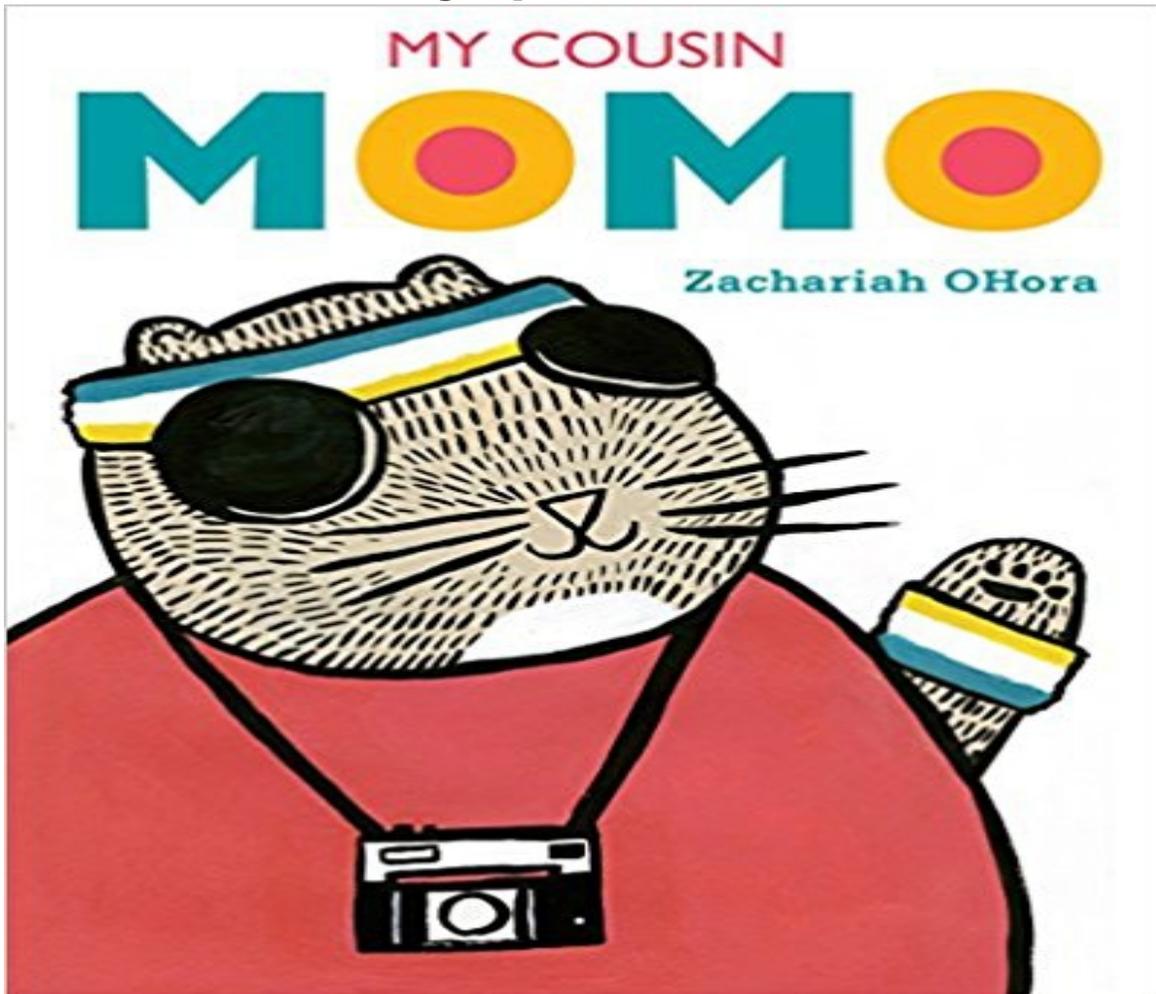


**Fendrick Library Hosts  
Children's Author Zachariah OHora  
Monday April 9<sup>th</sup> 10:30 AM**



***My Cousin Momo* written and illustrated by Zachariah OHora**

Zachariah OHora's distinctive retro art and kid-friendly humor take the stage in this story about accepting and celebrating differences.

Momo is coming to visit, and his cousins are SO excited! But even though Momo is a flying squirrel, he won't fly for his cousin's friends. Plus, his games are weird. He can't even play hide and seek right! But when Momo's cousins give his strange ways a chance, they realize that doing things differently can be fun...almost as much fun as making a new friend. Many children will relate to Momo's situation as he faces new surroundings and experiences and will be relieved when his cousins finally accept him for who he is.

In October, Librarian Cheryl Custer, applied for a grant to bring the selected 2018 Pennsylvania One Book Every Young Child children's author to the local Library. Not only did she receive news that the grant was awarded, but it is the only grant awarded in Franklin County.

*One Book, Every Young Child* is a valuable program that highlights the importance of early literacy development in preschoolers and the significance of reading early and often to children, as well as engaging them in conversation and other activities around books.

OHora was contacted and agreed to come to Mercersburg to meet the young children of the community. Through the book's presentation his goal is to help children face and overcome the many anxieties that are so prominent in the lives of young children.

OHora, from Narberth Pa, is the illustrator of The New York Times best-selling book *Wolfie the Bunny*. He is the author and illustrator of a number of award-winning books including *No Fits Nilson!* – The Huffington Post Best Children's Book of 2013 – and *The Not So Quiet Library*.

*My Cousin Momo* was a Boston Globe Best Children's Book of 2015. His debut children's book *Stop Snoring Bernard!* won the 2011 Society of Illustrators Founder's Award and was the Pennsylvania One Book, Every Young Child selection in 2012.

Cheryl and Fendrick Library members are so excited to offer this wonderful opportunity for children in our community to meet the author and illustrator and hear him bring the fictional story to life in his own voice. They hear what life experiences inspired the story. Plus, they learn about the process of putting the idea into written words and the creative way of telling the story thru his illustrations. The children also see the author/illustrator is a real person, just like them!

Library visits, meeting authors and hearing stories is a great way to introduce and encourage a love of reading!

The public is invited to meet the Author, Zachariah OHora, and view the interactions between Mr. OHora and his audience of young children.

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