

LAWNDALE KIDS NEWS

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Meet the Mayor!

Mayor Miles visited the Lawndale library Saturday, August 2nd and he spoke about his background and his job. Mayor Robert Pullen-Miles is from Oklahoma City.

Mr. Mayor has three siblings including an older brother and two sisters. The first college he went to was Nashville University. He later attended school at Cerritos Junior College and Long Beach Junior College.

His favorite color is navy blue. He enjoys reading and walking in his free time. His favorite books include *The*

Committee of Three Hundred and *Among Rivals*. They are political books.

Mr. Mayor's favorite sports teams are the Los Angeles Lakers and the Los Angeles Kings. Pullen-Miles was elected as the mayor on April 8th of this year. The mayor enjoys his job very much.

He loves to meet and talk to new people everyday. This is a very good quality in a mayor. Pullen-Miles has done a very good job as mayor.

by Mia A.

Laura the Librarian

PressFriends interviewed Laura at the library on August 2nd. She was a good speaker who works as the teen librarian at the library. She works at the reference desk and plans events.

She went to three colleges. They were El Camino, San Jose State, and UC Berkley. She really likes being the teen librarian.

She thinks that there are between 500,000 and 1 million books in the Lawndale library.

She loves to read and go to museums during her free time.

Her favorite museum is the Getty Villa. She also likes to use her imagination to do crafts. Her favorite subject in school was english.

Her favorite time of music is from the 90s. Her favorite sport is bocce ball. Listening to Laura speak was very interesting.

by Vita R.

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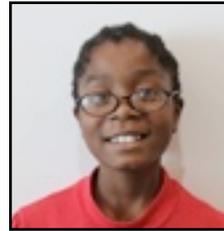
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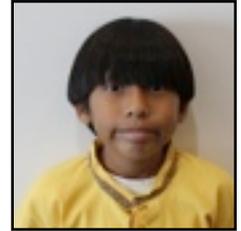
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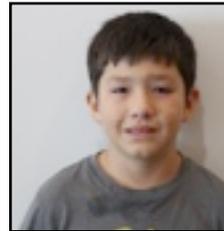
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The Adventure of Two Sisters



If you read Disney's *Frozen* you will never let it go. This fantastic book takes the reader on a mystical adventure with Anna and Elsa, two sisters from Arendelle.

In their adventures Anna and Elsa meet Prince Hans of the Southern Isles; Kristoff, the ice chopper;

Sven, a crazy reindeer; and lastly Olaf, a magical snowman.

In the book Elsa's powers unleashes chaos in the kingdom of Arendelle, forcing Anna to chase after her. Anna meets many friends along the way and learns a lot about herself and her sister.

This book is amazing because Anna and Elsa fight, but at the end of the day they still love each other.

Everyone should read *Frozen* because the book takes every reader on a magical ride through Arendelle with Anna and Elsa.

by Mia A.

Junie B. Jones



Junie B. Jones Has a Monster Under her Bed is by Barbara Park. A boy tells Junie that there is a monster under her bed. She then goes home and tries to sleep, but is too scared.

The book shows Junie trying to get rid of the monster under her bed. Junie is the best character in the book because she is the main character.

This story is good because it is funny, entertaining, and silly. If you want a good laugh you should read it!

by Dominic B.

Naruto



Naruto is a story about a boy who is an orphan. He makes trouble because of the nine-tailed fox so nobody wants to talk to him except for his friends and mentors.

The nine-tailed fox killed Naruto's parents on the day he was born. Naruto is a good movie because it teaches kids to never give up in life.

Another lesson is to listen to people who

can teach you new things! Naruto is a movie for both boys and girls ages 8 and up. The movie is rated PG because there is not a lot of blood and violence.

by Emanuel O.

A Wimpy Kid

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Last Straw is the name of a book by Jeff Kinney. It is about a boy name Greg who has to do many different tasks and has a friend named Rowley.

Greg's dad was thinking about sending him to military academy and Greg tries to make

his dad change his mind. No kid wants to go to military academy!

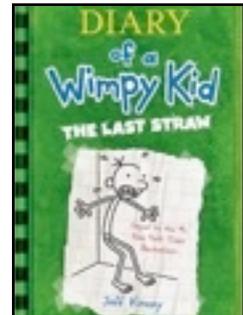
The book takes place in a city. The best character is Greg because he is the main character so most of the book is about him.

The book is good because it is funny, entertaining, and has a

good plot. It is a good book because there are funny parts like when Greg stopped to play around at the soccer game.

It is a book for boys and girls of all ages. If you were to read it you would probably like it.

by Luis S.



Poppy the Piano Fairy

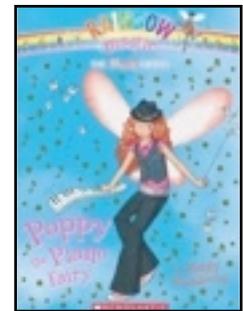
The book *Poppy the Piano Fairy*, by Daisy Meadows, is about Poppy and the goblin. Poppy is trying to fight the goblin.

She has some

help from Rachel and Kristy. Poppy fights the goblin at this place in the park. Poppy is the best character because she is a good piano player.

The book is fun to read and is for kids under ten. It is a great book so you should read *Poppy the Piano Fairy!*

by Deborah O.



Allie Finkle's Rules for Girls

The book *Allie Finkle's Rules for Girls*, by Meg Cabot, is about a girl who does not want to move from her original house. She also does not want to go to a new school.

Even though her friend named Erica goes to her new school, she still does not want to go. In the beginning of the book

she tells her best friend, Mary Kay, that she is moving.

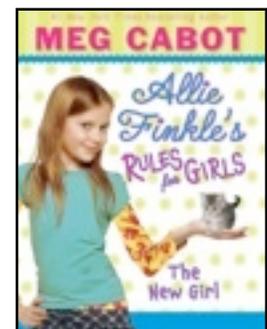
Then she told a boy named Scott. It is her birthday so her best friend does not want Scott to tell people, but he announces it to everyone. Allie starts hanging out with the mean girls.

One day one of the mean girls invites Allie

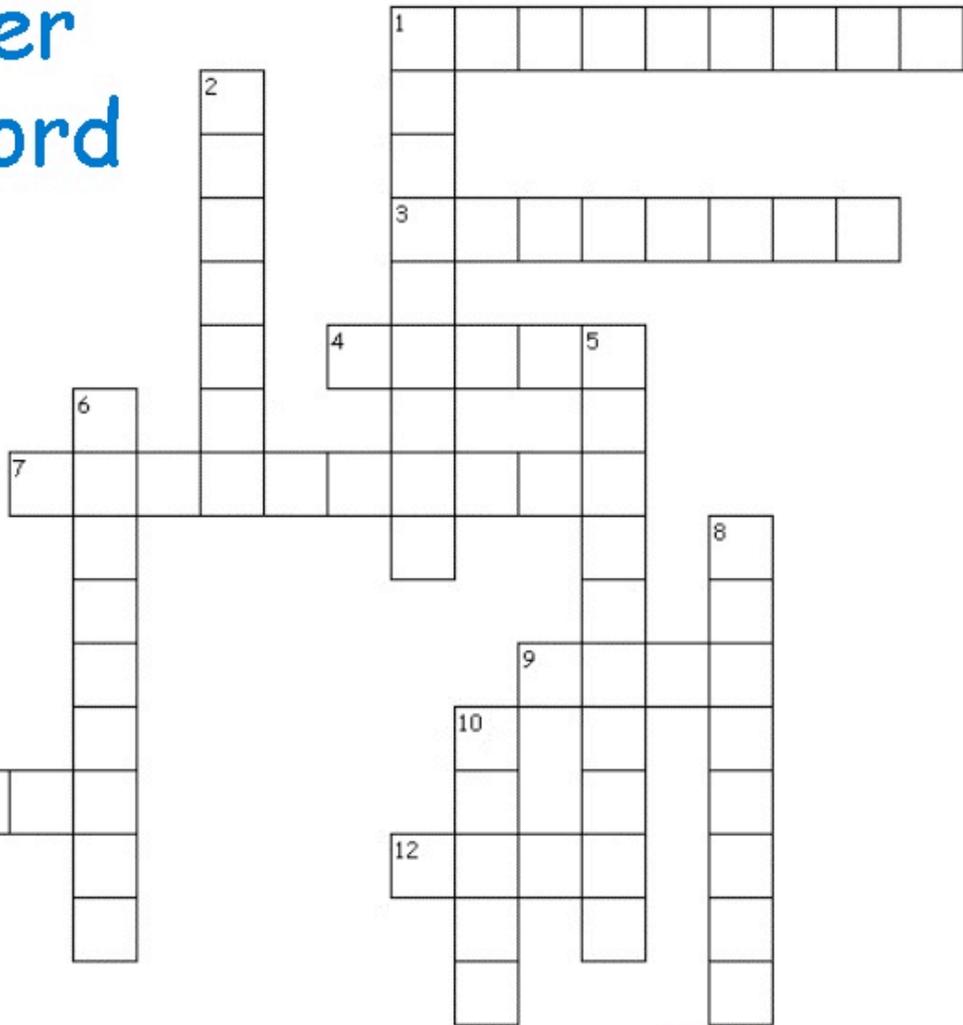
over to her house. They play a game where they put a cat in a suitcase. Allie let the cat out and the cat left the house.

Later Allie hangs out with Erica and Erica's brother says something scary and that's the reason Allie doesn't want to move.

by Vita R.



Summer Crossword

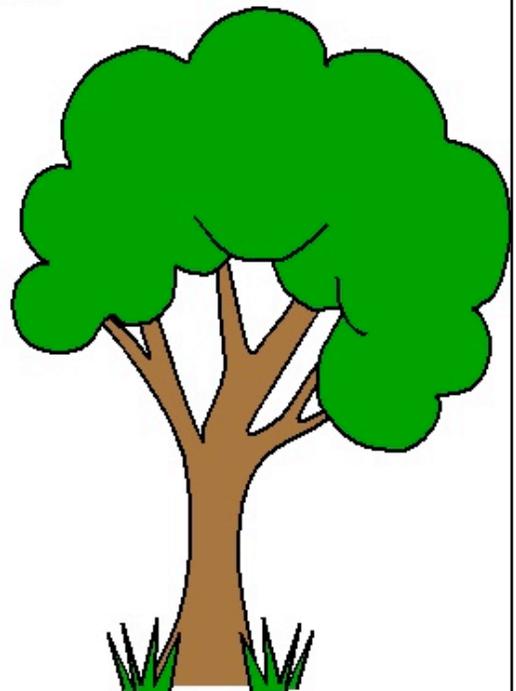


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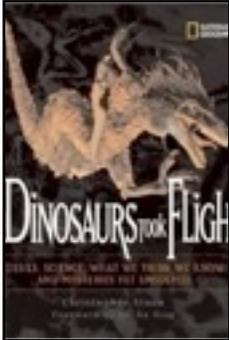
- 1. From caterpillar to _____.
- 3. dad's grill
- 4. A gardener's worst enemy.
- 7. pink juicy fruit
- 9. In the summer, the weather is _____.
- 11. I have a rod and reel. Let's go _____.
- 12. A long walk.

Down

- 1. Insect with yellow and black stripes.
- 2. Healthy summertime transportation.
- 5. Protective eyewear.
- 6. A patty and a bun. Yum!
- 8. Favorite drink of young salespeople.
- 10. Playground toy you swoosh down.



How Dinosaurs Took Flight



How Dinosaurs Took Flight is a book written by Christopher Sloan. It's about flying dinosaurs that lived between 248 million years ago to 65 million years ago.

It took place all over the world. The

dinosaurs adapted to their environment allowing them to fly. This helps them to survive.

This will interest students because dinosaurs roamed the earth when this generation of people was not here.

This book will give you information so that you learn about evolution. Both boys and girls will like this book because boys and girls like dinosaurs.

by Santi E

Beatrice



You should read the book called *Beatrice*. It is about a bear named Beatrice and her brother. Her brother goes to the library and brings Beatrice with him.

When they go to the library Beatrice does not want to read, but when Beatrice sees her brother

having fun reading she starts to read.

One reason why this book is good is because Beatrice's brother shows the importance of reading. The book was very entertaining because of how her brother kept making her go to the library and get a book.

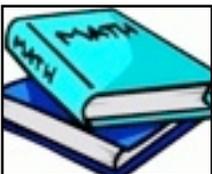
This book is special because it teaches kids how important it is to read. This is a good book because it is funny and teaches everyone a good lesson. In conclusion, this book is very good and teaches a good lesson that everyone should read!

by Melisa M.

Survey!

What is your favorite subject?

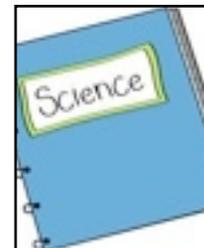
survey conducted by Luis S.



Math: 13 kids



English: 13 kids



Science: 2 kids

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire is a book by J.K. Rowling. The book is about Harry and his friends who go on many, magical adventures.

Harry gets chosen to compete in the Wizard Games at school. He is too young to enter the games and doesn't know how his name got picked out of the Goblet. Harry and his friends deal with the challenges.

The book takes place in Hogwarts, the

school of Wizards and Witchcraft. Hogwarts is supposed to be located in England.

It is Harry's fourth year at the school and Harry is 15. In the book the best character is Hermione because she is smart and solves most of the problems.

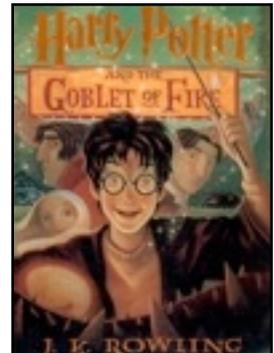
This book is interesting because Harry was chosen even if he was too young. Harry can defeat the toughest

challenges, even the dragon.

Harry's best friends are Ron and Hermione. Ron likes Hermione. This is a good book because it has adventure and fantasy, and it is romantic.

People that would like this book and are both boys and girls, people ages 10+, and anyone interested in an adventure story.

by Nasreen K.



Agent Angel

The book *Agent Angel*, by Annie Dalton, is a good book. The book is about a girl named Melanie Beeby who died on her birthday and went to an angel school called Angel Academy.

There she met her best friend, Lola Sanchez. When Mel first got to the academy she did not know where she was.

She thought it was a mistake that she was in heaven, but then

she found out she was an angel. Lola took her to all of these angel hang out spots.

In one of the restaurants Mel saw Lola show a card to the waiter and then they got their food quickly after that. She wondered how Lola did that.

Lola told her that her card was no ordinary card. It was an ID card of every angel's true name and only the angel

who the card belongs to knows their real name.

Melanie is an interesting character because she wants to learn lots of things, but she doesn't really like school. She is also very adventurous.

This book is full of adventure, friendship, and learning all in one. This book is recommended for girls aged 9-16 because there are a lot of girly parts.

by Joy U.



A Cool Librarian

This article is about the teen librarian, Laura Mendiola. She is the teen librarian at the Lawndale Library. She is 25 years old. Laura likes to help people and thinks that her job is fun!

To stack books, she puts fiction in alphabetical order and the nonfiction books have numbers to show where they go. There is also an adult librarian (Miss Melissa) and a children's librarian (Miss Julie).

Miss Laura's hobby is reading and helping people in the library. She has a lot of jobs to do in the library. Her jobs include making posters, managing the library Facebook and Twitter, making plans for the library, and referencing books.

Mr. Mayor

On April 28th, 2014 Pullen-Miles was elected mayor of Lawndale. He became the mayor because he has ten years of experience on City Council. He was elected by the people of Lawndale.

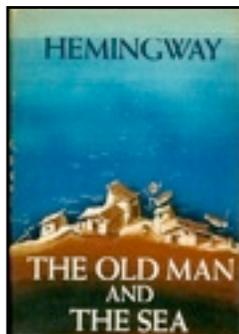
He was the most qualified candidate to help bring Lawndale to the new age. He likes to help and resolve problems and research topics that will help the city.

The most difficult part of his job is that some people are going to be upset with him. If you want to be mayor you must know about your city like Robert Pullen-Miles knows about his.

Her favorite book is *The Old Man and the Sea*. She went to three different universities. Laura helps people to find books and movies in the library.

In her free time she enjoys reading, watching TV, and going to the movies. Miss Laura is a big help to the library!

by Joy U.



He is from Oklahoma and has 3 daughters. He likes to spend time with them, walk, and read in his free time. He is a Lakers and Kings fan. The mayor is an interesting man!

by Santi E.



Interesting People

On August 2nd, 2014 PressFriends reporters interviewed Mayor Robert Pullen-Miles and the teen librarian, Ms. Laura at the Lawndale library.

Ms. Laura's favorite color is purple and the Mayor's is navy blue. Their favorite food is meatloaf. The Mayor does a lot of events and preparing for meetings.

Ms. Laura has many different jobs; managing the reference section, the teen sections, etc. They both have siblings. The Mayor has one brother and two sisters. The librarian has one brother.

The Mayor was elected on April 8th, 2014. Ms. Laura started February 4th. The Mayor likes to walk, read, and spend time with his daughters. Ms. Laura likes to watch television, read and do crafts. Interviewing the mayor and the librarian was fun!

by Deborah O.



Recipes

APPLE SMILES

This recipe is from disneyfamily.com. Serves: 4

Ingredients

- Smooth peanut butter
- 1 red apple
- Miniature marshmallows

Instructions

1. Cut the red apple into eight slices
2. Spread peanut butter on one side of each apple slice
3. Place four miniature marshmallows on one apple slice and then lay another apple slice on top



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FRUIT SALAD

This recipe is from bestrecipes.com. Serves: 2

Ingredients

- 1/2 Honeydew Melon
- 1/2 Rockmelon
- 1 Large banana
- 1 Large Apple
- 1 Large Orange

Directions

1. Chop melons into tiny blocks
2. Slice banana and apple thinly
3. Peel orange and slice thinly
4. Place all fruit into a large bowl

The Teen Librarian

The Teen Librarian at the Lawndale Public Library is named Laura Mendiola. She is 25 years old, and she started working at the library on February 4th 2014. Her favorite part about being a Librarian is helping people and solving any problem that they may have.

Her favorite book of all time is *The Old Man and the Sea*. This book was the reason why she became interested in reading. Her favorite type of music is Alternative Rock from the 90's.

Her favorite sport is Bocce Ball and her

favorite food is meatloaf and ramen. Her favorite color is purple. She likes the movie *Frozen*, and her favorite TV show is *Adventure Time*.

In her spare time she enjoys reading, watching TV, watching movies, and making crafts. Her favorite subject in school is English. Her favorite amusement park is *Knotts Berry Farm*, and her favorite ride is *Silver Bullet*. You can find her on the weekends going to art galleries and museums!

by Nasreen K.

Two Cool Jobs

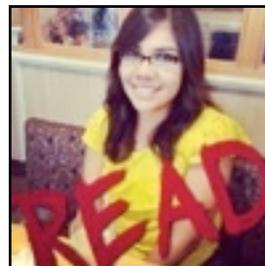
Laura is the Teen Librarian at the Lawndale Library. Her favorite food is meatloaf and ramen. Her favorite movie is *Frozen*. She likes the color purple and loves going to Knott's Berry Farm.

At the library, she answers questions, keeps the books in good shape, and runs the Facebook and Twitter accounts for the library. In her free time she likes reading, watching tv, going to movies, and doing crafts.

Robert Pullen-Miles became mayor of Lawndale in April 2014. He won an election because he was the most qualified for the job. His favorite part of his job is meeting new people.

His job is challenging too. He says the hardest part is finding a balance when different groups want different things. Laura and Robert Pullen-Miles are both great at their cool jobs!

by Dominic B.



The Cool Mayor

Mayor Pullen-Miles makes sure that the people of Lawndale are in a safe place and having fun. He decided to become the mayor because of his experience on the city council.

His favorite color is blue and his favorite food is meatloaf. He is from Oklahoma City and he has siblings. He has children that are his daughters. They are 5, 11, and 13 years old.

When the mayor is not working he spends time with his daughters, studies, researches, or goes on walks.

by Emanuel O.



Back-to-School



It's time to get back to the books

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 SCIENCE
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Important Jobs



Some people who have important jobs are Laura Mendiola and Robert Pullen-Miles. Laura Mendiola likes to help people and is 25 years old. When she has time she likes to read, watch TV, go to the movies, and make crafts.

Her favorite type of music is alternative rock from the 90s. Her favorite color is purple and her favorite movie is *Frozen*. She is the Teen Librarian at the Lawndale Library and her favorite food is ramen noodles.

Another cool and important person is Robert Pullen-Miles. He became the mayor by beating other people on a ballot. As the mayor he shakes hands with a lot of people.

His favorite color is navy blue and he likes to walk and jog in his free time. His favorite sports team is the Lakers. In the end, Laura Mendiola and Robert Pullen-Miles are very cool people with important jobs!

by Melisa M.



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