

# Winter Olympics

## Teens: Books about Winter Olympics/Sports

### Fiction

- Gold Medal Winter*  
by Donna Freitas
- The Perfect Blindside*  
by Leslea Wahl
- Underland*  
by Chanda Hahn
- Bittersweet*  
by Sarah Ockler
- Slalom*  
by S.L. Rottman

### Nonfiction

- The Complete Book of the Olympics.*  
by David Wallechinsky and Jaime Loucky  
796.48 W196CO 2012
- Women Athletes*  
by Sherri Mabry Gordon  
796.092 GORD
- Breaking the Ice: My Journey to Olympic Hockey, the Ivy League, and Beyond*  
by Angela Ruggiero  
796.962092 R931B
- But Now I See: My Journey From Blindness to Olympic Gold*  
by Steven Holcomb with Steve Eubanks  
796.092 HOLC HOLC 2013
- A Passion for Victory: the Story of the Olympics in Ancient and Early Modern Times*  
by Benson Bobrick  
796.48 B663P

## Kids: Winter Olympics: Booklist

### J - Nonfiction

- 796.023 KELL  
*Olympics*  
(Choose Your Own Career Adventure)  
by K. C. Kelley
- 796.48 H946H  
*High-tech Olympics* by Nick Hunter
- 796.4809 MASO  
*Incredible Olympic Records* by Tyler Mason
- 796.962 BURG  
*Miracle on Ice* by Michael Burgan
- 796.98 H946W  
*The Winter Olympics* by Nick Hunter
- 796.98 M177F  
*Freeze Frame: A Photographic History of the Winter Olympics*  
by Sue Macy
- 951.95 RUDO  
*South Korea* by Jessica Rudolph
- 951.95 SOME  
*South Korea* by Barbara A. Somerville
- J - Biography**
- 796.09252 IGNO  
*Women in Sports: Fearless Athletes who Played to Win*  
by Rachel Ignatofsky

### J - Easy

- BOIG**  
*Max and Maria* by Alexandra Boiger
- J - Fiction**
- HOLL**  
*The Girl Games (Goddess Girls)*  
by Joan Holub
- KELL**  
*The Gold Medal Miss* by David A. Kelly
- NIXO**  
*Gus and Gerlie and the Lucky Charms*  
by Joan Lowery Nixon
- OSBO**  
*Hour of the Olympics (Magic Tree House)*  
by Mary Pope Osborne

## Downhill Bobsled Race

- empty wrapping paper tube
- scissors and tape
- two toy cars
- paper and marker

First, cut your empty wrapping paper tube in half lengthwise. This will make for two long bobsled tracks. With a small piece of paper and a marker, name the country your racing for, and tape it to the top of the toy cars. Get your "bobsleds" up to the top of the track, and let them race!

## Teen Activity: Olympic Themed 719 Rocks

Participate in the 719 rocks trend and learn about world flags!

1. Talk to your parents and find out your heritage – if applicable, from which country/countries did your family emigrate?
2. Research the world flags for those countries.
3. Paint those flags on a rock.
4. Cheer for those countries (along with the USA!) during the Olympics.
5. After the Olympics are done, use your rocks as decoration, or place them somewhere around Colorado Springs for someone to find!

Tell us what you think! We welcome topical ideas to enhance your educational endeavors. Contact [jfleishhacker@ppld.org](mailto:jfleishhacker@ppld.org).

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Winter 2017/2018



## PyeongChang 2018



## Fun Facts About the 2018 Winter Olympics

The next Winter Olympics will be held in PyeongChang, Republic of Korea (South Korea) from February 9 to 25.

### A few facts about South Korea:

- South Korea has one of the world's fastest internet networks.
- It's about the size of Indiana.
- Kimchi (made with fermented cabbage) is served with most meals.
- Babies in Korea are considered one year old on the day they're born. They add another year each New Year's Day.
- The Korean alphabet has 10 vowels and 14 consonants, which helps make it easy for children to learn.
- Robots are used to teach English in Korean schools.
- The national sport is taekwondo.

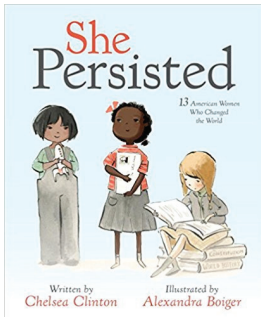
### The 2018 Winter Olympics will include these lesser-known sports:

- **Biathlon** - combines cross-country skiing with marksmanship. Athletes ski through a trail that is divided into 2 or 4 shooting rounds. Penalties are assessed for missed targets.
- **Bobsledding** - teams of 2 or 4 use gravity-powered sleds to speed down iced tracks. The name bobsled comes from the way competitors bob back and forth at the beginning to increase their speed.
- **Curling** - a team sport played on ice. Teams use brooms to guide a 44-pound stone toward the center of a set of circles.
- **Luge** - a sledding event where riders lie on their backs and use their reflexes to steer down an icy track. They reach speeds close to 90 mph.
- **Nordic Combined** - combines ski jumping and cross-country skiing.
- **Skeleton** - athletes plummet headfirst down a steep, ice track on a tiny sled.

To learn more about the Winter Olympics in PyeongChang, visit [olympic.org/pyeongchang-2018](http://olympic.org/pyeongchang-2018).



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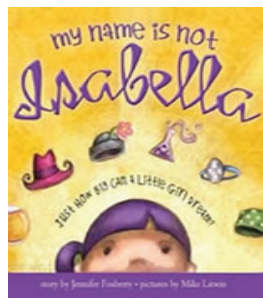


**She Persisted: 13 American Women Who Changed the World**  
by Chelsea Clinton [2017]

This is an easy to read picture book – two sentences for each woman, featuring how she had to work hard, to persist, to reach her goal. You will recognize most of the names, like Harriet Tubman and Helen Keller.

History, biography, character studies Ages 4 - 8

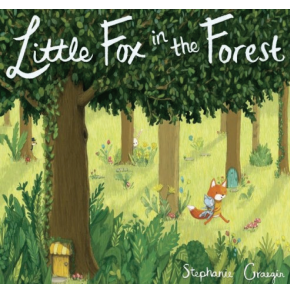
**My Name Is Not Isabella: Just How Big Can a Little Girl Dream**  
by Jennifer Fosberry [2010]



Imagine your kids pretending they are someone you have read to them about. Will they remember when the person lived? Probably not. Will they have a good idea what this person is known for? Probably so! This is a match for the first book, but far more playful! This little girl is busy pretending to be Sally (Ride), Annie (Oakley), and other notable women, including her own mommy.

History, biography, imaginative play

Ages 4 - 8



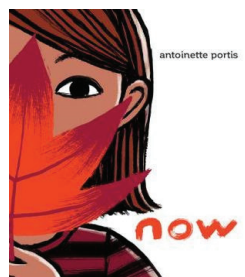
**Little Fox in the Forest**  
by Stephanie Graegin [2017]

I love wordless picture books. There are so many ways to 'read' them. A little girl brings her stuffed animal fox to show and tell at school. While she is swinging, a real fox runs off with it, taking it to a charming animal-land. The story is complex, and emotional; the little girl loves her stuffed animal – so does the little fox who ran off with it. Your child can tell you the story, but you need to allow ample time, as there are many things to see and discuss.

Storytelling, visual literacy

Ages 4 - 8

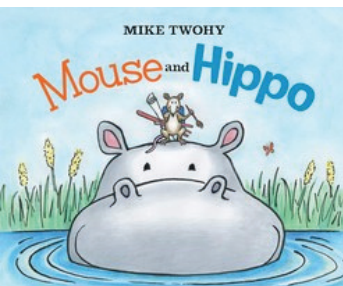
**Now**  
by Antionette Portis [2017]



Kids live in a different world than we adults, and this delightful book reminds me of this. The book is about a child's 'favorite' things – and most are favorites at the moment. A hole in the ground, clouds, mud, a worm ... simple things that we mostly miss as we are busy planning out a day.

Conversation starter, beginning a personal 'Now' style book

Ages 4 - 8



**Mouse and Hippo**  
by Mike Twohy [2017]

This may be my favorite book on the list, and it is about friendship between these two really different animals. Each paints a picture of the other, and the art that is created will make you giggle! Remember that we need books that make us smile, particularly as we are learning to enjoy reading. Do take time to read books that have no obvious 'educational' content!!

Kindness, portrait painting

Ages 4 - 8

## Little-Known Secrets

### Drop by and see Sand Creek Library Makerspace and Recording Studio.

These facilities are NEW, and the Grand Opening was held in September 2017. Included in this model are opportunities for children and families to engage in creative activities.

**Sand Creek's Makerspace** is available to the public during Open Hours.

**Sand Creek's Open Hours**

**Tuesdays • 10 a.m. - noon**

**Wednesdays • 6 - 8 p.m.**

**Thursdays • 2 - 4 p.m.**

**Fridays • 2 - 4 p.m.**

**Saturdays • 10 a.m. - noon**

Patrons 9 years and older are invited to use the makerspace's equipment during these times.

- ♦ 3D printers
- ♦ laser cutter/engraver
- ♦ sewing and embroidery machines)

Children between the ages of 9 - 12 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

**Thursday afternoons at 4 p.m.**

Children and their parents are invited to enter the makerspace area at the front of the building for an **art or science focused activity**.

The Sand Creek calendar on the Pikes Peak Library District homepage should also have program descriptions. Call 597-7070 for more information.

**Music loving families, take note!**

Sand Creek has a recording studio that your family can use.

1. Have your song written out;
2. Do all your practicing and rehearsing BEFORE scheduling a recording session;
3. Come with lots of energy on the day and time that the recording studio was booked;
4. Have fun!

Other programs that will be of interest to families:

**Parent/child sewing classes**

**Pottery classes**

**Makerspace Tour**

If your homeschooling co-op is interested in arranging a tour of Sand Creek's Makerspace, please call (719) 597-7070 and ask for Melissa.

## HOMESCHOOL

### Homeschool Science @ East

These awesome science-based programs offer kids an engaging variety of learning experiences. Contact Jfleishhacker@ppld.org or check online at ppld.org/homeschool-hub for more information.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month** (Program in March is on 3/23/18);

**1 p.m • East Library Community Room**

### Homeschool Programs at Library 21c, High Prairie, Monument, and Rockrimmon Libraries

Participate in a variety of family learning experiences. Enjoy activities with other homeschool families. Contact each location for more information or check online at ppld.org/homeschool-hub.

### Homeschool Science Fair

Homeschooled student(s) are invited to demonstrate a science project for other Homeschool families. There are no strict rules or guidelines for this noncompetitive event and planning is left up to the individual family. Registration is required for each student presenting. Register online at ppld.org/homeschool-hub or contact Joy at Jfleishhacker@ppld.org or (719) 531-6333, x1407.

**Fri., Feb. 16, 2018 • 10 - 11:30 a.m.**

**Venue @ Library 21c**

### 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Homeschool Art Show @ East

It's time to get creative! Homeschooled students can submit one artwork (drawing, painting, photo, sculpture, etc.) during the last week of March 2018. Artwork will be on display in the East Children's room throughout April, and we will end with a reception for friends and family. Watch for more information. The art show will not be juried.



## OTHER EVENTS & PROGRAMS



### Study Buddies

Teen volunteers help students in kindergarten through fifth grade with homework or reading practice. Study Buddies begins the first week of September.

**Tuesdays • 6:30 - 8 p.m. • East Library**

### Family Fun

Enjoy performers, animals, crafts and much more at monthly programs. Fun for the whole family! Check online at ppld.org, or at your local library for upcoming events.

### Tween Twist

Cool Crafts for Tweens, age 9 - 12. 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of each month.

**4:30 - 5:15 p.m. • 21c**

**6:30 - 8 p.m. • East Library**

### Elementary Make 5 - 8 year olds

**4:30 - 5:15 p.m. • Library 21c**

### Make Art!

Kids in grades 1 – 5 can create a unique work of art one Saturday afternoon a month at East Library. Call (719) 531-6333, x1403 for dates and themes.

## TEENS

### Monument Teen Creative Writing Group

Writing group for ages 12 - 18 (or 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade). Join us to meet fellow writers, share ideas, do writing exercises, and enjoy tasty snacks!

**Tuesdays • 6 - 7:30 p.m.**

**Dec. 5, Jan. 2, and Feb. 6**

**Monument Library – Study Room**

### Mug Meals and Sharpie Mugs

Hey Teens! This month we'll be cooking delicious mug meals in the microwave and decorating our own mugs with sharpies (to be baked in the oven to seal the design when you get home).

**Wed., Feb. 28 • 4 - 5:30 p.m.**

**Monument Library – Meeting Room**

Experience the magic (Ages 0 - 18 and Families).

### Old Colorado City Library Presents: Hogwarts' Yule Ball

Hogwarts, Durmstrang, and Beauxbatons invite you to the Second Annual Old Colorado City Library Yule Ball. There were reports of muggles infiltrating this event during last year. Please take precautions to keep dragon eggs, wands, potions, and shrinking charms away from muggles, all of which will be available at the Ball again this year. Formal wizard attire is acceptable, but muggle attire may be suggested to avoid notice. Polyjuice Potion will be available for anti-muggle detection. Butterbeer and other refreshments will be available. Our apologies to ghostly guests, moldy food will not be provided.

**Sat., Dec. 16 • 2 - 4 p.m.**

**Westside Community Center**

**1628 W. Bijou St.**



### Aftermath: Free Math Tutoring

Is math homework getting you down? Are finals freaking you out? Do you need to brush up before the ACT, SAT, GRE, or GED? Our experienced math tutors can help you improve your grades and take the stress out of math. Tutoring for all ages and levels.

**•East Library • Thursdays • 4 - 6 p.m.**

**•Library 21c • Wednesdays • 3:30 - 6 p.m.**

**•Manitou Springs Library • Mondays • 3 - 5 p.m.**

**•Monument Library • Mondays • 3:30 - 7 p.m.**

**•Sand Creek Library • Saturdays • 10 a.m. - noon**

No appointment necessary, just drop on in!

AfterMath won't take place during library or school holidays. If the school district closes because of snow or weather, AfterMath is cancelled.

### East Coding Club: Social Media Edition

Using curriculum created by Google CS First, ages 12 - 18 can learn the basic concepts of coding a social media application by using Scratch and block coding.

**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month**

**4 - 5 p.m. • East Learning Lab.**

Please see online calendar for details and required registration.