

What You Need to Know the Week of May 7

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This week: HPPL joins CCS! Our librarians meet Neil Gaiman! Sharon Draper! Links! Links! Links!

Reminders and New Information

The library will be closed on Tuesday, May 8, as we upgrade our catalog to join [CCS](#).

Due to the upgrade, please **do not** register for any programs in our calendar on Monday, May 7, and Tuesday, May 8. Our librarians went to see Neil Gaiman speak at the Harold Washington Library on May 4 – they got [photo](#) with him AND best of all, he [tweeted](#) us gerbils this morning! "Peculiarly verbal gerbils" is our new favorite moniker.

The 2012-13 [Book Match](#) lists are out! We are in the process of adding all the new titles to the Nooks.

[Sharon Draper](#), author of [Out of My Mind](#), will speak the following Saturday, May 12! [Register online](#). Sharon Draper has won multiple awards for her books including the Coretta Scott King Award (twice) for *Forged by Fire* (1998) and [Copper Sun](#) (2007). She's best known for her novel, "Darkness Before Dawn," as well as "The Battle Of Jericho." Books will be for sale and the afternoon will conclude with a book signing.

All our Summer [events](#) are now up on our calendar and you can begin [registering](#). We have a ton of great programs for our Summer Reading theme "Reading is Delicious!"

[Junior Page](#) volunteers - registration began May 1. Call or visit the Youth Desk to register.

This week's flannel board book is [Whoever You Are](#) by Mem Fox.

Look behind the YS desk this week for a new analog [Pinterest](#) board!

Around the Web

Books and Book Stuff

- * From Mental Floss, [19 Fun Facts](#) about Children's Books.
- * The Atlantic Wire has started a very interesting [discussion](#) in the library blogosphere about race in YA fiction. Author Sarah Ockler's [response](#).
- * The [first page](#) of *Howl's Moving Castle* as Diana Wynne Jones originally hand-wrote it.
- * GoodReads – has it change [the way you read books](#)? YALSA wants to know.
- * [A review](#) of China Mieville's newest, *Railsea*, a Moby Dick re-imagining as only Mieville could, from GuysRead.
- * Preview [Vampire Kisses #9: Immortal Hearts](#) on HarperTeen's site.
- * Fans of Printz winner *Ship Breaker* will be interested in [this review](#) of its companion novel, *The Drowned Cities*. Book

trailer [here](#).

- * A sneak peak of *A Hero for WondLa* by Tony DiTerlizzi.
- * Why YA? Discussing Chris Crutcher & *Sarah Byrnes*.
- * Why [you should read](#) M.T. Anderson books.
- * Some [stunning book art](#).
- * Getting ready for prom? Why not check out a few [prom novels](#) to get ready?
- * If babies [ran the Horn Book](#).

Cool Stuff

- * Cats, baking, and jazz – a hilarious, hilarious [website](#).
- * A teen in Maine has begun a [petition](#) for *Seventeen* magazine to include one un-PhotoShopped spread in each magazine, advocating “real beauty.” *Seventeen* [turned down](#) her petition. YA author Maureen Johnson [responds](#) in true MJ style.
- * [Picnic pants](#), a brilliant concept design for picnicking on the go!
- * Want to [buy a dinosaur](#)?
- * How small is small? How big is big? Check out this [scale map](#) of the universe.
- * Speaking of how big is big... check out the [ENORMOUS Tasmanian king crab](#).

Movies & Movies of Books

- * Neil Gaiman’s *The Graveyard Book* will be a [movie](#)– Disney [purchased the rights](#) to it this week.
- * An article from YALSA’s The Hub blog about [Charlie Kaufman’s adaptation](#) of *The Knife of Never Letting Go*.

Tech

- * Preschoolers & book apps – an investigation by [Sesame Workshop](#).
- * Steve Jobs wanted to [pull a Willy Wonka](#) with Apple.
- * YALSA’s App of the Week is [Frankenstein for iPad](#)– a choose your own adventure look at the novel. Very cool.

Highland Park and Local News

- * Congratulations to long-time library patron, Miguel, on his [Athlete of the Year award](#)!

Gerbil Updates

- * Can we just mention again that [NEIL GAIMAN TWEETED US?](#)

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