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Selections for February, 2023

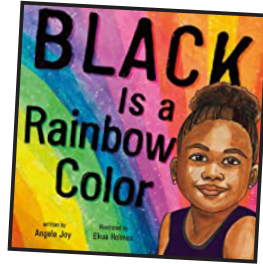
Help children get excited about reading! Each month, a list of featured books will be available to: Assist teachers, librarians, and families in finding quality books to encourage independent reading; offer titles that allow students to see themselves, explore other cultures, and discover more about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

PRESCHOOL

Black Is a Rainbow Color

by Angela Joy

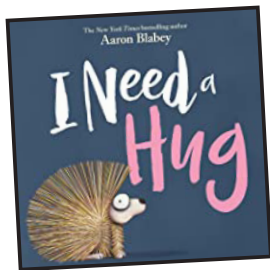
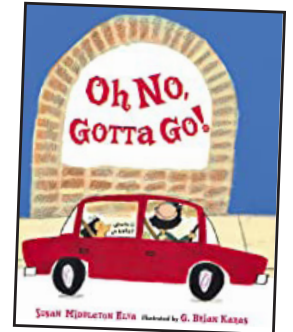
A child reflects on the meaning of being Black in this moving and powerful anthem about a people, a culture, a history, and a legacy. From the wheels of a bicycle to the robe on Thurgood Marshall's back, Black surrounds our lives.



Oh No, Gotta Go!

by Susan Middleton Ely

As soon as the car pulls away, someone needs the bathroom. After racing around town, passing a gushing fountain and cutting the line for the ladies' room, this adorable little girl makes it to the bathroom in the nick of time.



I Need a Hug

by Aaron Blabey

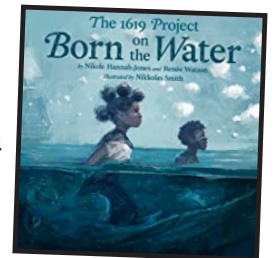
A tiny porcupine just wants a cuddle. All the other animals turn him away because of his prickly spikes. But finally, the porcupine meets an animal who's happy to hug—a snake!

INTERMEDIATE (GRADES 3 – 5)

The 1619 Project: Born on the Water

by Nikole Hannah-Jones

A young student receives a family tree assignment in school, but she can only trace back three generations. Grandma gathers the whole family, and the student learns that in 1619, their ancestors were brought to America by white slave traders. Before that, they had a home, a land, a language.

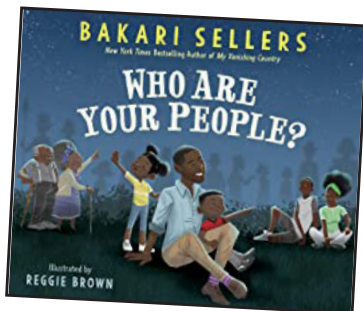


PRIMARY (GRADES KINDERGARTEN – 2)

Who Are Your People?

by Bakari Sellers

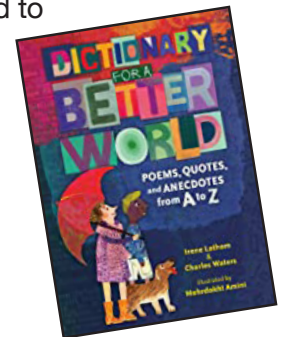
When you meet someone for the first time, they might ask, "Who are your people?" and "Where are you from?" Children are shaped by their ancestors, and this book celebrates the village it takes to raise a child.



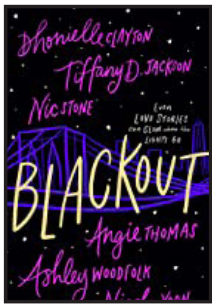
Dictionary for a Better World: Poems, Quotes, and Anecdotes from A to Z

by Irene Latham & Charles Waters

This inspiring resource is organized as a dictionary; each entry presents a word related to creating a better world, such as ally, empathy, or respect. Each word comes with a poem, a quote from an inspiring person, a personal anecdote, and a "try it" prompt for an activity.



MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6 – 8)



Blackout

by Dhonielle Clayton et al

A summer heatwave blankets New York City in darkness. When the lights go out, people reveal hidden truths. Love blossoms, friendship transforms, and new possibilities take flight.

Pilar Ramirez and the Curse of San Zenon

by Julian Randall

After being transported to the island of Zafa and rescuing her long captive cousin Natasha, Pilar is back in Chicago. When she and her family are invited on a trip to Santo Domingo, Pilar welcomes the distraction. Pilar is soon on the hunt for an escaped demon.



HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9 – 12)

For All Time

by Shanna Miles

Together, Tamar and Fayard have lived a thousand lives, seen the world build itself up from nothing only to tear itself down again. They've even watched humanity take to the stars. But in each life one thing remains the same: their love and their fight to be together. Their only concern is they never get to see how their story ends.



Shadowshaper

by Daniel José Older

Sierra Santiago planned an easy summer of making art and hanging out with her friends. But then a corpse crashes the first party of the season. Her stroke-ridden grandfather starts apologizing over and over. And when the murals in her neighborhood begin to weep real tears, something sinister is going on.



BOOKS IN SPANISH

Invisible

by Christina Díaz Gonzalez

¿Pueden cinco niños inadaptados de la secundaria hacer una gran diferencia? Están atrapados cuando se les obliga a completar las horas de servicio comunitario de su escuela. Aunque están seguros de que no tienen nada en común entre sí, la gente los ve como todos igualitos... 5 niños que hablan español. Luego conocen a alguien que realmente necesita su ayuda, y deben decidir si cada uno está dispuesto a exponer sus propios secretos para ayudar...



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