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Join us on Bluesky

Kathy Ishizuka, Editor in Chief

When it comes to censorship, no book is safe, not even the 2025 Youth Media Award winners. *SLJ* news editor Kara Yorio reports on the [potential fallout for recently lauded titles](#), including the Newbery winning *The First State of Being* by Erin Entrada Kelly.

When it comes to soft censorship, South Carolina Association of School Librarians president Jamie Gregory spoke the quiet part out loud: “In line with national trends, we see that books by and about marginalized communities are disproportionately targeted in South Carolina. And with no clear guidance and, quite frankly, a lack of will to provide any guidance from the SC BOE, school librarians will feel they have no choice but to censor these books preemptively out of fear for their jobs.”

In other news, some [beloved books are getting the graphic novel treatment](#) and picture book and collective biographies for young readers showcase [women in sports](#). Also below, recommended titles to support our LGBTQIA+ young readers.

Speaking of Women's History Month, we're posting related resources on [Bluesky](#), where we hope you'll follow us for the latest from *SLJ*, including some exclusive content we won't be posting on X.

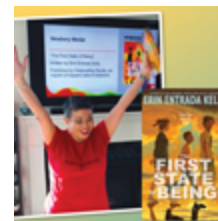
Spring is almost here, and we welcome you to join our events of the season. There's [Middle Grade Magic](#) (March 6); our [SLJ ISTE webcast "Everything AI in Education"](#) (March 16); and [SLJ's Day of Dialog](#) (May 22).

See you there!

Legislation, Soft Censorship Could Keep YMA Winners Off School Shelves

By Kara Yorio

Winning a Newbery, Caldecott, or Printz Awards can boost sales. But restrictive laws and opposition to diversity could impact availability of these titles in school libraries.



Curious Me!

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Rochester, NY, Library Hosts Teen Trip of a Lifetime

By Kara Yorio

Thanks to a remarkable effort by a public library, 20 New York teens had an unforgettable visit to Washington, DC.



South Dakota Advances Bill to Remove Librarians' Legal Protections | Censorship News

By SLJ Staff

A bill to remove legal protections for school and public librarians in South Dakota advances; Livingston Parish, LA, has emptied the YA shelves in five branches; and so much happening in Arkansas.



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20 Picture Book and Collective Biographies of Women Athletes

By SLJ Reviews

Reading about the determination of these women, both in sports and in life, may encourage young readers to similarly face any challenges in front of them. Share these titles for Women's History Month and all year.



5 Upcoming Graphic Novel Adaptations of Beloved Books

By Travis Jonker

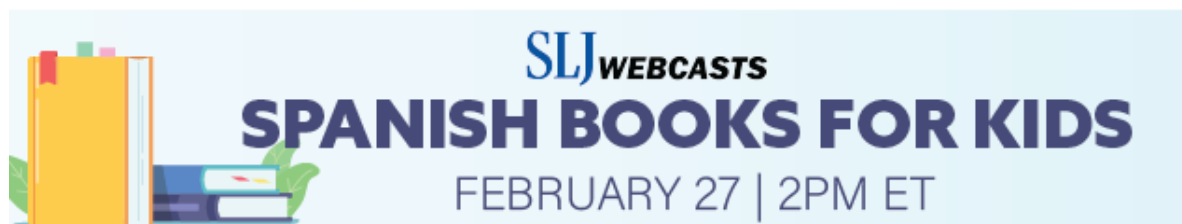
Five beloved books will see graphic novel adaptations in 2025.



Exclusive: *The Woman in White* | Good Comics for Kids

By Brigid Alverson

The creators of *Hollow* return with a new Washington Irving-inspired queer romance, *The Woman in White*.



Laugh With Me! | Pearl's & Ruby's

By Edith Campbell

We need more books that center Black teens and Black girls that make readers chuckle, laugh out loud, or even groan at the corniness.



Publisher Preview: Levine Querido | A Fuse #8 Production

By Elizabeth Bird

When they're not winning Caldecott Medals, the good people of Levine Querido are churning out even more books.



Support LGBTQIA+ readers

- [9 Biographies and Memoirs to Inspire Readers for Pride Month and Throughout the Year](#)
- [5 Middle Grade Books Centering Trans and Gender Nonconforming Tweens](#)
- [Lambda Literary's LGBTQ Writers in Schools Program Is Thriving](#)
- [Stonewall Book Awards Celebrate 10 Titles Centering LGBTQIA+ Youth](#)

Recent award winners & books of note

- [BCALA Children & Youth Literary Awards](#)
- [2025 Walter Dean Myers Awards for Outstanding Children's Literature](#)
- [2025 Charlotte Zolotow Award](#)
- [United States Board on Books for Young People's \(USBBY\) Outstanding International Books 2025](#)
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