

# **PATRIOTIC BOOKS FOR PATRIOTIC FAMILIES**

**SEPTEMBER 11-17, 2013 IS PATRIOT WEEK IN MICHIGAN**

**TO CELEBRATE THE WEEK, CHECK OUT THESE TITLES AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY.**

***“A” is for Abigail: An Almanac of Amazing American Women*** by Lynne Cheney

*Illustrated by Robin Preiss Glasser*

The rich, and often times forgotten, tales of courageous, strong independent American women are shared to inspire the next generation of American women.

***A is For America : An American Alphabet*** by Devin Scillian

The illustrations are bright, colorful and allow the book to become more than just another alphabet title. Sidebars provide additional historical information for each rhyme.

***A is For America: A Patriotic Alphabet Book*** by Tanya Lee Stone, *Illustrated by Gerald Kelly*

Whimsical rhyming couplets that flow through the alphabet which celebrate everything American such as the Constitution, Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson and Harriet Tubman.

***Abe Lincoln Remembers*** by Ann W. Turner, *Illustrated by Wendell Minor*

A wonderful book for children that portrays Abraham Lincoln as a kind, intelligent, courageous and most importantly, an avid reader. The perfect “first” introduction to Abraham Lincoln for children.

***Abraham Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address*** : *Illustrated by Jack E. Levin, Preface by Mark R. Levin*

Abraham Lincoln’s words accompanied by the haunting and inspiring pictures will encourage every reader to reflect on the great sacrifices that our soldiers of yesterday and today have made to make this country great. This book is more suitable for the older child due to graphic pictures of fallen soldiers.

***America : Patriotic Primer*** by Lynne Cheney, *Illustrated by Robin Preiss Glasser*

The amazing and miraculous story of America, from A to Z.

***America Is ....*** by Louise Borden *Illustrated by Stacey Schuett*

A very proud and patriotic look at the defining aspects of our country, from the flag’s symbolism to ethnic diversity that has made America the melting pot of the world.

***America the Beautiful: A Pop-up Book*** by Robert Sabuda

A tribute to the patriotic song of the same title. A gem of a book that is inspiring as well as beautiful to view.

***America The Beautiful: A Song to Celebrate the Wonders of America*** by Katharine Lee Bates & Samuel A. Ward

*Illustrated by Todd Ouren.*

Lovely illustrated pictures accompany the words of the patriotic favorite, “America The Beautiful”.

***America: The Making of A Nation*** by Charlie Samuels

A hands on book for elementary aged children. Wonderful pull outs of American documents and memorabilia. The book covers the birth of the Nation, with the Continental Congress to Industrial Age. The back cover has a time line of American history which extends to 2001.

***America's Survival Guide-How to Stop America's Impending Suicide by Reclaiming Our First Principals and History*** by Michael Warren

An insight into what Americans should know about American history in order to preserve this great nation. Insightful as well as inspirational. A must read.

***The American Reader*** by Kathy- Jo Wargin and illustrator K. L. Darnell.

A collection of short stories and poems about America. Each short chapter is filled with bits of Americana such as symbols, the Pledge of Allegiance and becoming a good American citizen and neighbor. Wonderful little book for a quick read together or quiet thoughtful moments.

***The American Story*** By Jennifer Armstrong Illustrated by Roger Roth

One hundred fabulous true tales from American history that are sure to entertain as well as educate young readers.

***Ben Franklin: His Wit and Wisdom From A to Z*** by Alan Schroeder  
Illustrated by John O'Brien

From one page to the next, this book is filled with amazing facts and humorous illustrations that will delight readers time and time again.

***Benjamin Franklin*** by Ingri D'Aulaurie

A classic children's book on the life of one of America's extraordinary hero, inventor, philosopher, writer, publisher and adviser for the Declaration of Independence.

***Boston Tea Party*** by Pamela Dancone Edwards illustrated by Henry Cole

This book answers the question, "Why would the colonists toss tea into the Boston Harbor?" Edwards brilliantly tells the story of the Boston Tea Party and how it was the prelude to the American Revolution.

***Boston Tea Party*** by Steven Kroll illustrated by Peter M. Fiore

Kroll explains in detail the frustrations that led up to the Boston Tea Party and it's role in leading America into the Revolutionary War.

***By the Dawn's Early Light: The Story of the Star Spangled Banner***  
by Steven Kroll, illustrated by Dan Andreason

Kroll dramatically tells the story of the crucial moment in the War of 1812 that inspired Francis Key Scott to pen the words that have become our national anthem.

***Capitol*** by Lynn Curlee

The history of Washington, D.C., with a focus on the National Mall, its monuments and surrounding buildings is presented with bold pictures and fascinating information.



***Capitol! Washington D.C. From A to Z*** by *Laura Krauss Melmed*

Rhyming text invite the readers to take a guided tour through Washington, D.C.

***The Declaration of Independence (Cornerstones of Freedom Series)*** by *R. Conrad Stein*

Young students of history will find that this book is a good introduction to how the Declaration of Independence was drafted and signed. The author highlights the bravery of all men who signed the documents as brave men who risked their lives with a single stroke of the pen.

***Emma's Poem: The Voice of the Statue of Liberty*** by *Linda Glaser with paintings by Claire A. Nivola*

In concise and clear text, the story of Emma Lazarus' dedication to helping Eastern European immigrants as they came to America is told. These same immigrants, who were not wealthy but shared the same Jewish faith as Emma, were the inspiration for her poem which is memorialized on the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty.

***Farmer George Plants a Nation*** by *Peggy Thomas, Layne Johnson (Illustrator)*

This book provides an interesting perspective about our first president. Linking his love of his home Mount Vernon and his vision for innovating tools to improve farming methods, the author points out how Washington's leadership in the farming industry crossed over into his ability to lead American troops and eventually the nation as the first president.

***Father of the Constitution: A Story About James Madison*** by *Barbara Mitchell*, illustrated by *Alex Tavoularis*

Readers will be surprised to learn that James Madison, who loved to debate, was painfully shy and would rather listen to arguments than play an active part. Because of his great love for this country, he overcame his shyness and became one of American's most admired and beloved leaders.

***The Flag We Love*** by *Pam Munoz Ryan*

A full-color tribute and lyrical journey through the history of our nation's flag.

***Founder's Key : The Divine and Natural Connection between the Declaration and the Constitution and What We Risk By Losing It*** by *Larry A. Arnn*

Arnn's keen writing illuminates the difference in the two key documents of Early American History and how instrumental both are to holding up our government. A powerful reminder of how both documents are not living documents but the framework to our unique system of government.

***George vs. George: The American Revolution as Seen From Both Sides*** by *Rosalyn Schanzer*

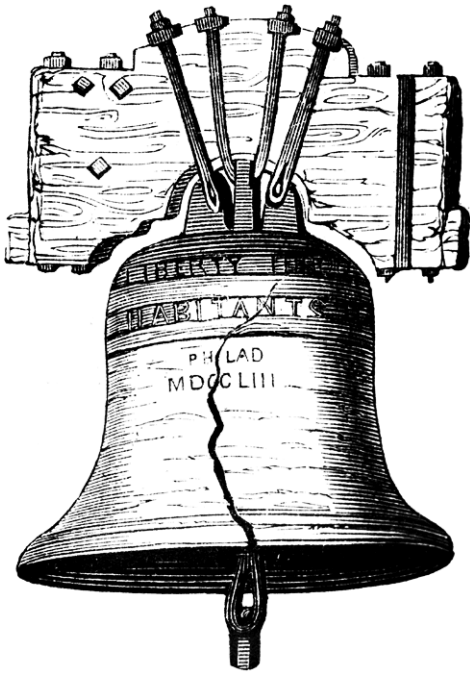
A unique book that takes to heart the idea of "two sides to every story". Readers will find it engaging, enlightening and educational.

***God Bless America*** by *Irving Berlin* Illustrations by *Lynn Munsinger*

A very cute book which depicts a family of bears enjoying the American experience in an illustrated version of the classic song.

***Hello America!*** by *Martha Zschock*

A great little board book introducing little ones (ages 2-5) about America and the symbols that represent this country. From the Statue of Liberty to the National Parks the book touches on each area briefly with rhyming verse.



***I Pledge Allegiance*** by June Swanson, Illustrated by Rick Hanson

This book, with simplicity and style, traces the history of the oath.

***Independent Dames: What You Never Knew About the Women and Girls of the American Revolution*** by Laurie Halse Anderson and illustrated by

Matt Faulkner

This book isn't just for girls. Boys will enjoy it too! Women played a big role in winning the American Revolution and this book tells their stories.

***The Journey of the One and Only Declaration of Independence***

by Judith St. George, Illustrated by Will Hilldenbrand

A fun, interesting look at the history of the document that gave the American people their freedom.

***Land of the Pilgrim's Pride*** by Callista Gingrich. Illustrated by Susan Arciero

Second book by Ms. Gingrich with Ellis the Elephant as the main character. Ellis returns to take readers to the original thirteen colonies.

***Lessons on Liberty : A primer for Young Patriots*** by Peter Lillback & Judy Mitchell

Loaded with colorful illustrations, the author uses a simple alphabet poem to guide the reader through the fundamental principles of American liberty.

***Let it Begin Here Lexington and Concord the First Battles of the American Revolution***

by Dennis Brindell Fradin and illustrated by Larry Day.

A wonderfully written book that will inspire, entertain and educate young readers. The illustrations are remarkable and the tale of the twenty-four hours that led to the first battle of the American Revolution is thrilling and accurate.

***Liberty or Death: The American Revolution : 1763-1783*** by Betsy Maestro, illustrated by Giulio Maestro

The extraordinary times, incredible drama, which shaped a new nation is told with passion that captivates readers attention from page one to the very last page.

***The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere*** by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow Engraved & Painted by Christopher Bing

Longfellow's patriotic poem is set to the brilliant and moving paintings of Christopher Bing.

***One Nation: America by the Numbers*** by Devin Scillian Illustrated by Pam Carroll

America's history, landmarks and traditions are counted out in lively poems to aid young readers in learning more about our great country.

***Our Constitution Rocks!*** by Julliette Turner

A down to earth explanation of the U. S. Constitution and its role historically and in everyday life.

***Our Country Founders: A Book of Advice for Young People*** by William J. Bennett

Bennett has successfully brought together letters, poems, stories and speeches from our Founding Fathers to help young readers to become good citizens and worthy members of civil society.



***Our Liberty Bell*** by Henry Jonas Magaziner illustrated by John O'Brien

Clever use of text and art to pay homage to one of our country's finest treasures.

***A Patriot's History of the United States: From Columbus's Great Discovery to the War on Terror***

by Larry Schweikart and Michael Patrick Allen

A well written account of American history that has been lost in today's textbooks. Well documented and written for the history reader who wants to rediscover America's greatness.

***Picture Book of Abraham Lincoln*** by David Adler, illustrated by Alexander Wallner

A simple, yet satisfying tale of Lincoln's childhood on the frontier to his assassination after the end of the Civil War.

***A Picture Book of Dolly and James Madison*** by David Adler

This book begins with an exciting dash from the burning White House, and ends with details of Dolly and James contribution to America's beginnings.

***Shh! We are Writing the Constitution*** by Jean Fritz

A delightful gem that packs in tons of information about the hot summer of 1787 in Philadelphia, when fifty-five delegates from thirteen states gathered in the strictest secrecy to draw up the Constitution of the United States.

***Signing Their Lives Away: The Fame and Misfortune of the Men Who Signed the Declaration of Independence***

by Joseph D'Agnese, Denise Kiernan

Not all men are created equal but these men took equal amount of risks to sign the Declaration of Independence. Interesting look at the lives of each of the known and not so well known signers. Some we know became Presidents and statesmen. While others, lost everything they owned.

***The Star Spangled Banner*** by Peter Spier, Francis Scott Key

Spier's detailed illustrations bring to life the events of the War of 1812 which inspired Key to write the song.

***The Story of the Statue of Liberty*** by Betsy Maestro, illustrated by Giulio Maestro

Simple, yet engaging story of the Statue of Liberty and her significance in American history.

***Sweet Land of Liberty*** by Callista Gingrich, Illustrated by Susan Aciero (publish date 9/27/11)

An engaging book which explains why America is the sweet land of liberty. Entertaining for all ages and without a doubt will become a favorite for years to come.

***Thomas Jefferson: A Picture Book Biography*** by James Cross Giblin, Illustrated by Michael Dooling

A high quality biography of Thomas Jefferson portrayed as a shy, quiet and studious man who would become the author of the Declaration of Independence and the third president of the United States.

***Those Rebels, John and Tom*** by Barbara Kerley illustrated by Edwin Fotheringham

A delightful tale of how John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, with two very different personality and opinions, were able to work together on one of the most important documents in history, the Declaration of Independence.

***A Time for Freedom: What Happened When In America*** by Lynne Cheney

Brilliantly placing into context the history and expansion of freedom of our country for the readers in an engaging manner that is neither tedious or tiresome. It is one of the best books on American history for families to read together.

***We Are Americans: A Tribute from the Heart*** by Walter Dean Meyers illustrated by Christopher A. Myers

This is a bold and inclusive variation of patriotism for children who have a firm grasp of American history.

***We the Kids: Preamble of the Constitution of America*** by David Catrow

A delightful look at the preamble of the Constitution and its importance in the lives of every American.

***We The People: The Story of Our Constitution*** by Lynne Cheney, illustrated by Greg Harlin

A richly illustrated tale of a crucial point in our nation's history when great men came together to form a country that would become powerful and prosperous. Perfect for readers of all ages.

***When Washington Crossed the Delaware: A Wintertime Story for Young Patriots*** by Lynne Cheney,  
illustrator Peter M. Fiore

The inspiring tale of the military campaign that began on Christmas night in 1776 which will engage readers with it's underlying message of heroism, persistence, and patriotism.

***Will You Sign Here, John Hancock*** by Jean Fritz

Fritz wittingly tells the life story of John Hancock and includes the reason behind his large signature which was to show how mad he was about how the colonists had been treated.

***Worst of Friends: Thomas Jefferson, John Adams and the True Story of an American Feud***

by Suzanne Tripp Jurmain illustrated by Larry Day

The compelling story of two of America's Founding Fathers and presidents who had many differences in opinions on shaping this great nation but learned to put their political differences aside for the sake of friendship.

***Wow America !*** by Robert NeoBecker

Filled with whimsical paintings and lots of fun facts, this book is a perfect introduction to America that brings out the "wow" factor for readers of all ages.

***Yankee Doodle Dandy*** by Callista Gingrich. Illustrated by Susan Arciero

To be published soon, this is the third installment of Ellis the Elephant's trip into history. This time traveling to the American Revolution, Ellis meets the brave men and women who fought for our freedom.

***You're A Grand Old Flag: A Jubilant Song About Old Glory*** by George M. Cohan Illustrator Norman Rockwell

A moving tribute to the song that reminds us of everything that is red, white and blue. It goes without saying that Rockwell's illustrations are nostalgic and wonderful.