

# Valleyview Library Newsletter

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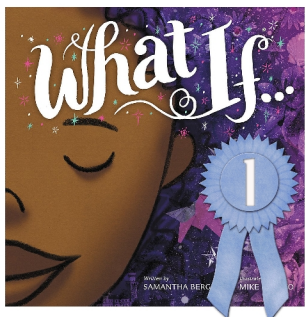
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## 2nd Graders Choose Annual Valleycott Award Winners!

Grade 2 library classes, recently studying Caldecott Award winning picture books (awarded as such by the American Library Association for outstanding artwork), have spent January evaluating some of 2018's best illustrated picture books and have just handed-out their annual Valleycott Awards. The Valleycott Award winners represent what the 2nd graders feel are outstanding examples of picture book artwork, and the 2nd graders will be writing letters of congratulations to the winning illustrators. Greater Plains and Riverside School 2nd graders are also choosing their own 2019 award winning picture books, and all Oneonta 2nd graders will be meeting at Greater Plains School on February 8th for the annual mock-Caldecott book party to celebrate and share!



*What If...*, illustrated by Mike Curato, written by Samantha Berger

*The Wall in the Middle of the Book*, illustrated & written by Jon Agee



## 5TH GRADES, INSPIRED BY HOLOCAUST STUDY, SIGN PLEDGE

To mark International Holocaust Remembrance Day, 5th grade library classes learned about & discussed The Holocaust, then were invited to sign a pledge now displayed outside the library, a pledge to spread kindness and to celebrate cultural diversity...



What's up?

What's up? Mr. Sider's 3rd grade library class is researching the life of Gandhi, while the other 3rd grade is studying life in other countries; 4th grade classes are putting the finishing touches on their Iroquis Indian research projects; and 5th grade library classes concluded their "Amazing Race" unit - we 'travelled' to several fascinating places and earned a lot! That's what's up!

## *Around the World with Jan Brett!*

Kindergarten & 1st grade library classes have been enjoying Author of the Month books by Jan Brett which have included trips to the Costa Rica cloud forest, the grasslands of Africa, and the Arctic. And following our reading of *Gingerbread Baby* we enjoyed homemade gingerbread cookies from the recipe on her website!

