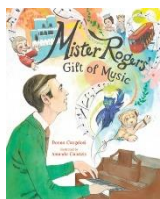


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Cangelosi, Donna. **Mister Rogers' Gift of Music**, 2022. JBJO ROGERS,F C222m
Portraying the life of Fred Rogers, this picture book biography focuses on his most memorable songs and musical television moments that celebrate the enduring magic of his music and encourage children to brighten their own lives with song.



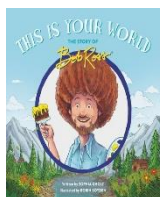
Clark, Karen. **Library Girl: How Nancy Pearl Became America's Most Celebrated Librarian**, 2022. JBJO PEARL,N C592L
The story of how beloved librarian, author, and Seattle icon, Nancy Pearl, discovered her strengths and realized her passion.



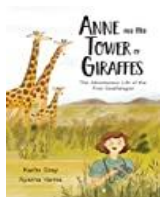
Clark, Zion. **Zion Unmatched**, 2021. JBJO CLARK,Z C596z
This photographic essay showcases Zion Clark's ferocious athleticism and undaunted spirit. The book explores Zion's journey from a childhood lost in the foster care system to his hard-fought rise as a high school wrestler to his current rigorous training to prepare as an elite athlete on the world stage.



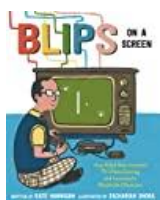
Cocca-Leffler, Maryann. **Fighting for Yes!: The Story of Disability Rights Activist Judith Heumann**, 2022. JBJO HEUMANN,J C659f
In the 1970s an important disability rights law, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, was waiting to be signed. Judy and other disability rights activists fought for YES! They held a sit-in until Section 504 was signed into law. Section 504--established thanks in large part to the ongoing work of Judy and her community--laid the foundation for the Americans with Disabilities Act.



Gholz, Sophia. **This is Your World: The Story of Bob Ross**, 2021. JBJO ROSS,B G427t
From rescuing animals in his backyard to barking orders as a military sergeant, follow famous artist and television star, Bob Ross, as he journeys from his childhood in Florida to his days in Alaska to his discovery of the joys of painting--and teaching others to paint.



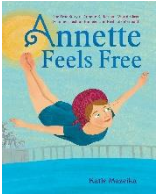
Gray, Karlin. **Anne and Her Tower of Giraffes: The Adventurous Life of the First Giraffologist**, 2022. JBJO DAGG,A G779a
The remarkable true story of the world's first giraffologist. At three years old, Anne Dagg saw her first giraffe and never stopped thinking about it. Her desire to study the world's tallest animal followed her from preschool to graduate school, from Canada to South Africa. And often, people laughed at her quest. The scientific study of giraffes was non-existent at the time. And by a woman? Unheard of.



Hannigan, Kate. **Blips on a Screen: How Ralph Baer Invented TV Video Gaming and Launched a Worldwide Obsession**, 2022. JBJO BAER,R H245b
A picture book biography of Jewish refugee, Ralph Baer, the pioneering inventor of home video gaming.



Johnson, Katherine. **One Step Further: My Story of Math, the Moon, and a Lifelong Mission**, 2021. JBIO JOHNSON,K J67o
NASA computer scientist Katherine Johnson and her two daughters tell the story of how she overcame racial barriers to play an integral role during the American space program's early days.



Mazeika, Katie. **Annette Feels Free: The Story of Annette Kellerman, World-Class Swimmer, Fashion Pioneer, and Real-Life Mermaid**, 2022. JBIO KELLERM,A M476a
As a girl she found freedom in the water, where she could swim without the leg braces she needed on land. As she grew up, Annette swam in Australia, England, America, and beyond, performing synchronized swimming-which she invented!-and competing in swim races and diving exhibitions. But always she was bogged down by her heavy swim clothes. Clothes that only women had to wear, not men. So Annette designed her own swim costume. And then, she fought for the right to wear it-and for the right for all women to feel free.



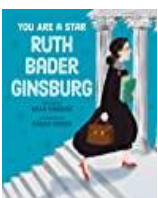
Michalak, Jamie. **Niki Nakayama: A Chef's Tale in 13 Bites**, 2021. JBIO NAKAYAM,N M621n
A biography of a powerhouse female Japanese chef and her rise to fame.



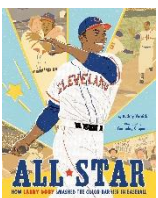
Nienow, Tootie. **There Goes Patti McGee! The Story of the First Women's National Skateboard Champion**, 2021. JBIO MCGEE,P N673t
A biography of the first-ever professional female skateboarder and winner of the 1964 National Skateboard Championship for Women.



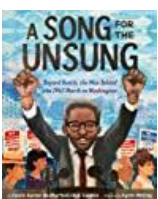
Rinker, Jessica. **Send a Girl!: The True Story of How Women Joined the FDNY**, 2021. JBIO BERKMAN,B R582s
This dynamic and inspiring picture book biography tells the story of a woman who broke an important barrier by becoming one of the first female fire fighters in New York City.



Robbins, Dean. **You Are a Star, Ruth Bader Ginsburg!**, 2021 JBIO GINSBUR,R R632y
It's RBG like you've never seen her before! Using a mix of first-person narrative, hilarious comic panels, and essential facts, Dean Robbins introduces young readers to an American trailblazer. The book focuses on Ruth's lifelong mission to bring equality and justice to all.



Vernick, Audrey. **All Star: How Larry Doby Smashed the Color Barrier in Baseball**, 2022. JBIO DOBY,L V536a
In 1947, Larry Doby signed with the Cleveland Indians, becoming the first Black player in the American leagues. He endured terrible racism, both from fans and his fellow teammates. Despite this, he became a unifying force on and off the field and went on to become a seven-time All Star.



Weatherford, Carole Boston. **A Song for the Unsung: Bayard Rustin, the Man Behind the 1963 March on Washington**, 2022. JBIO RUSTIN,B W362s
A singular picture book biography of Bayard Rustin, the gay Black man behind the March on Washington of 1963.