

# THE HUB NEWS



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## 01. ANNOUNCEMENTS

It is with great enthusiasm that we welcome **Leanne Edwards**, Coordinator of our Learning Hub, whom we offer our support and wish every success. Ms. Leanne has worked in 3 other international school libraries and is very excited to be here at PAS. We will be interviewing Ms. Leanne for next month's issue so that we get to learn more about her.

### Promoting the love of reading

In order to promote the love of reading, our Learning Hub invested in the purchase of 136 books, considering suggestions from students, parents and teachers. Be sure to read them!

To help spread reading, we donated 496 textbooks to 5 other schools!

Classes in the Learning Hub have resumed and students have shown their joy and enthusiasm at being able to interact with the books again.

We ask all Learning Hub visitors to comply with established protocols.

Please read our [Learning Hub Policies](#) carefully.

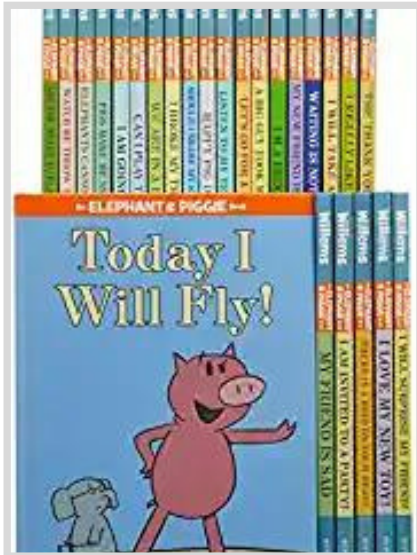


## 2. NEW ARRIVALS

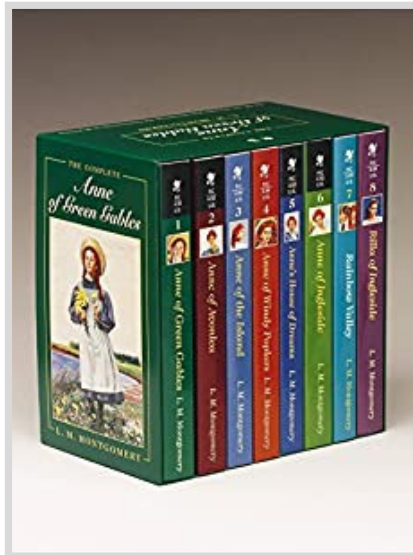
We invite you to discover adventures with the new acquisitions of the Learning Hub and develop your potential with professional development resources

Remember to request them through the [Destiny Discover](#) platform.

"He that loves reading has everything within his reach." - William Godwin



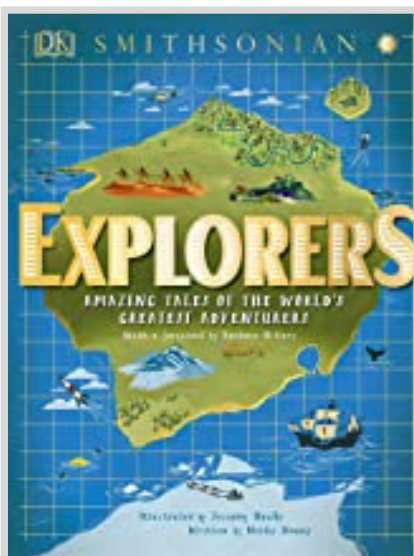
Selection of books by Mo Willems  
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Anne of Green Gables series  
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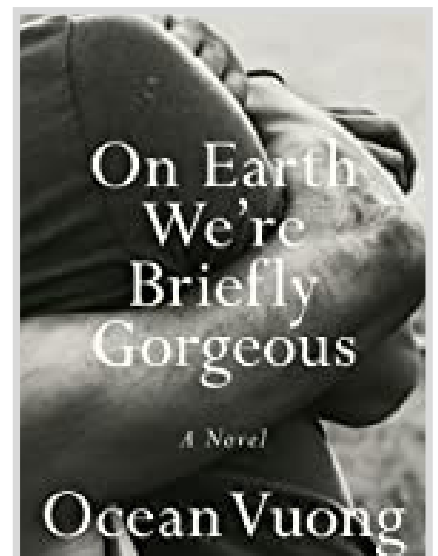
Reaching for the moon  
J 510.9 JOH



Explorers  
J 910.92 HUA



Publication Manual  
NF 808 APA



On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous  
F VUO

# 3. CELEBRATION OF BLACK PEOPLES AND AFRO-COSTA RICAN CULTURE DAY AUGUST 31



## Data on Afro-descendants in Costa Rica By: Adriana Campos Arrieta

Did you know that the first people of African descent who arrived in Costa Rica did so in the 16th century? Did you know that they entered the Guanacaste sector accompanying their Spanish masters in the conquest and colonization of the New World? Those people quickly joined the local settlers and the miscegenation quickly allowed them to assimilate into the cultural and social dynamics of the area. From that contact, cultural practices such as the use of the marimba and the quijongo remain in Guanacaste, as well as the love of oral narration, an incalculable source of wisdom shared by both Africans and indigenous people and which is still strong among the inhabitants. But if you look at us closely, the afro grandfather is reflected in our faces, in the frizzy hair, the wide hips and the big arms. However, the influence does not end there. The Virgin of the Angels, the patron saint of Costa Rica, was found by an Afro-descendant in Puebla de los Pardos, the Basilica de los Ángeles stands.

At the end of the 19th century, the great road constructions that had been a huge problem during the colonial period were taking place. Let us remember that the Spanish Crown was little or not interested in this matter, especially in provinces as small as ours. Minor Keith, the railroad magnate, established contracts to bring black people to the Costa Rican Caribbean area from the Antilles. Jamaicans and Barbadians, as well as from other English-speaking islands, worked hard building the railroad and banana plantations. There they settled, had their families, and passed on their language, ancestral knowledge, and wishes for a better future for future generations.

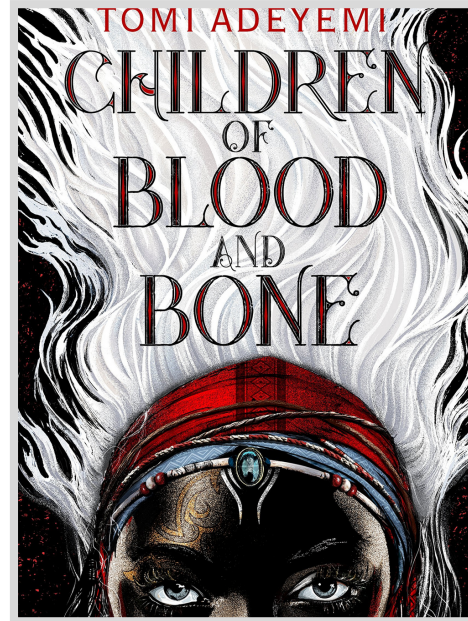
We celebrate today, for the first time together, the International Day of Afro-descendants and the Day of the Black Person and Afro-Costa Rican Culture, reminding us of the extraordinary contributions of the African diaspora around the world and the vitality of eliminating all forms of discrimination, marginalization and exclusion against Afro-descendants. Recognizing our past is recognizing the present generations and ourselves.

## 4. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BOOKS WRITTEN BY PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT

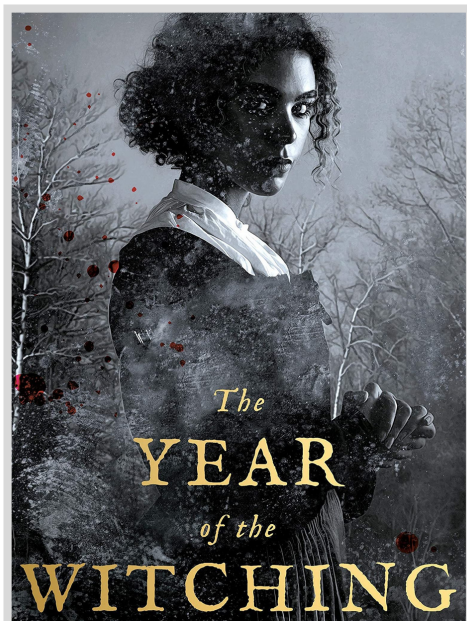
"If there is a good book that hasn't been written yet, then you must write it." - Toni Morrison



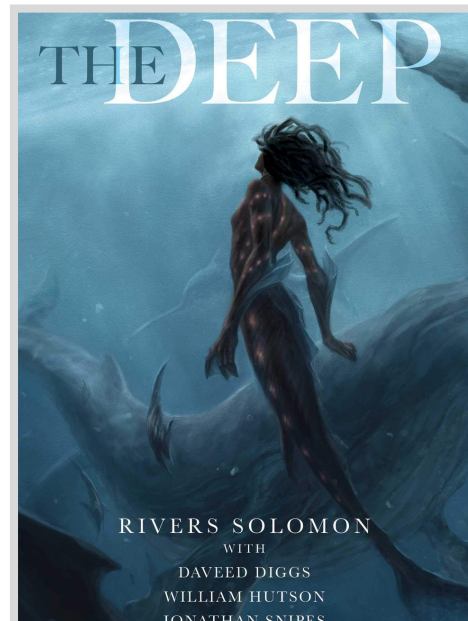
**Binti**  
Nnedi Okorafor



**Children of Blood and Bone**  
Tomi Adeyemi



**The Year of the Witching**  
Alexis Henderson



**The Deep**  
Rivers Solomon

# 5. OTHER BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

We are pleased to see our students and teachers motivated, requesting books that complete their favorite series and recommend reading.

"If you want adventures, go read"



**Salomé Guillén**



**Ismael Hidalgo**



**Dariana Herrera**



**Giovanna Lipas**



**Daniela Montero**



**María José Hidalgo**



**Viviana Miranda**

## 6. EXPLORING DESTINY DISCOVER

We have resources available to students, parents, and teachers.  
Be sure to take advantage of them!

DESTINY DISCOVER IS A GREAT RESOURCE FOR FINDING BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY. IT'S EASY TO USE, TOO! ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS FOLLOW THESE STEPS:

1. FOLLOW THIS LINK TO GET TO DESTINY DISCOVER.
2. CLICK ON LOGIN IN THE TOP RIGHT CORNER. EVERY STUDENT AT PAS HAS A USERNAME AND PASSWORD. THE USERNAME IS THE START OF YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS AND YOUR PASSWORD IS THE NUMBER ON YOUR ID.

[CLICK HERE FOR A VIDEO \(IN ENGLISH\) SHOWING HOW TO LOGIN.](#)

YOU CAN NOW USE DESTINY DISCOVER!

PLEASE NOTE THAT BOOKS LABELED CLASSROOM LIBRARY ARE FOR CLASS USE ONLY.

WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH DESTINY DISCOVER?

- SEE NEW AND POPULAR BOOKS
- SEARCH FOR BOOKS BY TOPIC
- PUT BOOKS ON HOLD
- SEE WHAT BOOKS YOU HAVE CHECKED OUT
- IF YOU NEED HELP WRITE TO US AT: PASCOPIAS@PANAM.ED.CR OR LEANNE.EDWARDS@PANAM.ED.CR

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