

What You Need to Know for the Week of April 30

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This week in a nutshell: MJ's mom! Sharon Draper! Rick Riordan! Hunger Games (as usual). Reading YA! Interesting things in nature! First glimpses of movies! Trade poo for wifi!

Reminders and New Information

- * Michael Jordan's mom will be here on Saturday, May 5! [Register online](#).
- * Sharon Draper will speak the following Saturday, May 12! [Register online](#).
- * [Junior Page](#) volunteers - registration begins May 1.
- * In May, we will have two spotlight books in the art area: [Kiss, Kiss](#) and [Hush, Hush](#) by Margaret Wild. The art project will be hippo flower picture frames. You'll have to come in to find out what those look like (they're really cute).
- * This week's flannel board book is [Quick as a Cricket](#) by Audrey Wood.
- * More Summer Reading 2012 information will be [coming soon](#)...
- * Look behind the YS desk this week for a new analog [Pinterest](#) board!

Around the Web

Books and Book Stuff

- * Rick Riordan fans! On May 1 at noon, Riordan will be doing a [free webcast](#) from the Rosicrucian Museum & Planetarium in California. He'll be touring the museum, but MOST IMPORTANTLY, he'll be reading from the new Kane Chronicles book, [The Serpent's Shadow](#) AND answering questions from viewers. The webcast is free, but you do need to register in advance to participate. The book comes out that same day – reserve your copy now!
- * The website companion to Tony DiTerlizzi's [WondLa](#) series has [relaunched](#), with tons of interesting resources, including an alternate reality game!
- * Venezuela's [four-legged mobile libraries](#) (via BBC News). The library has a few great books about biblioburros. What do you think about bibliojerbos (gerbils)? Yes, they'd have to be tiny books. And we'd probably nibble them before we got to our destinations... Maybe we'll let the mules and donkeys take this one.
- * It's okay to [read YA](#).

- * What makes a good [dystopia](#)?
- * Why *The Hunger Games* [is the new Little House on the Prairie](#).
- * You'll probably never get to meet Suzanne Collins. [Why](#)?
- * The [most highlighted passage](#) on Kindle is one from *Catching Fire*: "Because sometimes things happen to people and they're not equipped to deal with them." (Actually, the list is dominated by *Hunger Games* trilogy quotes!)
- * Did you love the analog app picture book *Press Here*? Now it really [is an app](#)!
- * Frances Hardinge, author of the *Fly By Night* series, has released chapter one of her new book [A Face Like Glass](#).
- * Everything you need to know about the [Hugo Award](#), in handy infographic form!

Cool Stuff

- * Check out this awesome [off-roading border collie](#)!
- * [White killer whale](#) spotted in the wild – way cool.
- * The first four million digits of pi in [one single image](#). Baffling.
- * Nature's [most adorable acrobat](#) is a gerbil relative. (Obviously!)
- * Archery is now an [extremely popular hobby](#). Who would have guessed?
- * Exchange your dog's [poop for free wi-fi](#), a very green initiative.
- * Ridiculously imaginative [playgrounds](#).
- * Interested in [prairie dog language](#)?
- * [TV for dogs](#). What do you think?
- * Buildings made out of [books](#).

Lists / Polls

- * Which book that refers to another book is your [favorite](#) book?
- * A list of [YA authors](#) on Pinterest.

Movies & Movies of Books

- * Pixar has released another trailer for their June 22 movie, [Brave](#), and [what's next](#)?
- * First glimpse of [The Hobbit](#) movie – what do you think?
- * Charlie Kaufman is penning the screenplay for [The Knife of Never Letting Go](#) movie. Perfect match.

Highland Park and Local News

- * Elm Place students presented Project Citizen [websites](#) at the April 23 city council meeting. This year's theme was bullying.
- * The theatrical adaptation of Mo Willems [Naked Mole Rat Gets Dressed](#) is in Chicago for one more week - until May 6!
- * Estee Lauder Philanthropist [Donates Rare Postcards](#) to Lake County Museum.

Gerbil Updates

- * Attention all fans of us (aka everyone): Want to live like us? Stay in the [Hamster Villa](#) in Western France.

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