

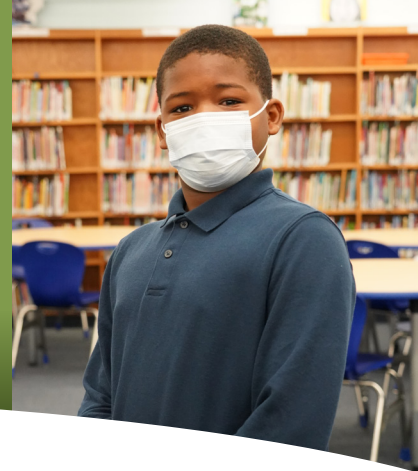


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MPS READS!

Selections for January, 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

Squirrel's New Year's Resolution

by Pat Miller

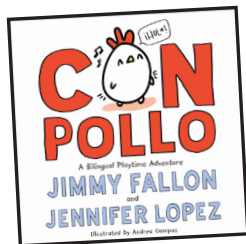
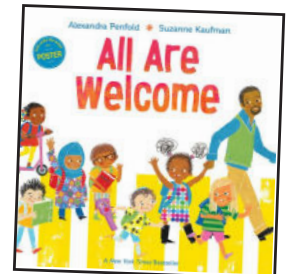
Squirrel knows that New Year's Day is great for making resolutions! As she makes visits around the forest, she learns about New Year's resolutions and helps her friends get started on theirs. If only she can think of a resolution of her very own!



All Are Welcome

by Alexandra Penfold

Discover a school where all young children have a place and are appreciated. Follow children through a day where everyone is welcomed with open arms. Students from all backgrounds learn from and celebrate each other's traditions, and show the world as it should be.



Con Pollo: A Bilingual Playtime Adventure

by Jimmy Fallon & Jennifer Lopez

Meet Pollo, a friendly little chicken! Pollo makes any activity more fun.

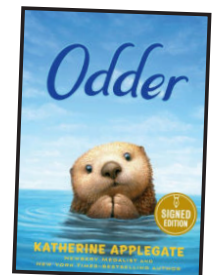
Why just go to the beach when you could go to la playa con Pollo? Do you want to play soccer or fútbol con Pollo? You're in for a busy, adventurous day with your new friend Pollo!

INTERMEDIATE (GRADES 3 – 5)

Odder

by Katherine Applegate

Odder spends her days practicing her underwater acrobatics and spinning quirky stories. But when Odder comes face-to-face with a hungry shark, her life takes a dramatic turn that will challenge everything she believes about herself—and about the humans who hope to save her.



PRIMARY (GRADES KINDERGARTEN – 2)

Flight School

by Lita Judge

Although little Penguin has the soul of an eagle, his body wasn't built to soar. But Penguin follows his dreams to flip, flap, fly! Even if he needs a little help with the technical parts, this penguin is ready to live on the wind.



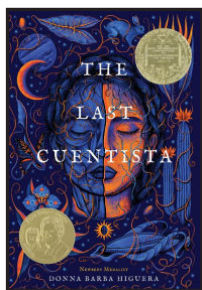
The Ogress and the Orphans

by Kelly Barnhill

Stone-in-the-Glen has fallen on hard times and the mayor promises to help. Only the clever children of the Orphan House and the kindly Ogress can see the true problems. But how can the Orphans tell of the Ogress's goodness to people who refuse to listen? And how can they make their deluded neighbors see the real villain?



MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6 – 8)



The Last Cuentista

by Donna Barba Higuera

Petra Peña wanted to be a storyteller like her abuelita. But Earth has been destroyed by a comet, and only a few hundred scientists and their children – among them Petra and her family – are journeying to a new planet. Hundreds of years later, Petra wakes and discovers that she is the only person who remembers Earth. Petra alone now carries the stories of her past. Can she make them live again?

Pilar Ramirez and the Escape from Zafa

by Julian Randall

Pilar lives with Abuela and Mami's code of silence about her cousin Natasha, who vanished in the Dominican Republic 50 years ago. Pilar finds a mythical island, Zafa, where her cousin is being held captive. Pilar will have to battle El Cuco if she has any hope of freeing Natasha and getting back home.

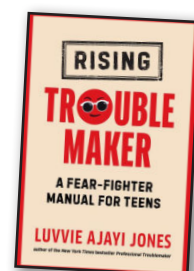


HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9 – 12)

Rising Trouble Maker: A Fear-Fighter Manual for Teens

by Luvvie Ajayi Jones

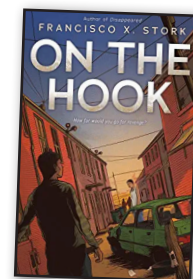
The world can make you feel powerless to ask for what you need. BE TOO MUCH and use it for good. That is what it means to be a troublemaker. This book gives you permission to be the troublemaker you wish to be. You need to know that the beautiful, audacious life you want is on the other side of doing the things that scare you. This book will help you face and fight your fear and start living that life.



On the Hook

by Francisco X. Stork

Hector is the chess team champion, helps the family with his job, and teaches his little sister to shoot hoops. Until Joey singles him out. Joey's older brother, Chavo, is head of the Discípulos gang, and tells Hector that he's going to kill him. From that day forward, Hector's death is hanging over his head every time he leaves the house.



BOOKS IN SPANISH

Hasta que alguien me escuche: Una historia sobre las fronteras, la familia y la misión de una niña

by Estela Juárez

Cuando la mamá de Estela Juárez está deportada a México, Estela sabe que tiene que hablar por su familia. Contada en las propias palabras de Estela, *Hasta que alguien me escuche* es una historia real sobre una niña que encuentra su voz y la usa para generar cambios.



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