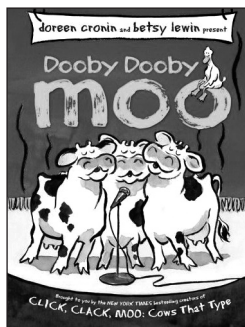


The library is full of interesting people, as this issue of *The Teaching Librarian* demonstrates. In this issue of “Book Buzz,” we’d like to introduce you to some of the most fascinating “people @ your library”—authors and characters the “people @ your library” can’t stop talking about!



### Dooby Dooby Moo

Doreen Cronin  
illustrated by Betsy Lewin  
2006  
ISBN 13: 9780689845079

#### Sample Curriculum Links:

Primary Language Arts:  
Writing  
Junior Language Arts:  
Media Literacy  
Grades 1–8 Arts:  
Music; Drama and Dance

#### Summary:

The farmyard animals of Farmer Brown are back in this latest installment from the creators of *Click Clack Moo: Cows That Type* and its sequels. In this story, Farmer Brown is once again suspicious about those creative, wacky and independent animals of his, who are never content to just hang around the barn. Duck has spotted an ad for a talent show to

be held at the country fair, and the prize of a trampoline is incentive enough. The animals perfect their renditions of some classic tunes, but it is only when Duck runs out, singing “Born to be Wild,” that their win is guaranteed....

#### How to Use This Book:

Fans of the earlier books will love this latest installment purely as part of the collection, but the neat use of fonts, footnotes, and conventions of advertising texts make it a great EQAO resource and media literacy tool. Music and dance teachers would find it a creative and fun way to introduce lessons ranging from “interpretive dance” (though the pigs aren’t exactly good role models!) to performance protocol and choral singing.



### Mars Needs Moms

Berkeley Breathed  
2007  
ISBN 13: 9780399247361

#### Sample Curriculum Links:

Grades 1–8 Language Arts: Writing, Media Literacy  
Grade 7 and 8 Arts:  
Visual Arts  
Grade 6 Science: Space  
Grade 4: Healthy Living

#### Summary:

Milo can’t understand why moms are so important. They are “giant, summer-stealing, child-working, perfumy garden goblins” whose mission in life is to ruin the fun of children. When Milo’s mother fails to see the humour in his “sister-tinting” escapade and sends Milo to his room, his beliefs are confirmed. Unfortunately, Martians have been watching Earth from Mars, and have decided that they indeed do need moms... and they’ve decided to kidnap some, including Milo’s. When he goes along for the ride, he learns just why moms are so valuable... and realizes that Martians aren’t the only ones who need moms after all....

#### How to Use This Book:

The illustrations in this book show the Pulitzer Prize winning author’s experience as a cartoonist (*Bloom County* and *Opus*), and would appeal to students from JK to 8. Unlike his earlier picture book, *Edward Fudwupper Fibbed Big*, this book alternates through colour illustrations and black and white cartoons. The visuals are a great example of using different media for varying effects. Students in grade 4 health classes can discuss the challenges and responsibilities in family relationships, using this as a humorous introduction. Students studying space

will recognize the planets Milo passes, and enjoy the quirky take on Martian lifeforms. The alliterations woven through the text make this a perfect choice for language arts lessons on descriptive language and humour as well.



### Beware Pirates (Canadian Flyer Adventures #1)

Frieda Wishinsky  
2007.  
ISBN 13: 9781897066805

#### Sample Curriculum Links:

Grade 6 Social Studies:  
Heritage and Citizenship  
Aboriginal Peoples and  
European Explorers  
Primary Language Arts:  
Reading

#### Summary:

Emily has just moved into her Great Aunt Miranda’s old house, where all sorts of interesting artifacts are stored in a cool tower at the top of the house. When she meets her new neighbour, Matt Martinez, he and Emily decide to try out the old Canadian Flyer sled, which Aunt Miranda has mysteriously suggested might be magic. Lo and behold, before they know it, Matt and Emily are being whooshed back in time to 1577 and what