

Turtle Tracks

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Call for Submissions for Children's Poetry Anthology

One more month to submit your animal-theme poems for the children's poetry anthology to be published by Turtle Cove Press later this year. There is **no** reading fee, and poems that are accepted will earn \$12 each for poems of 12 lines or more, \$5 each for shorter poems and haiku. **Deadline is June 1.** Visit [turtlecovepress.com](https://www.turtlecovepress.com) for details.



Free Books for Tallahassee Teachers

My Favorite Books has a new program to support our teachers, and it's totally free! Public, private, and even home-school teachers may now use up to \$25 of store credit each month to help supply their classrooms with books. If you're not a teacher but want to contribute, consider donating your store credit from books you bring in to the account that's set up for teachers. Thanks, MFB, for supporting local teachers and young readers!

West Side Story: Elementary Students Share Positive Attitudes via Free Hotline

NPR ran a story back in March that made me smile as I was driving somewhere. Don't remember where I was going, but the story left a lasting impression on me. Elementary students in California, with the help of a couple supportive teachers, run a free hotline called "PepTok," where you can get a bit of cheerfulness and encouragement. And these days, who couldn't use that? I decided to "Press 2 for words of encouragement." Among several positive voices is a group of happy, enthusiastic children saying, "We all really like you!" Try it for yourself: 707.998.8410, then go to [GoFundMe-PepTok](https://www.gofundme.com/PepTok) to make a donation to support the hotline.



Share Your Book News!

Do you have news to share in the next issue of Turtle Tracks? Send an email to editor@turtlecovepress.com with your author event, writing awards, and other news/information to share with your fellow TCP authors! Don't forget photos!

Free Comic Book Day at the Bay!



The Panacea Community Market returns May 7, which is Free Comic Book Day. To celebrate, Turtle Cove Press will give away a free copy of *Attack of Zombacon* with any purchase of \$10 or more (while supplies last). Come on out to the grassy area between the Volunteer Fire Department and the Panacea Community Garden (across from Dollar General on Coastal Hwy. 98) for books, photos, local veggies, art, homemade soaps, and more.

Librarians and Teen Volunteers Spearhead "Books UnBanned" Initiative to Combat Censorship

Brooklyn, NY—The Brooklyn Public Library (BPL) has launched a new campaign titled "Books UnBanned" to help teens combat the negative impact of increased censorship and book bans in libraries across the country. For a limited time, young adults ages 13-21 nationwide may apply for a free eCard, unlocking access to the library's extensive collection of eBooks. More info [here](#).



Cathedral Falls, West VA

Last year's road trip to Maine included a stop at New River Gorge National Park (a must-see!). We made a side trip to Cathedral Falls. I used Waterlogue to make this photo look like a watercolor. I'll be at First Friday at Feeling

Art Collective on May 6 with a launch party for my photo exhibit, and I'll also have Turtle Cove Press titles. Come by if you can! (See below for details.)

May Observances

- **Military Appreciation Month**
- **Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month**
- **Creative Beginnings Month**
- **Jewish American Heritage Month**
- **Be Kind to Animals Month**
- **May 1-7:** Teacher Appreciation Week, National Pet Week
- **May 1:** Mother Goose Day
- **May 2:** International Harry Potter Day
- **May 3:** National Teacher Day
- **May 4:** Star Wars Day ("May the Force be with you!")
- **May 7:** Free Comic Book Day
- **May 8:** Mother's Day – Happy Mother's Day to everyone, with a special shout-out to Zelle, Suzan, and Susan!
- **May 20:** National Endangered Species Day, National Rescue Dog Day

CALENDAR

Turtle Tracks is taking the Summer off. See you in September!

Here's a look at what's happening in May-August for Turtle Cove Press authors!

MAY 6 | Art Show Opening and Book Sale. I'm having a launch party to celebrate my photography exhibit at Feeling Art Collective in Railroad Square. I'll also have Turtle Cove Press titles for sale.

WHERE: Feeling Art Collective, 633 - #1 Railroad Square, Tallahassee

WHEN: 6-9PM.

MAY 7 | Panacea Community Market.

WHERE: Coastal Hwy. 98, Panacea (between the Volunteer Fire Department and the Panacea Community Garden, across from Dollar General)

WHEN: 9AM – 1PM.

MAY 13-15 | SCBWI Florida 2022 Regional Conference. Registration is open through May 5 at [SCBWI Conference](#).

WHERE: Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista – Disney Springs Area, 1751 Hotel Plaza Blvd., Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830

MAY 19 | TWA Monthly Meeting featuring Adrian Fogelin presenting "Be Your Own First Editor." Note that this month's meeting will be held on the THIRD Thursday rather than the second Thursday.

WHERE: Marzuq Shriners Center, 1805 N Monroe St, Tallahassee, FL 32303, or via Zoom

WHEN: 6:30-7:30PM

JULY 29-30 | FAPA Con. Florida Authors and Publishers Assn. conference featuring the President's Book Awards.

WHERE: Hilton Orlando Buena Vista Palace, Orlando.

WHEN: President's Annual Book Awards Celebration is Saturday, July 30.

Say a prayer for the people of Ukraine.



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