



MILWAUKEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MPS READS!

Selections for March, 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

Every-Day Dress-Up

by Selina Alko

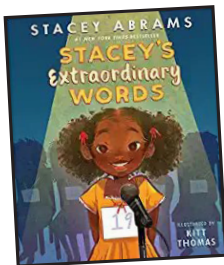
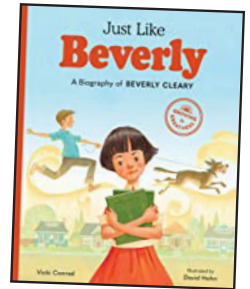
The little girl in this book ditches her princess duds in favor of costumes inspired by great women in history. She imagines herself in their shoes. Maybe someday she'll inspire little girls with her own gown of greatness.



Just Like Beverly: A Biography of Beverly Cleary

by Vicki Conrad

As a young girl, Beverly Cleary struggled to learn to read and wondered if there were any books about kids just like her. With hard work, she learned to read and discovered she had a knack for writing. Beverly follows her dreams of writing the books she longed for as a child and becomes one of the most famous children's authors of all time.



Stacey's Extraordinary Words

by Stacey Abrams

Stacey loves words. When her teacher chooses her to compete in the local spelling bee, she isn't as excited as she thought she'd be. Stacey will learn that win or lose, her words are powerful, and sometimes perseverance is the most important word of all.

INTERMEDIATE (GRADES 3 – 5)

The Fairy-Tale Detectives (The Sisters Grimm Series #1)

by Michael Buckley

Orphaned sisters learn that they are descendants of the famous Brothers Grimm, whose book of fairy tales is actually a history book. When a terrorizing giant goes on a rampage, it's up to the Sisters Grimm to stop him and discover who set the giant loose.



PRIMARY (GRADES KINDERGARTEN – 2)

Brave Girl: Clara and the Shirtwaist Makers' Strike of 1909

by Michelle Markel

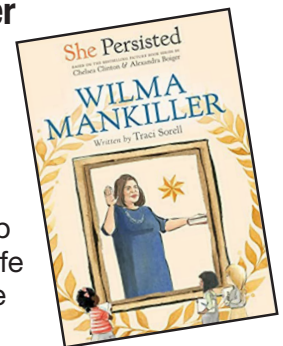
This is the true story of the young immigrant who led the largest strike of women workers in U.S. history. Fed up with the mistreatment of her fellow laborers, Clara led the largest walkout of women workers the country had seen.



She Persisted: Wilma Mankiller

by Traci Sorell

The descendant of Cherokee ancestors forced to walk the Trail of Tears, Wilma Mankiller experienced her own forced removal from the land she grew up on as a child. She dedicated her life to instilling pride in Native heritage and reclaiming Native rights and became the first woman Principal the Cherokee Nation.



Chief of

MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6 – 8)



Women in Science: 50 Fearless Pioneers Who Changed the World

by Rachel Ignotofsky

Read about 50 notable women in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics

(STEM) from the ancient to the modern world.

Celebrate the achievements of women who paved the way for female engineers, biologists, mathematicians, doctors, astronauts, physicists, and more!

My Family Divided: One Girl's Journey of Home, Loss, and Hope

by Diane Guerrero and Erica Moroz

Before landing leading roles on television and before her incredible activism and work on immigration reform, Diane Guerrero was a young girl living in Boston. One day, while she was at school, her undocumented immigrant parents were taken from their home and deported. Guerrero's life was turned upside down.

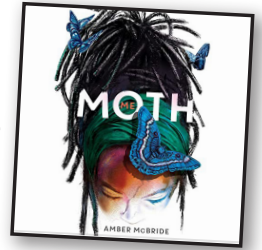


HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9 – 12)

Me (Moth)

by Amber McBride

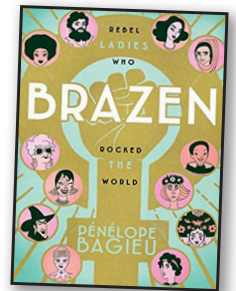
Moth has lost her family in an accident. Though she lives with her aunt, she feels alone and uprooted. She meets Sani, a boy who is also searching for his roots. Moth and Sani take a road trip that has them searching for ancestors. This is an exquisite novel about identity, first love, and the ways that memories and roots steer us through the universe.



Brazen: Rebel Ladies Who Rocked the World

by Pénélope Bagieu

Throughout history and across the globe, one characteristic connects these daring women: their indomitable spirit. Read about these feisty female role models from Nellie Bly to Mae Jemison or Josephine Baker to Naziq al-Abid. These stories are sure to inspire the next generation of rebel ladies.



BOOKS IN SPANISH

El último árbol

by María Quintana Silva (Grades Pre-K - 2)

Una noche, los árboles del bosque decidieron que era hora de arrancar de raíz y marcharse. De camino a la escuela, Goran pronto se dio cuenta de lo que estaba pasando... Todos los árboles habían desaparecido dejando grandes agujeros allí donde solían estar. Desconcertado, Goran corrió a casa para ver si el árbol de su jardín también se había marchado. Amaba ese árbol. Cuando comprendió realmente las consecuencias de este desastre, se puso en marcha para contrarrestar el daño que ya se había hecho.



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