

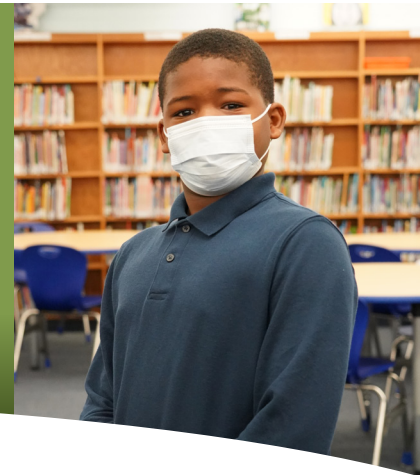


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Selections for December, 2022

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

To Make

by Danielle Davis

To make . . . a cake, a garden, a song, you first gather, then make—and wait. To make a story, you gather, make, wait. To make anything it will take some time. You may have to gather more, make more, and wait a little more, but you can create wonderful things if you just gather, make, and wait.



The Coquíes Still Sing: A Story of Home, Hope, and Rebuilding/Los coquíes aún cantan

by Karina Nicole González

The coquí frogs sing to Elena from her family's mango tree—their calls so familiar. But home is suddenly not safe when a hurricane threatens to destroy everything that Elena knows. Elena and her community begin to rebuild their home, planting seeds of hope along the way. When the sounds of the coquíes gradually return, they reflect the resilience and strength of Elena, her family, and her fellow Puerto Ricans.



Dream with the Latinitas/Sueña con las Latinitas

by Juliet Menéndez

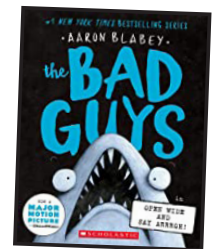
Meet the Latinitas, whose big dreams paved the way for your little feet! With gorgeous, hand-painted illustrations, Juliet Menéndez shines a spotlight on the power of childhood dreams.

INTERMEDIATE (GRADES 3 – 5)

The Bad Guys in Open Wide and Say Arrrgh!

by Aaron Blabey

WEIRD?! Nothing weird EVER happens in *The Bad Guys*. Like, you would NEVER see a chain-saw monster confronting a velociraptor who has eaten an elderly piranha, or the disturbing antics of a deranged dentist running amok with an oversized drill. NOPE. None of that nonsense here. So relax and be entirely unsurprised!

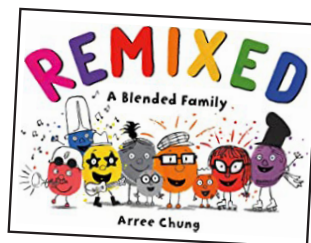


PRIMARY (GRADES KINDERGARTEN – 2)

Remixed: A Blended Family

by Arree Chung

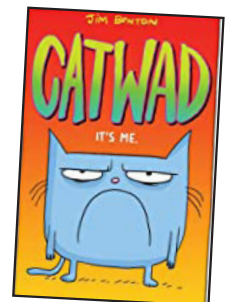
In Mixed City, when colors care for each other, they decide to mix. They create families that come in every combination of colors, shapes, and sizes. But sometimes those sizes, shapes, and colors can change. And change isn't always easy. It might be hard to get used to. It might make some colors feel worried or sad. This inspiring picture book celebrates the strength and resilience of remixed families and the beauty of chosen families, showing how even after change or loss, love can thrive.



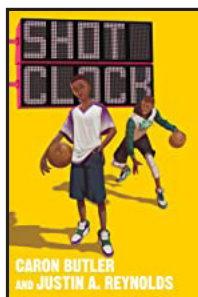
Catwad: It's Me/Pangato: Soy Yo

by Jim Benton

He's blue. He's a bit of a grouch. His best friend is a dim-witted cat named Blurmp who can see the bright side of anything. This crabby tabby has a funny take on just about everything, and he's not afraid to share it. This collection of short comic stories will make even the grumpiest of grouches crack up and is not to be missed!



MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6 – 8)



Shot Clock

by Caron Butler & Justin A. Reynolds

Tony loves basketball. But the game changed when his best friend, Dante, a hoops phenom, was killed by a police officer. Tony hopes to carry on Dante's legacy by making the Sabres champions. Tony doesn't make the team, but

Coach James lets him join as team statistician. Can Tony find a path to healing while helping to bring the Sabres a championship?

Attack of the Black Rectangles

by A.S. King

When Mac first opens his book and finds some words blacked out, he thinks it's a mistake. When he and his friends discover what the missing words are, he's outraged. Someone is trying to prevent kids from reading the full story. Mac and his friends head to the principal to protest the censorship.



HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9 – 12)

The Inheritance Games

by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

Avery Grambs inherits a fortune when billionaire Tobias Hawthorne dies. To earn her inheritance, Avery must move into Hawthorne House, where every room contains puzzles, riddles, and codes. The house is also occupied by the Hawthorne grandsons who expected they would inherit billions. Caught in a world of wealth and privilege, with danger around every turn, Avery will have to play the game herself just to survive.



When We Make It

by Elisabet Velasquez

Sarai navigates the strain of family traumas and the pressures of toxic masculinity and housing insecurity in Brooklyn. She questions the society around her, her Boricua identity, and the life she lives with determination and an open heart, learning to celebrate herself in a way that she has long been denied.



BOOKS IN SPANISH

Desayuno en Júpiter

by Andrea Tomé

Ofelia y Amoke parecen ser completamente opuestas la una a la otra. Cuando Virginia le ofrece un trabajo a Ofelia como su asistente personal, la vida de las dos jóvenes se une. A través de conversaciones, libros usados, cartas y mensajes temprano en la mañana por Whatsapp, las jóvenes descubren un futuro que no sabían que existía, al igual que sus sentimientos la una por la otra.



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