

Quimby Oak Middle School Library Newsletter

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May

“May” is likely named for the Roman goddess Maia, who oversaw the growth of plants. Alternatively, the name might have come from the Latin maiores, “elders,” who were celebrated now.

May 5 is Cinco De Mayo. This day celebrates the victory of the Mexican army over the French army at The Battle of Puebla in 1862.

May 9 is Mother’s Day—don’t forget!

May 31 is Memorial Day—a poignant reminder of the tenacity of life. It’s tradition to raise the flag on this day
May is Get Caught Reading Month.

The birthstone for May is the emerald which represents love and success.

May is a pretty good month for US presidents. Every other month of the year, at least one US president has died, but never in May!

May actually has two birth flowers – the Lily-of-the-Valley and the Hawthorn.

Author Highlight Avi



Edward Irving Wortis (born December 23, 1937), better known by the pen name **Avi**, is an American author of young adult and children's literature. He is a winner of the Newbery Medal and twice one of the runners-up (Newbery Honor). Avi has written over 80 books.

Happy Spring

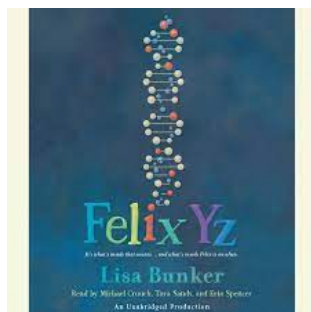
*Oh! fragrant is the breath of May
In tranquil garden closes,
And soft yet regal is her sway
Among the springtide roses.*

—William Hamilton Hayne, American poet (1856–1929)

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Featured Titles

Felix Yz by Lisa Bunker



Thirteen-year-old **Felix Yz** chronicles the final month before an experimental procedure meant to separate him from the fourth-dimensional creature, Zyx, with whom he was accidentally fused as a young child.

Crispin: The Cross of the Lead by Avi

Falsely accused of theft and murder, an orphaned peasant boy in fourteenth-century England flees his village and meets a larger-than-life juggler who holds a dangerous secret.



Legend Series by Marie Lu

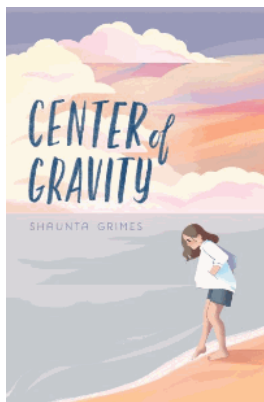


In a dark future, when North America has split into two warring nations, fifteen-year-olds Day, a famous criminal, and prodigy June, the brilliant soldier hired to capture him, discover that they have a common enemy.

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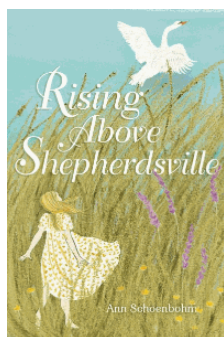
New Titles

Center of Gravity by Shaunta Grimes



When thirteen-year-old Tessa's father remarries months after her mother's death and moves them to California, Tessa must build a new life and friendships, while fighting a compulsion about missing children.

Rising Above Sherpherdsville by Ann Schoenbohm



"In 1977, after her mother's suicide, twelve-year-old Dulcie Louise Dixon is sent to live with her aunt and must rise out of her grief and find her voice again with the help of some surprising new friends"



In The Shadow of the Sun by Em Castellan



In 1661 France, seventeen-year-old Henriette of England must navigate her arranged marriage to Louis XIV's brother while keeping her magical abilities a careful secret from all at the Sun King's court.