Outreach
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I have learned an extraordinary amount about our community as I have been exploring outreach services and resources. The local library system has great resources and is highly interactive with many agencies in the community. Since I am not employed by our local library system, I took care to ensure all contacts that I am a student in library science and not affiliated with our local library. The programs I prepared, although hypothetical, have good potential of being implemented.

For the first part of this paper, I contacted a special education PTA group that is being organized, provided them a list of library resources, and created a program for their use. For the second part, I contacted a local elementary school's library media specialist and created a program based on award nominee books. For the third part, I reviewed the local library's services and resources for assistance to the disabled; then, I provided information on agencies that can augment their services and resources.

Part One - Outreach to Local Children's Support Group

Mrs. Barbara O'Kelly is organizing a special education PTA group and shared ideas that could be of service to her group (personal communication, April 2, 2008). She expressed interest in children programs featuring etiquette and manners, healthy living, and communication. She also expressed interest in resources for parents such as a list of community and library resources on special education, etiquette and manners, healthy living, and relationship-building skills. In the following, I have addressed two of her needs by (1) compiling a list of books and media on etiquette and manners available through our library system and (2) planning a program on manners and etiquette for children. These items will be presented to her group in late April.

Books and Media Available Through Our Library System: To address one of Mrs. O'Kelly's needs, I have compiled a list of books and media on etiquette and manners available through our local library system. The list includes the title, author, year, call number at our local library, and comments for some. A few of the books have two asterisks (**) before the title indicating an item that may become a good home reference tool. A copy of this list is available in Appendix A.

Introductory Program on Manners and Etiquette: To address another of Mrs. O'Kelly's needs, I have created a program to introduce children to life-long manners and etiquette through books, video, discussion, examples, and future activities. Younger children are introduced to acceptable manners. Older children will help by assisting. Parents are encouraged to participate. If the program is being held at the library, books will be available for checkout. A copy of this program is available in Appendix B.

Part Two – Outreach to a Local Elementary School

Ms. Randi Krumm, School Librarian at Quil Ceda Elementary in Marysville, shared many examples of how well the local library supports them such as regular emails on items of interest, spring school visits to share the summer reading program, and bibliographic research (personal communication, April 4, 2008).

Ms. Krumm shared that it is difficult for her to "keep on top" of the new books and resources available so that she can share the information with her students. She is interested in more book talks for her students (especially award-winning books like Newbery
Awards, Sasquatch Reading Awards, and Washington Children's Choice Picture Book Awards); sponsoring (or co-sponsoring) local author events; and inviting people from the community who could provide specialized talks on items of interest to children (e.g., someone who has raced dogs in Alaska) and expose the students to more non-fiction choices.

To address one of her wishes, I have prepared a book talk program on books that have been nominated for the 2009 Sasquatch Reading Award (grades 3 through 6), the 2009 Washington Children's Choice Picture Book Award (grades K through 3), and the 2009 Young Reader's Choice Award (junior division, grades 4 through 6). Information on how the students can have a voice in choosing these awards can be found through the Washington Media Library Association's website (2008a, 2008c, and 2008d) or the Pacific Northwest Library Association's website (2008). See also Sasquatch's Shelf website for current nominees and past award winners (Shelfari, 2008). I have also noted which books are available through the local public library. If she feels the program is useful, she will share it with other elementary school librarians in the district. A copy of this program is available in Appendix C.

Part Three – Resources for the Disabled

Marysville, Washington; Facility, Services, Resources, and Technology:

The Marysville branch of Sno-Isle Libraries was built in 1995 and is considered wheelchair accessible (2008). The children’s area has a large accessible restroom and multiple accessible tables; one potential hazard is the edging on the area rugs. When reviewing Trotta and Trotta's notes and checklists as well as Sannwald's list of guidelines for ADA accessibility compliance, I realized the tremendous detail involved in the design of a library (2001, 2001).

Sno-Isle Libraries has an extensive collection of large-print books (fiction, non-fiction, and biography) and media (music and books) in multiple formats (CD, cassette, and player). With notice, signers and other assistance will be provided for any programs held at the Sno-Isle Libraries. The Marysville branch has magnifying glasses; a ClearView 300 video magnifier with an integrated monitor; and an ADA-compliant computer with a Braille keyboard, ZoomText, and JAWS (a screen reader for blind and visually impaired persons with text to speech capability) (Sno-Isle, 2008; personal communication, April 9, 2008). Their website, www.sno-isle.org, offers a simplified version for those who prefer to have a simple list of links to the most used features of the Web site (http://www.sno-isle.org/simple/). A telecommunications device for the deaf is not available at the Marysville branch of the Sno-Isle Libraries (2008).

Community Services and Resources:

Perhaps one of the best resources in my area is North Sound 2-1-1 where one caller's information will be collected; then, a list of focused, appropriate local resources and services will be shared with the caller, saving time and reducing frustration. The lead partners include the United Way of Snohomish County and Volunteers of America Western Washington (2008, 2007).

Free to eligible users, the Washington Talking Book and Braille Library offers equipment and many services (including talking books, Braille books, large-print books, magazines, deposit collections, locally-taped and Brailled books, a radio reading service, reference services, live online conference room, online access, and children services) (2008). Children services include a summer reading program; books in large print, Braille, and on cassette; performances and events; and a special children's room located at the Seattle Public Library (Washington Talking Book & Braille Library, 2008).
Other Washington State agencies that serve individuals with disabilities include the University of Washington DO-IT project that lists internet resources, the Community Services for the Blind and Partially Sighted (CSBPS), the Washington Assistive Technology Alliance, the Washington State Department of Services for the Blind, and the Washington Instructional Resource Center for the Visually Impaired. The CSBPS has a specialty store, Sight Connection, offering useful products for those with impaired vision; products are available online or at their location in North Seattle. Through the Washington Assistive Technology Alliance, the Washington Assistive Technology Act Program (WATAP) provides many services including demonstrations and loans of assistive technology devices, funding, computers, and rentals (Washington Talking Book & Braille Library, 2008; Washington Assistive Technology Act Program, 2008).

With 34 categories, the resource link at the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services is a bridge to many resources and services, some categories include advocacy organizations, arts and disability, assistive technology, blind / visually impaired, and recreation (n.d.).

Ending Thoughts

Exploring and understanding local outreach services and resources is vital to provide the best possible service to patrons. This series of projects has been invaluable, increasing my knowledge of my community and its needs.
References


Appendix A

Books and Media on Etiquette and Manners
Available Through Our Library System

Compilation of some books and media on etiquette and manners available through our local library system (Sno-Isle Libraries), including the title, author, year, call number, and comments for some. A few of the books have two asterisks (**) before the title indicating it may become a good home reference tool.

Books for the parent or older teen:

- ** 365 Manners Kids Should Know: Games, Activities, and Other Fun Ways to Help Children Learn Etiquette // Eberly, Sherly // 2001 // Call Number: 395.122 EBERLY 2001 // Each day of the year shares a mannerism with activity or role-playing suggestion.
- ** Emily Post's Etiquette // Post, Peggy // 2004 // Call Number: 395 POST 2004
- ** Miss Manners' Guide to Excruciatingly Correct Behavior // Martin, Judith // 2005 // Call Number: 395 MARTIN 2005

Videos and music:

- ** Everything Grows // Raffi // 1987 // Call Number: CD OM RAF039
- ** Look Mom! I Have Good Table Manners: Kids Will Enjoy Learning Proper Etiquette! // 2004 // Call Number: J DVD-ED 395 LOO896 // 30-minute video covering mealtime, playtime, telephone, school and healthy manners.
- ** Songs for Learning // Thompson, Kim Mitzo // 2001 // Call Number: CD OM THO173
- ** Table Manners // 1994 // Call Number: J VHS-ED 395.54 TAB296 // 12-minute video with songs and demonstrations to make learning fun.

Books for teens:


Books for older children:

- ** Don't Forget Your Etiquette! The Essential Guide to Misbehavior // Greenberg, David // 2006 // Call Number: J 811.54 GREENBE 2006 // Poems with wit and outrageous recommendations, this can be a great conversation starter
- ** Emily Post Emily's Everyday Manners // Post, Peggy and Senning, Cindy Post // 2006 // Call Number: J 395.122 POST 2006 // Young children; colorful illustrations and manners presented in a fun way
- ** Emily Post's Guide to Good Manners for Kids // Post, Peggy and Senning, Cindy Post // 2004 // Call Number: J 395.122 POST 2004 // Simple practical advice covering many situations is a good reference (one example is formal table settings explained)
- ** Everyday Graces: A Child's Book of Good Manners // Santorum, Karen (Editor) // 2003 // Call Number: J 395.122 EVERYDA 2003 // 391 pages covering many topics linking children's literature including manners at home; words; appreciating those with disabilities; caring for the elderly and sick; and churches, weddings, and funerals
- ** Goops and How to Be Them // Burgess, Geleti // 1968 // Call Number: J 395.122 BURGESS 1968 // Through cartoons and verse, 43 topics are addressed including table manners, courtesy, modesty. A fun way to share concepts with children. First published in 1900.

- It’s a Spoon, Not a Shovel // Buehner, Carolyn // 1995 // Call Number: J 395.122 BUEHNER 1995 // Fun and colorful dilemmas are presented with animals at the core.

- Little Book of Manners for Boys: A Plan for Getting Along with Others // Barnes, Bob and Emilie // 2000 // Call Number: J 395.122 BARNES 2000 // Colorful 32 page book covering topics such as words, school, eating, and personal hygiene.

- Little Book of Manners: Courtesy and Kindness for Young Ladies // Barnes, Emilie // 1998 // Call Number: J 395.122 BARNES 1998 // Colorful 32 page book covering topics such as greetings, mealtime, and playtime


- Mind Your Manners! // Goode, Diane // 2005 // Call Number: J 395.122 GOODE 2005 // Table manners are illustrated irreverently with rules from a 1802 primer included.

- Selfish Giant, The // Wilde, Oscar // 1984 // Call Number: J 398.2 WILDE // Reading Grade 6.0

- Smart Girl’s Guide to Manners : The Secrets to Grace, Confidence, and Being Your Best // Holyoke, Nancy // 2005 // Call Number: J 395.1233 HOLYOKE 2005 // This American Girl book presents socially acceptable information on many situations

- Social Smarts: Manners for Today's Kids // James, Elizabeth and Barkin, Carol // 1996 // Call Number: J 395.122 JAMES 1996 // Topics cover meeting people, school, at the table, social events and more with questions posed and discussion.

- Whoopi's Big Book of Manners // Goldberg, Whoopi // 2006 // Call Number: J 395.122 GOLDBER 2006 // Reading Grade 4.1; Colorful illustrations, a lighthearted approach to good manners

Books for younger children:

- Are You Quite Polite?: Silly Dilly Manners Songs // Katz, Alan // 2006 // Call Number: E KATZ // Reading Grade 3.8

- Big Black Bear // Yee, Wong Herbert // 1993 // Call Number: E YEE // Reading Grade 2.5

- Big Like Me // Hines, Anna G. // 1989 // Call Number: E HINES


- Circus Baby // Petersham, Maud and Miska // 1950 // Call Number: E PETERSH // Elephant learning to eat with a spoon

- Contrary Bear // Root, Phyllis // 1996 // Call Number: E ROOT


- Don't Say That (Courteous Kids) // Amos, Janine // 2003 // Call Number: E 177.1 AMOS 2003

- Don't Say That Word! // Katz, Alan // 2007 // Call Number: E KATZ 2007 // Fun story with rhymes and colorful illustrations - Words "not to be said" are "implied".

- Ella and the Naughty Lion // Cottringer, Anne // 1996 // Call Number: E COTTRIN

- Emily Just in Time // Slepian, Jan // 1998 // Call Number: E SLEPIAN


- Giving Tree, The // Silverstein, Shel // 1964 // Call Number: E SILVERST

- Golden Rule // Cooper, Ilene // 2007 // Call Number: E COOPER 2007 // Reading Grade 2.7; Colorful illustrations, a boy, his grandfather, the golden rule, universal, religions - great conversation starter

- How Do Dinosaurs Eat Their Food? // Yolen, Jane // 2005 // Call Number: E YOLEN
• How Do Dinosaurs Go to School? // Yolen, Jane // 2007 // Call Number: E YOLEN 2007
• How to Get a Gorilla Out of Your Bathtub // Hall, John // 2006 // Call Number: E HALL 2006
• How to Lose All Your Friends // Carlson, Nancy // 1994 // Call Number: E CARLSON
• It's Going to Be Perfect! // Carlson, Nancy // 1998 // Call Number: E CARLSON
• It's Mine // Munoz, Isabel // 2005 // Call Number: E MUNOZ // Bilingual - Spanish
• It's Mine (Courteous Kids) // Amos, Janine // 2003 // Call Number: E 177.1 AMOS 2003
• It's Mine! // Lionni, Leo // 1986 // Call Number: E LIONNI
• Just Say "Please!" // Willson, Sarah // 2007 // Call Number: READER E WILLSON 2007 // Reading Grade 2.3; SpongeBob teaching his boss manners
• Leo the Late Bloomer // Kraus, Robert // 1971 // Call Number: E KRAUS
• Manners // Aliki // 1990 // Call Number: E 395.122 ALIKI 1990 // Ages 5 and up; Colorful illustrations present manners - can be read and re-read
• Mary Louis Loses Her Manners // Cuneo, Diane // 1999 // Call Number: E CUNEO
• Mind Your Manners, B.B. Wolf // Sierra, Judy // 2007 // Call Number: E SIERRA 2007 // Fun, clever book about a wolf, a crocodile, a library tea party, manners, and behavior.
• Miss Nelson is Back // Allard, Harry // 1982 // Call Number: E ALLARD // Reading Grade 2.6; School
• Miss Nelson is Missing // Allard, Harry // 1977 // Call Number: E ALLARD // Reading Grade 2.6; School
• Move Over (Courteous Kids) // Amos, Janine // 2003 // Call Number: E 177.1 AMOS 2003
• Now I'm Big // Miller, Margaret // 1996 // Call Number: E MILLER
• Owen // Henkes, Kevin // 1993 // Call Number: E HENKES // Reading Grade 3.0
• Pass the Fritters, Critters // Chapman, Cheryl // 1993 // Call Number: E CHAPMAN
• Peter Rabbit // Potter, Beatrix // 1902 // Call Number: E POTTER // Reading Grade 4.2
• Peter's Chair // Keats, Ezra Jack // 1967 // Call Number: E KEATS // Reading Grade 2.3
• Pierre: A Cautionary Tale In Five Chapters and a Prologue // Sendak, Maurice // 1962 // Call Number: E SENDAK
• Please (Thoughts and Feelings) // Odor, Ruth Shannon // 2000 // Call Number: E 395.122 ODOR 2000 // Pictures and prose illustrate this concept well.
• Please is a Good Word to Say // Joosse, Barbara // 2007 // Call Number: E JOOSSE 2007 // Reading Grade 3; Colorful illustrations and examples explore words
• Popcorn Dragon, The // Thayer, Jane // 1989 // Call Number: E THAYER
• Richard Scarry's Please and Thank You Book // Scarry, Richard // 1973 // Call Number: E SCARRY
• Say "Please" : A Book About Manners - The Backyardigans // Lukas, Catherine // 2006 // Call Number: E LUKAS // Nick Jr.
• Say Please // Austin, Virginia // 1995 // Call Number: E AUSTIN
• Say Please! : The Sound of PL // Flanagan, Alice K. // 2004 // Call Number: READER E FLANAGA
• Thanks (Thoughts and Feelings) // Odor, Ruth Shannon // 2000 // Call Number: E 395.122 ODOR 2000 // Pictures and prose illustrate this concept well.
• That Terrible Baby // Armstrong, Jennifer // 1994 // Call Number: E ARMSTRO
• This is the Bear and the Bad Little Girl // Hayes, Sarah // 1995 // Call Number: E HAYES 1995
• Time for Bed, the Babysitter Said // Anderson, Peggy Perry // 1987 // Call Number: E ANDERSON 1987
• We're in Big Trouble, Blackboard Bear // Alexander, Martha // 2001 // Call Number: E ALEXANDE 2001
- We're In Big Trouble, Blackboard Bear // Alexander, Martha // 2001 // Call Number: E ALEXANDE 2001
- Where the Wild Things Are // Sendak, Maurice // 1963 // Call Number: E SENDAK
- Will You Take Care of Me? // Bridges, Margaret Park // 1998 // Call Number: E BRIDGES 1998
- Words Are Not For Hurting // Verdick, Elizabeth // 2004 // Call Number: E 177.2 VERDICK 2004
- You and Me ABC // Gillis, Jennifer Blizin // 2004 // Call Number: E 395.122 GILLIS 2004 // "Letters of the alphabet are used to introduce examples of good behavior" Sno-Isle website
Appendix B

Introductory Program on Manners and Etiquette

This program introduces all ages to life-long manners and etiquette through books, video, discussion, examples, and future activities. Younger children are introduced to acceptable manners. Older children will help by assisting. Parents are encouraged to participate. If the program is being held at the library, books will be available for checkout.

Materials

- **Video**: *Look Mom! I Have Good Table Manners: Kids Will Enjoy Learning Proper Etiquette!* (2004). Available at Sno-Isle Libraries: Call Number: J DVD-ED 395 LOO896.

- **Books**: Variety available from the library; use the list in Appendix A as a guide.

- **Signs** (8 1/2" x 11): Place Setting diagram. One sign for each word or phrase: Please, Thank You, Excuse Me, Sorry, Respect, Shut Up, Huh?, and Who Cares.

- **Props**: Three table place settings (plate, knife, spoon, dinner fork, salad fork, napkin, and glass) – set these up before hand with one set up correctly and the other two incorrectly. Two whiteboards or chalkboards (or a large one) with writing tools and erasers.

Program

- As the children arrive, invite them to browse the books, read the signs (or read the signs to them), and examine the place settings.

- Begin the program by welcoming them and sharing that they will be part of a quiz show, split the children into groups (2 to 4 each would work, mix ages and genders), and have someone (perhaps an older child) record scores for each group on a whiteboard or chalkboard.

- Throughout the video, stop at each question and have each group work together as a group to select an answer, record scores, and ask children for feedback. On another whiteboard or chalkboard, write notes on manners the children felt comfortable with, those that they were unsure of, and those that they need to work on.

- Show video.

- After the video is completed, tally the scores. Encourage congratulations to the winners and best wishes to others!

- If appropriate, have the children select books.

Activity Options

- Tea party at a local tea parlor

- Have Lunch - Provide a selection of foods, utensils, and tableware to demonstrate appropriate table manners and place settings

- Demonstrate Thank You notes

- Invite guests to your house and act as a host

- Have a King's Feast

- Have a Play Date

- Napkin folding

- Practice preparing tea, finger foods, etc.
Appendix C
Program: Book Talks for Award-Nominated Books

Students will have the opportunity to enjoy books throughout the school year that have been nominated for the Washington Children's Choice Picture Book Award (grades K through 3), the Sasquatch Reading Award (grades 3 through 6), and the Young Reader's Choice Award (junior division, grades 4 through 6). In the spring, they will be able to vote for their favorite book.

Plan

1. **September:** Students will be exposed to a list of books (below) through book talks. Discussion will include information that these books are being considered for an award and that the students will be able to vote on their favorite one in February.

2. **Throughout the year:** Have the books available for students to read, or be read to. Plan to read all books on the Washington Children's Choice Picture Book Award nominee list to students in grades K through 3 so they may vote. The Sasquatch Reading Award nominees "require children [grades 3 through 6] to read or have read to them at least two titles in order to vote" (Washington Library Media Association, 2008b). The Young Reader's Choice Award nominees require students to "have read or listened to at least three of the nominated titles in order to vote" (Pacific Northwest Library Association, 2008).

3. **February:** Provide the students an opportunity to vote on their favorite book.

4. **May (or when available):** Share the results of the voting with the students.
Books and Book Talks

Twenty 2009 Washington Children's Choice Picture Book Award Nominees
(most are currently available through Sno-Isle Regional Libraries, exceptions have been requested through Sno-Isle's Request an Item not in the Catalog form [request number 181225 on 4/4/05] and are noted with an asterisk *)

- **Bud and Gabby** by Anne Davis
  - "Bud the cat becomes very worried when his feline friend Gabby gets sick and finds a special way to show his friendship when she returns from a visit to the veterinarian.” Books in Print

- **Cha-Cha Chimps** by Julia Durango
  - "Counting and dancing gohand in hand at Mambo Jamba's, the place where hippos hokey-pokey and meerkats macarena and ten little chimps do the Cha -- Cha -- Cha” Books in Print

- **The Cheese** by Margie Katherine Palatini
  - Have you heard of the song *The Farmer in the Dell?* Do you remember how it ends? This is the story about the farmer, his wife, their child, the dog, the cat, the rat, and the cheese – that stands alone. Or does it?

- **Chester** by Melanie Watt
  - "This story is told--and retold--by dueling author-illustrators, but who will win out? Will it be Melanie Watt or her cat with confidence to spare, Chester?” Bowker's Books in Print.

- **Chickens to the Rescue** by John Henry Himmelman
  - "On Monday, Farmer Greenstalk dropped his watch down the well . . . Who will come to the rescue? Would you believe . . . chickens?” Book jacket.

- **The End** by David LaRochelle
  - "And they lived happily ever after.’ Usually that how a book ends. But it's the start of this topsy-turvy tale, which tumbles along with a princess and her lemonade, a sensitive dragon afraid of bunnies, a runaway tomato, and a mysterious bag of gold.” Books in Print

- * **Ham the Astrochimp** by Richard Hillard
  - Celebrate "the achievement of Ham, the chimpanzee who became the first intelligent being to ride an American rocket into suborbital space.” Books in Print

- * **Help! A Story of Friendship** by Holly Keller
  - "Mouse, Hedgehog, Rabbit, Squirrel, and Snake are friends. But one day Mouse hears from Skunk (who heard it from Fox) that snakes are dangerous, especially to mice. Oh, dear! Can friendship survive gossip? Should friends stick together, no matter what? And what do friends do when a friend is in trouble? Or when a friend has hurt feelings? Do you know the answers? Mouse and Snake need your help!” Books in Print

- **Ivan the Terrier** by Peter Catalanotto
  - "Ivan loves a good story. Like that one about the three bears or those three gruff billy goats. Where else can a dog find such playmates, action, fun . . . or a cookie?” Book jacket.

- **A Killer Whale's World** by Caroline Arnold
  - "Under the water, a killer whale is born. Day by day, he becomes bigger and stronger. With a giant leap, the huge black and white animal bursts out of the waves then splashes back down. Come along for a wild water journey in a killer whale's world.” Book cover.

- **Larry Gets Lost in Seattle** by John Skewes
  - Do you have a dog? Has he ever ran after something – like a smell or a cat? "Join Pete as he looks for his missing friend around such colorful Seattle landmarks as the Space Needle, Pike Place Market, and Pioneer Square.” Book jacket.

- **Library Mouse** by Daniel Kirk
  - "Every child can be a writer and Library Mouse shows them how!” Books in Print

- * **Louder Lili** by Gennifer Chodenko
* Lili is the quietest kid in class. She spends recess inside with Lois, the class pet guinea pig, and allows Cassidy do her talking for her, even if it means never getting to have the best parts in games. Sometimes its just easier letting Cassidy be in charge, but will Lili have the courage to speak up when it means keeping Lois from getting hurt? Books in Print

* Oh, Theodore! Guinea Pig Poems by Susan Katz

  * "He wants a dog. Too loud says Mom. A snake? Too scary. A horse? Too big. So what does she say he can have? You guessed it. A guinea pig. He looks a bit like a teddy bear so his name is Theodore. But Theodore is very shy. What kind of pet is that? He won't even play." Book talk from Nancy Keane's website: http://nancykeane.com/booktalks/katz_oh.htm

* Peanut by Linis Alsenas

  * "Poor Mildred is very lonely – until she gets a new pet. She names him Peanut, and decides he's a dog. There's a problem though...Perhaps there's more to Peanut than meets Mildred's eye..." Book jacket.

* Velma Gratch and the Way Cool Butterfly by Alan Madison

  * "IT'S HARD TO BE VELMA entering first grade. That's because everyone has marvelous memories of her two older sisters, who were practically perfect first graders, and no one even notices Velma. But all that changes on a class trip to the butterfly conservatory, a place neither of her sisters has been. When a monarch roosts on Velma's finger and won't budge for days - no one will ever forget it... or her!" Books in Print

* When a Monster is Born by Sean Taylor

  * "When a monster is born, there are two possibilities... What happens when the monster comes to school, eats the principal, wanders into town, and falls in love? " Booklist review in Books in Print

* Wolf's Coming by Joe Kulka

  * "A shadowy figure climbs the hill, getting close and closer still. A distant howl echoes through the forest, and news quickly spreads that Wolf is coming! As the wolf gets closer and closer, animals run away as fast as they can. Soon the wolf's glowing eyes are peeking through the window, and then slowly, the front door creaks open..." Book jacket.

* Would I Ever Lie to You? by Carolyn Buehner

  * "A young boy is never sure if his older cousin is teasing or telling the truth. When your cousin is always telling outrageous tales, how do you know what to believe? He says you were hatched from an egg in the garden, and that sure sounds absurd. But not all of his stories are false: He was right about your aunt Mary not having teeth; and Dad agreed with him that, yes, your mom does have eyes in the back of her head! " Books in Print

* Younger Brother's Survival Guide by Lisa Kopelke

  * "Matt's sister calls him a pain. Matt's parents call them both wild animals. Matt calls it SURVIVING. That's why he wrote The Younger Brother's Survival Guide. Matt shares his tips on how to avoid the infamous Mystery Shake and why you shouldn't run around the house in your underwear, and gives general pointers on coping with an older sibling. Before long, you two will get along great! Just remember not to show this book to her..." Book jacket.
Books and Book Talks

Twelve 2009 Sasquatch Reading Award Nominees
(all are currently available through Sno-Isle Regional Libraries):

- Archer's Quest by Linda Sue Park
  - "Imagine sitting in your bedroom when an arrow barely misses your head! What would you think? And when you turn around, a young man who is dressed really strange is standing in your room aiming another arrow at you? For twelve-year-old Kevin, the whole thing is really frightening and yet he knows that he must try to figure out what is going on. The stranger is Chu-mong, the legendary ruler of ancient Korea! And the last thing he remembers is riding on a tiger through his kingdom. Together, they try to figure out what happened to bring The Archer to modern day New York. And more importantly, how to get him back!" Book talk from Nancy Keane's website: http://nancykeane.com/booktalks/park_archer's.htm

- The Beasts of Clawstone Castle by Eva Ibbotson
  - "While spending the summer with elderly relatives at Clawstone Castle in northern England, Madlyn and her brother Rollo, with the help of several ghosts, attempt to save the rare cattle that live on the castle grounds." Books in Print

- Clementine by Sara Pennypacker
  - "Hi, I'm Clementine and I'm having a “not so good of a week.” Even though “spectacularful ideas are always sproinging up in my brain” I still got in trouble over gluing Margaret's hair back on her head. I wasn’t even the one to cut it off in the first place, at least not the first time. And why does everyone tell me I'm not paying attention when I'm the one who notices things like what's happening outside the classroom window or what that the lady in our building is feeding the pigeons out her front windows? Trust me, both these things come in handy. Read Clementine by Sara Pennypacker to see what I mean." Book talk from Nancy Keane's website: http://nancykeane.com/booktalks/pennypacker_clementine.htm

- Diary of a Fairy Godmother by Esme Raji Codell
  - "Hunky Dory is at the top of her class in charm school. She could make flowers wilt like wet spaghetti and thunder rumble like a whale's bellyache. But her interest in wishcraft over witchcraft gets her kicked out of charm school. Now she's determined to follow her heart and become a fairy godmother. But how to go about doing it?" Books in Print

- The Homework Machine by Dan Gutman
  - "Fifth-grader Brenton is a computer genius, but the other three members of his work group think he's a nerd. So, when he tells them that he has invented a machine that does homework, they taunt him until he agrees to demonstrate. The machine actually works, and Kelsey, Sam, and Judy convince him to let them use it. At first, they are delighted with their freedom, but things quickly get out of hand." School Library Journal review in Books in Print

- Looking for Bapu by Anjali Banerjee
  - "Anu's beloved grandfather Bapu moved from India to Anu's home in the Pacific Northwest when Anu was small, and Anu is devastated when Bapu dies. But when he is visited by Bapu's ghost, he knows that there must be a way to bring him back to life -- he's just not sure how. Anu enlists his friends Izzy and Unger to help him. From shaving his head to making up fortunes in the hope of becoming more holy, Anu tries everything. He even journeys to the island of the Mystery Museum. Perhaps there, Karnak the Magician will be able to help?" Books in Print

- Magyk (Septimus Heap, Book 1) by Angie Sage
  - "When the seventh son of a seventh son is born, you know you have a magical read ahead. In these pages we find a hidden princess chased by an evil Hunter with a silver bullet in his gun. An Ordinary wizard and an Extra Ordinary Wizard are helping the princess hide. A poor soldier boy whose only name is Boy 412, must decide whether to help the Hunter or the hunted princess. Witches, boggarts, and ghosts roam through the pages of this exciting first book in the Septimus Heap series. This fantasy offers clever twists and turns of plot, surprising characters, and humorous spells. Magyk is a thick book but, magically, a quick read. " Book talk from Nancy Keane's website: http://nancykeane.com/booktalks/sage_magyk.htm

- Mr. Chickee's Funny Money by Christopher Paul Curtis
  - "Mr. Chickee gives 9-year-old Steven a mysterious bill with 15 zeros on it and the image of a familiar but startling face. Could it be a "quadrillion dollar bill"? Could it be real? Well, Agent Fondoo of the U.S. Treasury Department and his team of Secret Government Agents are determined to get that money back! But Steven
and his best friends, Russell and Zoopy the giant dog, are more than a match for the Feds. After all, Steven is the president of the Flint Future Detectives Club, and the inventor of fantastic spying and detecting equipment such as the Snoopeeze 9000!" Books in Print

**My Name is Sally Little Song** by Brenda Woods

- "Sally May lives on a plantation with her brother, mother and father. They are slaves and work very hard. When Sally May’s father finds out that Sally May and her brother, Abraham, are going to be sold, the family makes plans to escape. But they are not escaping to the North where most slaves head towards. They are escaping deeper into the south! Why would they do that? Shouldn’t they be going north away from the cruel plantation owners and slave hunters? Read My Name is Sally Little Song to find out why. Book talk from Nancy Keane’s website: http://nancykeane.com/booktalks/woods_my.htm

**The Road to Paris** by Nikki Grimes

- "In this Coretta Scott King Honor Book, young Paris isn't thrilled to be in yet another foster home. No matter how hard she tries to fit in, she can't ignore the feeling that she never will--especially in a town that's mostly white while she is half black." Books in Print

**Tales of the Cryptids: Mysterious Creatures that May or May Not Exist** by Kelly Milner Halls, Rick Spears, and Roxanne Young

- "Cryptozoology is the study of animals that may or may not be real: familiar animals like Bigfoot and the Loch Ness Monster, and those that are less familiar like the Marozi of Kenya, the Orang-pendek of Sumatra and the Thylacine of Tasmania. Meet these and more." Books in Print

**The World's Greatest Elephant** by Ralph Helfer

- Follow Bram and his elephant, Modoc, into a "series of incredible adventures, with danger at every turn." Book jacket.
Eight 2009 Young Reader's Choice Award Nominees
(all are currently available through Sno-Isle Regional Libraries):

- **Gossamer** by Lois Lowry
  
  “What's a dream? A hint of something hoped for, a brief glimpse of the past or a fragment of a nightmare. In Gossamer, Littlest, “dream-giver”, delivers bits of memories to two unsuspecting people in the hopes that they will be able to help each other overcome sadness in their lives. But will the Sinisteeds counteract the good with their nightmares? Some reality with a dash of fantasy makes this book a great read. (Jean B. Bellavance for Pennsylvania Young Reader's Choice Awards, 2007-2008)” Book talk from Nancy Keane’s website: http://nancykeane.com/booktalks/lowry_gossamer.htm

- **The Higher Power of Lucky** by Susan Patron
  
  “Life is not easy in Hard Pan, population 43. Lucky is 10 years old and is living with a guardian. Her mom has died and her dad doesn't want to take care of her. So she is living with her dad's first wife who has come from France to take care of Lucky. But it is a temporary arrangement. Every day Lucky sees how much Brigitte misses her life in France. Lucky has a part-time job to help pay the bills. She cleans up after an assortment of "Anonymous" meetings. You know, Alcoholics Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, Overeaters Anonymous. Through eavesdropping on the meetings, she becomes convinced that she must find her own higher power in order to find true happiness. Be sure not to miss this 2007 Newbery Award winner.” Book talk from Nancy Keane’s website: http://nancykeane.com/booktalks/patron_higher.htm

- **The Homework Machine** by Dan Gutman
  
  “Fifth-grader Brenton is a computer genius, but the other three members of his work group think he's a nerd. So, when he tells them that he has invented a machine that does homework, they taunt him until he agrees to demonstrate. The machine actually works, and Kelsey, Sam, and Judy convince him to let them use it. At first, they are delighted with their freedom, but things quickly get out of hand.” School Library Journal review in Books in Print

- **The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane** by Kate DiCamillo
  
  “Have you ever wondered what your toys think about you? Does the doll or teddy you want near you, especially at night, feel the same way about you? Maybe toys need to experience unhappiness, fear and loneliness to appreciate joy, caring and love. Perhaps only the most special toys can make that journey. Meet Edward Tulane, a china rabbit who was made especially for Abilene by her grandmother. Although Abilene loves him dearly, Edward pays little or no attention to her or the rest of the family’s interests. He worries only about himself and his fabulous wardrobe made of the finest cloth. All that changes when grandmother tells Abilene and Edward an unusually chilling story at bedtime then whispers of her disappointment in him. Soon after Edward is lost at sea and begins a tumultuous journey which changes his life forever.” (Jean B. Bellavance for Pennsylvania Young Reader's Choice Awards, 2007-2008). Book talk from Nancy Keane's website: http://nancykeane.com/booktalks/dicamillo_miraculous.htm

- **Room One: A Mystery or Two** by Andrew Clements
  
  Have you ever been curious, very curious about something and you wanted to find out what was happening? Todd Hammond sees a face at a window of an abandoned house. He loves mysteries. What should he do? Explore life in a small Nebraska town as Todd uncovers the mystery, or two.

- **Rules** by Cynthia Lord
  
  “If someone says "Hi", say “Hi” back. Say “Thank you” when someone gives you a present (even if you don’t like it). Don’t stand in front of the TV when other people are watching it. No toys in the fish tank. Rules, rules…so many things David doesn’t understand! It’s hard enough for any twelve-year-old to make her way in adolescent society…but sooo much harder when you have an autistic little brother! Cynthia loves David deeply, and protects him all she can, but his embarrassing behaviors present a real challenge in her search for the ideal best friend. One day, as Cynthia sits sketching in the waiting room during one of David’s many doctor visits, she meets someone who really rocks her categories and changes her whole perspective on who she is and what kind of relationships matter most. What was it that turned her world upside down, and what is “normal”, anyway? Read Rules by Cynthia Lord.” Book talk from Nancy Keane's website: http://nancykeane.com/booktalks/lord_rules.htm

- **To Dance: A Ballerina's Graphic Novel** by Siena Cherson Siegel
  
  This Robert F. Sibert Honor Book beautifully portrays Siena's dreams of becoming a ballerina with colorful illustrations. From her excitement of big, empty spaces on the beach of Puerto Rico making her dance to her
To Dance: A Ballerina's Graphic Novel is a true story, a memoir, of the author, Siena Cherson Siegel.

- **The Year of the Dog** by Grace Lin
  - “It's the Chinese Year of the Dog, and as Pacy celebrates with her family, she finds out that this is the year she is supposed to 'find herself.'” “Based on the author's true childhood adventures.” Books in Print.