



**YouthREAD 2024
PreK-Grade 2
Book Selection**

HELLO, STAR

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When a young girl learns that a bright light in the sky is coming from a dying star, she promises to keep it company until the light goes out. Every night the girl reassures her friend that she is still there.

As the years pass, the girl learns everything she can about planets, space, and the universe, inspired by her dimming friend—until she realizes she needs to do something more.

This touching tribute to stars, space, and science celebrates how a small act of compassion can flourish into a life full of meaning and wonder.

**Join our CommunityREAD by reading and sharing this book,
then enrich the experience with these questions and activities.**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- How do you think the little girl feels when she learns that the light in the night sky is a supernova?
- What job would you like to have when you grow up? Why would you choose it?
- What would you like to know more about space, since reading this book?
- Would you like to go to space? How do you think it would feel to fly in a spaceship?
- What happened when the blue giant faded into dark?
- What emotions did you feel as you read this book?

ACTIVITIES

- An astronaut needs to be in good physical shape. What can you do to stay physically fit and healthy? Make an obstacle course to practice different skills like running, hopping, jumping jacks, push ups, somersaults, and more. What will your obstacle course include?
- Make plans for a trip to space! Invent your own space ship and draw it. Make a list of everything you would take on a space voyage. Don't forget to draw a map for your trip.
- If you could visit space and see a blue giant, what would it look like? Draw a picture! How would it feel in space? Are you in the picture?

Share what you did with the library on Facebook (facebook.com/FHCPL) or Instagram (@FHCPL).



WHAT IS COMMUNITYREAD?

CommunityREAD is a month-long community event that encourages reading and discussion. Each year, a different CommunityREAD book is chosen, along with a selection of YouthREAD books that explore similar topics and themes for younger readers.

The 2024 CommunityREAD book is *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly.

2024 YOUTHREAD TITLES

- PreK-Grade 2: *Hello, Star* by Stephanie V.W. Lucianovic
- Grades 3-5: *Hidden Figures* (Picture Book Edition) by Margot Lee Shetterly with Winifred Conkling
- Grades 6-8: *Hidden Figures: Young Readers Edition* by Margot Lee Shetterly
- Grades 9-12: *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly
- BONUS BOOK Grades K-5: *Eclipse* by Andy Rash

