

# Fairy Tales and Myths and Fantasy, Oh My!

## Programming for Kids Ages 5-10

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## A little about me...

- Children's librarian since 2001
- Worked in 4 different library systems in Maryland
- Chaired the Summer Reading Committee for a 22 branch city system for 5 years
- Summer reading training sessions in Pennsylvania and Arizona
- Author of three professional resources
- Active in the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) and currently serving as the Division Councilor
- I'm the facilitator. We are all experts.

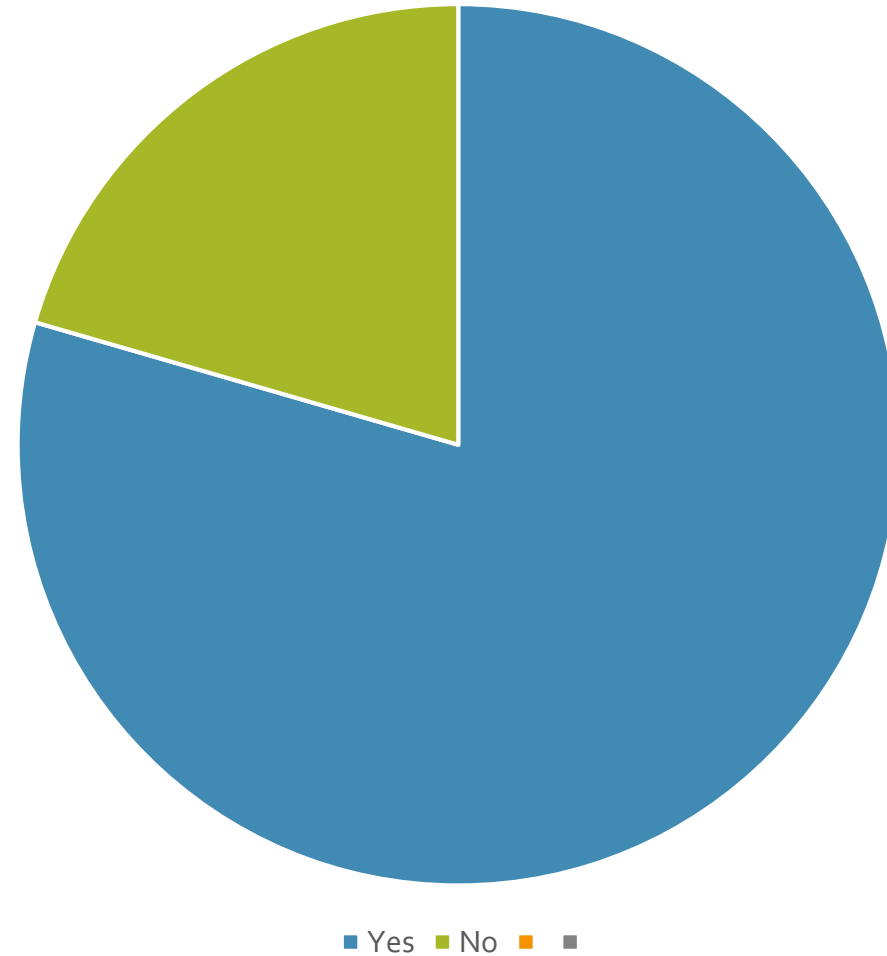
# Summer Reading and Year-Round Programming

It's More than Just Numbers

Did you learn anything new at the library this year?

- Yes: 12,728 – 79%
- No: 3,285 – 21%

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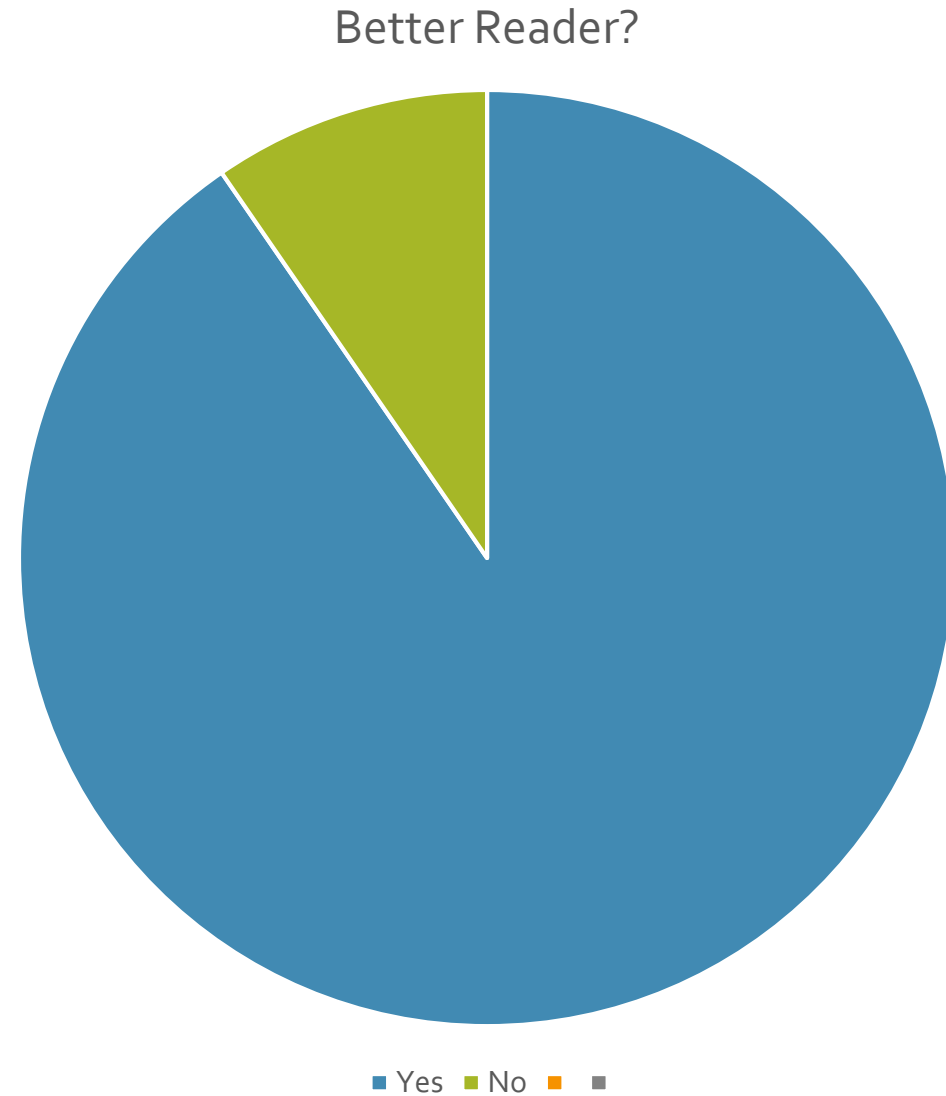


If yes, tell us  
one thing you  
learned.

- How to use the library
- That you have to bring the books back
- We learned not to buy any more books and get them at the library
- Where the bathroom was
- I would rather do the summer reading program with you than spending it at my Dad's watching TV all day
- Learned to make exploding chalk
- I learned about the chicken dance
- To be a good sport when I lose
- It was fun dancing to Elvis. Whoever he is.
- I can be an athlete and still be smart by reading

Do you think you are a better reader after reading this summer?

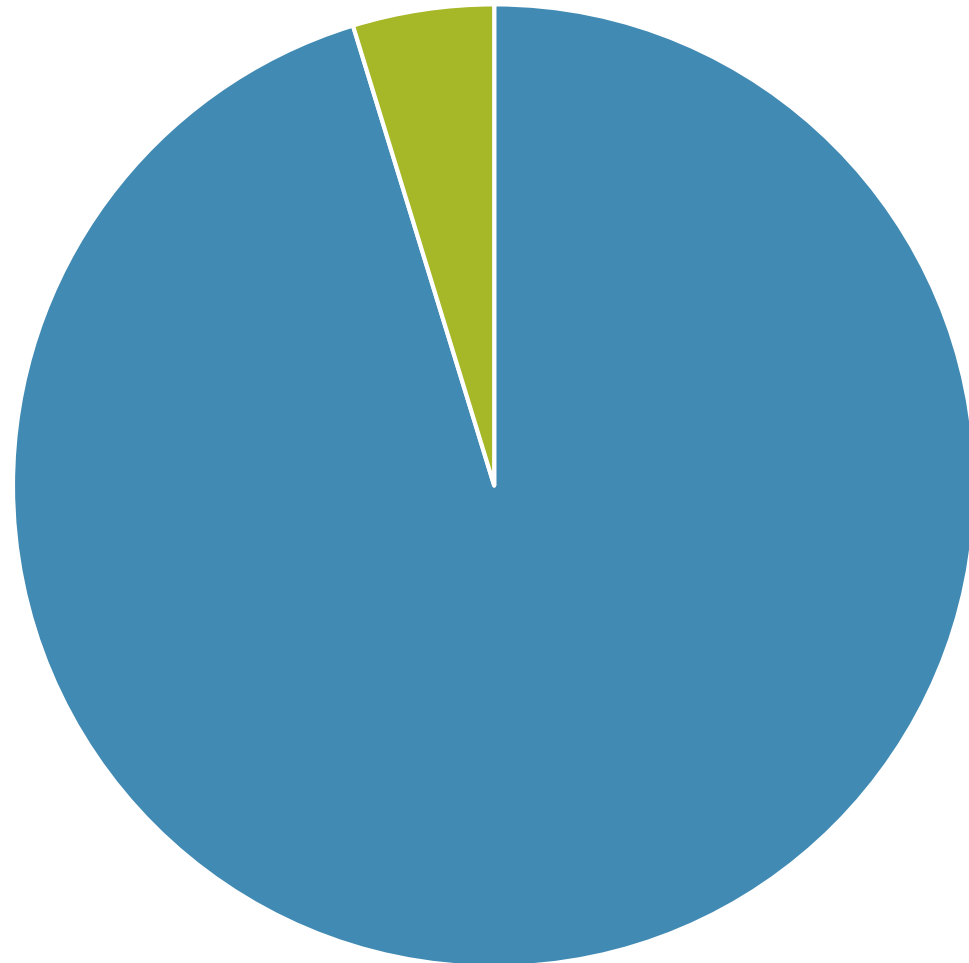
- Yes: 14,745 – 90%
- No: 1,566 – 10%



Do you want to visit the library once school starts again?

- Yes: 15,751 – 95%
- No: 784 – 5%

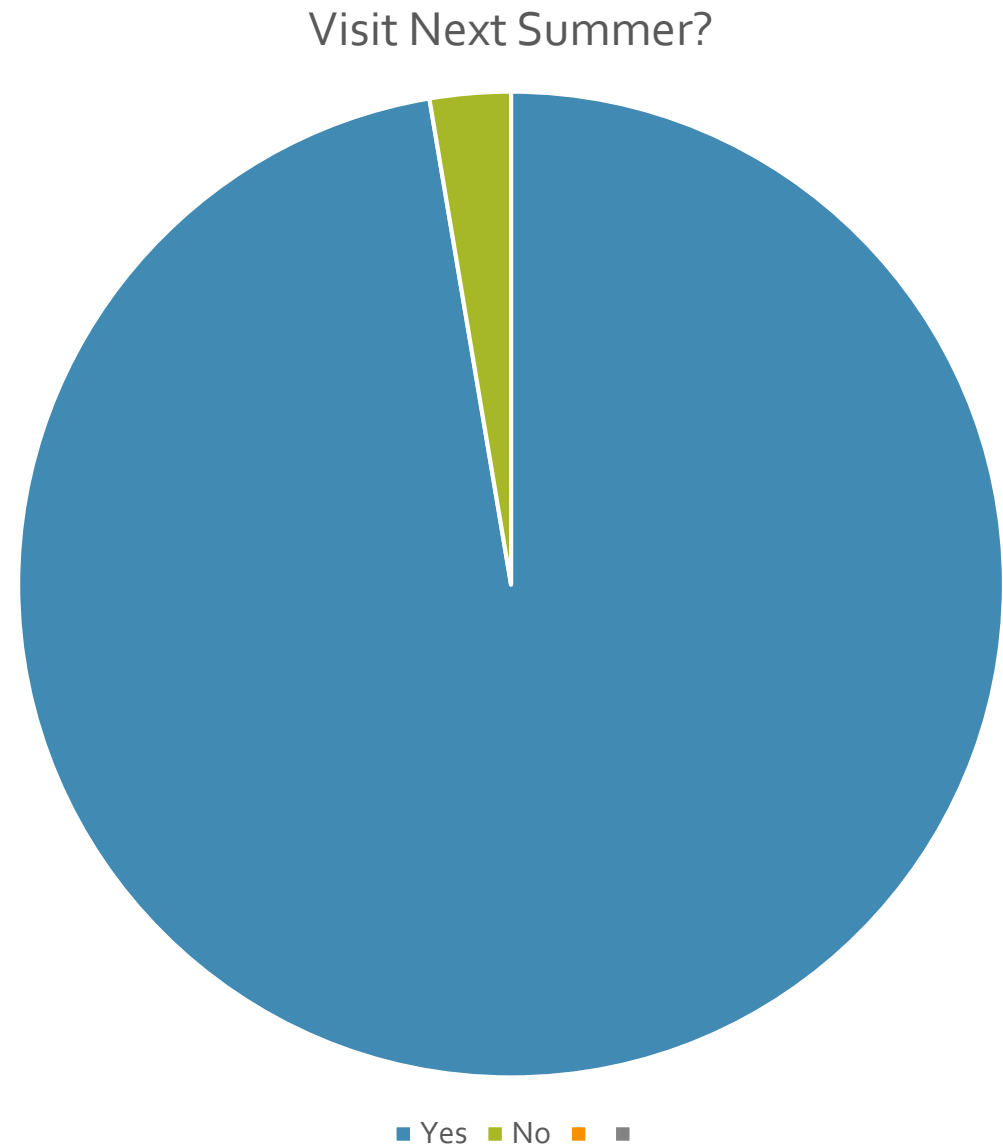
Visit the Library Once School Starts?



■ Yes ■ No ■ ■ ■

Do you want to visit the library next summer?

- Yes: 16,050 – 97%
- No: 437 – 3%





What did you do at the library this summer besides choosing books or reading?

- Free lunch/ eat lunch
- Meeting/making friends
- Bloody nose
- 3D printing
- Coding camp
- Watched caterpillars and ant farm
- Played chess
- Author visit
- Lego club
- Scavenger hunt

I like to go to  
the library  
because...

- You can read for free
- People that work there / people are nice
- I feel safe there / it is welcoming
- The price is right
- Cool special programs
- It's a nice place to hang out
- Place to make new friends
- Always coloring pages on the table
- Computers / Wi-Fi
- It is a creative outlet

## I wish the library had...

- Longer hours
- Food and drink / a café / vending machines / free snacks
- More toys / More Legos / Games / board games
- More programs year around / More programs in general
- Video games / x box / games console / computer games / game space / game night
- A larger collection / More books
- Manga / graphic novels / comic books
- A swimming pool
- Ice cream
- A library pet

Your turn!

- What other questions would you ask?
- How would you use this information?
- How can you share this information?

## So many Cinderellas....

- Is the hero/heroine named Cinderella?
- Who helps Cinderella? Is it a fairy godmother?
- Are there evil stepsisters? Do they recognize Cinderella at the ball?
- Does Cinderella leave something behind from the ball/dance/event? What is it?
- Is there magic?
- What is the same between this version and the one you know best?
- What is different between this version and the one you know best?
- What do you like about the version you read?
- What do you not like about the version you read?

## More Cinderella Ideas

- How much time until midnight – using analog clocks
- Fairy godmother wands
- Not all princesses need a prince to save them
  - *Power to the Princess: 15 favorite fairytales retold with girl power*

# What about Cultural Appropriation?

Accusations of cultural appropriation raise important and complex questions about the nature of culture. The reality of human experience is that borrowing and cultural mixture are widespread. This is evident in language, religion, agriculture, folklore, food and other cultural elements.

The fairy tale [Cinderella](#) provides a good example. Versions of the story can be traced back to the Far East, Near East, Eastern Europe, Southern Europe and Northern Europe. By the mid-20th century, the Cinderella story could be found in India, North Africa, North America, the Western Sudan, Madagascar, Mauritius, the Philippines and Indonesia.

Cultural boundaries are fluid and shifting. Cultural systems may be significantly transformed by different forces and influences. This means that incomplete discussions of appropriation may fail to account for borrowing, diffusion, collaboration and other factors that lead to cultural material being shared.

- Cultural Appropriation: When 'Borrowing' Becomes Exploitation
- [Olufunmilayo Arewa](#), Professor of Law, [University of California, Irvine](#)
- <https://bit.ly/2MYgo3M>

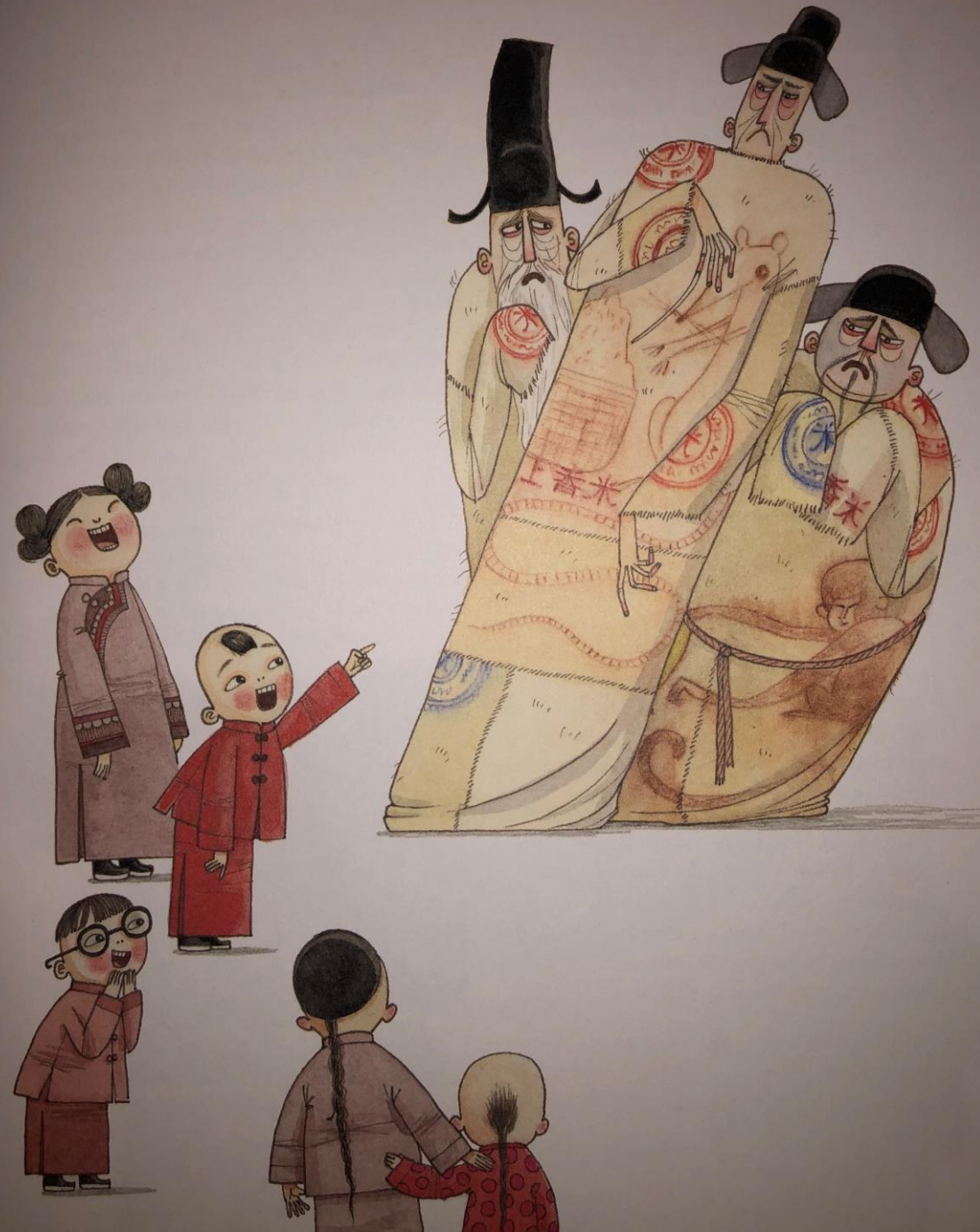
## Diverse “Classics”

- *Rapunzel* by Rachel Isadora
  - Lush African setting
- *Beauty and the Beast* by H. Chuku Lee
  - Set in West Africa
- *Brothers of the Knight* by Debbie Allen
  - 12 Dancing Princesses set in Harlem with 12 sons

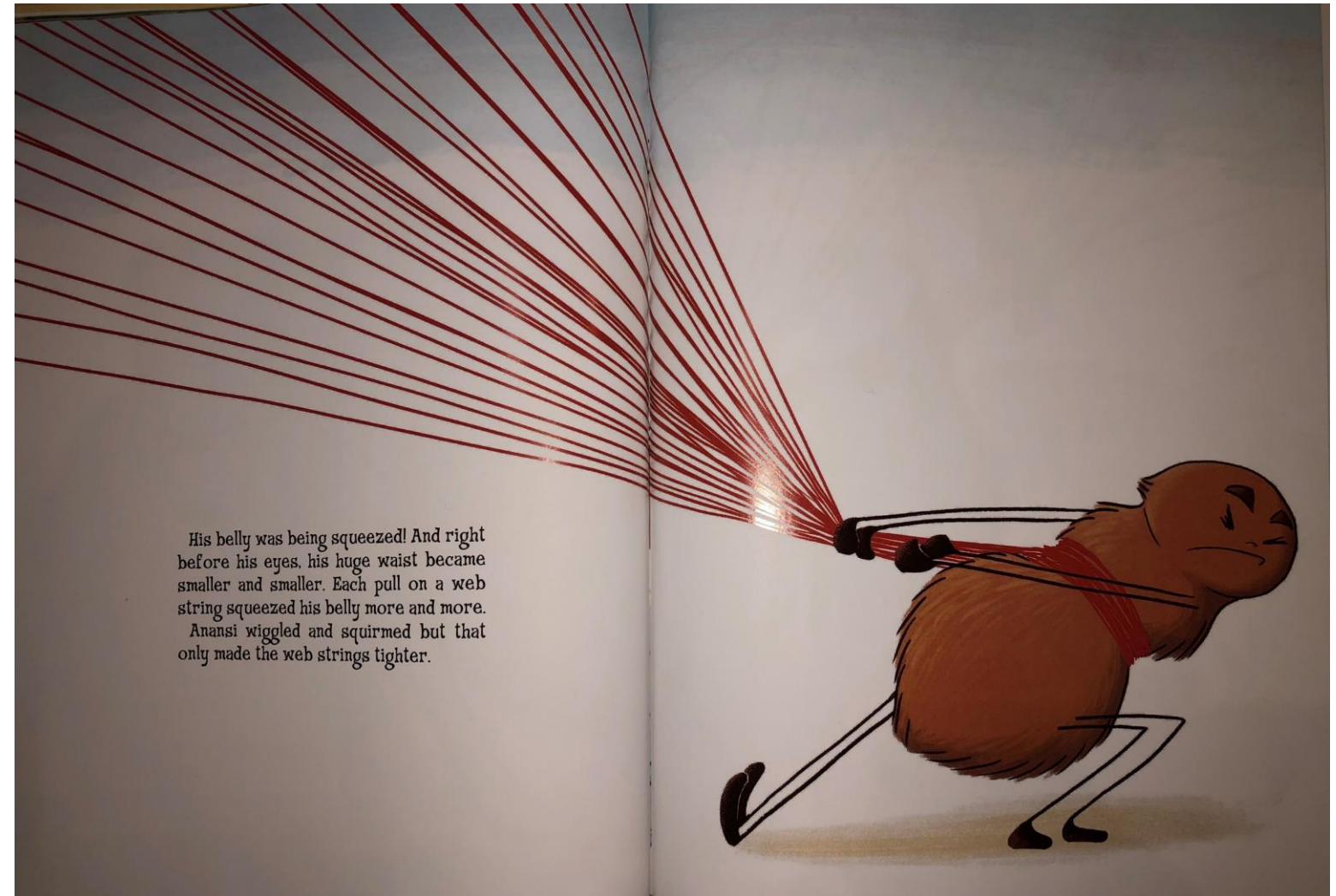


# *The Chinese Emperor's New Clothes*

- Craft using old white t-shirts and fabric pens
  - Add ribbon, buttons, beads, pasta
- Or use brown paper bags

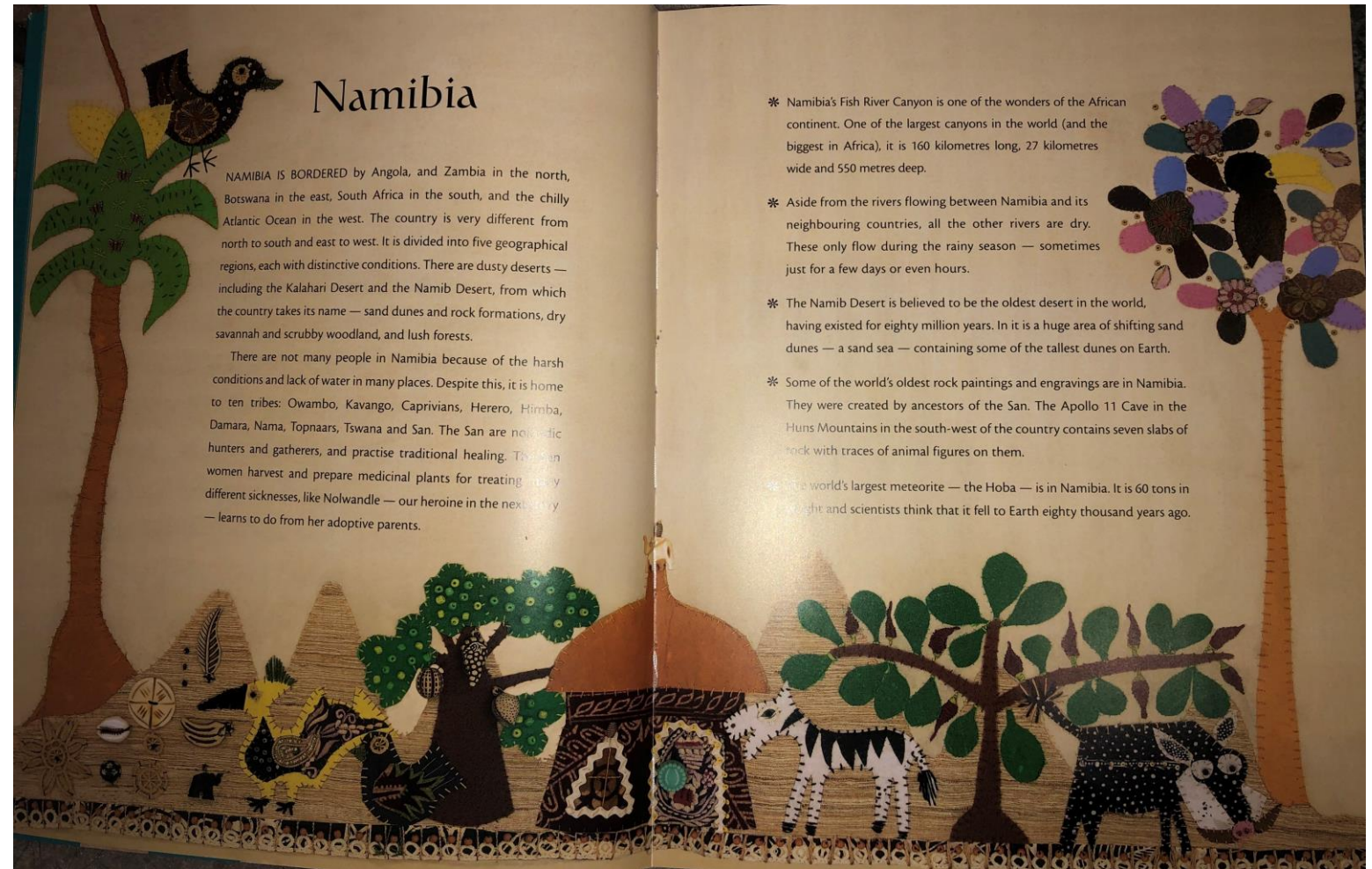


Consider tales  
outside of “our  
classics”



His belly was being squeezed! And right before his eyes, his huge waist became smaller and smaller. Each pull on a web string squeezed his belly more and more. Anansi wiggled and squirmed but that only made the web strings tighter.

# African Tales: A Barefoot Collection



## Namibia

NAMIBIA IS BORDERED by Angola, and Zambia in the north, Botswana in the east, South Africa in the south, and the chilly Atlantic Ocean in the west. The country is very different from north to south and east to west. It is divided into five geographical regions, each with distinctive conditions. There are dusty deserts — including the Kalahari Desert and the Namib Desert, from which the country takes its name — sand dunes and rock formations, dry savannah and scrubby woodland, and lush forests.

There are not many people in Namibia because of the harsh conditions and lack of water in many places. Despite this, it is home to ten tribes: Owambo, Kavango, Caprivians, Herero, Himba, Damara, Nama, Topnaars, Tswana and San. The San are nomadic hunters and gatherers, and practise traditional healing. The San women harvest and prepare medicinal plants for treating many different sicknesses, like Nolwandle — our heroine in the next story — learns to do from her adoptive parents.

\* Namibia's Fish River Canyon is one of the wonders of the African continent. One of the largest canyons in the world (and the biggest in Africa), it is 160 kilometres long, 27 kilometres wide and 550 metres deep.

\* Aside from the rivers flowing between Namibia and its neighbouring countries, all the other rivers are dry. These only flow during the rainy season — sometimes just for a few days or even hours.

\* The Namib Desert is believed to be the oldest desert in the world, having existed for eighty million years. In it is a huge area of shifting sand dunes — a sand sea — containing some of the tallest dunes on Earth.

\* Some of the world's oldest rock paintings and engravings are in Namibia. They were created by ancestors of the San. The Apollo 11 Cave in the Huns Mountains in the south-west of the country contains seven slabs of rock with traces of animal figures on them.

\* The world's largest meteorite — the Hoba — is in Namibia. It is 60 tons in weight and scientists think that it fell to Earth eighty thousand years ago.

Consider stories outside of “our classics”

- Tortoise and his Banjo: An Igbo Tale from Nigeria
  - Found in *Who Is King: Ten Magical Stories from Africa*
- Make tissue box banjos or other instruments?
  - Put out a variety of supplies and let kids get creative with unique instruments

# Chinese Zodiac

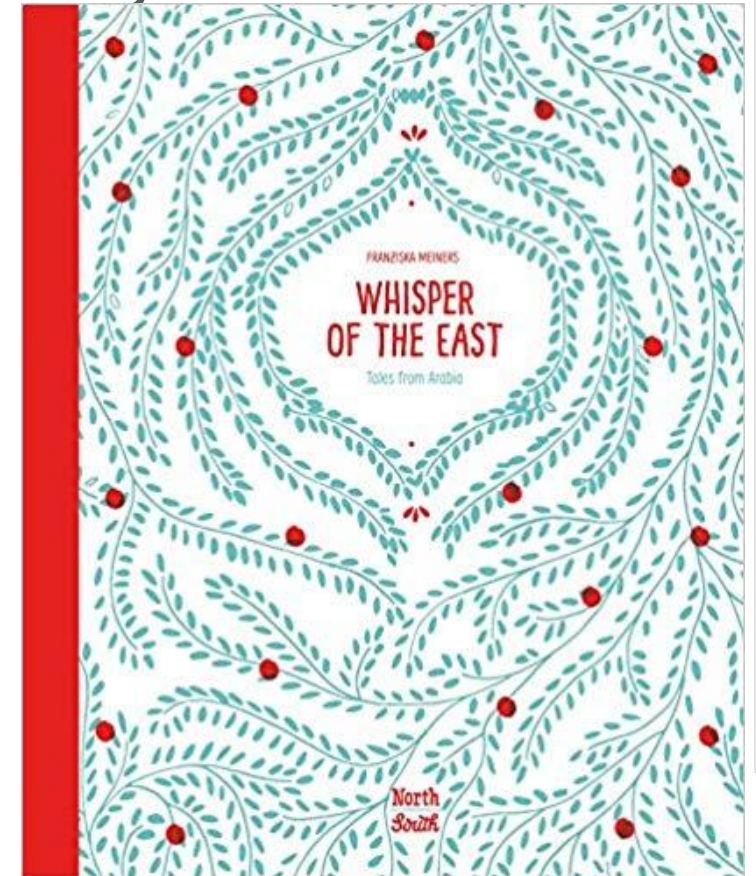
- The Jade Emperor, King of Heaven, decided to name each year after a different animal to help people tell the years apart. He held a race across a river to determine the order of the animals. Order of the animals:
- Rat: 1936, 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996, 2008
- Ox: 1937, 1949, 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997, 2009
- Tiger: 1938, 1950, 1962, 1974, 1986, 1998, 2010
- Hare: 1939, 1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999, 2011
- Dragon: 1940, 1952, 1964, 1976, 1988, 2000, 2012
- Snake: 1941, 1953, 1965, 1977, 1989, 2001, 2013
- Horse: 1942, 1954, 1966, 1978, 1990, 2002, 2014
- Sheep: 1943, 1955, 1967, 1979, 1991, 2003, 2015
- Monkey: 1944, 1956, 1968, 1980, 1992, 2004, 2016
- Cockerel: 1945, 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993, 2005, 2017
- Dog: 1946, 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006, 2018
- Pig: 1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007, 2019
- Remember that it is based on the Lunar Calendar. So if your birthday is in January or February, you probably fall in the previous year.

# Origami!

- *The Frog Prince* illustrated by Sybille Schenker
  - Origami frogs
  - <https://origami.me/jumping-frog/>
    - Accessible via a mobile device
  - Frog races
- <https://www.learn4good.com/games/online/origami-puzzle.htm>
  - Folds is a folding paper game from Learn 4 Good
- Making cranes is a classic origami craft
  - *The Crane Girl* by Curtis Manley
- *ART2-D2's Guide to Folding and Doodling* by Tom Angleberger

# Stories to Connect the World

- Jamil and Jamila
  - A tale from Syria
  - *Whisper of the East: Tales from Arabia*  
by Franziska Meiners
- Obstacle Course
- Ghoul masks



# Mythology

- Theseus and the minotaur
  - LEGO mazes
  - Online mazes
    - <http://www.primarygames.com/puzzles/mazes/maze/>
    - <https://www.happyclicks.net/maze-games/index.php>
      - I like the duck with the bonfire mazes.
      - This one works on a mobile device.
    - <https://www.thesprucecrafts.com/free-online-mazes-1357461>
      - 23 online mazes for Preschoolers to 5<sup>th</sup> Graders
      - I personally like the Mummy Maze.



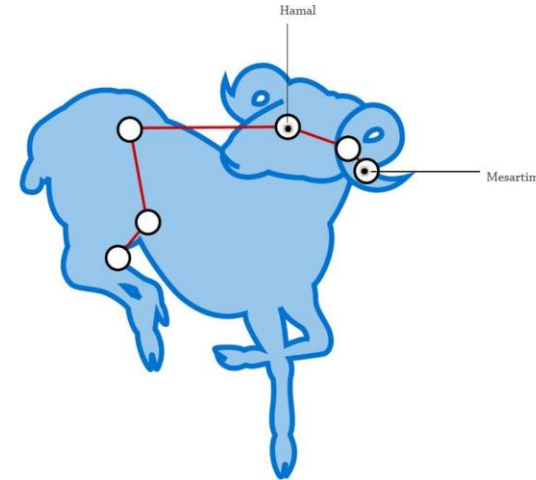
# More Mythology

- Constellations
  - Make constellations with toilet paper rolls

## Aries



In Greek mythology, Aries represents a ram with a golden fleece. According to legend, Jason and the Argonauts (a band of heroes) made an epic voyage from Greece to the Black Sea to collect the fleece and bring it back. The constellation's most obvious feature is a crooked line of three stars. The brightest of these stars is Hamal. The most southerly (and faintest) of these stars is Mesartim, which is a double star (a pair of stars that orbit each other). Mesartim's two separate stars can be seen through a small telescope.



- PBS Kids – Mindy's Constellation Exploration:  
<https://pbskids.org/readyjetgo/games/mindy/index.html>
  - Works on a mobile device

## More Mythology

- Icarus
  - Make stomp rockets
  - ALSC Blog: Stomp Rockets: STEAM Done Cheap:  
<https://www.alsc.ala.org/blog/2019/08/stomp-rockets-steam-done-cheap/>

## Tales in/with Other Languages

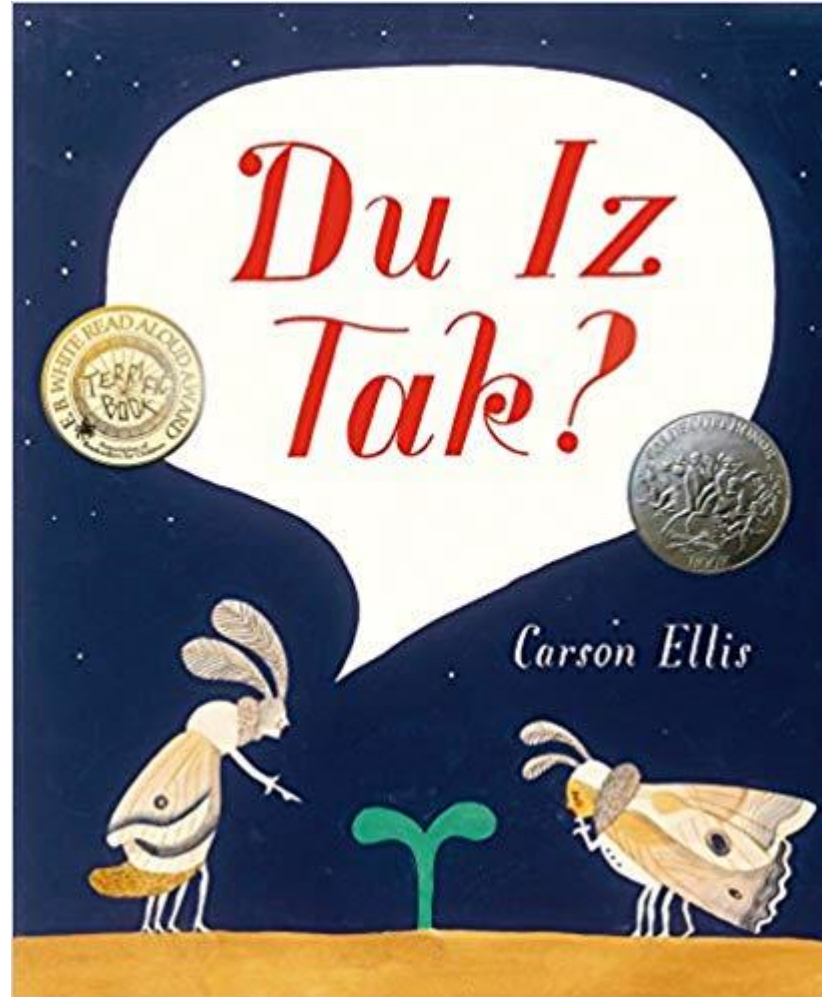
- Japanese
  - *Japanese Myths, Legends, and Folktales, Bilingual English and Japanese Edition*
    - *Momotarō* (The Peach Boy) – He has to travel great distances. You may wish to use an obstacle course for this story as well.
- Spanish (Diverse “classics”)
  - *Paco y la planta de chile gigante / Paco and the Giant Chile Plant* (Jack and the Beanstalk)
  - *La Princesa and the Pea*
  - *Little Roja Riding Hood*

## Tales in/with Other Languages

- Native American
  - Refer to American Indians in Children's Literature (<https://americanindiansinchildrensliterature.blogspot.com/p/best-books.html>)
  - *The Water Walker* (Ojibwe)
  - *We Are Grateful / Otsaliheliga* (Cherokee)
  - *A Day with Yayah* (Ntɛʔkɛpmx)

Made up  
Languages

- Du Iz Tak by Carson Ellis



# The Three Little Pigs

- STEM activity
  - Build a house that can't be blown over by the wolf
- [The Pigs Need a New Home](#)
- What other stories can be expanded with STEM?

## New Endings to Familiar Tales

- *Once Upon a Poem: Favorite Poems that Tell Stories*
  - Goldilocks and the Three Bears
- Write a tale in poetry?
- *After the Fall: How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again*

# Chapter Books and Graphic Novels

- *Stop That Bull, Theseus!* (Myth-O-Mania series)
  - Modernized – Hades and Poseidon (“Po”) use cell phones to call each other
  - Number are written in roman numerals
- *The Creature of the Pines* (The Unicorn Rescue Society series)
  - This one features a Jersey Devil
  - Other book in the series feature Bigfoot, Chupacabra, and a Basque Dragon
- *Where’s Halmoni?*
  - Graphic novel format
  - Based in Korean folklore
- *I Am Pan!*
  - Graphic novel about the god of the wild



# Wordless Books

- Many of these stories are for a more “mature” audience
- Kids can add their own text
- Kids can create their own wordless book based on a story they already know or an original tale

## Wordless Titles

*Wallpaper* by Thao Lam

*Wolf in the Snow* by Matthew Cordell

*Chalk* by Bill Thomson

*Pool* by JiHyeon Lee

*Wave* by Suzy Lee

*Spencer's New Pet* by Jessie Sima

*Professional Crocodile* by Giovanna Zoboli

*The Lion and the Mouse* by Jerry Pinkney

*The Only Child* by Guojing

Just for the  
Fun of It

- The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors

