



Friday | January 21, 2022



Raising

2021 end-of-year campaign. We far surpassed our previous years and raised over \$107,000 in **operating funds -** a Rabbit hOle record! We are humbled and exhilarated by this outpouring of support, and look forward to a prolific and high velocity year in 2022. We've already started some really exciting work, read on for more... There's still time to participate in our End of Year

A rousing "thank you!" to all who gave during our

campaign and give kids what they deserve. Click the link below to explore ways to give. WHEN A CHILD LOVES A BOOK.

Help The Rabbit hOle continue the momentum! If you or

someone you know is interested in making a transformative gift - either personally or through a foundation - please contact Pete Cowdin at hitterman@rabbitholekc.org.

Making

My Father's Dragon, written by Ruth Stiles Gannett and illustrated by her stepmother Ruth Chrisman Gannett, is a beloved classic and well-loved tale of Elmer Elevator, who travels to the island of Tangerina to rescue a baby dragon, indentured by the other island residents as a means of traveling across the river. Elmer must outsmart a series of animal guardians on the way to rescuing the dragon....it's a good thing he packed chewing gum, two dozen pink lollipops, a package of rubber bands, a compass, a toothbrush and a tube of toothpaste, six magnifying glasses, a very sharp jackknife, a comb and a hairbrush, seven hair ribbons of different colors, an empty grain bag with a label saying "Cranberry," some clean clothes, twenty five peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and six apples. *My Father's Dragon* is a chapter book with an engaging story that helps young readers take the leap to lengthier storytelling.







 $Book\ Pairing$ - A reflection on My Father's Dragon, by Ruth Stiles Gannett and illustrated by Ruth

Chrisman Gannett, with multiple book pairings! Pairings and reflection by Deb, Co-Founder and resident book worm

In 2021 we saw many milestones, not the least of

Building

which included the completion of our 15,000 s/f Fab Shop expansion. After a year of steady efforts that included significant demolition, wall building, concrete work, sprinkler work, electrical and plumbing upgrades, equipment acquisition and installation, storage upgrades, and much more, we received our official blessing from the city in December. All of this we completed while we continued to build exhibits throughout the year, which makes it extra special!

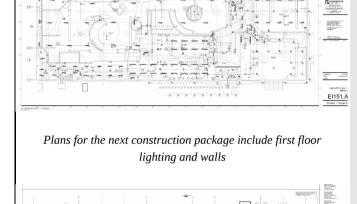


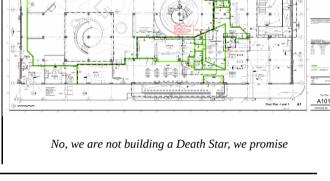


forthcoming exhibits

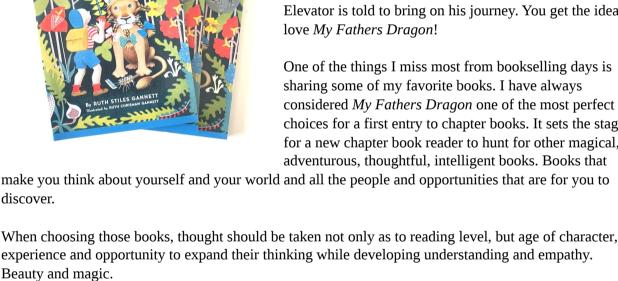


funding had all but ceased during the first year of the pandemic so we had to pause our final phase of building renovations for the museum. We're happy to report that building renovations are set to begin again in February. This, together with our rapidly expanding exhibit agenda and growing fabrication team, puts us back on course for a 2023 opening! Yay.





I love *My Fathers Dragon*. I love reading it out loud, reading it to myself, recommending it to others, buying it as a gift. I love the clever text, the beautiful illustrations, the range of emotion and behaviors it captures and



love *My Fathers Dragon*! One of the things I miss most from bookselling days is sharing some of my favorite books. I have always considered *My Fathers Dragon* one of the most perfect choices for a first entry to chapter books. It sets the stage for a new chapter book reader to hunt for other magical, adventurous, thoughtful, intelligent books. Books that

presents to readers giving them opportunities to consider and discuss, as well as the particular list of items Elmer Elevator is told to bring on his journey. You get the idea. I

I fall into the category of people who believe kids should have an opportunity to saturate themselves

important to them. Things that matter. Even avid readers have only a sliver of time and opportunity to read all the great books perfect for them at a particular age or place in their lives. Nothing is more comforting than finding a book you want to

with books at different cognitive levels. Books that can help a child navigate the things that are

read over and over again throughout your life. What is this book pairing about anyway?! An opportunity to pair some books with you.

Here is a (partial) list of some of my very favorite books for kids age 4-10. A broad age range, yes, but these are books that could be listened to or read three or four times between those ages. That is a great

test for a book. The Hundred Dresses by Eleanor Estes, illus. by Louis Slobodkina Stone Fox by John Reynolds Gardiner

The Iron Giant by Ted Hughes

Sarah Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan *The Houdini Box* by Brian Selznick Wolf Story by William McCleery

Stories Julian Tells by Ann Cameron *Li Lun, Lad of Courage* by Carolyn Treffinger Lotta on Troublemaker Street by Astrid Lindgren The Big Wave by Pearl Buck *Song of the Trees* by Mildred Taylor -Deb **Curiosities** Watch This!

The Masterwork of a Painting Elephant by Michelle Cuevas

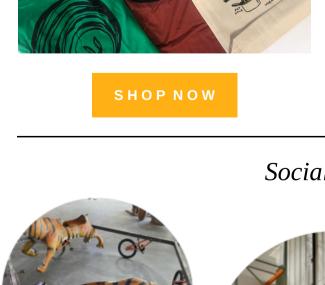
Letters to Anyone and Everyone by Toon Tellegen

Twelve Kinds of Ice by Ellen Bryan Obed

your loved ones.

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year in style with some Rabbit hOle swag for you or



seconds! He is *good*.

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took Scribe exactly one minute and thirty three

Painting the Boars from





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