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Annie: A Cardinal Stage Preview Performance



Go ahead, admit it. You've sung the song "Tomorrow" from the musical *Annie*, at least once in your life. (After a few straight days of non-stop rain, I'm singing it right now! *The sun'll come out tomorrow, bet your bottom dollar that tomorrow, there'll be sun..*)

Well, whether or not you know by heart the lyrics to "Tomorrow" or the other catchy tunes featured in the show, we are betting that you'll enjoy the free sneak preview of Cardinal Stage Company's performance of *Annie*, this **Saturday, December 3, from 11-11:30 a.m.** in the Main Library Auditorium. Cast members will present a couple scenes, and you'll have a chance to ask some of the children performing in the play what it's like to be in a musical.

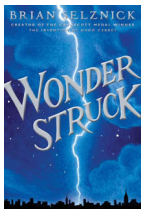
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Wonderstruck



I'm excited about the movie Hugo, opening this week, based on Brian Selznick's amazing book The Invention of Hugo Cabret (winner of the 2008 Caldecott Award). Selznick's newest title, Wonderstruck, is no less incredible. Alternatively told in pencil drawings (Rose's story, set in the late 1920s) and words (Ben's story, set 50 years later), the tales eventually intertwine in ways that are surprising and poignant. Even if you think you're not interested in the history of museums and dioramas, wolves, deafness and deaf culture, constellations, and silent movies, you'll find Selznick's blending of these elements creates a spellbinding read as well as a visual treat. Listen and watch Selznick tell us about his newest masterpiece at [Scholastic's Wonderstruck website](#), and visit [Selznick's website](#) for some more insight into the man and his work and interests, including a list of his favorite "[weird websites](#)." Recommended for grades 4 and up.

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Early Literacy at The Learn and Play Space



If you know a child who is 7 years old or younger, the Learn and Play Space in the Children's Department at your Monroe County Public Library is the perfect place to visit. Children and their adult caregivers may explore several learning stations that were designed to help build early literacy skills. Children grow vocabulary when they work puzzles and play with puppets. Imaginary play in the store and the kitchen builds narrative skills which help children make meaning of words when they begin to read. The letter wall is a great place to learn the names of the letters and to practice the sounds the letters make. The writing center is stocked with cards, paper, envelopes, and markers so children can write books, mail letters, and draw pictures. Trained supervisors are available during most open hours to guide learning experiences, play games, and provide craft materials. There is even a dedicated space that is reserved for infants who are not walking and their caregivers exclusively. This engaging space has been made possible by support from the Smithville Charitable Foundation and the Friends of the Monroe County Public Library. Paper supplies for the writing center are received from the Reuse Center at the District.

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Meet Olivia at the Library



Olivia captured my heart the moment I opened her first book, more than ten years ago, and saw a trail of *deselected* items of clothing littering the floor as she squeezed into her *just-right* sailor dress. Whether she's taming lions or sailing on a gondola in Venice, Olivia always has the right outfit for any occasion.

While there are lots of opportunities to enjoy Olivia, including her [television show](#) on Nick Jr., the **best** way to get to know Olivia is through her series of picture books. In *Olivia Forms a Band*, discover Olivia's resourcefulness when she supplies her own music to a fireworks display. Revel in Olivia's amazing power of deduction when she solves the case in *Olivia and the Missing Toy*. Travel with Olivia by gondola in *Olivia Goes to Venice*. See astonishing feats of daring and imagination in *Olivia Saves the Circus*. Along the way you'll meet Olivia's delightful family including her little brothers William and Ian.

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First Snow in the Woods



While some Monroe County residents grumble about the deer that tread too closely to their homes or raid their gardens, I relish seeing the deer emerge from the woods that surround my home. My son recently reported that he had seen six deer of various sizes while he was playing in our front yard. They observed him cautiously for a moment before stepping quickly across the lawn, confident that his remote controlled car would not harm them!

It's a little easier to spot the deer now that most of the leaves have fallen from the trees. But if you don't have a chance to see deer right in your neighborhood, the picture book **First Snow in the Woods: A Photographic Fantasy** features stunning color photographs that provide a vivid and intimate way to admire deer and other wildlife that live in the woods. The book also profiles the changing seasons as different animals describe how they prepare for the arrival of winter weather.

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