

## FEBRUARY 2024 | LOVE IS IN THE AIR

This month's newsletter explores some wonderfully illustrated books centering around love and Valentine's Day that Sarah & Megan found to be worth the read. Check out their picks below!

It's always possible to join the Rowley Public Library's 1000 Books Before Kindergarten challenge, available through Beanstack. Getting a head start on your child's reading can give them the boost they need before entering school. Now they can earn prizes as well!

Help them get a jump on things by picking up one of these books today!

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### SARAH'S PICTURE BOOK CHOICES



#### *First Valentine* by Kallie George

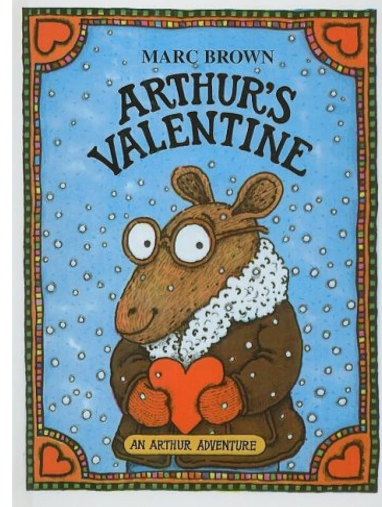
Little friend is so excited to make his first valentine—in the shape of a heart! But learning how to cut shapes is a lot harder than you think, and no matter how much he tries, little friend can't make the heart just-right. Will little friend be able to make the perfect valentine? A sweet and silly rhyming story about first experiences, full of gentle Valentine's Day fun!

Find *First Valentine* in the [MVLC Catalog](#)

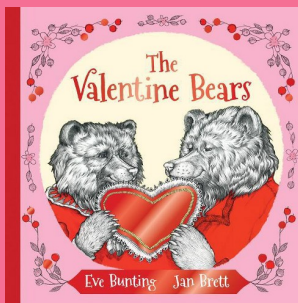
## *Arthur's Valentine* by Marc Brown

Let Arthur be your perfect valentine! It's almost Valentine's Day, and Arthur can't crack the case on who his secret admirer is. Could it be Fern, or maybe even Sue Ellen? Or is it just Buster playing pranks? Will Arthur solve the mystery, or will he be left holding a broken heart?

[Find \*Arthur's Valentine\* in the MVLC Catalog](#)



## *The Valentine Bears* by Eve Bunting & Jan Brett



Celebrating Valentine's Day is a tradition Mr. And Mrs. Bear have always missed due to their long winter nap. Determined to not miss it yet again, Mrs. Bear makes preparations very early, then sets her clock for the special day. Full of love with touches of humor, this book is sure to bring smiles and giggles from your reader.

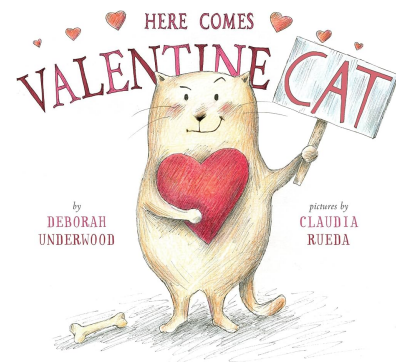
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## MEGAN'S PICTURE BOOK CHOICES

### *Here Comes Valentine Cat* by Deborah Underwood

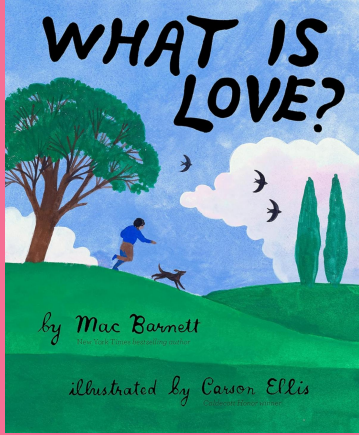
Cat does NOT like Valentine's Day. It's much too mushy, and no way is he making anyone a valentine—especially not his new neighbor, Dog. Dog refuses to respect the fence: He keeps tossing over old bones and hitting Cat in the head! But just as Cat's about to send Dog an angry "valentine" telling him exactly what he can do with his bones, Dog throws a ball over the fence. What is Dog playing at? Cat is in for a hilarious—and heartwarming—surprise in this story about being perhaps too quick to judge.

[Find \*Here Comes Valentine Cat\* in the MVLC Catalog](#)



### *What Is Love?* by Mac Barnett

*"What is love?" a young boy asks. "I can't answer that," his grandmother says, and so the boy goes out into the world to find out. But while each person he meets—from the fisherman to the actor to everyone in between—has an answer to his question, not one seems quite right.*



*Could love really be a fish, or applause, or the night? Or could it actually be something much closer to home? This tender, funny tale is an original take on the "I love you" story and a picture book treasure for all ages to read and cherish.*

[Find \*What Is Love?\* in the MVLC Catalog](#)

### *The Mystery of the Love List* by Sarah Glenn Marsh

Pippa's teacher tells her students to make a love list--a list of all the things that take up room in their hearts. Pippa makes her list, but when she finds someone else's and sees that her own name has been written down, along with all of her favorite things, she discovers she has a secret admirer! Maybe the best friend she's always hoped for is right in her classroom, if only she can crack the case. Good thing there's nothing Pippa loves more than a good detective story. Will she solve the mystery of the love list and find a new friend?



[Find \*The Mystery of the Love List\* in the MVLC Catalog](#)

## FEBRUARY SPOTLIGHT ON MUSEUM PASSES

It's still pretty cold outside, and it's only getting colder! Why not take your child to a museum to allow them to build their love for art, culture, and/or nature? Check out the [museum passes](#) available at the library or go on some indoor adventures!



### PLACES TO EXPLORE:

#### Museums:

- [Children's Museum of New Hampshire](#)
- [North Shore Children's Museum](#)
- [Peabody Essex Museum](#)
- [Strawberry Banke Museum](#)
- [Wenham Museum](#)
- [Museum of Fine Arts](#)

#### Science Centers & Aquariums:

- [New England Aquarium](#)
- [Museum of Science](#)
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