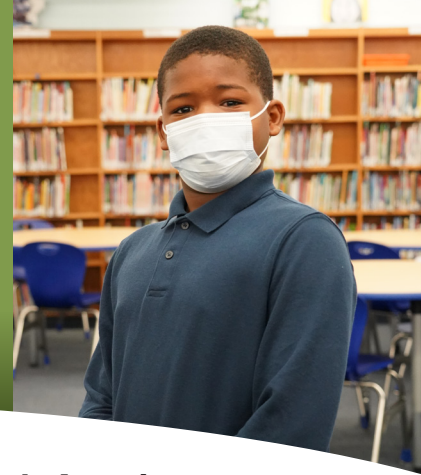




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Selections for June, 2022



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

Chez Bob

by Bob Shea

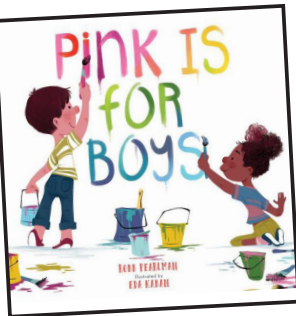
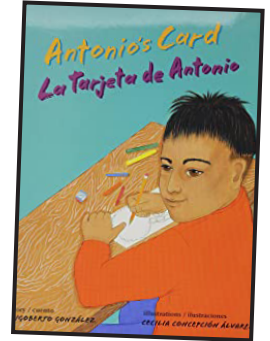
Welcome to Chez Bob, which seems like a real restaurant but it's on an alligator's nose! Bob's got a hidden plan: "Birds will come to eat, but I will eat the birds!" As they fly in, something starts to happen that takes the lazy, hungry reptile by surprise—the birds stay. Will Bob make the right choice?



Antonio's Card/ La tarjeta de Antonio

by Rigoberto González

Antonio loves to express feelings like love and pride. Mother's Day is coming, and Antonio searches for the words to express his love for his mother and her partner, Leslie. Antonio chooses how to express his connection to both of the special women in his life.



Pink Is for Boys

by Robb Pearlman

Pink is for boys...and girls...and everyone! This picture book rethinks the blue/pink gender binary and empowers kids to express themselves. Featuring diverse characters,

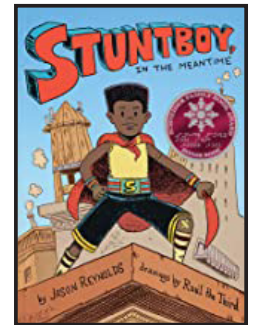
this book encourages girls and boys to enjoy what they love, whether it's racing cars or dressing up.

INTERMEDIATE (GRADES 3 – 5)

Stuntboy in the Meantime

by Jason Reynolds

Portico Reeves's superpower is making sure all the other superheroes—like his parents and friends—stay super. And safe. No one in his civilian life knows he's actually Stuntboy! This is swell, except for Portico's other secret—his parents are fighting all the time. But all these secrets give Portico the worry wiggles, which his mom calls anxiety.



PRIMARY (GRADES KINDERGARTEN – 2)

Where Do Words Come From?

by Jeff Zwiers

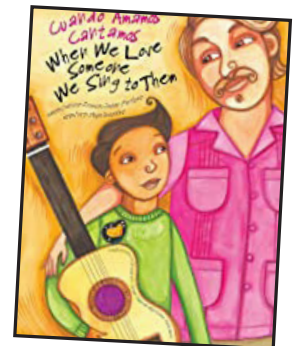
Do you know where your favorite words come from? Maybe they plop to the ground from high up in the sky! Maybe workers piece them together. Or maybe they come from a one-of-a-kind word-maker. Vivid illustrations explore the secret to creating new words.



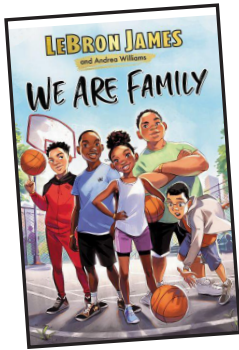
When We Love Someone, We Sing to Them: Cuando Amamos Cantamos

by Ernesto Javier Martínez

A reclamation of the Mexican serenata tradition. Follow the story of a young boy who asks his father if there is a song for a boy who loves a boy. In this book, we learn about the Mexican tradition of singing to family and loved ones through one boy who naturally assumes the tradition includes him.



MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6 – 8)



We Are Family

by LeBron James & Andrea Williams
Drawing inspiration from his own life and the lives of the students at his I Promise School, LeBron James has crafted a fun and inspirational story about a determined group of middle schoolers and their quest to save their basketball season.

America Vol. 1: The Life and Times of America Chavez

by Gabby Rivera & Joe Quinones
America Chavez was a Young Avenger and leads the Ultimates, and now officially claims her place as the preeminent butt-kicker of the entire Marvel Universe! And now she's going to college! America just has to stop an interdimensional monster or two first.



HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9 – 12)

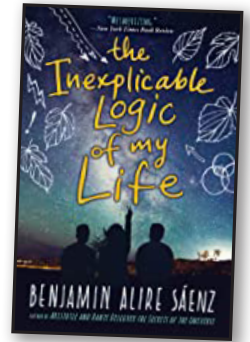
Ace of Spades

by Faridah Abike-Iyimide
When shocking secrets are blasted out to students at Niveus Private Academy via an anonymous texter, two students' lives are turned completely upside down. The messages are targeting the only two Black students in the elite private school. This twisty ride of a thriller will linger with you long after the last page.



The Inexplicable Logic of My Life

by Benjamin Alire Saenz
Sal used to know his place with his adoptive gay father, their loving Mexican American family, and his best friend, Samantha. But it's senior year, and suddenly Sal is throwing punches, questioning everything, and realizing he no longer knows himself. If Sal's not who he thought he was, who is he?



BOOKS IN SPANISH

Esperanza Renace

by Pam Muñoz Ryan

Esperanza Ortega tiene todos los tesoros que una chica pueda desear: hermosos vestidos, una linda casa llena de sirvientes en México, y la promesa de que un día llegará a presidir el Rancho como su mamá. Pero una tragedia inesperada destruye ese sueño, obligando a Esperanza y a su madre a escapar a California dónde tendrán que trabajar en una finca junto a otros mexicanos. Allí tendrá que olvidar su pasado y enfrentarse a las nuevas realidades de su vida: trabajo duro, aceptación y dificultades económicas. Esperanza descubrirá que la verdadera riqueza está en la familia y la comunidad.



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