

# The Vinita Public Library Newsletter

## National Library Week April 8th - 14th



The Vinita Public Library joins libraries in schools, campuses and communities nationwide in celebrating National Library Week, a time to highlight the changing role of libraries, librarians and library workers.

Libraries today are more than warehouses for books. Instead, libraries and librarians are change agents within their communities – transforming lives through innovative educational resources and forward-thinking programming. Libraries are doing their part to close the digital divide and level the playing field by providing free access to information and technologies that many in their communities would be hard

pressed to find elsewhere. Libraries help to ensure the American dream and promote democracy by providing service to all regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, age, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or socio-economic status.

Librarians work with elected officials, small business owners, students and the public at large to discover and meet the needs of their communities. Whether through offering e-books and technology classes, materials for English-language learners, programs for job seekers or offering a safe haven in times of crisis, librarians listen to the community they serve, and they respond.



## April is National Poetry Month

National Poetry Month, which takes place each April, is a celebration of poetry introduced in 1996 and organized by the Academy of American Poets' as a way to increase awareness and appreciation of poetry

in the United States. The Academy of American Poets' website Poets.org serves as a hub for information about local poetry events during the month. The organization also pro-

vides free educational resources to teachers for to bring poetry into the classrooms. Beginning 1998, National Poetry Month has also been celebrated each April in Canada..

## Check it out!

### CHAPTER 1

Once upon a time, in a distant land, there was a beautiful princess named Harriet Hamsterbone, who, as her name indicated, was a hamster.

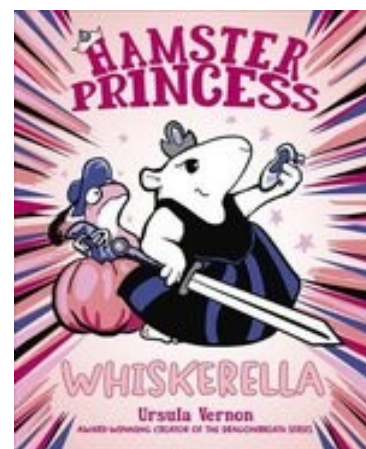


### Hamster Princess WHISKERELLA

By Ursula Vernon

Harriet Hamsterbone is not the kind of princess who enjoys fancy dresses or extravagant parties. Cliff-diving, fractions, and whacking people with swords are more her thing. So when she's forced to attend a boring ball in honor of a visiting ambassador,

Harriet is less than thrilled--until a bewitchingly beautiful stranger arrives. Who is she? And where did she come from? The mystery leads to a not-so-wicked stepsister, an incontinent lizard, and a fairy's spell that's really more of a curse. Luckily, Harriet knows a thing or two about curses...



## What's new.....

### Books

- Robin's Guide to being Cool(er) - Meridith Rusu  
 I Survived the Children's Blizzard, 1888 - Lauren Tarshis  
 Twelve Steps to Normal - Farrah Penn  
 Daughter of the Siren Queen - Tricia Levenseller  
 The Young World - Chris Weitz  
 Dangerous Lies - Becca Fitzpatrick

### DVDs

- Coco  
 The Batman vs Dracula  
 The LEGO Batman movie  
 Tyler Perry's Madea's Witness Protection Program  
 Looper  
 Spiderman - Homecoming  
 Real Steel  
 Red Tails  
 The Star  
 Shoot em' up  
 Planet Terror  
 More Than a Game

