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Selections for February 2024



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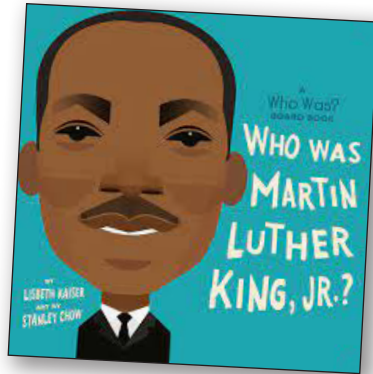
Help children get excited about reading! Each month, a list of featured books will be available to: Assist teachers, librarians, and families in finding quality books to encourage independent reading; offer titles that allow students to see themselves, explore other cultures, and discover more about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

PRESCHOOL

Who Was Martin Luther King, Jr.?

by Lisbeth Kaiser

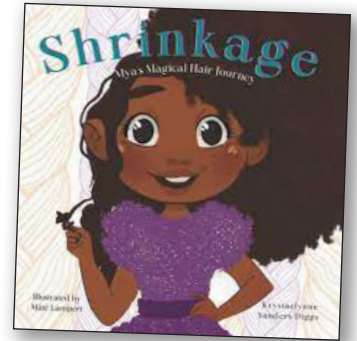
The life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is presented in just a few sentences per page. The illustrations are sure to captivate young readers and adults alike. This age-appropriate introduction honors the work of one of the most influential civil rights activists of our time.



Shrinkage

by Krystaelynn Sanders Diggs

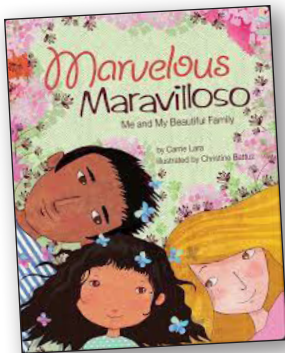
When Mya found out her hair could be styled in many different ways, she knew it was magical. Join her on a fantastic journey to discover the secret power of shrinkage! This book is loaded with stunning imagery about how anyone can style their locks however they want.



Marvelous Maravilloso: Me and My Beautiful Family

by Carrie Lara

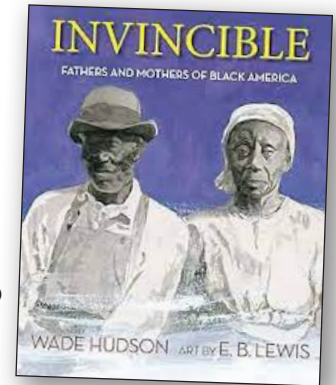
Follow a young girl as she finds joy in the colors of the world. Her vantage point is special as she comes from a bicultural family and is able to appreciate the differences between her parents and her own unique color. She embraces how all families are uniquely beautiful.



Invincible: Fathers and Mothers of Black America

by Wade Hudson

Explore the birth of Black America, focused on the men and women who fought for justice and for an America where freedom truly rang for all. Black America was built by brave pioneers—men and women taken from Africa who struggled to build a country and a culture.

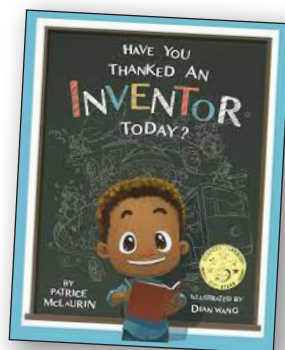


PRIMARY (GRADES KINDERGARTEN – 2)

Have You Thanked an Inventor Today?

by Patrice McLaurin

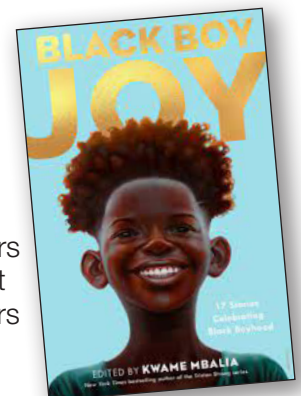
Take a unique journey into the contributions of African American inventors and their lasting impact on our daily lives. This book follows the day of a little boy, demonstrating with each page how Black inventors have greatly enriched our nation's landscape.



Black Boy Joy: 17 Stories Celebrating Black Boyhood

by Kwame Mbalia

Black boy joy is picking out a first-day-of-school outfit, saving the universe, finding your voice, and flying on your skateboard. From 17 acclaimed Black authors comes a vibrant collection about the power of joy and the wonders of Black boyhood.



MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6 – 8)

HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9 – 12)



Sparkle

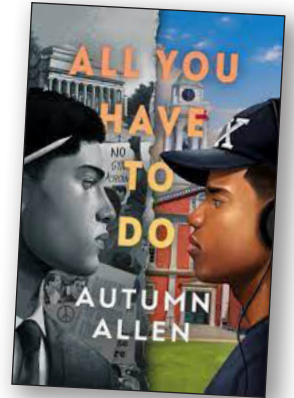
by Lakita Wilson

After Sparkle Moore is diagnosed with alopecia, she must navigate her self-esteem with the challenge of losing her hair. Sparkle is destined to be a star, but must come to terms with the changes in her life and show the world what she can do—with or without hair.

All You Have to Do

by Autumn Allen

Two young Black men nearly thirty years apart both navigate racism. In 1968, Kevin joins a protest. In 1995, Gibran challenges the hypocrisy of his school. The two students risk losing the opportunities their parents worked hard to provide, and move closer to discovering who they want to be.



Not an Easy Win

by Chrystal D. Giles

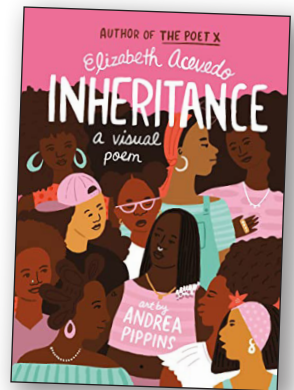
Nothing has gone right for 12-year-old Lawrence since his Pop went away, but after getting expelled from school for fighting, he discovers the world of chess and things begin to change.



Inheritance: A Visual Poem

by Elizabeth Acevedo

They tell me to “fix” my hair. And by fix, they mean straighten, they mean whiten; but how do you fix this hair? In her most famous spoken-word poem, Elizabeth Acevedo embraces the complexities of Black hair and Afro-Latinidad—the history, pain, pride, and powerful love of that inheritance.



AUTHENTIC SPANISH TITLE



Cartas de amor de 0 a 10

by Susie Morgenstern

Ernest tiene diez años: diez años de aburrimiento y soledad, si no fuera por su querida abuela y por la bondadosa Herminia. Hasta que un día llega a clase una nueva compañera, Victoria. Con ella llegan las novedades, llega el amor, un poco de locura y mucha emoción. Con la ayuda de Victoria, Ernest romperá finalmente su silencio escribiendo una carta que cambiará su vida para siempre.

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