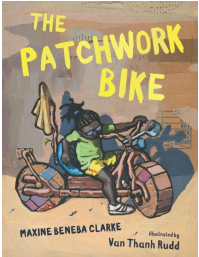
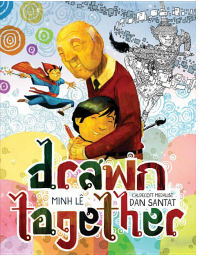



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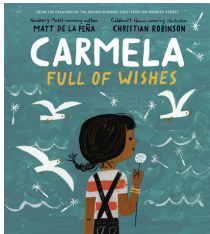
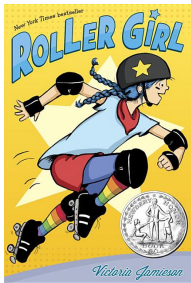
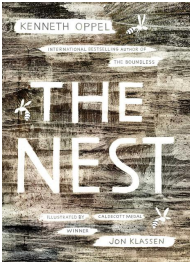
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Refer to the [TeachingBooks Literary Calendar](#) for curricular connections and birthday and holiday celebrations.


Grades	Title	Themes	Possibilities or Choose Your Own
PreK-2	 <p>The Patchwork Bike by Maxine Beneba Clarke and Van Thanh Rudd</p>	Picture Book Realistic Fiction Bicycles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebrate Bicycle Month by introducing Maxine Beneba Clarke, author of <i>The Patchwork Bike</i>. • Watch the complete book reading with your class. • Use the Cultural Representation Reflection, allowing your students to draw a comparison of their lives to the book's characters. You can also do it as a class. • Ask students to create their own collage item, as described in the teachers' guide from Candlewick Press.
	 <p>Drawn Together by Minh Lê and Dan Santat</p>	Picture Book Graphic Novel Asian American	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before you share the book, use the “Teacher’s Tool For Navigation” activity in the teaching ideas from Unleashing Readers. Talk about how they were able to communicate without words. • Introduce the author and illustrator of <i>Drawn Together</i> by playing their Audio Name Pronunciations. • Read aloud or play the complete book reading of <i>Drawn Together</i>—be sure you watch to the end for a secret about the book's design. • Listen to the Meet-the-Author Recordings for behind-the-scenes scoop. Then utilize the Disney-Hyperion discussion guide for questions and follow-up activities.
1-5	 <p>Fauja Singh Keeps Going by Simran Jeet Singh and Baljinder Kaur</p>	Picture Book South Asian Sports Biography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebrate National Sports Month by learning about Fauja Singh. Follow the pre-reading activities in the educator's guide from Penguin Classroom. • Show the complete book reading, read by the author. • Play the Meet-the-Author Recording with Simran Jeet Singh. • Refer back to the educator's guide for post-reading discussion and activities.

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1-5	 <p>Carmela Full of Wishes by Matt de la Peña and Christian Robinson</p> <p>*Also available in Spanish</p>	Picture Book Latino/African Emotions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet the award-winning team of <i>Carmela Full of Wishes</i> by watching the interview with Matt de la Peña by Brightly. Play the audiobook excerpt and invite readers to draw what they heard. Read the book or show the complete book reading. Encourage your class to compare what they saw in the book to what their classmates drew. If time allows, complete the paper bracelet craft in the craft activity from MaiStoryBook or use the Share Tool to send it home to parents.
4-8	 <p>Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson</p>	Realistic Fiction Graphic Novel Sports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It's National Sports Month. Use the Hands-free Book Browsing Collection to demonstrate how to listen to an audiobook excerpt and read a Google Preview to make appropriate reading selections with a sports theme. Select Filters: Grade 4-8 and Genre Sports. Sort by Reading Level. To save your filters, right-click on <i>Roller Girl</i> to open in a new window. Play the audiobook excerpt, then read from the Google Preview. Allow your class to practice using the Hands-free Book Browsing Collection to find their next, just-right book.
	 <p>The Nest by Kenneth Oppel and Jon Klassen</p>	Science Fiction/Fantasy Chapter Book Disability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launch Canadian's Children's Book Week by sharing the book trailer of Kenneth Oppel's <i>The Nest</i>. Show the awards it has won on the book page. Play the Meet-the-Author Recording for <i>The Nest</i>. Share the audiobook excerpt. Tell students that they have listened to three ways to preview a book. Ask them how these resources hook them to read the book. Ask readers to write/talk about questions they have about the story. Refer to the reading group guide from Simon & Schuster, as needed.

May Author Study Ideas

<p>Ed Young: Author Study</p> 	PreK-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce author/illustrator Ed Young by playing his Audio Name Pronunciation. • Show the cover of <i>Seven Blind Mice</i>, then play the audiobook excerpt. Ask the students how blind mice can “see” what’s at the pond. • Watch the video book reading. What do the students think the mice have found? Read the book aloud if you have access to a copy. • Use the “What Am I?” Activity to have your class write riddles as guided in the lesson plan from Weston Woods.
	1-5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn about Ed Young by watching the Meet-the-Author Movie. • Ask students to write three things they learned about him from watching the movie. • Show your class how to browse books by Ed Young. Narrow your choices by filtering for Grades 1-5. How many books do they see now? • Visit your library catalog. How many of these titles does your library own? Read from a selection of your options. Or, locate and listen to excerpts by filtering the book results for Ed Young page for Read-Along Performances.
	4-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show students how to search for the author, Ed Young. Talk about the featured items in red text at the top of the page—resources, awards, and books. • Listen to the audiobook excerpt from <i>Lon Po Po</i>. Ask: What do they know about the story? • Play the Meet-the-Author Recording for <i>Lon Po Po</i>. Be sure to show them the illustration to which he refers. Ask: What do they know now about the story that they didn’t know before?