



# **THE 4+5ERS BOOK CLUB**

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# Start Up

- Targeting age group
- Reasons for book club
- Other programs for age group



# General Outline

- Discuss the books:
  - series of questions: favorite character, favorite part of the book, their take on character's decisions
- Eat pizza
- Book related activities



# Choosing the Books

- Select a general theme/topic
- Availability of copies
- Pick three FUN books (one of us has read recently and enjoyed)
- Create [book trailers](#) for each book
- Vote on next book choice



# Kick-off Program

## Lightning Thief

By Rick Riordan

### Matching Game

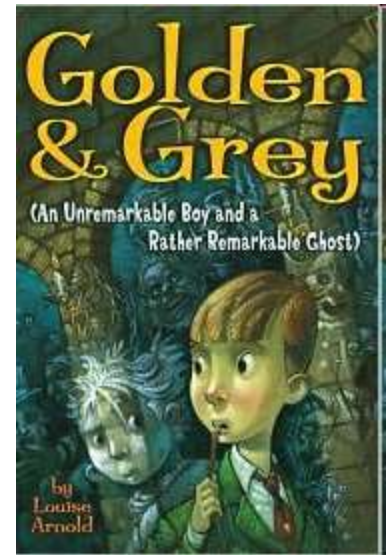
- Gods
- Monsters
- Quest Tools
- Camp Goods



# Golden and Grey

By Louise Arnold

Sharpie Science Socks



# Among the Hidden

By Margaret Peterson Haddix

Jeopardy Game found online

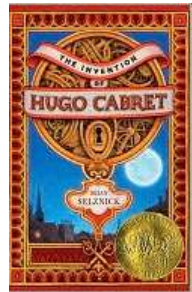
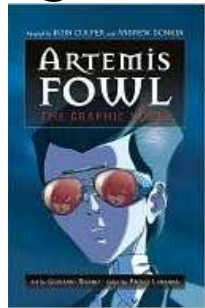
[Dumb Laws](#)



# Graphic Novels

Choose your own from  
a booklist

Discuss the genre



Podcast the discussion  
for the library's weekly  
podcast

**4+5ers Book Club**

Fourth and fifth graders are invited to a book discussion club  
**@The Otis Library**

December's challenge is to read a graphic or illustrated novel.

Join us for a lively book discussion, games and pizza. Participants must read a graphic or illustrated Novel to attend. Select a book from our list, available at the Children's Desk.

**Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**from 6-7:30 PM**

Please register ahead!  
Registration begins 11/19.

For more information or to register, call or visit the Children's Room, 860-859-2365, ext. 114.

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# Westing Game

By Ellen Raskin

Mystery/Clue Night

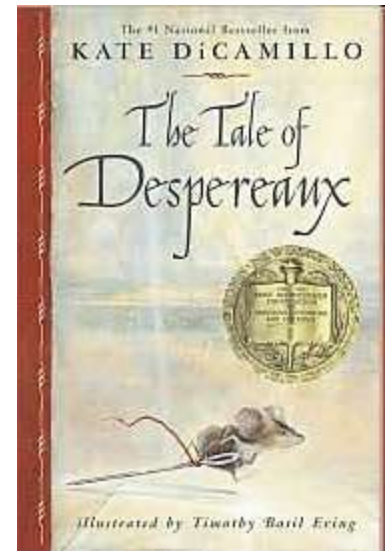
- Solve a case
- Finger printing
- Handwriting analysis



# Tale of Desperaux

By Kate DiCamillo

Our “Valentine” book  
Chatted about the movie  
Made candy necklaces



# Spiderwick: The Field Guide

By Tony Di

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**SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES:**  
READ THE BOOK & WATCH THE MOVIE

**Film Screening:**  
**Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm**

Based on the best-selling book series comes this fantasy adventure about the Grave family who moves into the secluded house of their great, great Uncle Arthur Spiderwick. Once there, strange accidents and disappearances seem to happen on a daily basis and they uncover the fantastic truth of creatures which inhabit the estate.  
Rated PG



**4+5er Book Discussion Club**  
Fourth and fifth graders are invited to join us for a lively discussion of **Spiderwick: the Field Guide** By Tony DiTerlizzi. Copies available at the Children's Desk.

**Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**6-7:30 PM**



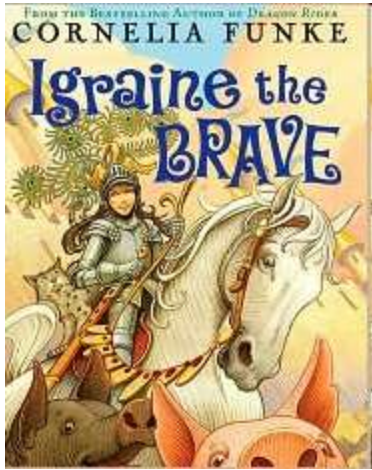
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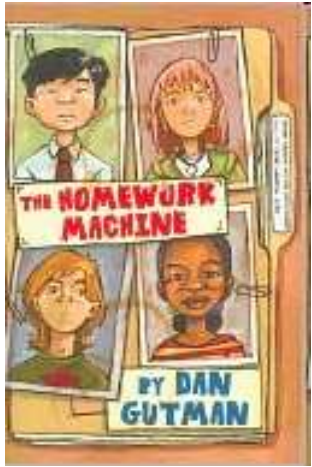
By Cornelia Funke

Fencing demonstration from  
college student

NERF swords fencing



# Homework Machine



By Dan Gutman

Invited an engineer to help explain and build  
mini catapults

Flying marshmallows!





# Finale



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**SPECIAL AUTHOR VISIT EVENTS**

**Celebrate Shakespeare!** Read *Shakespeare's Secret* by Elise Broach (copies available at the Otis Library Children's Desk) and meet the author!

**"Discover the Mystery of Shakespeare" with Author Elise Broach**  
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Meet the author of the award winning novel *Shakespeare Secret* and learn more about the mystery surrounding Shakespeare's identity and the writing process. Books will be available for purchase and signing.



**Wednesday, April 29th at 6:30 PM**  
Open Event: Families, teachers, and librarians welcome!

**More Shakespeare Fun:**  
**Shakespeare Scavenger Hunt (Ages 9-11)**  
Embark on a mysterious scavenger hunt! See what you can find and what you can win! Space is limited; reg. begins 4/6.  
**Thurs. 4/16 • 1-2 PM**



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# New Year: Maze of Bones

By Rick Riordan

New Group

Library scavenger hunt  
to find letters which they had  
to unscramble and discover  
the title of the next book



- Publicity
- Talk up
- schools or
- Sample

## 4+5ERS BOOK CLUB

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September's book is:

***Maze of Bones: The 39 Clues, Book 1***  
By Rick Riordan



Join the book club that has everyone talking! The book club will kick off the season by reading Rick Riordan's Maze of Bones: 39 Clues, Book 1, copies are available at the Children's Desk. Come enjoy great books, games, prizes and pizza! Participants must read the book to attend.

**Wednesday, Sept. 30th**  
from 6-7:30 PM

Please register ahead!  
Registration begins 9/1.

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# Group Dynamic

First Year:

- Mostly Boys

Second Year:

- Primarily Girls

= a change in set up and maybe  
book choices



# Soliciting Support

## Pizza

- Reach out to the community!

## Prizes

- NELA Spring Symposium
  - 39 *Clues* prizes



# Suggestions For Your Own Club

- Start off with a wicked fun book
- Go to the school and talk it up
- Get friendly with the school librarians
- Include food
- Ask a mix of silly & serious questions
- Be creative



# Feedback

- 12-15 regular tween attendees
- Kids responses
  - “Danny” 📢
- Parent reactions



# Benefits

- Readers had a fun interactive place to talk about books each month
- Allowed some kids to find excitement in reading who might have been “nonreaders”
- Exposed readers to various books that they read, but didn’t always like



# Questions

