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This week: Summer Reading, book trailers, and many neat links!

Reminders & New Information:

* It's that time of year again! Can you believe it? Summer Reading is almost here. This year's program is called "Reading is Delicious," and starts June 4, running until July 28. More info to come but we hope you're going to have a **biiiiiig** appetite for books!
* Come to the library and meet Michael Jordan's mother on May 5!
* Lots of new book trailers on our Pinterest page for upcoming books.
* Check out our Pinterest Book Club!
* Green patrons picked up seed packets yesterday, April 22, to celebrate Earth Day - we'll continue to tweet Earth Month tips until May.
* Junior Page Volunteers! Registration begins May 1.
* Meet popular author Sharon Draper on May 12.
* Spring Storytimes are in session. Register at www.kidsevents.org.
* The flannel board in the Inger Boye room this week is The Three Little Pigs by Susanna Davidson.

New 2-Day DVDS:

* New 2-Days last week: Mission Impossible: Ghost Protocol.

Around the Web:

Books & Book Stuff
* Some pretty fantastic new cut book illustrations.
* Maggie Stiefvater fans! Read the first two chapters of her new book, *The Raven Boys*.
* Reading with Pictures has begun a Kickstarter to create *The Graphic Textbook*. Very innovative idea - tell us in the comments if you would like this.
* Adorable picture book alert: *Darth Vader and Son* explores what it would have been like if Darth Vader got to raise Luke.
* The next time someone tells you that someone say that the Internet has killed book-reading... show them this graph. (Spoiler alert: it hasn't.)
* From Waterstones Oxford - 5 dystopic novels that aren't *The Hunger Games.*

* An incredibly informative article from the New York Times about e-books, publishers and libraries.
* OverDrive data shows that people prefer to browse the digital shelves just like physical ones!

Cool Stuff

* This month's issue of School Library Journal features a few great links for finding out more about the Titanic. Check them out in our Homework Help section. Also, here's a free Titanic app from National Geographic.
* Canadian rescue cats? No, really. Canadian rescue cats.
* A gallery of Earth Day 2012 images from the Big Picture.
* Planet Earth narrated by kids!
* Have you played the new Angry Birds Space? Here's an astronaut on the ISS talking about physics in space…. via Angry Birds!
* The rock hyrax, a small mammal of the Middle East and Africa, is already well known for its vocalization. But now, scientists have discovered that the hyrax vocalizes with syntax – making them another animal species with a complex language. Super cool!
* Everyone knows penguins can't fly… or can they?

Movies of Books

* How about Broadway musicals of books? *Peter and the Starcatcher* is currently playing at the Brooks Atkinson Theatre in New York.
* Ender fans – follow the official Ender's Game movie Tumblr. Check out some of the first shots of the set… including Ender's monitor!
* Does Hunger Games sequel *Catching Fire* have a director? Maybe.

Highland Park News

* Braeside fourth graders released rainbow trout raised in their classroom into a stream. Way to celebrate Earth Month, Braeside!
* The Lake County Forest Preserve has a live feed of a great horned owl in the area. Check it out!

Gerbil News

* This week, we gerbils were called "dump trucks". We weren't sleeping - we were parked. Our eyes were not closed, we just had our headlights off. We gerbils have been called by *many* names we are not, but dump trucks is our favorite!
* Check out photos from the Instrument Petting Zoo held on 4/21!
* Our most popular Pinterest pin this week was How to Remove an Embedded Tick. Not the most pleasant subject, but a good skill to have! If you'd prefer something a little less crawly, our second most popular pin was Recycle Bin Camels.

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