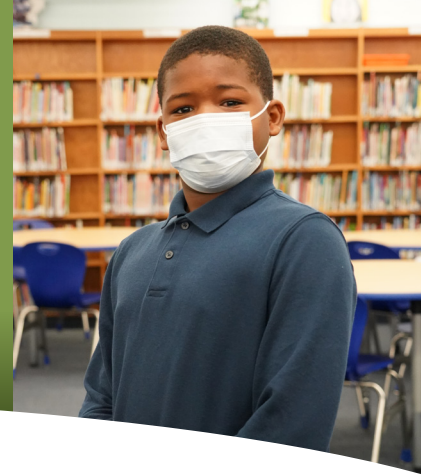




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Selections for August, 2022



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

Bright Star

by Yuyi Morales

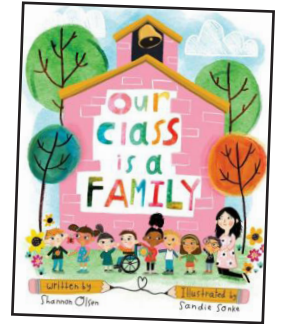
With powerful language and complex imagery, Yuyi Morales weaves the tale of a fawn making her way through a landscape that is dangerous, beautiful, and full of potential. A gentle voice urges her onward to face her fears and challenge obstacles.



Our Class Is a Family

by Shannon Olsen

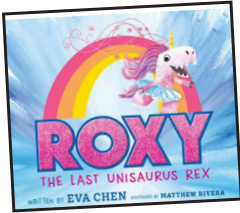
With its heartfelt message and colorfully whimsical illustrations, this book will help build and strengthen class community. Kids learn that their classroom is a place where it's safe to be themselves, it's okay to make mistakes, and it's important to be a friend to others.



Roxy the Last Unisaurus Rex

by Eva Chen

Join Roxy in all her sassy, steak-loving, glittery glory as she learns about the importance of staying true to yourself, celebrating your differences, and finding friends who love you for who you are.

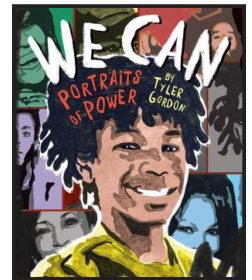


INTERMEDIATE (GRADES 3 – 5)

We Can: Portraits of Power

by Tyler Gordon

Tyler Gordon's journey from a regular kid growing up in San Jose, California, to a nationally recognized artist wasn't without challenges. Art gave him a creative outlet, and after painting a portrait of Kamala Harris and posting it on social media, he received a call from the vice president herself! Soon his art was everywhere.

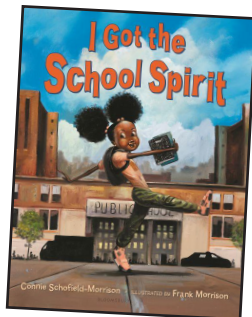


PRIMARY (GRADES KINDERGARTEN – 2)

I Got the School Spirit

by Connie Schofield-Morrison

Summer is over, and this little girl has the school spirit! She hears school spirit in the bus driving up the street—VROOM, VROOM!—and in the bell sounding in the halls—RING-A-DING! She sings the school spirit in class with her friends—ABC, 123!



Mi Familia: A Mexican American Family

by Ana Cristina Gluck

This is the story of Juan, a boy born in the United States whose parents are Mexican. Juan is proud of being bilingual and he thinks that speaking Spanish helps him communicate with his loved ones, such as his grandparents who live in Mexico.



MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6 – 8)



Flight of the Puffin

by Ann Braden

Libby makes a card with the message “You are amazing.” That card makes a difference in the lives of some kids who are dealing with bullies, unaccepting families, or the hole that grief leaves. Receiving an encouraging message helps each

kid summon up the thing they need most, whether it’s bravery, empathy, or understanding.

Diary of a 6th Grade Ninja

by Marcus Emerson

My name is Chase Cooper, and I’m a 6th grade ninja. It’s my first day at a different school and the only person I know is my cousin, Zoe. I was just another scrawny kid until a group of ninjas recruited me. It was a world of trouble, which is why I kept this diary to warn other kids about the dangers of becoming a ninja.



HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9 – 12)

The Summer I Turned Pretty

by Jenny Han

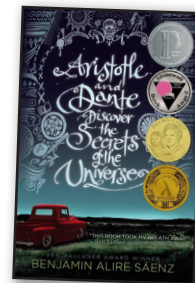
Everything good, everything magical happens between June and August. Winters are simply a time away from Susannah and away from Jeremiah and Conrad, the boys that Belly has known since her very first summer. But one wonderful and terrible summer, the more everything changes, the more it all ends up just the way it should have been all along.



Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe

by Benjamin Alire Sáenz

Aristotle is an angry teen with a brother in prison. Dante is a know-it-all who has an unusual way of looking at the world. When the two meet at the swimming pool, they seem to have nothing in common. But as the loners start spending time together, they discover that they share a special friendship. Ari and Dante will learn the most important truths about themselves and the kind of people they want to be.



BOOKS IN SPANISH

El increíble niño comelibros

by Oliver Jeffers

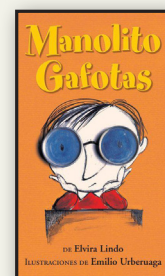
Esta es la historia de Enrique, un niño al que le encantan los libros, pero no como a cualquier niño pueden gustarle. Un día, mientras tenía en una mano una paleta y en la otra un libro, Enrique, distraídamente, probó el libro. Notó que le gustaba, y aunque tenía sus dudas decidió comerse primero una palabra, luego una oración y, después, una página, luego de un par de días ya se había comido un libro entero. Inexplicablemente el conocimiento que contenían los libros llegaba al cerebro de Enrique, y pensó que con esto en poco tiempo podría ser la persona más lista del mundo, pero de pronto todo empezó a complicarse.



Manolito Gafotas

by Elvira Lindo

Llega Manolito Gafotas, uno de los personajes más famosos del “mundo mundial.” Este chaval de Carabanchel (Alto) nos ofrece, a través de sus gafas, una visión del mundo rebosante de humor. ¡Manolito es único, magnífico, inimitable . . . ! Junto a él, y junto a su hermano el Imbécil, su abuelo Nicolás y por supuesto, toda la pandilla, viviremos divertidas aventuras.



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