it's free! Also important is visiting the dentist! First dental visits start with the first tooth or first birthday!

Even during this COVID-19 pandemic, dentists are open to care for teeth.

For more information visit [vchca.org/oralhealth](http://vchca.org/oralhealth)

Find Storytime events on Facebook at Ventura County Library @[vencolibrary](https://www.facebook.com/vencolibrary).



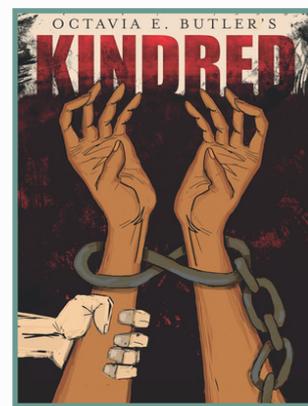
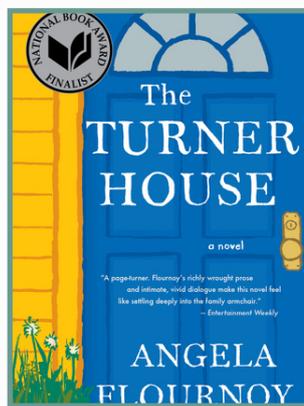
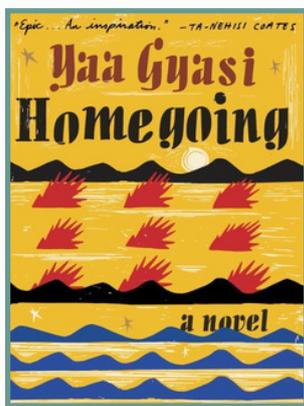
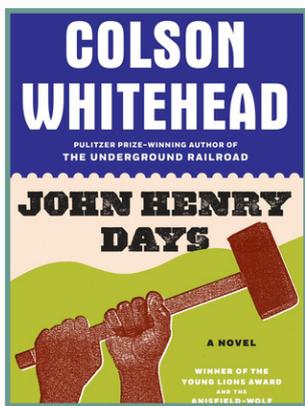
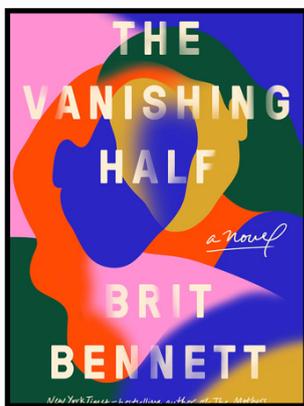
# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

February 2021

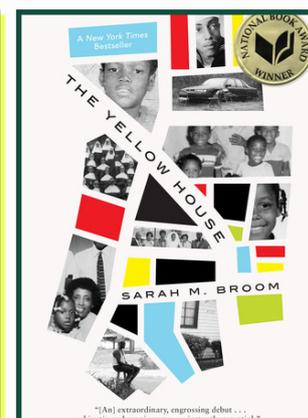
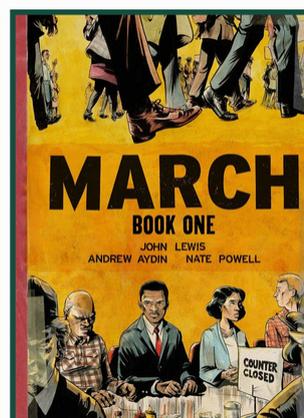
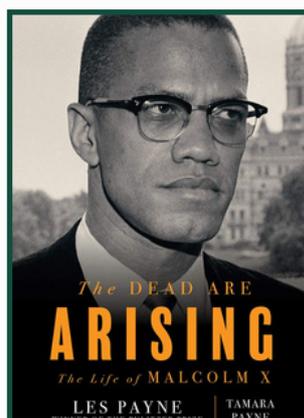
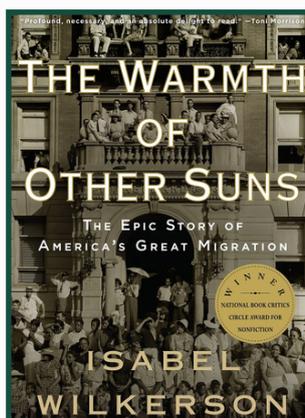
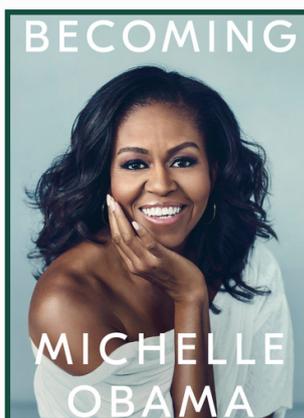
According to the Law Library of Congress, Black History Month “deepens our understanding” of the black experience. These “own voices” books do just that.

by Karen Cruze, Librarian Specialist, Adult Services

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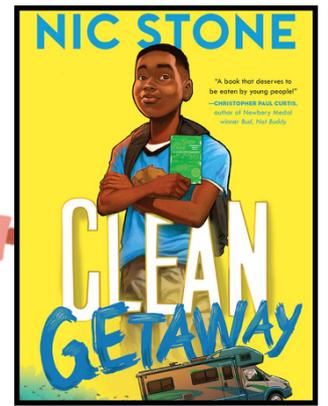


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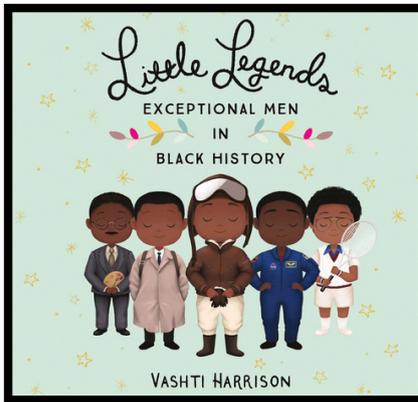
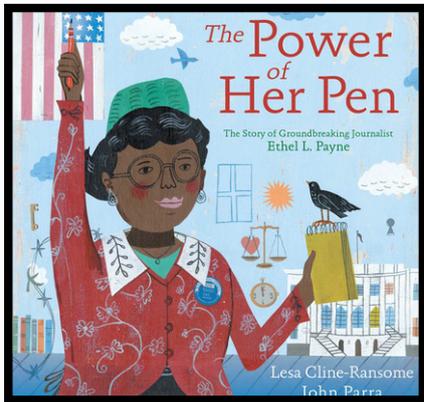
## YOUTH TITLES

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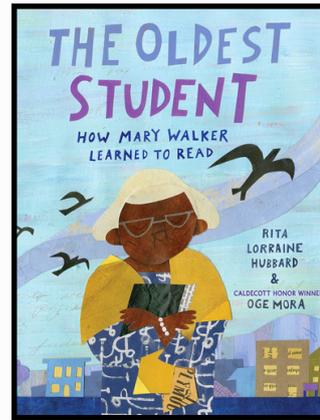
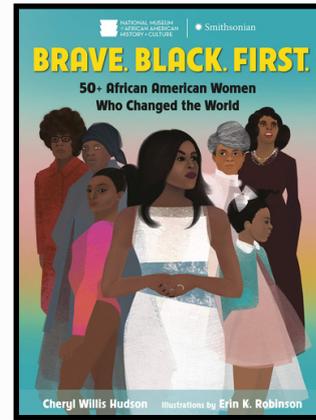
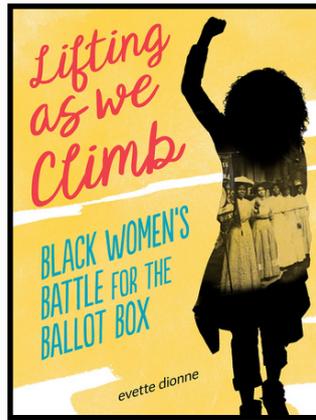
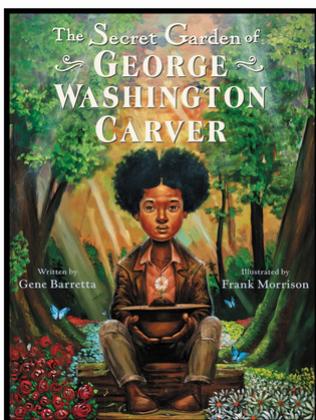
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### PICTURE BOOKS



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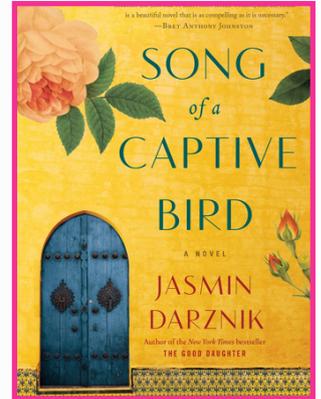
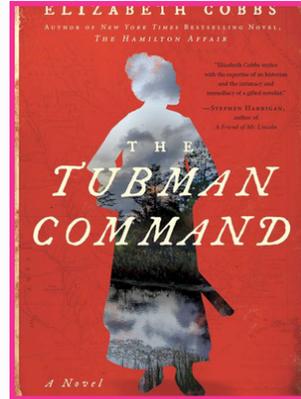
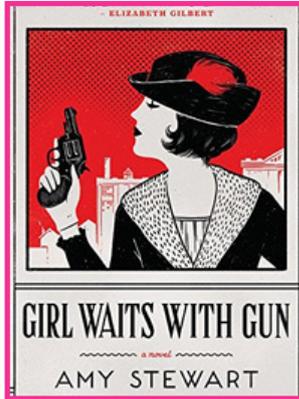
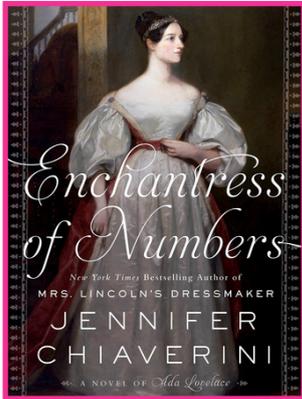
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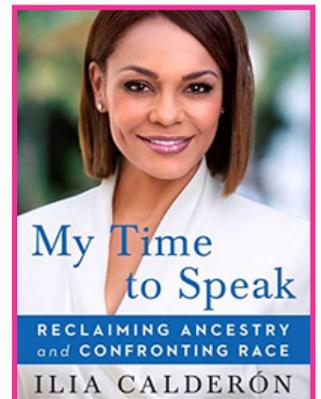
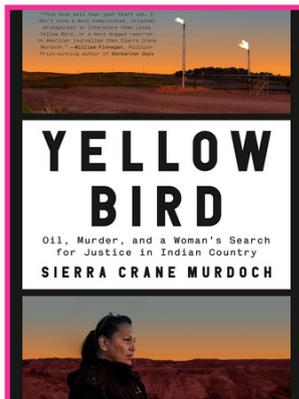
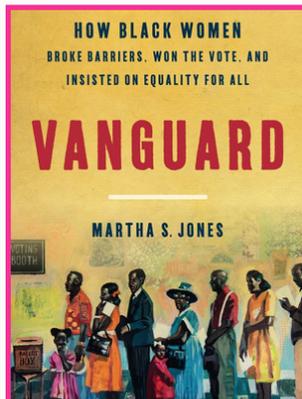
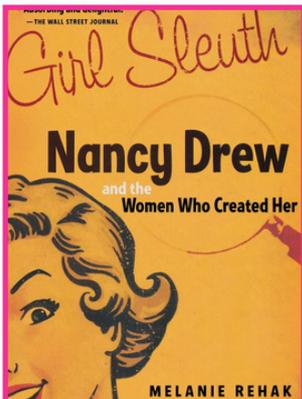
According to the Law Library of Congress, "Women's History Month honors and celebrates the struggles and achievements of American women." Check these books out.

list by Karen Cruze, Librarian Specialist, Adult Services

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# WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

## YOUTH TITLES

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ROSA PARKS



INDIRA GAHANDI



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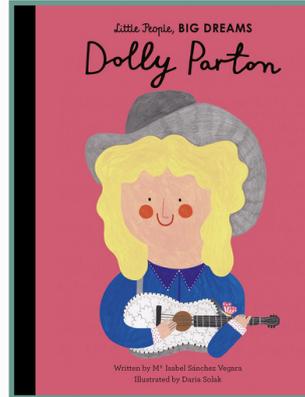
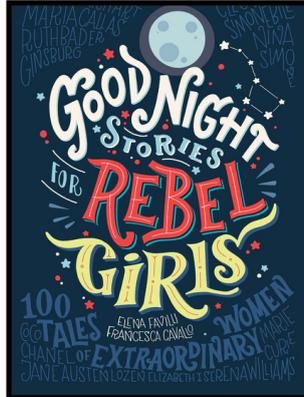
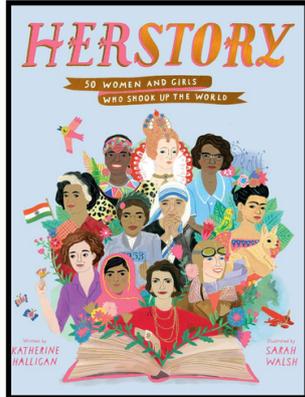
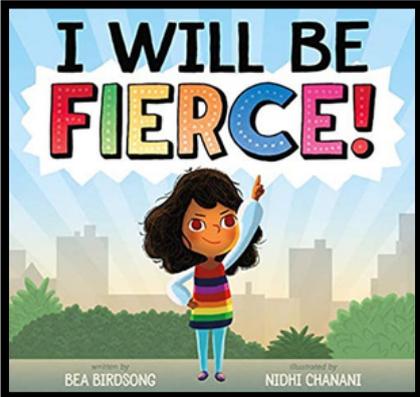
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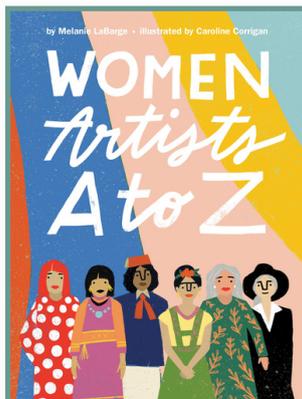
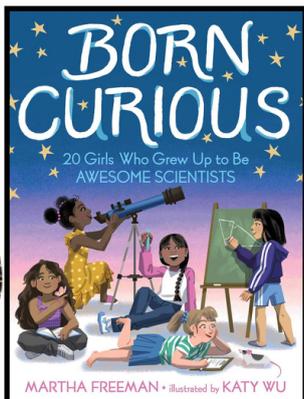
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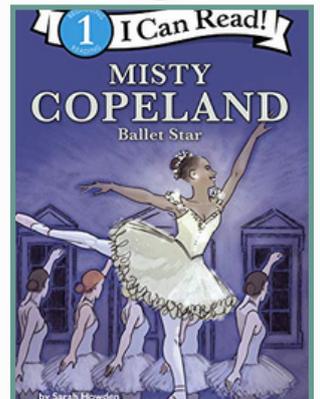
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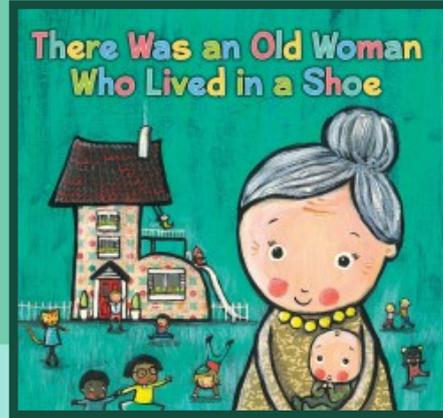
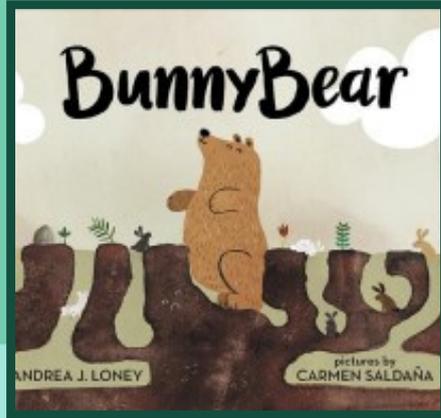
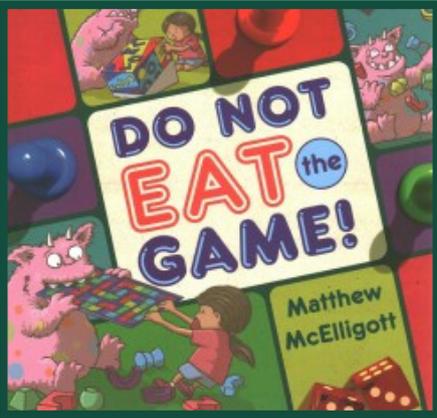


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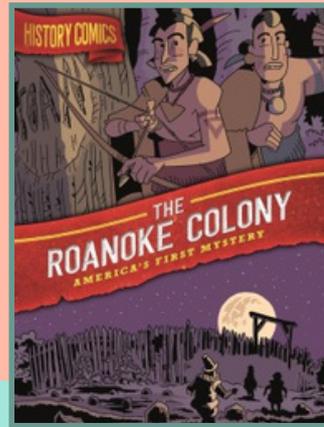
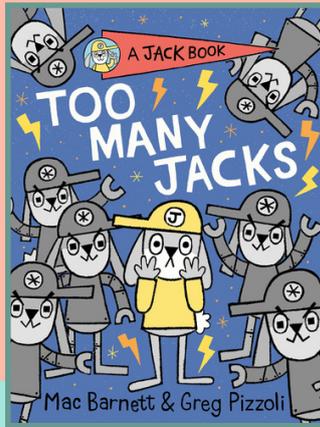
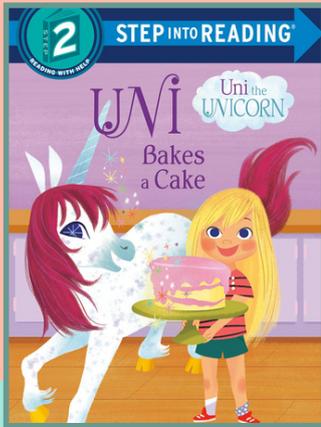


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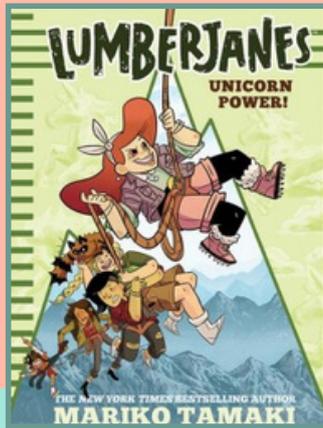
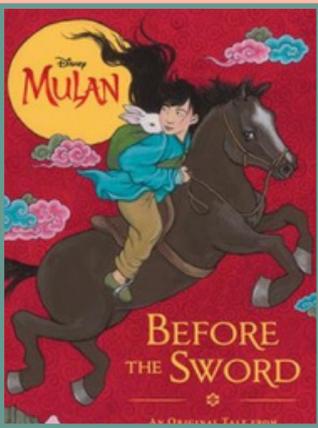
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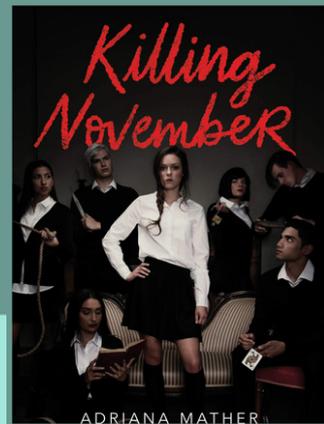
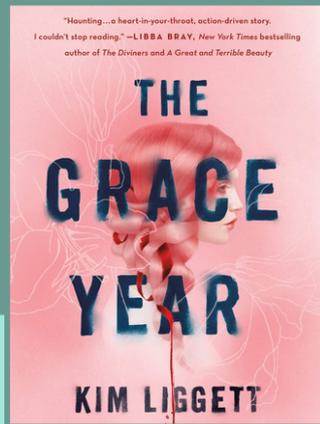
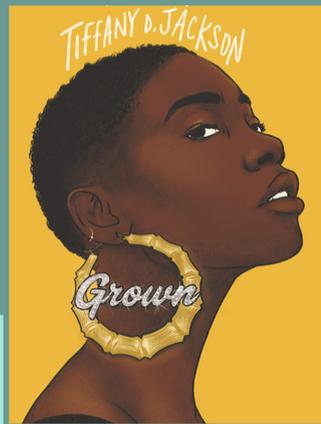
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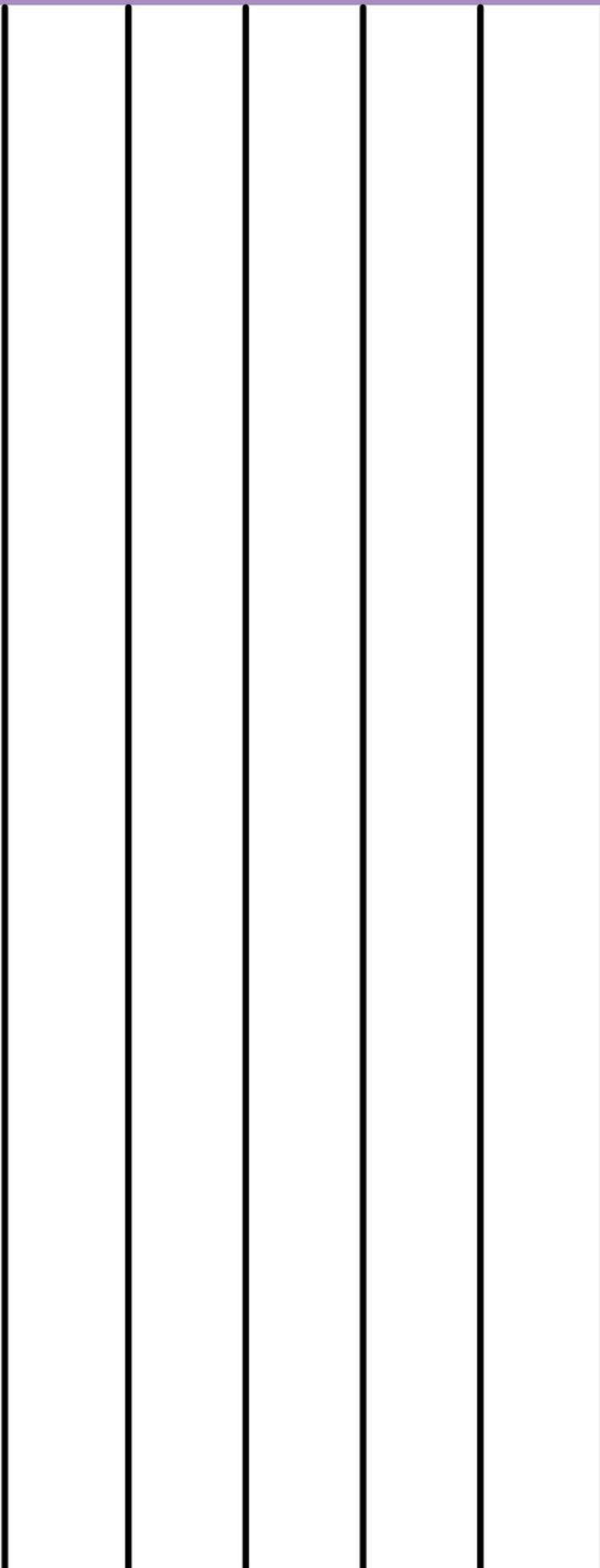
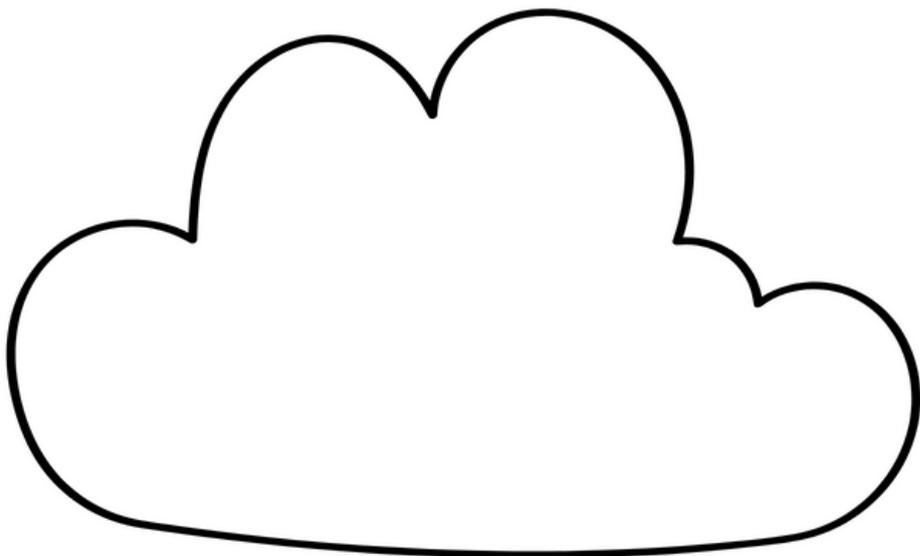
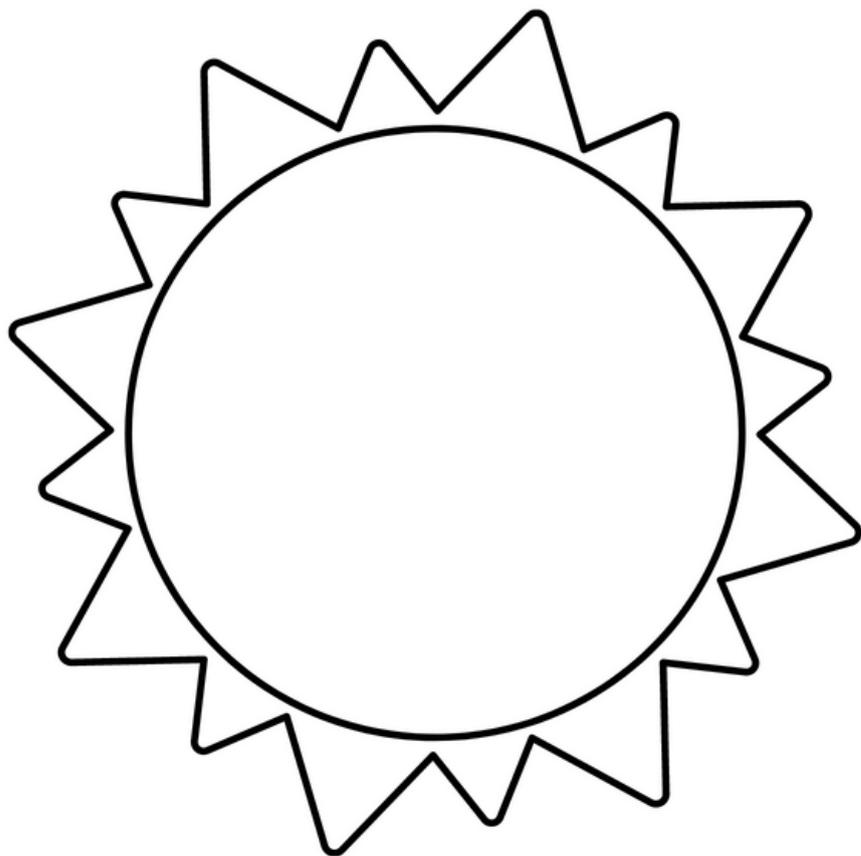
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