

## NEW BOOKS

During the book fair in November, 134 new books were donated to St. Margaret Mary Library. Thank you to the many parents, students, and parishoners who helped to make this event successful through their purchases, donations and volunteer help.

### **LIZZIE BRIGHT AND THE BUCKMINSTER BOY**

*by Gary D. Schmidt*

Clarion, 2004

recommended by *The Bulletin* for grades 5-9

recommended by *School Library Journal* for grades 6-9

awarded the Newbery Honor in 2005

“From the sad and shameful actual destruction of an island community in 1912, Schmidt weaves an evocative novel. When Turner Buckminster arrives in Phippsburg, ME, it takes him only a few hours to start hating his new home. Friendless and feeling the burden of being the new preacher’s son, the 13-year-old is miserable until he meets Lizzie Bright Griffin.” – *School Library Journal*. May, 2004.



### **SEQUOYAH : THE CHEROKEE MAN WHO GAVE HIS PEOPLE WRITING**

*by James Rumford*

Houghton Mifflin, 2004

recommended by *School Library Journal* for grades 1-4

Presented as a poem of literacy, this 1820 tale celebrates the painstaking achievement of Sequoyah in his determination to create a writing system for his people. The text includes the translation into Cherokee with watercolor illustrations resembling woodblock prints. The formatting of the book is as eloquent as its writing.



## **KIRA-KIRA**

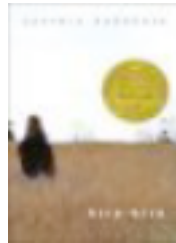
*by Cynthia Kadohata*

Atheneum, 2004

recommended by *The School Library Journal* for grades 6-8

winner of the 2005 Newbery Medal

With Katie describing her dreams through “kira-kira,” meaning glittering in Japanese, she and her older sister, Lynn, must adapt to many changes in their lives. Katie keenly tells her story with its hopes, fears, and prejudices toward her Japanese family living in Georgia in the 1950’s.



## **LEONARDO THE TERRIBLE MONSTER**

*by Mo Willems*

Hyperion, 2005.

recommended for grades K-2

Leonardo is feeling terrible because he cannot scare anybody. This tale will have youngsters laughing as Leonardo devises his plan to “scare the tuna salad” out of some victim. The pastel prints with large lettering in different colors add emphasis to this greenish-beige monster’s plot.



## **THE RACE TO SAVE THE LORD GOD BIRD**

*by Phillip Hoose*

Farrar, 2004

recommended in *The School Library Journal* for grades 6-up

The ivory-billed woodpecker lived mainly in southeastern United States in the 19th century. By 1937, its territory was limited to only a small area in northeastern Louisiana in the United States with its last sighting in Cuba in 1987. Considered to be the first modern endangered species, this woodpecker has taught America the importance of preservation and the creation of environmental protection laws.

