**WINNER! 2018 Walter Award — Teen Category**

From School Library Journal: The We Need Diverse Books™ Walter Award, also known as “The Walter,” is named for prolific children’s and young adult author Walter Dean Myers (1937-2014). Myers was the third National Ambassador for Young People’s Literature, appointed in 2012, as well as a champion of diversity in children’s and YA books.

The Walter’s mission is to honor Myers’ memory and his literary heritage, as well as celebrate diversity in teen literature.

**Long Way Down**

_by Jason Reynolds_

Driven by the secrets and vengeance that mark his street culture, 15-year-old Will contemplates over the course of 60 psychologically suspenseful seconds whether or not he is going to murder the person who killed his brother.

**2017 Walter Award Honorees:**

*You Bring the Distant Near* by Mitali Perkins
*Disappeared* by Francisco X. Stork
Check out these fun, free events for teens happening at County of SLO Public Libraries in February!

NORTH COUNTY REGION Cont’d:

CRESTON LIBRARY:
— SEED SMARTS WITH ONE COOL EARTH
  FRI, FEB 9, 2:00 | All ages
— ATASCADERO LIBRARY:
  — ART RECEPTION: PHOTOS OF JOE SCHWARTZ
    THU, FEB 8, 5:30 | Ages 10–Adult
  — SEED SMARTS WITH ONE COOL EARTH
    WED, FEB 28, 2:00 | Ages 3 and up
SAN MIGUEL LIBRARY:
— ATASCADERO ZOO PRESENTS: ANIMALS GROWING UP
  WED, FEB 28, 2:00 | Ages 3 and up
SHANDON LIBRARY:
— ATASCADERO ZOO PRESENTS: ANIMALS GROWING UP
  SAT, FEB 3, 1:00 | All ages

SOUTH COUNTY REGION:

ARROYO GRANDE LIBRARY:
— PAINTING CLASS FOR TEENS WITH KIANA SHELTON
  SAT, FEB 17, 2:00 | Ages 10–17
— ATASCADERO ZOO PRESENTS: ANIMALS GROWING UP
  SAT, FEB 17, 2:00 | Ages 3 and up
NIPOMO LIBRARY:
— DRUM CIRCLE WITH TOM MEARS
  SAT, FEB 10, 2:00 | Ages 10 and up
OCEANO LIBRARY:
— VALENTINE CRAFTS WITH JACKIE HERRERA
  THURS, FEB 8, 3:30 | All ages

COASTAL REGION:

LOS OSOS LIBRARY:
— PAINTING WITH KI
  SAT, FEB 3, 12:00 | School Age to Teen
  — BEST AMERICAN TV SONGS AND WHAT YOU DON’T KNOW ABOUT THEM
    THURS, FEB 8, 6:30 | Teen, Adult, Senior
  — SEED STORIES AND SEED SAVING WITH ELIZABETH JOHNSON
    THURS, FEB 22, 6:30 | Teen, Adult, Senior
MORRO BAY LIBRARY:
— PAINTING WITH KI
  SAT, FEB 10, 12:00 | All ages
  — VEX ROBOTICS PRESENTED BY 4-H
    SAT, FEB 24, 1:00 | Ages 8–14
SAN LUIS OBISPO LIBRARY:
— SATURDAY SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS SCIENCE PROGRAM
  SAT, FEB 3, 10:30 | Ages 8–12
  — ANTI-VALENTINES DAY PARTY
    TUE, FEB 13, 4:30 | Teens
  — BOARD GAME BONANZA
    WED, FEB 14, 2:00–5:00 | Children and Teen

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WORD SEARCH: HAPPY VALENTINE’S DAY!

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