

Book Display Ideas August 2013

"This is George. He lived in Africa. He was a good little monkey, and always very curious."
 ~ Margret Rey (1906-1996) and H.A. Rey (1898-1977), German-born American authors and illustrators, *Curious George*

Introduction

FOR LIBRARY STAFF. The ideas and books listed here are meant as starting points to help you gear up and plan for **October 2013** displays. Search terms are provided for each of the selected themes to help you find books in your collection and fill out the display. And, if you want more display ideas, other options are listed at the end of the newsletter.

Memorable Characters (Juvenile Fiction)

Although any time of year is a great time to feature memorable book characters, we thought showcasing them in October might inspire a few Halloween costumes! We've picked out a few unforgettable faces to get you started, but there are plenty more to go along with them.

Subject search strategies: simply browse your library's shelves!

***Clifford, the Big Red Dog* - by Norman Bridwell**

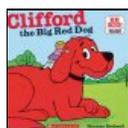
Publisher: Scholastic

Pub Date: 05/01/2010

ISBN-13: 9780545215787

ISBN-10: 0545215781

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Juvenile Fiction. Clifford will be easily recognized; after all, he's big and red! He's also well-known, with many books and a public television show featuring the good-natured dog and his friends. In this sweet book, readers learn that young Emily Elizabeth loves Clifford even though he's far from perfect.

***Strega Nona: An Old Tale* - by Tomie dePaola**

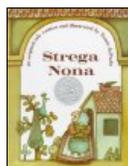
Publisher: Simon & Schuster

Pub Date: 08/01/1975

ISBN-13: 9780671662837

ISBN-10: 067166283X

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Juvenile Fiction. Strega Nona, "Grandma Witch," has a magic touch and works hard helping the townspeople of Calabria, Italy with various problems (warts, headaches, finding husbands). But when Strega Nona hires Big Anthony as an assistant and leaves him alone with her magic pasta pot, there's a knotty mess of trouble! With its charming story and wonderfully folk art-like illustrations, *Strega Nona* has been pleasing readers for decades.

***Olivia* - by Ian Falconer**

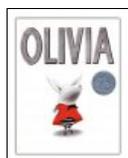
Publisher: Atheneum Books for Young Readers

Pub Date: 10/01/2000

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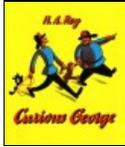
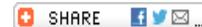
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Juvenile Fiction. *Olivia*, the 1st book starring Ian Falconer's loveable pig character, who is good at lots of things (including wearing people out) was a 2001 Caldecott Honor book and was on many "Best of 2000" lists. Kids will appreciate the spirited antics of indefatigable Olivia, whom *Booklist* calls "Everychild."

***Curious George* - by H.A. and Margret Rey**

Publisher: Houghton Mifflin**Pub Date:** 02/23/1973**ISBN-13:** 9780395159934**ISBN-10:** 0395159938[Check Library Catalog](#)

Juvenile Fiction. While on a trip to Africa, The Man with the Yellow Hat sees "a nice little monkey" and decides to bring him back to the United States. But the monkey's curiosity gets him into all kinds of predicaments. This 1st in a series of books written and illustrated by H.A. and Margret Rey created such a popular character that thousands of George books have been published and even a television show and several movies produced.

Writing (Adult Nonfiction)

November is National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo). So, we thought it'd be a good idea to prep writers in advance by putting out some choice titles about their chosen craft in October.

Subject search terms: Authorship--Handbooks, manuals, etc.; Detective and mystery stories--Authorship; Exposition (Rhetoric); Openings (Rhetoric); Suspense fiction--Authorship.

***Bird by Bird: Some Instructions on Writing and Life* - by Anne Lamott**

Publisher: Anchor Books**Pub Date:** 10/01/1995**ISBN-13:** 9780385480017**ISBN-10:** 0385480016[Check Library Catalog](#)

Adult Nonfiction. In her popular guide to writing, Anne Lamott discusses standard things like plotting and also addresses concerns like writer's block and jealousy. Stories from her own life and writing experiences add to the book's warmth and helpfulness. *Library Journal* says "reading this work is like sitting in on one of her workshops."

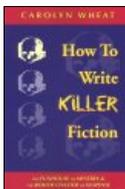
***The First Five Pages: A Writer's Guide to Staying Out of the Rejection Pile* - by Noah Lukeman**

Publisher: Simon & Schuster**Pub Date:** 01/01/2000**ISBN-13:** 9780684857435**ISBN-10:** 068485743X[Check Library Catalog](#)

Adult Nonfiction. Written by a literary agent who's also worked at various publishing houses, *The First Five Pages* provides information for aspiring novelists, including the fact that overworked agents and editors are looking for a reason to put down your masterpiece. Offering advice to prevent this, author Noah Lukeman explains how to prepare a manuscript that publishers will want to publish and readers will want to read, carrying "the craft of writing beyond Strunk and White's classic *Elements of Style*" (*Library Journal*).

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***How to Write Killer Fiction: The Funhouse of Mystery & the Roller Coaster of Suspense* - Carolyn Wheat**

Publisher: Perseverance Press**Pub Date:** 03/01/2003**ISBN-13:** 9781880284629**ISBN-10:** 1880284626[Check Library Catalog](#)

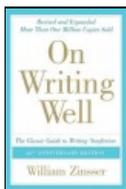
Adult Nonfiction. Author Carolyn Wheat should know about mysteries and suspense stories; after all, she's won several major awards and has taught mystery writing for 20 years. So, if someone's interested in creating plot arcs, planting believable clues, and learning the differences between mysteries and suspense novels, they'll surely want to read her how-to book. In a starred review, *Booklist* says that "there are almost as many writer's guides on the market as there are struggling writers, but this one is indispensable."

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***On Writing Well: The Classic Guide to Writing Nonfiction* - by William Zinsser**

Publisher: HarperCollins
Pub Date: 05/31/2006
ISBN-13: 9780060891541
ISBN-10: 0060891548

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Adult Nonfiction. Though a lot of people like to make things up when they write, some prefer to write about facts and true stories. This book, first published over 30 years ago, will help writers do that and do it well. Warning against common errors in structure, style, and diction, author and instructor William Zinsser also explains the fundamentals of conducting interviews and discusses different types of nonfiction writing, including travel, science, business, sports, and humor.

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Dressing up in Costumes (Juvenile Fiction)

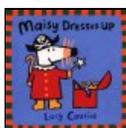
Dressing up in costumes is something kids love to do anytime, but as Halloween draws near, the attention paid to costumes grows with each passing day. We've picked out some fun books for younger readers that showcase costume-loving kids and animals. Enjoy!

Subject search terms: Children's costumes--Fiction; Costume--Fiction; Halloween costumes--Fiction.

***Maisy Dresses Up* - by Lucy Cousins**

Publisher: Candlewick Press
Pub Date: 08/01/1999
ISBN-13: 9780763609092
ISBN-10: 0763609099

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Juvenile Fiction. Maisy the mouse has trouble deciding on a special outfit to wear to her friend Tallulah's costume party. Clear, bright illustrations and a fun story combined with simple text make this a nice offering for younger children.

***Halloween Surprise* - by Corinne Demas; illustrated by R.W. Alley**

Publisher: Walker
Pub Date: 07/19/2011
ISBN-13: 9780802786128
ISBN-10: 080278612X

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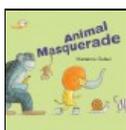


Juvenile Fiction. Trying to make a home-made Halloween costume, Lily tries many different ideas (ghost, pumpkin, princess, etc) while her pet kittens watch her work. But there's something wrong with all of the costumes (too scary, too clumsy, too glittery, etc)...until she creates the perfect one, earning approval from her pets and surprising her father. Not all kids like scary stories, so this "cheerful addition to Halloween collections" (*School Library Journal*) is a welcome one, and the charming illustrations are just right.

***Animal Masquerade* - by Marianne Dubuc**

Publisher: Kids Can Press
Pub Date: 03/01/2012
ISBN-13: 9781554537822
ISBN-10: 1554537827

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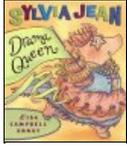
Juvenile Fiction. While this book doesn't have much of a plot, it does have a fanciful menagerie of animals dressed up for a masquerade party -- and for little ones who mostly like looking at details in a book's illustrations, it'll be a huge hit. In *Animal Masquerade*, Lion goes to the big party dressed as an elephant, elephant disguises himself as a parrot, and so on and so on. Featuring a number of animals not often seen in picture books, such as a marmoset, a millipede, and a flamingo, this goofy parade-on-paper will entertain -- and maybe inspire! -- kids who love dressing in costume.

***Sylvia Jean, Drama Queen* - by Lisa Campbell Ernst**

Publisher: Dutton Childrens Books
Pub Date: 08/18/2005
ISBN-13: 9780525469629

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ISBN-10: 0525469621

Juvenile Fiction. Sylvia Jean, a piglet known for her sartorial splendor, isn't sure what to wear when the big town-wide costume contest takes place. After all, when one dresses as a bee to garden and wears a cascading fruit hat to the grocery store, what does one wear to a costume party? Never fear, Sylvia Jean has an idea, and she surprises everyone when she shows up dressed as someone completely unexpected.

Still looking for ideas?

- Among other things, October is National Apple Month (U.S.).
- Canadians celebrate Thanksgiving on October 14.
- Don't forget! October 16 is National Boss' Day (U.S.).
- It was 150 years ago, from October 26-29, 1863, that the International Committee of the Red Cross was officially founded in Geneva, Switzerland.
- Halloween is October 31.

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