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Award-winning illustrator coming to Jacaranda Public Library

Venice resident Bill Farnsworth has designed the covers of more than 80 children's and young adult books found in libraries across the country. Farnsworth will talk about his life as a children's book illustrator with emphasis on Native Americans, from 3-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 9, and 6-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 23, in the Youth Activity Room at the Jacaranda Library, 4143 Woodmere Park Blvd., Venice.

A 1980 graduate of the Ringling School of Art and Design, Farnsworth is known for the extensive research he puts into a project before even starting his first sketch. "I use the library all the time when researching a project," said Farnsworth. "The Sarasota County Library System is a great resource for information, and it is my pleasure to be able to give something back by hosting these sessions at Jacaranda Library."

Farnsworth is the winner of numerous awards, including the American Library Association Pick of the List Award, The Stepping Stone Award, the Young Hoosiers Award, the Napra Nautilus Award, the Teachers Choice Award and the Lee Bennett Hopkins Poetry Award. Besides designing many covers for children's and young adult books, Farnsworth has created paintings for books, magazine advertisements and fine art commissions.

For more information, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 and ask about illustrator Bill Farnsworth at Jacaranda Library.