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MPS READS!

Selections for January, 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

The Stars Will Still Shine

by Cynthia Rylant

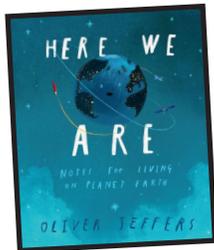
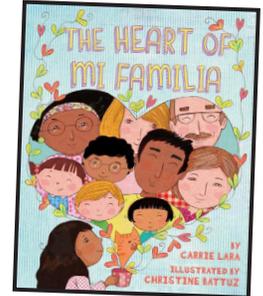
Rejoicing in the goodness of daily life, Cynthia Rylant's gentle verse becomes more powerful with each reading. Like a prayer, this is soothing at bedtime and is a meaningful gift for anyone facing a crisis or starting anew.



The Heart of Mi Familia

by Carrie Lara

Follow a young girl as she works with her abuela and her grandma to create a wonderful birthday present for her brother that celebrates her multicultural family and honors both sides and generations of her family.



Here We Are: Notes for Living on Planet Earth / Aquí estamos. Notas para vivir en el planeta tierra

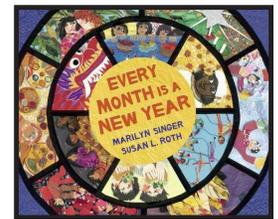
by Oliver Jeffers

Oliver Jeffers offers his own hopes and wishes for his child, and in doing so, gifts children and parents everywhere with a gently sweet and humorous missive about our world.

Every Month Is a New Year: Celebrations Around the World

by Marilyn Singer

In many places around the globe, the new year starts on January 1. But not everywhere! This collection of original poems showcases New Year celebrations throughout the year and around the world.

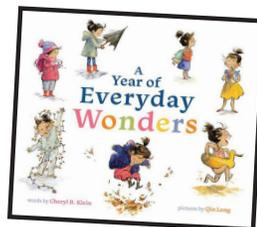


PRIMARY (GRADES KINDERGARTEN – 2)

A Year of Everyday Wonders

by Cheryl B. Klein

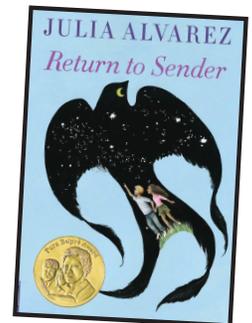
With each new year come countless little wonders, like the first snowfall, first new umbrella, first missed bus. This picture book explores many truths of childhood through a calendar year of small moments.



Return to Sender/ Devolver al Remitente

by Julia Alvarez

After Tyler's father is injured, his family is forced to hire migrant workers to help save their Vermont farm from foreclosure. Tyler isn't sure what to make of these workers, particularly Mari, the oldest daughter, who is proud of her Mexican heritage but also adapting to her American life. Can Tyler and Mari find a way to connect?

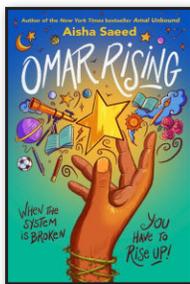


MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6 – 8)

Omar Rising

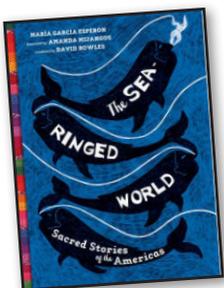
by Aisha Saeed

Omar knows his scholarship to Ghalib Academy Boarding School is a game changer. But when he arrives, his hopes are dashed. First-year scholarship students aren't allowed to join clubs or teams—and they have to do menial chores. With the help of his new friends—and facing expulsion—he sets out to change a rigged system.



The Sea-Ringed World: Sacred Stories of the Americas / Cuentos sagrados de América

by Maria Garcia Esperón



Fifteen thousand years before Europeans stepped foot in the Americas, Native Americans sought to understand the universe, the nature of the divine, and the origin of the world. The answers are preserved in their sacred stories.

HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9 – 12)

Firekeeper's Daughter

by Angeline Boulley

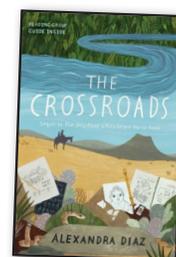
Daunis Fontaine is 18 and has never quite fit in, both in her hometown and on the Ojibwe reservation. She dreams of a fresh start at college, but when tragedy strikes, she must look after her fragile mother. The bright spot is meeting Jamie, a charming new recruit on the hockey team. Yet Daunis senses he is hiding something. Everything comes to light when Daunis witnesses a shocking murder, thrusting her into an FBI investigation.



The Crossroads / La encrucijada

by Alexandra Diaz

After crossing into the United States, Jaime Rivera thinks the worst is over. But Jaime struggles with calling this strange place “home.” His real home is with his parents and family, where he can be himself—a boy from Guatemala. But hope arrives from a quiet boy on the bus, a music teacher, an old ranch hand. With his sketchbook, Jaime uses his drawings to find himself.



BOOKS IN SPANISH

Daniela y las chicas pirata

by Susanna Isern



En esta nueva aventura, Daniela y sus compañeros se encuentran incapaces de salvar el día... ¡Porque otros piratas se les adelantaron! Cuando la noticia de las Pirañas Intrépidas, un grupo de chicas piratas, llega a sus oídos, ¡Daniela zarpa para encontrarlas!

El fabuloso mundo de las letras

by Jordi Sierra i Fabra

Virgilio odiaba leer. Pero un día no tuvo más remedio que hacerlo. Por supuesto, le obligaron del colegio. No había vuelta de hoja. Y, para colmo, tuvo que conocer al escritor. ¡Cómo iba a saber que ese día sería el principio de su nueva vida! Hay libros que son la entrada a un mundo fantástico. Solo hay que saber encontrarlos.



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