



MPS READS!



Selections for March 2024 - March is Women's History Month

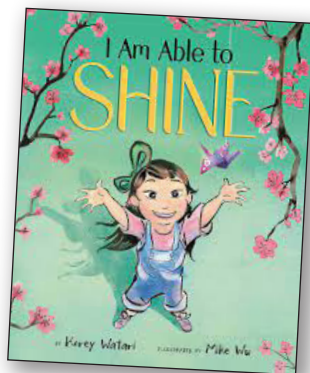
Help children get excited about reading! Each month, a list of featured books will be available to: Assist teachers, librarians, and families in finding quality books to encourage independent reading; offer titles that allow students to see themselves, explore other cultures, and discover more about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

PRESCHOOL

I Am Able to Shine

by Korey Watari

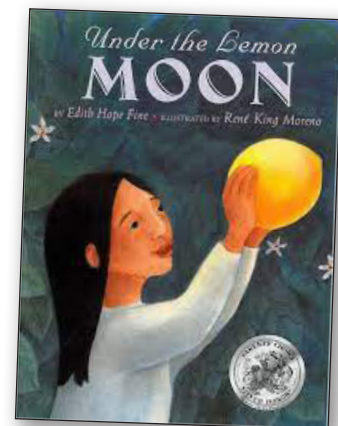
Each night Keiko whispers, "I wish to change the world." She is kind, and she has big dreams. But at times she feels invisible. Keiko is also loved, so she stands strong. Over time, her confidence grows and she helps lift up others. She understands that she can shine.



Under the Lemon Moon

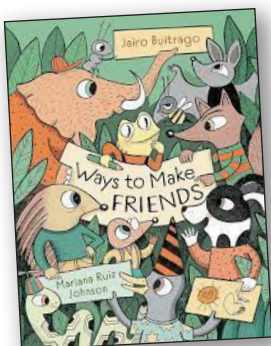
by Edith Hope Fine

After consulting with family and neighbors about how to save her sick lemon tree, Rosalinda sets out in search of La Anciana, the only person who might have a solution. When she finally meets La Anciana, she offers an inventive way for Rosalinda to help her tree.



Ways to Make Friends

by Jairo Buitrago



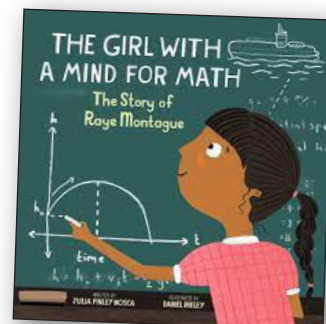
What's the best way to make friends? Toad has the most magnificent ideas! Eventually, Toad tires of making new friends, but comes to a marvelous conclusion: Sometimes being with yourself is a good way to pass the time, too.

INTERMEDIATE (GRADES 3 – 5)

The Girl with a Mind for Math: The Story of Raye Montague

by Julia Finley Mosca

In the early 1940s, young Raye set her sights on becoming an engineer. But sexism and racial inequality would challenge that dream, even keeping her greatest accomplishment a secret. The gifted mathematician finally gained her well-deserved title in history: a pioneer who changed the course of ship design forever.

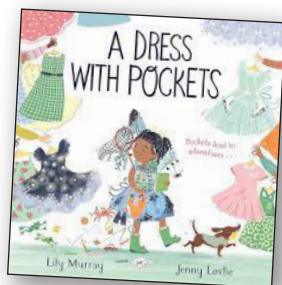


PRIMARY (GRADES KINDERGARTEN – 2)

A Dress with Pockets

by Lily Murray

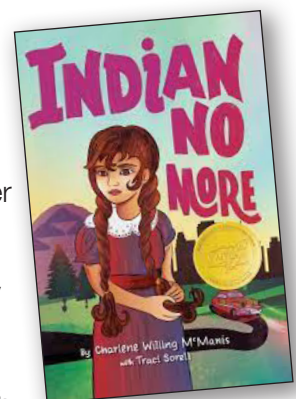
Lucy and Aunt Augusta are dress shopping. There are fancy dresses, frilly dresses, silly dresses, sun dresses, fun dresses. But Lucy wants a dress WITH POCKETS. She starts to worry where she will put her leaves and nettles, delicate petals, and beautiful shells. Will Lucy find the dress of her dreams?



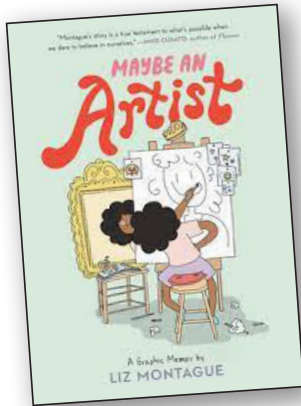
Indian No More

by Charlene Willing McManis

Regina Petit's family has always been Umpqua. But when the federal government signs a law that says Regina's tribe no longer exists, Regina becomes "Indian no more." Her father believes that if he works hard, their family will be treated just like white Americans. At least Regina has her grandmother and her stories.



MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6 – 8)



Maybe an Artist, A Graphic Memoir

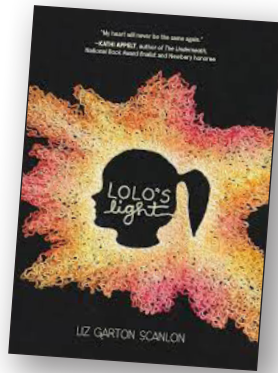
by Liz Montague

Liz Montague wrote to a magazine, asking why they didn't publish more inclusive comics. The magazine asked if she could recommend any. She responded: yes, me! This memoir reveals how Liz navigated life and overcame severe dyslexia. Liz captures the question of "who am I?"

Lolo's Light

by Liz Garton Scanlon

Millie babysits for Lolo, her neighbors' infant daughter, and Lolo dies unexpectedly. It's not Millie's fault. There's nothing she could have done. This story portrays a tragic experience of responsibility and guilt and is a portrait of a girl who must reckon with the most difficult of demons: death and life.

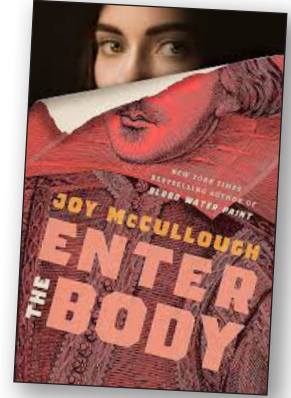


HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9 – 12)

Enter the Body

by Joy McCullough

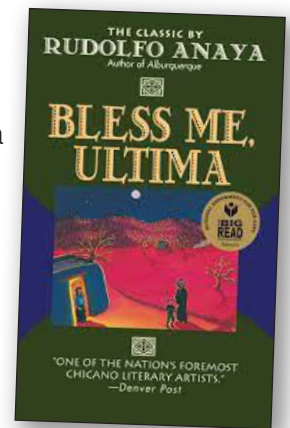
Beneath a stage's trapdoor, Shakespeare's dead teenage girls retell the stories of their lives, their loves, and their fates in their own words. This is a brilliant testament to how young women can support each other and reclaim their stories in the aftermath of trauma.



Bless Me, Ultima

by Rudolfo Anaya

Antonio Marez is six years old when Ultima comes to stay with his family in New Mexico. She is a *curandera*—one who cures with herbs and magic. Under her wise wing, Tony will probe his family ties and discover himself in the magical secrets of the pagan past.



MARCH AUTHENTIC SPANISH SUGGESTION



La última avellana

by Susanna Isern

A Teo el conejo y Tim la ardilla les encanta subir a la cima de la gran colina y compartir picnics con avellanas, pero cuando falta la última avellana, se acusan mutuamente de haberse llevado la última nuez.

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