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Title – The March Against Fear

Author – Ann Bausum

Call Number – JUV 323.11 BAUSUM

Book Description -

James Meredith's 1966 march in Mississippi began as one man's peaceful protest for voter registration and became one of the South's most important demonstrations of the civil rights movement. It brought together leaders like Martin Luther King Jr. and Stokely Carmichael, who formed an unlikely alliance that resulted in the Black Power movement, which ushered in a new era in the fight for equality.

The retelling of Meredith's story opens on the day of his assassination attempt and goes back in time to recount the moments leading up to that event and its aftermath. Readers learn about the powerful figures and emerging leaders who joined the over 200-mile walk that became known as the "March Against Fear."

Title – Step Right Up

Author – Donna Janell Bowman

Call Number – JB KEEY

Book Description -

William "Doc" Key had a special way with animals. Growing up an enslaved child in Tennessee, Doc was sent to plantations around the state to care for sick and wounded animals. When the Civil War ended and Doc was freed, he began to dream of breeding a winning racehorse. But those dreams were dashed when his colt was born weak and sickly. Although many people would have euthanized the colt, Doc nursed him back to health and named him Jim.

Noticing a level of curiosity and eagerness in the horse, Doc began teaching Beautiful Jim Key first to recognize letters, then to read, write, add, subtract, and more. Doc soon took his talented horse on the road, spreading a message of patience and kindness, over cruelty, to all animals.

With striking illustrations by Daniel Minter, Step Right Up is the inspiring story of one man and one horse who showed the world the power of kindness.

Title – Poop Detectives

Author – Ginger Wadsworth

Call Number – JUV 636.7 WADSWORTH

Book Description -

How can dogs that sniff for excrement, urine, vomit, and mucus help protect animals from extinction? Scat-detection dogs like Wicket, Tucker, and Orbee are conservation heroes and pioneers in a cutting-edge field of science. Canine detectives use their super sense of smell to locate the scat of target animals. From loose bear dung to gooey whale poop, scat can tell scientists valuable information about an animal's sex, age, diet, and health — all without harming the animal or endangering the researcher.

Title – My Name Is James Madison Hemings

Author – Jonah Winter

Call Number – JB HEMINGS

Book Description -

In an evocative first-person account accompanied by exquisite artwork, Winter and Widener tell the story of James Madison Hemings's childhood at Monticello, and, in doing so, illuminate the many contradictions in Jefferson's life and legacy. Though Jefferson lived in a mansion, Hemings and his siblings lived in a single room. While Jefferson doted on his white grandchildren, he never showed affection to his enslaved children. Though he kept the Hemings boys from hard field labor — instead sending them to work in the carpentry shop — Jefferson nevertheless listed the children in his "Farm Book" along with the sheep, hogs, and other property. Here is a profound and moving account of one family's history, which is also America's history.

Title – 50 Super Bowls

Author – Allan Maki

Call Number – JUV 796.332 MAKI

Book Description -

From its inauspicious beginnings as "The First World Championship Game between the AFL and NFL" in 1967 to the raucous worldwide cultural event that was Super Bowl 50, Allan Maki and Dave Naylor count down the greatest moments in each staging of the first 50 Super Bowls.

Be it Joe Namath's guaranteed victory in Super Bowl III or the Miami Dolphins' perfect ending in Super Bowl VII or David Tyree's helmet catch in Super Bowl XLII, all the iconic moments are recounted here, and more!

MVP performances and game-changing plays are all included in this action packed book, filled with photos, informative stat boxes and essays that deliver a complete picture of how the biggest game in sports played out, year by year.

One-name heroes like Brady, Montana and Bradshaw share top billing with lesser-known, big-time contributors, like: Max McGee, Timmy Smith and Rod Martin. And what compendium of Super Bowl stories would be complete without a mention of the media moments, famous commercials and controversial plays that sometimes shared center stage with the on-field heroics?

From the highest highs to the lowest lows, Maki and Naylor cover it all in *50 Super Bowls*.

Title – The Tragic Tale of the Great Auk

Author – Jan Thornhill

Call Number – JUV 598.3 THORNHILL

Book Description -

For hundreds of thousands of years Great Auks thrived in the icy seas of the North Atlantic, bobbing on the waves, diving for fish and struggling up onto rocky shores to mate and hatch their fluffy chicks. But by 1844, not a single one of these magnificent birds was alive.

In this stunningly illustrated non-fiction picture book, award-winning author and illustrator Jan Thornhill tells the tragic story of these birds that “weighed as much as a sack of potatoes and stood as tall as a preteen’s waist.” Their demise came about in part because of their anatomy. They could swim swiftly underwater, but their small wings meant they couldn’t fly and their feet were so far back on their bodies, they couldn’t walk very well. Still the birds managed to escape their predators much of the time . . . until humans became seafarers.

Great Auks were pursued first by Vikings, then by Inuit, Beothuk and finally European hunters. Their numbers rapidly dwindled. They became collectors’ items — their skins were stuffed for museums, to be displayed along with their beautiful eggs. (There are some amazing stories about these stuffed auks — one was stolen from a German museum during WWII by Russian soldiers; another was flown to Iceland and given a red-carpet welcome at the airport.)

Although undeniably tragic, the final demise of the Great Auk led to the birth of the conservation

movement. Laws were eventually passed to prevent the killing of birds during the nesting season, and similar laws were later extended to other wildlife species.

Title – I Can Name 50 Trees Today!

Author – Bonnie Worth

Call Number – JUV 582.16 WORTH

Book Description -

While stopping to admire some of the world's most amazing trees, the Cat and Co. teach beginning readers how to identify different species from the shape of their crowns, leaves, lobes, seeds, bark, and fruit. Kids will learn about many trees common to North America.