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PUBLIC SCHOOLS

# MPS READS!

Selections for May, 2021



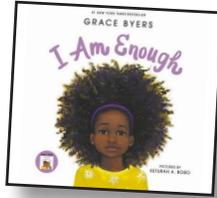
Help children get excited about reading! Each month, a list of featured books will be available to: Assist teachers, librarians, and families in finding quality books to encourage independent reading; offer titles that allow students to see themselves, explore other cultures, and discover more about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

## PRESCHOOL

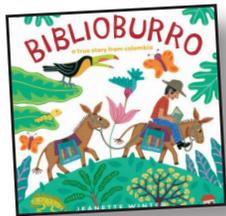
### ***I Am Enough***

by Grace Byers

This gorgeous, lyrical ode to loving who you are, respecting others, and being kind to one another comes from actor and activist Grace Byers.



*We are all here for a purpose. We are more than enough. We just need to believe it.*



### ***Biblioburro: A True Story from Colombia***

by Jeanette Winter

Based on a true story! Luis loves to read, but his house in Colombia is so full of books there's barely room for the family. He comes up with the perfect solution—a traveling library! He buys two donkeys—Alfa and Beto—and delivers books to children in faraway villages.

### ***Waiting for the Biblioburro/ Esperando el biblioburro***

by Monica Brown

Ana loves stories, but her small village has only a few books. One morning, Ana sees a traveling library carried by two burros -- all the books a little girl could dream of. Inspired by real-life librarian Luis Soriano, readers meet the mobile library that journeys over mountains to bring literacy and culture to rural Colombia and to the children who wait for the Biblioburro.

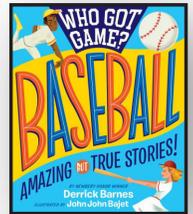


## INTERMEDIATE (GRADES 3 – 5)

### ***Who Got Game? Baseball: Amazing but True Stories!***

by Derrick Barnes

Celebrate the forgotten but remarkable people and stories from the history of baseball. Author Derrick Barnes shines a spotlight on 45 fascinating baseball records, personalities, and anecdotes. Meet four African Americans who integrated white teams decades before Jackie Robinson. Read about Jackie Mitchell, the 17-year-old girl who struck out Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig. Included are amazing records such as the longest pro game ever played.

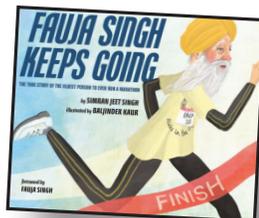


## PRIMARY (GRADES KINDERGARTEN – 2)

### ***Fauja Singh Keeps Going: The True Story of the Oldest Person to Ever Run a Marathon***

by Simran Jeet Singh

The true story of Fauja Singh, who broke world records to become the first 100-year-old to run a marathon, shares valuable lessons about determination to overcome obstacles and positive representation of the Sikh community. At the age of 81, after a lifetime of making his body, mind, and heart stronger, Fauja decided to run his first marathon.



### ***Stargazing***

by Jen Wang

Moon is confident, impulsive, artistic ... and unlike anyone Christine has ever known. After Moon moves in next door, the girls are soon best friends. Moon even tells Christine her deepest secret: that she has visions, sometimes, of celestial beings who speak to her from the stars. Moon is soon in the hospital, fighting for her life. Can Christine be the friend Moon needs, now, when the sky is falling?

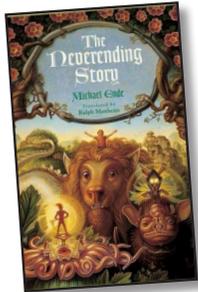
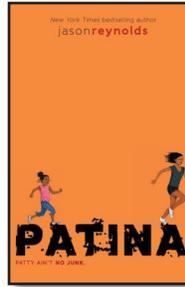


## MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6 – 8)

### ***Patina***

by Jason Reynolds

Ghost. Lu. Patina. Sunny. Four kids from wildly different backgrounds with personalities that are explosive when they clash. But they are also four kids chosen for an elite middle school track team—a team that could qualify them for the Junior Olympics. They all have a lot to lose, but they also have a lot to prove, not only to each other, but to themselves.



### ***The Neverending Story/ La historia interminable***

by Michael Ende

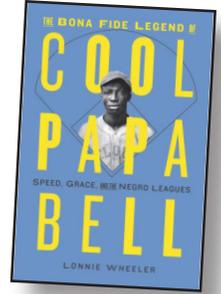
Unicorns, dragons, sprites: the inhabitants of an enchanted world. And into this world ventures Bastian, a lonely boy of ten or twelve. But the world is slowly decaying and only a real human can set things right by giving the empress a new name. Bastian crosses the Swamps of Sadness and the Silver Mountains, meeting sorcerers and giants, gnomes and racing snails, as he journeys bravely through a quest filled with wonders.

## HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9 – 12)

### ***The Bona Fide Legend of Cool Papa Bell: Speed, Grace, and the Negro Leagues***

by Lonnie Wheeler

James “Cool Papa” Bell was a legend in black baseball, a lightning fast switch hitter elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1974. Bell’s speed was extraordinary; as Satchel Paige famously quipped, he was so fast he could flip a light switch and be in bed before the room got dark. Baseball writer and historian Lonnie Wheeler recounts the life of this extraordinary player, a key member of some of the greatest Negro League teams in history.

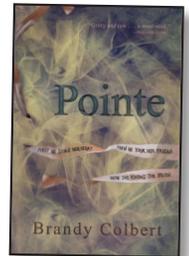


### ***Pointe***

by Brandy Colbert

Theo is better now. She’s eating again, dating guys who are almost appropriate, and on her way to becoming an elite ballet dancer. But when her friend Donovan returns home after spending four long years with his kidnapper, Theo starts reliving memories about his abduction—and his abductor.

Donovan isn’t talking about what happened, and even though Theo knows she didn’t do anything wrong, telling the truth would put everything she’s been living for at risk. But keeping quiet might be worse.



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