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Reminders & New Information:

- * **Every Day is Earth Day** in April at HP Library! Drop your Earth Day pledges in the box on the checkout desk. Check the [Gerbils' Twitter](#) page for suggestions each day!
- * April is National Poetry Month! Have you heard of [book spine poetry](#)? Give it a shot, and send us a photo!
- * Check out our [Pinterest Book Club](#)! Want to talk about a good book? Discuss the books pinned on the book club board in the comments. If you haven't read the book, remember spoilers may occur in discussions. Feel free to message us on Facebook to suggest books!
- * Spring Storytimes are now in session. Register at www.kidsevents.org.

New 2-Day DVDS:

- * Last week we added the brand-new movies [War Horse](#) and [We Bought a Zoo](#).

What's Going On This Week:

- * Saturday Stories for Families will meet this Saturday, the 14th, in the Brenner Room from 10:30am to 11:00am.
- * The flannel board in the Inger Boye room this week is [Corduroy](#) by Don Freeman.
- * Come to the art area and decorate a home for Gilbert the goldfish, and pick out a pet for him. Then you can read the excellent picture book [Gilbert Goldfish Wants a Pet](#) by Kelly DiPucchio. This art project will last through the end of April.

Around the Web:

- * The [Beanie Baby Hunger Games](#). Need we say more? (P.S. We still have a ton of Beanies for Teen Summer Reading prizes this summer.)
- * A guest post on [teens and autism](#) from the Teen Librarian's Toolbox blog. Definitely worth the read. For more materials on children and teens with special needs, check the slat wall just outside the youth department. Also, the library is participating in the [Light It Up Blue](#) program until the end of the month.
- * The Guardian's [sen best children's and young adult literature geeks](#) Can you think of any other literary geeks? Will geeks be the [next big thing](#)?
- * Last week we linked to the [first chapter](#) of Cassie Clare's new *Mortal Instruments* book... and if you're not excited enough after reading that, here's the announcement for the [City of Bones movie](#).

- * [What would \[insert YA heroine here\] do?](#) Hilarious, especially the Bella one.
- * From The Big Picture, photos from [Earth Hour 2012](#). Click the photos to fade to lights-off!
- * Also from The Big Picture, photos from the [Titanic](#). April 15, 2012 marks the 100th anniversary of the sinking. Many new books on the *Titanic* have been published recently, so ask our librarians for recommendations!
- * A collection of the best [library April Fool's pranks](#) from American Libraries Magazine.
- * National Library Workers' Day is April 10. *hint* You can [nominate a "star" library worker](#) *hint* If you want. Your choice. But we gerbils *clearly* deserve it.
- * Google begins testing [augmented reality glasses](#). Anyone read *Feed* by M.T. Anderson?
- * What? How? Watch [this video](#) of a firecracker going off *inside* a balloon - without the balloon popping.
- * Watch a [live feed of a great blue heron nest](#).
- * Our newest [board](#) on Pinterest is for **your** photos around Highland Park! Comment on our "[Please invite me](#)" pin or message us on [Facebook](#) for an invite to pin on the board.
- * Check out our most recent Stumble, [a spherical robot](#). We can't decide if it is cool or creepy. What do you think?

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