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Selections for June, 2023

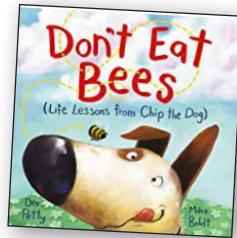
Help children get excited about reading! Each month, a list of featured books will be available to: Assist teachers, librarians, and families in finding quality books to encourage independent reading; offer titles that allow students to see themselves, explore other cultures, and discover more about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

PRESCHOOL

Don't Eat Bees (Life Lessons from Chip the Dog)

by Dev Petty

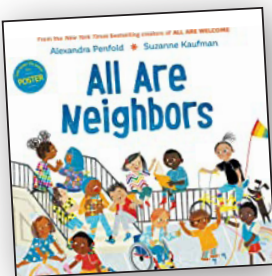
Are you a dog in need of advice? Chip the Dog is seven and he knows things. Like what to eat (important papers, the fancy bird the humans cooked for the fancy dinner, Grandpa's teeth), and what not to eat (bees). He won't get those mixed up, will he?



Big Feelings

by Alexandra Penfold

What should we do when things don't go to plan? We may feel mad, frustrated, or overwhelmed, but by talking it through, compromising, and seeing another point of view, we can start fresh, begin anew.



All Are Neighbors

by Alexandra Penfold

Moving to a new place can be hard, but when your neighbors welcome you with open arms, there are many things to discover and celebrate. Come along to a community where everyone has a place and is loved and appreciated—no matter what.

INTERMEDIATE (GRADES 3 – 5)

The Many Meanings of Meilan

by Andrea Wang

When Meilan's family moves to Ohio, she is not quite sure who she is—being renamed at school only makes it worse. She decides she is many Meilans, each inspired by a different Chinese character. Meilan keeps her facets separate until an injustice at school shows her the power of bringing her many selves together.

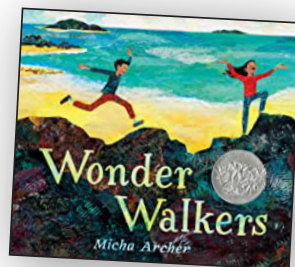


PRIMARY (GRADES KINDERGARTEN – 2)

Wonder Walkers

by Micha Archer

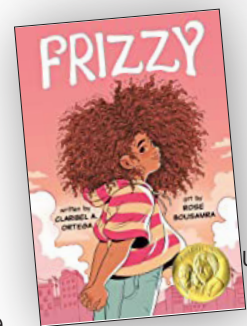
When two curious kids embark on a "wonder walk," they let their imaginations soar as they look at the world in a whole new light. They have questions: Is the sun the world's light bulb? Is dirt the world's skin? Are rivers the earth's veins? Young readers will wonder too.



Frizzy

by Claribel A. Ortega

Marlene loves three things: books, her cool Tía Ruby, and her best friend Camila. Her mother says she needs to focus on school and growing. That means straightening her hair every weekend. Marlene hates the salon and doesn't understand why her curls are not considered pretty. With help from Camila and Tía Ruby, she starts a journey to proudly wear her curly hair.



MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6 – 8)



Frankie and Bug

by Gayle Forman

Bug's not excited about hanging out with Philip, but they soon find common ground. As summer unfolds, they learn some important lessons about the world. Like what it means to be your true self. That

family can be the people you're related to, but also the people you choose to have around you. And even though life isn't always fair, we can make it more just.

Mexican WhiteBoy

by Matt de la Peña

Danny is half Mexican and is convinced that his whiteness sent his father back to Mexico. That's why he's spending the summer with his dad's family. But to find himself, he may have to face the demons that are right in front of his face. And open up to a friendship he never saw coming.



HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9 – 12)

Punching Bag

by Rex Ogle

The compelling true story of a high school career defined by poverty and punctuated by domestic abuse. Rex Ogle reflects on his complex relationship with his fierce mother and charts the trajectory of his stepdad's anger. A remarkable memoir about one teenager's cycle of violence, blame, and attempts to forgive his parents—and himself.



Breathe and Count Back from Ten

by Natalia Sylvester

Verónica has had many surgeries to manage her disability. She spends hours in the pool to strengthen her body and feel freedom. Her Florida town is home to Mermaid Cove, and Verónica wants to audition. But her conservative Peruvian parents would never go for it. Then she learns her parents have been hiding the truth from her about her own body.



BOOKS IN SPANISH



Dímelo bajito

by Mercedes Ron

Kamila creía tener todo bajo control, pero no contaba con el regreso de los hermanos Di Bianco. Thiago le había dado su primer beso. Taylor siempre la protegió. Ese regreso crea un tumulto en la vida de Kami. Ella ya no es una niña. ¿Podrá resistirse a la simple presencia de Thiago? ¿Qué sucederá cuando Taylor la mire diferente? ¿Estallará todo en mil pedazos?

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