

What's on your bookshelf?

Washington librarians share book recommendations

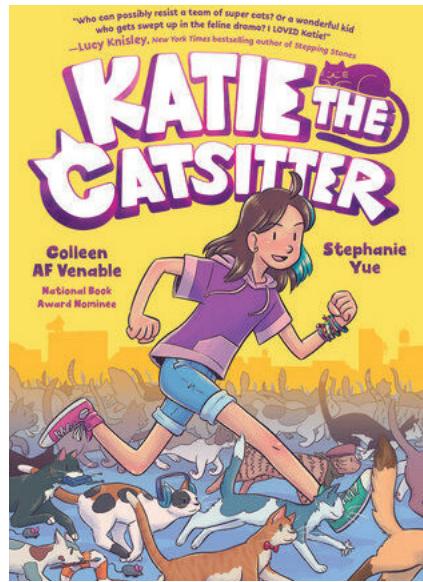
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Librarians from Ocean Park and Ilwaco Timberland Regional libraries in Washington state recently shared their latest book recommendations for “What’s on your bookshelf?”

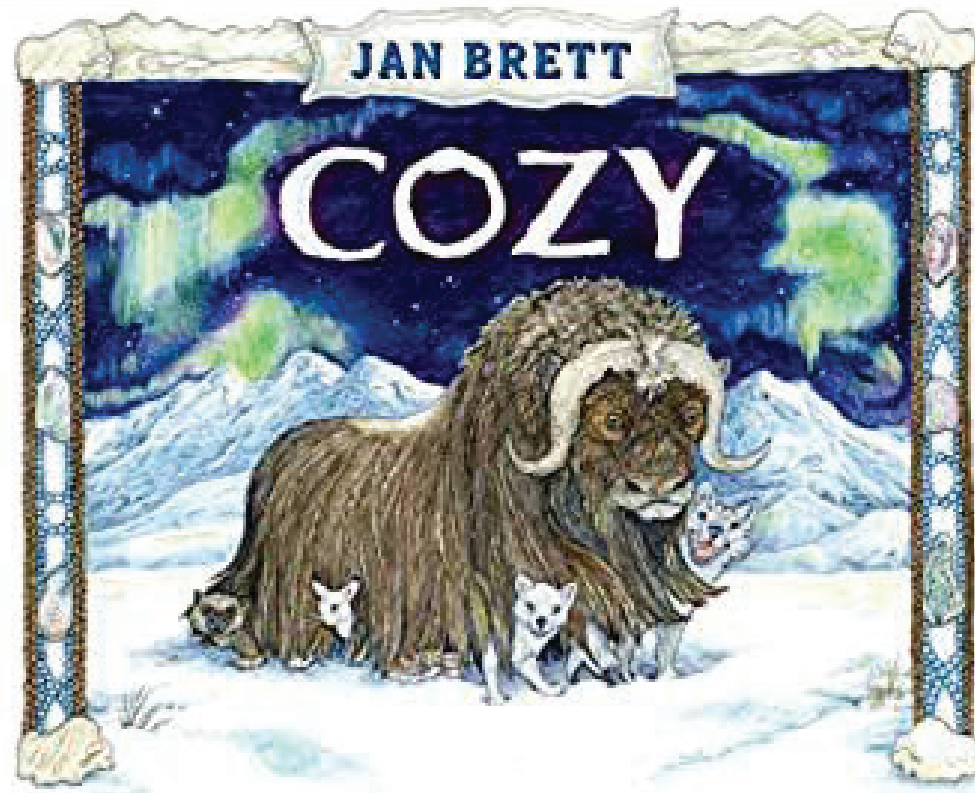
Ocean Park library director Jenny Grenfell and librarian Tania Remmers shared their recommendations.

1. ‘Katie the Catsitter’ by Colleen AF Venable; illustrated by Stephanie Yue

“(This) is a graphic novel for middle grades. Looking for a fun book to read? Do you like cats? If you liked the style of Raina Telgemeier then you will enjoy this,” Grenfell said. “City girl, Katie, looks for odd jobs to earn money to go to camp with a friend. She finds a job — and as you can probably guess by now, becomes a cat sitter for a neighbor. This is no normal cat sitting job... there are 217 exceptionally trained



kitties to watch over. To make matters even stranger the owner keeps leaving the house at times when a mysterious villain is committing crimes in the city. Is this just a coincidence? This book has it all — friendships, mystery, and heroes. And who doesn’t love cute little kitties?”

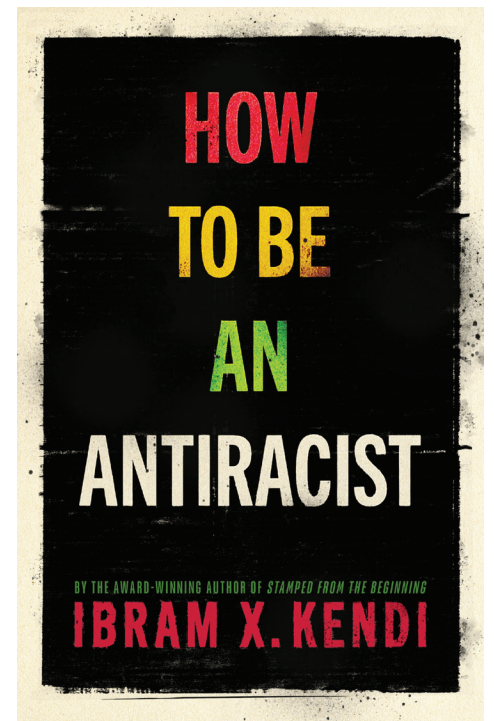


2. ‘Cozy’ by Jan Brett

“For fans of Jan Brett, ‘Cozy’ is her latest picture book and it is marvelous,” Grenfell said. “It is about a musk ox (named Cozy) who lives in Alaska and has a warm winter coat. Winter has come, it is extremely cold outside, and he has lost his way from his family. The musk ox becomes lonely, however this does not last long when other animals find out just how warm his fluffy coat is. Cozy ends up with a menagerie of critters who take up residence in his fur. As each different group of animals comes to live with Cozy, ground rules have to be set: no biting, keep your claws to yourself and no pouncing. Eventually, spring comes and his visitors leave with a promise to see him again in the winter. The artwork and storyline of this book are just lovely from the aurora, landscapes, creatures and beyond.”

3. ‘How to be an Antiracist’ by Ibram X. Kendi

“(This) is definitely a book for our times,” Grenfell said. “The author takes a studied look at the societal structures in American society, and differentiates between attitudes and actions that are racist in their effect, then describes what the antiracist version would look like. It is very



clear and academic. The author is very passionate about the topic but it is clear that the intent is to educate and help create more equitable systems, not to place blame.”

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