FROM THE EDITOR

Get the Inside Scoop

For a native New Yorker, nothing says fall like the crisp of leaves on the ground and the smell of pumpkin spiced latte. And for avid readers and reviewers the fall season signifies that the most anticipated titles are just about to fill our shelves and devices. It’s difficult to winnow down which volumes might just be THE book of the season, so SLJ editors have decided to lend you a hand with this Sneak Peek at (150+) must-have works being published for children and teens from August to December 2017. We’ve been known to feature New York Times bestsellers, National Book Award-winners, and quite a few selections that go on to win shiny medals. So, we hope that this can serve as a handy collection development tool and a useful overview of what your students and patrons will be reading in the years to come.

Also, take a look at which books will be heavily promoted at the ALA Annual meeting in Chicago from June 23–26. We even have some advance notice of a few author signings. Get those pages turning!

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School Library Journal

Key: We’ve noted when titles will be available as galleys at ALA Annual (ALA) and/or if the author or illustrator are doing appearances at upcoming conferences; an asterisk (*) denotes that a title has received an early SLJ starred review.
On a Magical Do-Nothing Day
A child is convinced that a rainy day without a gaming device will be deadly boring. The whimsical art and charming text prove otherwise. A magical offering.

Baby Goes to Market
By Atinuke. illus. by Angela Brooksbank. Candlewick. Sept.
Join Baby and Mama as they make their way through a bustling Nigerian marketplace for a bright, bouncy read-aloud offering a gentle introduction to common foods and counting.

The Wolf, the Duck, and the Mouse
When a woeful mouse is swallowed by a wolf, he quickly learns he is not alone: a duck has already set up digs with delicious food and elegant table settings courtesy of the wolf’s unchecked gluttony. The award-winning duo offer a tale of cooperation that is sure to go down easy. Barnett will be signing posters at ALA.

Why Am I Me?
A thoughtful and lyrical exploration of humanity and diversity through the eyes of two children, who each ask the same existential questions. ALA

Monkey Not Ready for Bedtime
Brown’s familiar Monkey gets ready for bed every evening, but has difficulty falling asleep. He finally succeeds with a little help from his brother, some friendly dinosaurs, and his own vivid imagination.

It Takes a Village
By Hillary Clinton. illus. by Marla Frazee. S. & S. Sept.
Inspired by the themes of her best-selling adult book, this picture book tells the universal story of what is possible when a community decides to come together. Caldecott Honor–winning Frazee provides the art.

Bonaparte Falls Apart
A little skeleton is having a hard time staying together and needs some assistance. Luckily, he has some good friends to help him get ready for the first day of school.

Mighty Moby
By Barbara DaCosta. illus. by Ed Young. Little, Brown. Aug.
A Moby Dick–inspired picture book with a surprise twist. Caldecott Medal–winning Young is at the top of his game.

La La La
Conceived by DiCamillo and featuring enchanting illustrations by Kim, this nearly wordless graphic story follows a little girl in search of a friend. Both creators will be signing posters at ALA.

Sing, Don’t Cry
Inspired by the life of her grandfather, a successful mariachi musician, Dominguez’s intergenerational picture book is about resilience and the ability to lift young voices and spirits.
I’m Afraid Your Teddy Is in Trouble Today
What happens when a boy goes to school and leaves his teddy bear at home to his own devices? Chaos ensues and the police come to break up the party.

The One Day House
A boy dreams of the ways he can help his elderly neighbor stay warm and comfortable in her old house. One day, friends and neighbors come together and make his plans a reality.

Read the Book, Lemmings
By Ame Dyckman. illus. by Zachariah OHora. Little, Brown. Nov.
The creators of Wolfie the Bunny and Horrible Bear are back with an Arctic-themed learning-to-read adventure.

When’s My Birthday?
An exuberant celebration of all of the things that make a child’s birthday so special by acclaimed author Fogliano and award-winning illustrator Robinson.

The Boy and the Whale
By Mordicai Gerstein. Roaring Brook. Nov.
A boy and his father find a whale tangled in their fishing net, and the boy risks everything to save the animal. Caldecott Medal–winner Gerstein tells a powerful tale in words and pictures.

In the Middle of the Fall
A sensory tour of the season from the masterful Henkes.

That Is My Dream!
A lyrical plea for a world free of discrimination: “Dream Variations,” one of Hughes’s most celebrated poems, is now a picture book, stunningly illustrated by Miyares, the acclaimed creator of Float. ALA

No Kimchi for Me!
Yoomi hates spicy kimchi until her Grandma introduces her to kimchi pancakes. A celebration of family, food, and Korean American culture.

Little Skeletons Countdown to Midnight/Esqueletitos: Un libro para contar en El Día de los Muertos
Another winning bilingual entry from the creator of Los pollitos/Little Chickies, just in time for Day of the Dead celebrations. The cover glows in the dark!

Leap
A romp through the natural world via a circular story poem full of rollicking rhyme and action words. The mixed-media collage art adds to the energy and motion of the text.

Lines
A seemingly simple story from the Hans Christian Andersen Award nominee about a young skater on a frozen pond.

The Little Red Cat Who Ran Away and Learned His ABC’s the Hard Way
A little red cat stars in this high-energy alphabetical adventure by Caldecott Honor–winning cartoonist McDonnell.
**Princess Hair**
A debut author/illustrator celebrates black hair of different shapes, textures, and styles in this self-affirming picture book.

**Mama Lion Wins the Race**
A motor race through the Italian countryside, with Mama Lion and Tigey vying for the trophy along with the Flying Pandinis and the mischievous Knitted Monkey crew. A madcap competition presented by the award-winning Muth. ALA.

**Hey Black Child**
Six-time Coretta Scott King Award winner and four-time Caldecott Honor recipient Collier brings this classic inspirational poem to life. Collier will be signing at ALA.

**Nothing Rhymes with Orange**
When Apple notices how left out Orange is feeling, the entire English language begins to become a bit more inclusive. Author/illustrator Rex has created a parable about celebrating differences.

**After the Fall**
By Dan Santat. Roaring Brook. Sept.
Award-winning author/illustrator Santat picks up the pieces of the Humpty Dumpty saga and explores how the good egg overcomes his fear of heights to once again pursue the passions he enjoys. Santat will be signing at ALA.

**Robinson**
By Peter Sís. Scholastic. Sept.
The author blends a true story from his childhood with the fictional adventure of Robinson Crusoe to create an imaginative and magical picture book. ALA.

**You’re All Kinds of Wonderful**
A look at the things that make individuals unique and different. Author/illustrator Tillman continues to convey to children everywhere the message “You are loved.”

**The Antlered Ship**
By Dashka Slater. illus. by Fan Brothers. S. & S. Sept.
A fox embarks on a seafaring adventure with a crew of deer and pigeons. This imaginative adventure is brought to life by Terry and Eric Fan, illustrators of The Night Gardener.

**The Purloining of Prince Oleomargarine**
A never-before-published, previously unfinished Mark Twain children’s story is brought to life by Caldecott Medal winners Philip and Erin Stead. ALA.

**Say Zoop!**
In his latest participatory picture book, Tullet encourages readers to interact with the dots in the physical book and to make some noise.

**In Your Hands**
A black mother expresses her hopes and dreams for her child in this powerful picture book. The striking illustrations are by multiple award-winning artist Pinkney.
**Beginning Readers**

**I Hug**  
The beloved author/illustrator reminds the earliest readers about all of the huggable things they encounter every day.

**I See a Cat**  
This new adventure about the rambunctious pup from the Theodor Seuss Geisel Honor Book *See Me Run* is just right for developing readers.

**That’s My Book! And Other Stories**  
*By Salina Yoon. Bloomsbury. Sept.*  
The award-winning author/illustrator continues her charming early reader series featuring the hilarious Porcupine and his two Duck friends.

**Middle Grade Fiction**

**Wishtree**  
*By Katherine Applegate. Feiwel & Friends. Sept.*  
A sentient tree narrates the goings-on in a small town where a Muslim family encounters prejudice.  
*Applegate will be signing at ALA.*

**Rise of the Jumbies**  
*By Tracey Baptiste. Algonquin. Sept.*  
Corinne and her friends return in another spine-tingling adventure under the sea that takes them to the coast of Ghana.  
*Baptiste will be signing at ALA.*

**The Wonderling**  
*By Mira Bartók. Candlewick. Sept.*  
A talking foxlike creature with one ear seeks his destiny in a Dickensian setting.  
*Bartók will be signing at ALA.*

**Shai & Emmie Star in Break an Egg!**  
From Academy Award–nominated actress Wallis comes the first in a brand-new series about best friends Shai and Emmie, two third graders destined for superstardom.  
*ALA.*

**Lucky Break (Molly Mac)**  
*By Marty Kelley. Capstone/Picture Window. Aug.*  
The start of a new, illustrated early chapter book series. When Molly Mac loses her “lucky” pencil, she starts to panic. She needs her pencil to create a drawing for the school’s art show.

**Tumble & Blue**  
The magic-infused and much-anticipated second novel by the author of *Cirrus Minimus.*
*Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus*
A girl born without arms, who makes up hilarious and outrageous lies to explain how she “lost” her them, moves to a new town. Funny, poignant, and empowering. Bowling will be signing at ALA.

The Dreadful Tale of Prosper Redding
Prosper is the only unexceptional Redding in his old and storied family history—that is, until he discovers the demon living inside him.

The War I Finally Won
The sequel to the Newbery Honor–winning *The War that Saved My Life*.

The Losers Club
When Principal Vance lays down the law—pay attention in class, or else—Alec takes action. He can’t lose all his reading time, so he starts a club. After all, reading isn’t a team sport, and no one would want to join something called the Losers Club, right?

The Wizards of Once
In the first book of a new series by the author of *How To Train Your Dragon*, the warring worlds of Wizards and Warriors collide in a thrilling and enchanting adventure. ALA

*The Crims*
A girl must save her unsavory mob-boss relatives in this middle grade comedy.

Zinnia and the Bees
Seventh grader Zinnia learns some unexpected lessons on friendship when a colony of bees move into her hair.

The Incredible Magic of Being
A contemporary story about Julian’s “uni-sense,” his love of science and comets, and his mystical ways of seeing the world as he faces questions about what makes him special. ALA

The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street
By Karina Glaser. HMH. Oct.
The Vanderbeekers have always lived in the brownstone on 141st Street. It’s practically another member of the family. So when their reclusive, curmudgeonly landlord decides not to renew their lease, the five siblings have 11 days to do whatever it takes to stay in their beloved home.

Slider
Competitive eating vies with family expectations in a funny, heartfelt novel for middle graders by the National Book Award winner.

Ahimsa
In this historical middle grade novel, Gandhi asks for one member of each family to join the fight for independence from the British, and when Anjali’s mother is jailed for doing so, Anjali must step out of her comfort zone to take over her mother’s work. ALA

The Getaway
(Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Bk. 12)
To escape the stress of the holidays, the Heffleys decide to get out of town and go to a resort instead of celebrating Christmas at home.

The Exact Location of Home
When his dad’s latest visit is canceled with no explanation and his mom seems to be hiding something, Zig turns to his best friend Gianna and a new gizmo—a garage sale GPS unit—for help. Convinced that his dad is leaving clues around town to explain his absence, Zig sets out to find him.
The Stars Beneath Our Feet
A boy tries to steer a safe path through the projects in Harlem in the wake of his brother’s death. MOORE WILL BE SIGNING AT ALA.

Mustaches for Maddie
A humor-loving, optimistic middle grader is diagnosed with a brain tumor and prepares for surgery.

*Auma’s Long Run
By Eucabeth Odhiambo. Lerner. Sept.
A moving and personal historical novel about a girl living in Kenya during the breakout of HIV/AIDS.

My Brigadista Year
A historical novel set in Cuba in 1960 during Fidel Castro’s yearlong literacy campaign, in which volunteers went into the countryside to teach farmers how to read and write. ALA

*The First Rule of Punk
Twelve-year-old Malú inadvertently upsets Posada Middle School’s queen bee, violates the school’s dress code with her punk rock look, and disappoints her college-professor mom in the process. A hilarious, zine-filled, and heartfelt debut from a Chicago librarian. PEREZ WILL BE SIGNING AT ALA.

Explorer
From the Boston Globe–Horn Book Award winner comes a new novel about a group of kids who must survive in the Amazon after a plane crash. ALA

Thornhill
By Pam Smy. Roaring Brook. Aug.
A hybrid novel featuring parallel narratives—one told through illustrations, one through prose—that reveal the dark tale of a lonely orphan and a girl unraveling the mystery of Thornhill, an old mansion with an ominous history.

The Secret of Nightingale Wood
All alone, with only stories for company, Henry discovers that Hope House is full of strange secrets: a forgotten attic, ghostly figures, mysterious firelight that flickers in the trees beyond the garden. ALA

Lumberjanes: Unicorn Power!
A novel adaptation of the hit graphic novel series, featuring illustrations from the comic’s artist. ALA

Nevermoor
An enchanting series opener by a debut author about a cursed girl who escapes death and finds herself in a magical world. ALA

The Way to Bea
A charming and insightful middle grade novel about being yourself and finding your place by the author of The Truth About Twinkie Pie.

*Landscape with Invisible Hand
The National Book Award winner returns to future Earth in a sharply wrought satire of art and truth in the midst of colonization. ANDERSON WILL BE SIGNING AT ALA.

Tool of War
The third novel set in the dark future established in his Printz Award–winner Ship Breaker focuses on the menacing and complex Tool. BACIGALUPI WILL BE SIGNING AT ALA.

The Language of Thorns
Midnight Tales and Dangerous Magic
A collection of tales inspired by the world of the best-selling novels set in the Grishaverse.
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Girls Made of Snow and Glass
A feminist fantasy reimagining of the Snow White fairytale. ALA

Starfish
An emotional debut novel about a Japanese American teen who grapples with social anxiety and her narcissistic mother in the wake of a crushing rejection from art school. ALA

Before the Devil Breaks You (Diviners)
In this penultimate installment of the series, the Diviners have new foes with a connection to the King of Crows—ghosts. Jump right into the Jazz Age with the latest in this layered paranormal/historical fiction series. ALA

The Knowing
By Sharon Cameron. Scholastic. Oct.
This pulse-pounding companion The Forgetting explores the truth and loss that lie within human memory and the bonds that hold people together. ALA

Jane, Unlimited
The Graceling author comes back after a brief hiatus with this genre-bender. Looking for direction after the loss of her guardian aunt, Jane accepts an unexpected invitation to a gala at an extravagant island mansion called Tu Reviens. There she faces five choices that can ultimately determine the course of her un tethered life. Cashore will be signing at ALA.

Forest of a Thousand Lanterns
The stars say that 18-year-old Xifeng (pronounced She-fung) is meant to be Empress of Feng Lu. But only if she embraces the darkness within her. This debut set in an East Asian-inspired fantasy world will be devoured by fans of Red Queen and The Wrath and the Dawn. ALA

Brooding YA Hero: Becoming a Main Character (Almost) as Awesome as Me
Have you ever wished you could receive a little guidance from your favorite book boyfriend? Twitter personality @broodingYAHero is here to help as he tackles the final frontier in his media dominance: writing a book. A “self-help” guide that lovingly pokes fun at the YA tropes that we roll our eyes at but secretly love.

Truthers
Katie’s dad has a breakdown and lands in a mental hospital. To get him out, Katie needs to prove he’s not crazy—which means investigating his conspiracy theories about the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Girard will be signing at Booth 2825 on Sunday, June 25 at 10:15 AM.

Invictus
Doctor Who meets Guardians of the Galaxy in this thrilling sci-fi novel. ALA

Feral Youth
Edited by Shaun David Hutchinson. Simon Pulse. Sept.
Ten teens are left alone in the wilderness during a three-day survival test in this multi-authored novel edited by the award-winning Hutchinson. ALA

That Inevitable Victorian Thing
Set in a near-future world where the British Empire never fell and the United States never rose, this inventive novel centers around Victoria-Margaret, the crown princess of the empire. ALA

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In a world where every word and gesture is copyrighted, patented, or trademarked, thus keeping many families in poverty and silence,
one girl’s defiance threatens to unravel the very fabric of society. KASTSOULIS will be signing at ALA on Saturday, June 24 at 12 PM.

A Line in the Dark
Jess Wong is Angie Redmond’s best friend. But Angie begins to fall for Margot Adams. As Angie drags Jess further into Margot’s circle, Jess discovers that secrets and cruelty lie just beneath the carefree surface of this world of wealth and privilege.

*Genuine Fraud
From the author of the unforgettable We Were Liars comes a masterful new psychological suspense novel—the story of a young woman whose diabolical smarts are her ticket into a charmed life. LOCKHART will be signing at ALA.

Warcross
For the millions who log in every day, Warcross isn’t just a game—it’s a way of life. Teenager hacker Emika Chen works as a bounty hunter, tracking down players who bet on the game illegally. In this sci-fi thriller, Lu conjures an exhilarating world where choosing who to trust may be the biggest gamble of all. LU will be signing at ALA.

All the Wind in the World
From the author of A Fierce and Subtle Poison comes a love story set on a cursed ranch in a dark and gritty landscape. ALA

This Darkness Mine
The award-winning author of The Female of the Species returns with a new twisted psychological thriller.

Spliced
In this gripping sci-fi thriller, genetically altered teens fight for survival in a near-future society that is redefining what it means to be human.

Wild Beauty
The author of the National Book Award long-listed When the Moon Was Ours delivers a spellbinding romance about a lush garden and two lovers who fall under its spell. McLemore will be signing at ALA.

Release
Inspired by Judy Blume’s Forever and Virginia Woolf’s Mrs. Dalloway, the latest from the author of A Monster Calls is a raw, darkly funny, and deeply affecting story about the courage it takes to live your truth.

Rebel Seoul
By Axie Oh. Tu Books. Sept.
When Jaewon is assigned to partner with supersoldier Tera in Neo Seoul’s top weapons development division, he must decide where he stands: with the people his rebel father protected or with the totalitarian government that claims it will end all war. OH will be signing at ALA.

Akata Warrior
Sunny is a Nigerian American witch, drawing from many magical traditions, and she’s coming into her own. In this sequel to Akata Witch, she learns that she has been chosen to lead a dangerous mission to avert an apocalypse brought about by the terrifying masquerade. OKORAFOR will be signing at ALA.

Shadowhouse Fall
(The Shadowshaper Cypher, Book 2)
By Daniel Jose Older. Scholastic. Sept.
The extraordinary sequel to the NYT best seller Shadowshaper is daring, dazzling, and defiant. ALA

The Town Built on Sorrow
Sixteen-year-old high school reporter Harper Spurling unknowingly befriends a teenage serial killer who is terrorizing the strange, isolated small town of Hawthorn. ALA
Jaya and Rasa: A Love Story
Seventeen-year-old Jaya Mehta detests wealth, secrets, and privilege, though he has them all. His family is Indian, originally from Gujarat. Rasa Santos, like many in Hawaii, is of mixed ethnicity. By the time they cross paths, Jaya is a transgender outsider with depressive tendencies and the stunningly beautiful Rasa thinks sex is her only power until a violent pimp takes over her life. Will their love transcend and pull them forward?

You Bring the Distant Near
The award-winning Indian American author illuminates the immigrant experience of three generations of one family with humor and heart. Perkins will be signing at ALA.

There’s Someone Inside Your House
One by one, the students of Osborne High are dying in a series of gruesome murders, each with increasing and grotesque flair. As the terror grows and the hunt intensifies for the killer, the secrets among them must finally be confronted. Perkins returns with a fresh take on the classic teen slasher story that’s fun, quick-witted, and completely impossible to put down. ALA

13 Minutes
Tasha wakes up in a hospital to learn that she was found in a lake and legally dead for 13 minutes, but she has no idea how she got there. As she returns to normal life, her friends around her are acting strange and Tasha must piece together what happened. A page-turning debut.

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When I Cast Your Shadow
By Sarah Porter. Tor Teen. Sept.
A teenage girl calls her beloved older brother back from the grave, with disastrous consequences in this second YA novel by *Vassa in the Night* author.

The Book of Dust:
La Belle Sauvage
The much-anticipated new work from the author of *The Golden Compass* is coming at last! Pullman returns to the parallel world of Lyra Belacqua and “His Dark Materials” for a thrilling and epic adventure in which daemons, alethiometers, and the Magisterium all play a part. ALA

Nowhere Girls
By Amy Reed. S. & S. Oct.
Three misfits come together to avenge the rape of a fellow classmate, and in the process, trigger a change in the misogynist culture at their high school, transforming the lives of everyone around them in this searing and timely story. **Reed will be signing at ALA.**

Long Way Down
National Book Award finalist Reynolds’s latest takes place in 60 seconds—the time it takes for Will to decide whether or not he’s going to avenge his brother’s murder. **Reynolds will be signing at ALA.**

Miles Morales:
Spider-Man: A Novel
Miles Morales is just like any other teenager. He enjoys playing video games and harboring a crush on a smart, super-cute classmate. There’s just one twist: he’s Spider-Man.

Kiss Me in New York
The perfect novel for anyone who believes a chance encounter can lead to true love, and anyone who sees the romance in a snowy night. **ALA**

The Tiger’s Daughter
A debut fantasy about an infamous Qorin warrior, Barsalayaa Shefali, a spoiled divine warrior empress, O Shizuka, and a power that can reach through time and space to save a land from a truly insidious evil.

They Both Die at the End
Facing death, teens Mateo Torrez and Rufus Emeterio embark on a whirlwind adventure to live their last day to the fullest.

All the Crooked Saints
A gripping tale of darkness, saints, romance, miracles, death, redemption, and family. **ALA**

Dear Martin
Stone joins industry giants Jason Reynolds, Angie Thomas, and Walter Dean Myers as she boldly tackles American race relations in this stunning, raw, captivating, and undeniably real debut. **Stone will be signing at ALA.**
**Disappeared**  
*By Francisco X. Stork. Scholastic. Sept.*  
A missing girl, a determined reporter, and a young man on the brink combine for a powerful story of choices, suspense, and survival. ALA

**This Mortal Coil**  
*By Emily Suvada. Simon Pulse. Nov.*  
In this gripping debut novel, gene-hacking genius Cat is the only one who can decode her late father’s message concealing a vaccine to a horrifying plague. ALA

**Wild Bird**  
*By Wendelin van Draanen. Knopf. Sept.*  
In her most incisive and insightful book yet, the author of The Running Dream and Flipped offers a remarkable portrait of a girl who has hit rock bottom, but begins a climb back to herself at a wilderness survival camp in the desert.

**Before She Was Harriet**  
An evocative poem and opulent watercolors come together to honor a woman whose courage and compassion is forever marked in history.

**Dazzle Ships:**  
*World War I and the Art of Confusion*  
A little-known World War I story about British warships featuring eye-popping artwork.

**Revolutionary Rogues:**  
*John André and Benedict Arnold*  
*By Selene Castrovilla. illus. by John O’Brien. Calkins Creek. Sept.*  
A picture book retelling of the events leading up to Benedict Arnold’s betrayal.

**Frida Kahlo and Her Animalitos**  
*By Monica Brown. illus. by John Parra. NorthSouth. Sept.*  
A picture book biography of artist Frida Kahlo and the creatures from which she drew inspiration from.

**Her Right Foot**  
A moving, profound book that tells the story of one of the world’s architectural triumphs—The Statue of Liberty.

**Miguel’s Brave Knight:**  
*Young Cervantes and His Dream of Don Quixote*  
Illustrated poems about the life of Cervantes by a blockbuster team. ALA

**The Epic Crush of Genie Lo**  
Teenager Genie Lo discovers that she is the reincarnation of an ancient Chinese mythological weapon in a grounded supernatural YA mashup for fans of Buffy The Vampire Slayer and American Born Chinese. Yee will be signing at ALA.

**The Way Downtown:**  
*Adventures in Public Transit*  
Five fictional children explore the wonders of public transportation.
I’m Just No Good at Rhyming:
And Other Nonsense for Mischievous Kids
and Immature Grown-Ups
By Chris Harris. illus. by Lane Smith. Little, Brown. Sept.
A wacky, illustrated collection of poetry with a meta twist for middle graders. ALA

Sergeant Reckless:
The True Story of the Little Horse Who
Became a Hero
A picture book biography of a decorated war horse from the Korean War.

Artists and Their Pets:
True Stories of Famous Artists and Their
Animal Friends
By Susie Hodge. illus. by Violet Lemay. duopress. Sept.
An exploration of art history through the lovable pets that kept their famous masters company.

Books! Books! Books!:
Explore the Amazing Collection of the
British Library
Highlights from the British Library, including The Canterbury Tales, Sherlock Holmes, and more.

Meet Cindy Sherman:
Artist, Photographer, Chameleon
A thought-provoking biography of artist Cindy Sherman for middle graders.

Masterpiece Mix
As an artist contemplates her next painting, she introduces genres and subjects, showcasing reproductions of great works.

My Journey to the Stars
A picture book memoir by famous NASA astronaut Kelly. ALA

Big Machines:
The Story of Virginia Lee Burton
By Sheri Duskey Rinker. illus. by John Rocco. HMH. Sept.
A picture book biography of a children’s literature titan.
**How To Be An Elephant:**
*Growing Up in the African Wild*
By Katherine Roy, Roaring Brook. Sept.
Roy documents the complex family dynamics of a herd of African elephants.

**Silent Days, Silent Dreams**
An illustrated biography of renowned U.S. artist James Castle, who was born deaf in 1899. [ALA](#)

**Full of Fall**
By April Pulley Sayre, S. & S. Aug.
Sayre photographs the wondrous transformations of the autumn season for preschoolers.

**Dangerous Jane**
By Suzanne Slade, illus. by Alice Ratterree, Peachtree. Sept.
A picture book biography of Jane Addams, who was once deemed by the FBI the “Most Dangerous Woman in America.” Slade will be signing at Booth 1413 on Sunday, June 25 at 2PM.

**Kid Authors:**
*True Tales of Childhood from Famous Writers*
By David Stabler, illus. by Doogie Horner, Quirk. Oct.
True tales of famous writers that highlight their humble origins. The next installment in the series that includes *Kid Presidents* and *Kid Artists*.

**Danza:**
*Amalia Hernández and El Ballet Folklórico de México*
By Duncan Tonatiuh, Abrams. Aug.
The story of dancer Amalia Hernández and the creation of the Folkloric Ballet dance company. Tonatiuh will be signing at ALA.

**Schomburg:**
*The Man Who Built a Library*
By Carol Boston Weatherford, illus. by Eric Velasquez, Candlewick. Sept.
Illustrated poems celebrating the life and legacy of Arturo Schomburg. Weatherford will be signing at ALA.

**Malala’s Magic Pencil**
The Nobel Peace Prize winner tells the story of her childhood for elementary schoolers.

**Becoming Kareem:**
*Growing Up on and off the Court*
A sports legend pens his life for tweens.

**Project Semicolon:**
*Your Story Isn’t Over*
Stories about suicide awareness for young people.

**Twelve Days in May:**
*Freedom Ride 1961*
By Larry Dane Brimner, Calkins Creek. Nov.
Riveting archival documents bring the beginning days of the Freedom Riders to life for teen readers.

**Alexander Hamilton, Revolutionary**
By Martha Brockenbrough, Feiwel & Friends. Sept.
This YA biography of Hamilton isn’t afraid to examine all of the controversies and contradictions surrounding his now infamous life.

**#NotYourPrincess:**
*Voices of Native American Women*
Edited by Lisa Charleyboy and Mary Beth Leatherdale, Annick. Sept.
An anthology of art, poetry, conversations, and musings by and about Indigenous women in North America.
Sneakers
A journey behind the scenes of sneaker design, innovation, and history.

Because I Was a Girl:
True Stories for Girls of All Ages
A collection of true stories from girls and women who’ve faced gender discrimination.

Writing Radar:
Using Your Journal To Snoop Out and Craft Great Stories
Gantos provides expert writing tips for tweens. ALA

Addiction and Overdose:
Confronting an American Crisis
An investigation of the who, what, where, when, why, and how of drug addiction and recovery.

The Great Penguin Rescue:
Saving the African Penguins
Scientists and volunteers work together to conserve a threatened penguin species.

Victoria:
Portrait of a Queen
An expansive account of Queen Victoria and the British empire.

Maya Lin:
Thinking with Her Hands
Honoring the 35th anniversary of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, this biography focuses on the architect who created it.

The Bernie Sanders Guide to Political Revolution:
A Guide for the Next Generation
Sanders prompts young people to take charge of their political future.

Girls Who Code:
Learn To Code and Change the World
An empowering selection to get tween girls coding.

The 57 Bus:
A True Story of Two Teenagers and the Crime That Changed Their Lives
This YA true crime about a white agender teen and a black teen boy from Oakland, CA, is an unforgettable page-turner.
**Graphic Novels**

### Piper
*By Jay Asher & Jessica Freeburg, illus. by Jeff Stokely.*
*Thirteen Reasons Why* author and coauthor Freeburg brilliantly reimagine the classic Pied Piper legend as a graphic novel about loneliness, love, and vengeance.

### Pashmina
An Indian American teen attempts to reconnect with her mother’s homeland through a magical pashmina shawl.

### Louis Undercover
This powerful new graphic novel introduces readers to Louis, a young boy who shuttles between his alcoholic dad and his worried mom and who, with the help of his best friend, tries to summon up the courage to speak to his true love, Billie.

### Lighter Than My Shadow
*By Katie Green. Lion Forge. Oct.*
In this candid memoir, Green explores eating disorders and sexual assault as well as the recovery process.

### Raid of No Return
*(Nathan Hale’s Hazardous Tales)*
The NYT best-selling series continues with a tale from World War II.

### Older Than Dirt:
*A Wild but True History of Earth*
*By Don Brown. HMH. Sept. 2017*
Brown takes on an ambitious goal—the history of the planet—in this whimsical slim volume that elementary-age science lovers won’t want to miss.

### Good Night, Planet
*By Liniers. Toon. Sept.*
Beginning readers will snap up this quirky title about a stuffed toy who, after his owner goes to bed, ventures out in search of cookies—and the moon.

### I Am Alfonso Jones
*The Hate U Give* meets *The Lovely Bones* in this unflinching graphic novel about the afterlife of a young man killed by an off-duty police officer, co-illustrated by best-selling artist Jennings.

### The Altered History of Willow Sparks
*By Tara O’Connor. Oni. Jan. 2018*
A strange book catapults Willow Spark to instant popularity—but will the teenager’s good fortune come at a price? O’Connor’s eerie, thought-provoking work will appeal to young adults who enjoyed Vera Brosgol’s *Anya’s Ghost*.

### The Tea Dragon Society
In this new work from the author of the celebrated *Princess Princess Ever After*, a young blacksmith apprentice stumbles into the world of tea dragons. Tweens will delight in this charming fantasy that demonstrates that the strongest families are often the ones we create for ourselves.

### All’s Faire in Middle School
Eleven-year-old Imogene (Impy) has grown up with two parents working at the Renaissance Faire, and she’s eager to begin her own training as a squire. First, though, she’ll need to prove her bravery.

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