



Kid Scoop

.com

THE AWARD-WINNING PRINT & ONLINE FAMILY FEATURE



Find Kid Scoop on Facebook



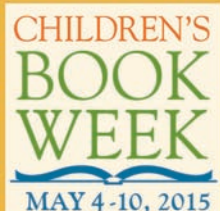


© 2015 by Vicki Whiting, Editor Jeff Schinkel, Graphics Vol. 31, No. 21

Children's BOOK WEEK

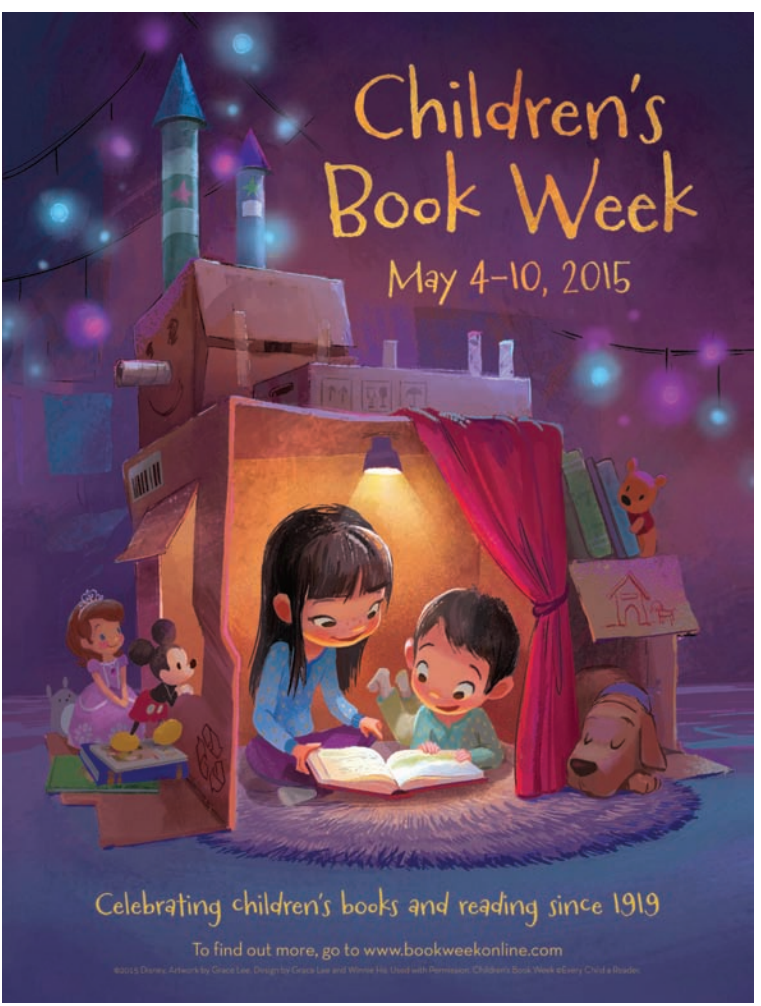
Children's Book Week is celebrated May 4–10, 2015. It's a week to think about the books you love and to enjoy new books.

The first Book Week was celebrated in 1919. How many years ago was that?



In 1921, a Book Week poster was designed to encourage children to read. A new poster has been designed every year since then.

This year's poster was created by Grace Lee. She was born in Taiwan and grew up in Los Angeles. She is currently working as a storybook artist at Disney Publishing Worldwide.



Use the code to find out the slogan for the first Children's Book Week Poster.





B



E



H



I



K



M



N



O



R



S



T

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple directions.

Design a Poster

Imagine you could design a National Children's Book Week poster. What would your slogan be? What kind of picture would you put on your poster? Design your own Book Week poster.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple directions.

SECRET DECODER

What if you couldn't read? If you couldn't read, the words on important signs might look like this. Learning to read is like finding a marvelous secret code. Use the decoder to find out what each sign says.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple directions.

στοπ

δ ο ν ' τ

ω α λ κ

ω ε τ

π α ι ν τ

β ε ω α ρ ε

ο φ δ ο γ

π ο ι σ ο ν

α = A

β = B

δ = D

ε = E

φ = F

γ = G

η = H

ι = I

κ = K

λ = L

ν = N

ο = O

π = P

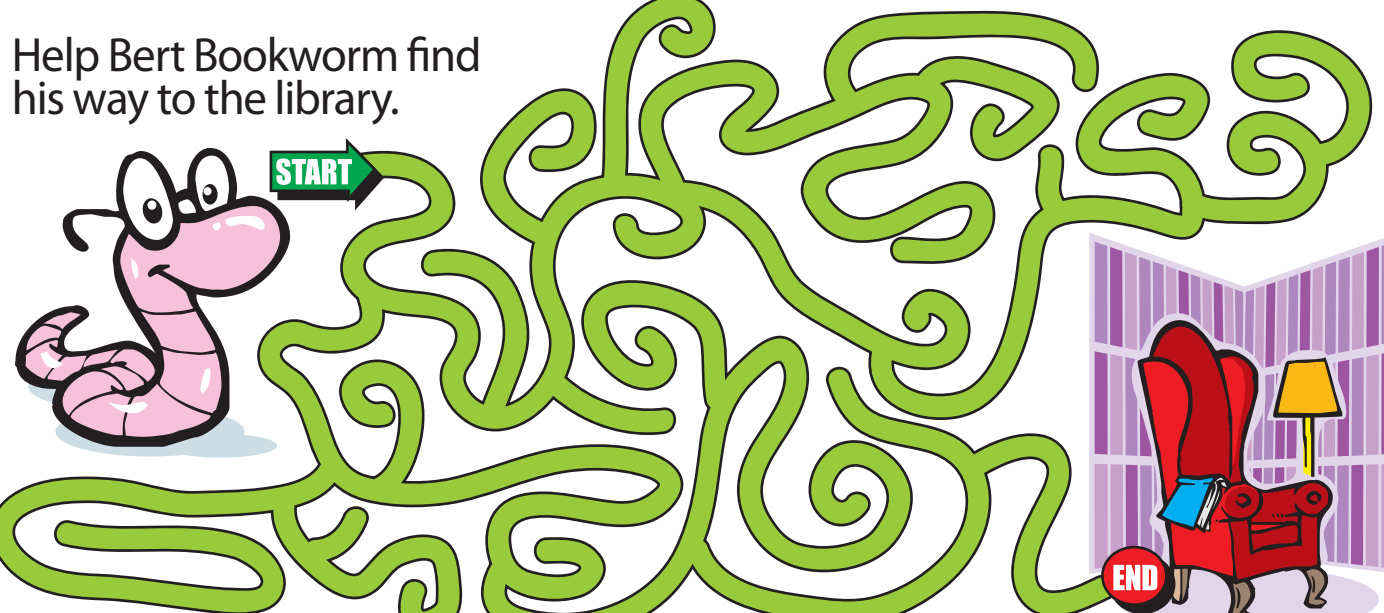
ρ = R

σ = S

τ = T

ω = W

Help Bert Bookworm find his way to the library.



Extra! Extra!

Storybook Shopper

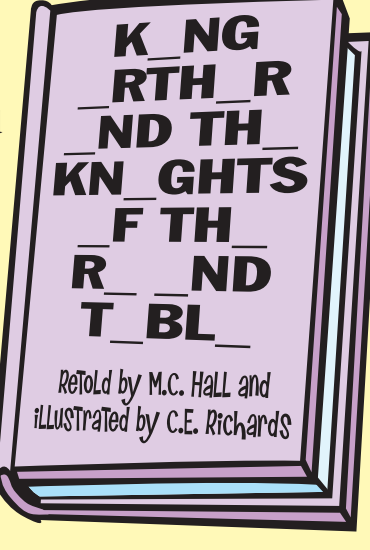
Think of a character from a book you have read. Look through the ads in the newspaper to find things you think this character would like to buy.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Narrative Analysis: Analyze characterization.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Check it Out @ Your Library!

This telling of the legend in comic book style begins with the birth of King Arthur and moves swiftly along as he frees the sword from the stone, is tutored by Merlin, befriends Lancelot, marries Guinevere, seeks the Holy Grail and battles Mordred.



Fill in the missing vowels in the title of this book. Then, check it out at your library this summer!

— Bert Bookworm

Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade-level appropriate words correctly.

Double Double Word Search

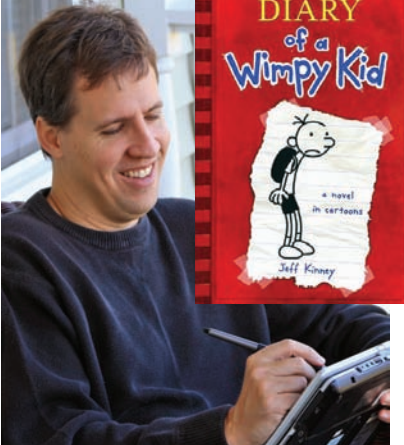
Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

C	H	I	L	D	R	E	N	S	
I	M	A	G	E					
L	I	B	R	A	R				
P	O	S	T	E	R				
W	O	R	D	S					
R	E	A	D	N	S				
C	O	M	E	S					
M	R	E	A	D	K				
E	E	W							

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

AN INTERVIEW with Jeff Kinney

Kid Scoop readers had some questions for Jeff Kinney, creator of the popular **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** book series.



Q: Did you always want to be a writer when you were a kid?

A: I didn't! I wanted to be a newspaper cartoonist, and that dream didn't come through for me. I also wanted to be a computer programmer, and that dream did come true ... I created *Poptropica*, a virtual world for kids.

Q: As a kid, what was your favorite book?

A: I liked *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* by Judy Blume.

Q: Have you always enjoyed reading?

A: I have. Especially in the bathroom. Okay, that's embarrassing.

Q: What inspired you to write the Wimpy Kid series?

A: My failure to become a newspaper cartoonist! I knew I had to get my cartoons seen, but I just needed to get them in another form.

Q: Did you enjoy middle school?

A: I didn't! For me, it was scary. I think things have gotten better for kids.

Q: Did you think that the first Wimpy Kid book would get so popular that you would have to write more?

A: I never thought the first book would even get published!

Q: What are your hobbies outside of writing?

A: I like going to Boston Celtics games with my kids. Does that count as a hobby?

Q: Are you thinking of writing another series?

A: I am! I hope I can come up with a good idea!

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **DECODE**

The verb **decode** means to change a message in code into ordinary language.

The object of the game was to **decode** the secret messages.

Try to use the word **decode** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

House Your Favorite Character

Imagine your favorite book character's house was going to be sold in the classified ad section of the newspaper. Write the classified ad for the house.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Narrative Analysis: Analyze features conveyed through character's words and actions.



When is a green book not a green book?

ANSWER: When it is read (red).

Write On! My Book

Imagine you could write a book for kids. What would be your topic? Who would be your main character? What would make other kids want to read your book?