



MILWAUKEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MPS READS!

Selections for August, 2023

Help children get excited about reading! Each month, a list of featured books will be available to: Assist teachers, librarians, and families in finding quality books to encourage independent reading; offer titles that allow students to see themselves, explore other cultures, and discover more about the world in which they live; and ignite a passion for reading.

PRESCHOOL

The Library Book

by Tom Chapin and Michael Mark

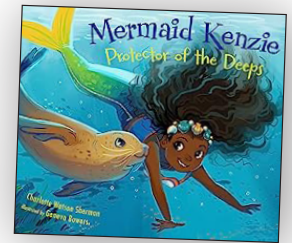
The rain is pouring, Dad is snoring, and the same old stuff is on TV—boring. What is there to do today? Go to the library, of course! Who will we meet there? Let's find out!



Mermaid Kenzie: Protector of the Deeps

by Charlotte Watson Sherman

When Kenzie slips on her mermaid tail, she becomes Mermaid Kenzie, protector of the deeps. As Kenzie snorkels around a shipwreck, she discovers more plastic bags than fish. Grabbing her spear and mermaid net, she begins to clean up the water and the shore, inspiring other kids to help.



Where Wonder Grows

by Xelena González

When Grandma walks to her special garden, her granddaughters know to follow her. Grandma invites the girls to explore her treasures—magical rocks, crystals, seashells, and meteorites. “They are alive with wisdom,” Grandma says.



INTERMEDIATE (GRADES 3 – 5)

Your Place in the Universe

by Jason Chin

Explore the relationship of size and distance! Beginning with four average 8-year-olds, compare their size to an ostrich, a giraffe, and the children standing on each other's shoulders. Each succeeding page shows redwood trees, skyscrapers, mountains, and then moves into space, expanding to the Milky Way, the Andromeda galaxy, and beyond.

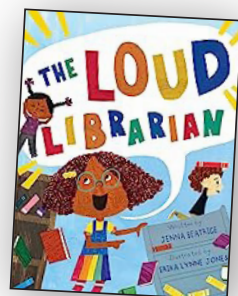


PRIMARY (GRADES KINDERGARTEN – 2)

The Loud Librarian

by Jenna Beatrice

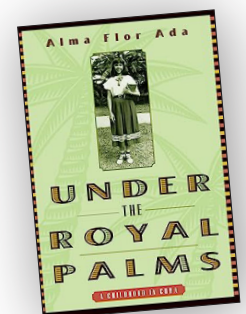
Penelope is perfect for the job of student librarian—friendly, helpful, and a book lover. But Penelope is LOUD. Bookcases may topple and the ground may quake at her voice, but Penelope is determined to stay true to herself. Can a little librarian with a big voice find a place to belong?



Under the Royal Palms: A Childhood in Cuba

by Alma Flor Ada

The author offers young readers an inspiring collection of stories and memoirs drawn from her childhood in Cuba. Heartwarming, poignant, and often humorous, these memories encourage children to discover the stories in their own lives.



MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6 – 8)



Invisible

by Christina Diaz Gonzalez

Can five overlooked kids make one big difference? They're stuck together when they're forced to complete their school's community service hours. Then they meet someone who truly needs their help, and they must decide whether to expose their own

secrets to help, or if remaining invisible is the only way to survive middle school.

Thirst

by Varsha Bajaj

Minni lives in the poorest part of Mumbai, where access to water is limited. Lately, that access is threatened by severe water shortages and thieves. But in the high-rise building where she just started to work, water streams out of every faucet and there's a rooftop swimming pool. Minni must decide whether to expose a mafia water boss and risk her life.



HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9 – 12)

Scrawl

by Mark Shulman

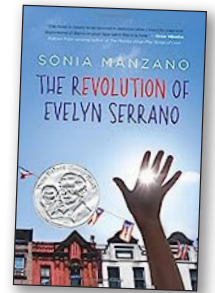
Tod Munn is a bully. He and his friends get busted doing something bad. Something really bad. Now he must spend his daily detention with Mrs. Woodrow, a no-nonsense guidance counselor. Tod's punishment: to scrawl his story in a beat-up notebook. Can Mrs. Woodrow help Tod stop playing the bad guy before he actually turns into one?



The Revolution of Evelyn Serrano

by Sonia Manzano

Evelyn is keeping two secrets: her true feelings about growing up in her Spanish Harlem neighborhood, and her attitude about Abuela, her sassy grandmother from Puerto Rico. Then, the Young Lords, a Puerto Rican activist group, ignite a powerful protest. When Abuela steps in, Evelyn is thrust into the action and learns important truths about her Latino heritage.



AUTHENTIC SPANISH TITLE



La educación de Margot Sanchez

by Lilliam Rivera

COSAS/PERSONAS QUE MARGOT ODI: Mami, por destruir mi vida social. Papi, por dejar que Junior se convierta en un neandertal. Junior, por convertirse en un neandertal. Este supermercado. Todo lo demás. Después de "tomar prestada" la tarjeta de crédito de su padre para renovar su vestuario con más estilo, Margot Sánchez se encuentra de repente castigada. Y eso significa pasar el verano trabajando en el supermercado de su familia para pagar sus deudas.

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