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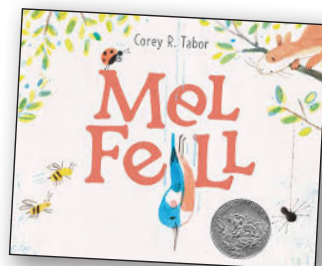
Help children get excited about reading! Each month, a list of featured books will be available to: Assist teachers, librarians, and families in finding quality books to encourage independent reading; offer titles that allow students to see themselves, explore other cultures, and discover more about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

PRESCHOOL

Mel Fell

by Corey R. Tabor

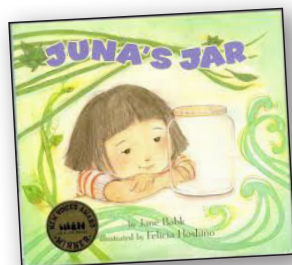
Readers will delight in turning the book sideways and upside down to follow Mel on her journey from downward fall to triumphant flight in this tale of self-confidence and taking a leap of faith.



Juna's Jar

by Jane Park

Juna and her friend Hector love to collect things in empty kimchi jars. When Hector moves away without having a chance to say good-bye, Juna is heartbroken. Juna turns to her special kimchi jar for help. She plunges into the ocean, swings through the jungle, and flies through the night sky. Juna finds adventure and new friends.

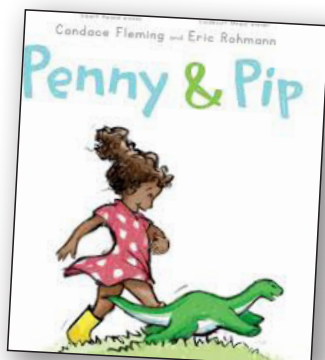


PRIMARY (GRADES KINDERGARTEN – 2)

Penny and Pip

by Candance Fleming

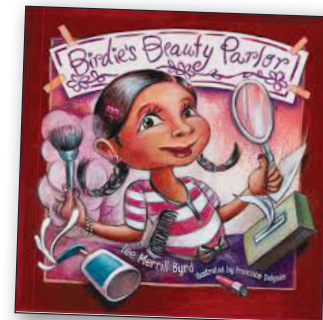
Penny feels certain that something is following her as she walks through the Natural History Museum. She spies a very long neck and a very long tail — on a baby brontosaurus! The little dino and Penny spend time together all over the museum. Penny feeds him some snacks and sets out to take him home with her.



Birdie's Beauty Parlor

by Lee Merrill Byrd

Birdie and Grandma are having a girls' day! But Grandma's all worn out. Birdie has a solution: a makeover! It'll give Grandma a chance to relax. Birdie insists that Grandma lie down because this beauty parlor has the works! Birdie knows best!

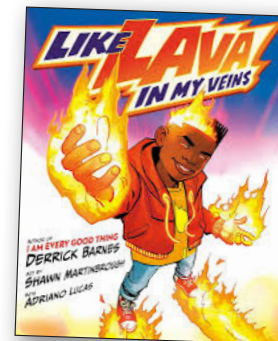


INTERMEDIATE (GRADES 3 – 5)

Like Lava in My Veins

by Derrick Barnes

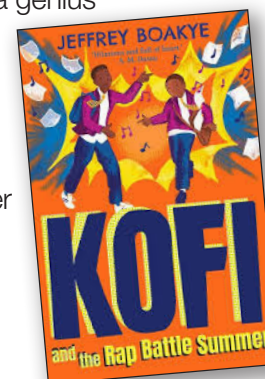
Bobby Beacon's got fire flowing through his veins. And he's psyched to attend a new school that'll help him control his powers. Good thing Bobby gets moved to a class with an understanding teacher who clues him in on ways to calm himself and shows him that caring for others is its own kind of superpower.



Kofi and the Rap Battle Summer

by Jeffrey Boakye

Kofi is used to stuff going wrong—he's usually in detention. Then he comes up with a genius money-making scheme. The whole school is obsessed with music, so the boys hit the jackpot selling a new fanzine full of song lyrics: PAPER JAM. One of the teachers tells Kofi, "You could be a real leader at this school, you know that?"



MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6 – 8)



Swim Team

by Johnnie Christmas

Bree gets stuck with the only elective that fits her schedule, the dreaded Swim 101. Etta, an elderly occupant of her apartment building and former swim team captain, is willing to help. Bree suddenly finds her swim-crazed community counting on her to turn the school's failing team around. Can Bree guide her team to a state championship?

Eb & Flow

by Kelly J. Baptist

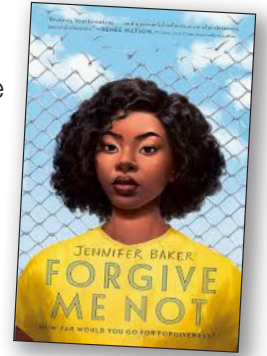
Ebony and De’Kari (aka Flow) do not get along after their cafeteria scuffle ended in suspension. Now Eb and Flow have two weeks to explain their behavior—to their families and themselves. In this novel in verse, Eb and Flow navigate their parallel lives. These two have a lot more in common than they think.



Forgive Me Not

by Jennifer Baker

After driving drunk and causing the accident that kills her little sister, Violetta is incarcerated. Violetta must remain in juvenile detention or participate in the Trials. If she succeeds, she could regain her freedom and her family’s love. Violetta is forced to confront the question of whether their forgiveness is more important than forgiving herself.



Bitter

by Akwaeke Emezi

Bitter is thrilled to attend a special school where she can focus on her painting around other creative teens. But the streets are filled with protests against deep injustices that grip the city. Bitter’s instinct is to stay safe, but her friends aren’t willing to settle. If she does find a way to help the revolution, she must also ask: at what cost?



JUNE AUTHENTIC SPANISH SUGGESTION



La frisita que voló el caribe

de Sandra Rivera Sánchez Edades sugeridas

Desde las playas más bellas de Puerto Rico, una frisita de una niña se va a volar para visitar las islas hermanas del Caribe. Su visita inesperada provoca divertidas aventuras, tanto que hasta a la luna llegó. Un precioso cuento-poema donde los peques volarán con imaginación, divirtiéndose junto a la frisita.

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