



MILWAUKEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MPS READS!

Selections for November 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

Little Land

by Diana Sudyka

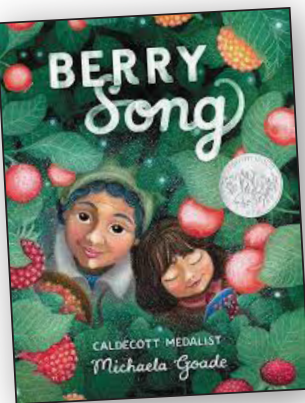
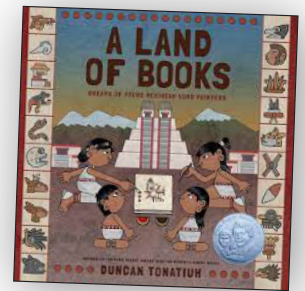
Do you know a little bit of land? From the prehistoric past to the dramatic environmental change of right here and now, the land has countless stories to tell. You, too, are a part of the land. Listen, and you will understand what it needs to stay in balance.



A Land of Books: Dreams of Young Mexihcah Word Painters

by Duncan Tonatiuh

In the jungles where the jaguar dwells, the Mayas make books. In the mountains of the cloud people, the Mixtecs make them as well. And the Mexica of the mighty Aztec empire make them, too. A young Aztec girl tells her little brother how their parents create beautiful painted manuscripts.



Berry Song

by Michaela Goade

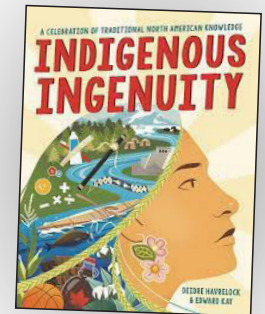
A girl and her grandmother gather gifts from the earth. They forge a deeper kinship with both the earth and the generations that came before. Luminous renderings of water and forest, berries and jams offer an invitation to readers to deepen their own relationship with the earth.

INTERMEDIATE (GRADES 3 – 5)

Indigenous Ingenuity: A Celebration of Traditional North American Knowledge

by Deidre Havrelock and Edward Kay

Our lives would be unrecognizable without countless scientific discoveries and inventions from Indigenous North Americans. This book offers fun, simple activities for kids to better understand the principles used by Indigenous inventors. Celebrate Indigenous innovation!



PRIMARY (GRADES KINDERGARTEN – 2)

Fall in Line, Holden!

by Daniel W. Vandever

This is the story of a young Navajo student named Holden as he ventures through boarding school while constantly being told to fall in line. Surrounded by a world that requires him to conform and follow rules, Holden's imagination creates a colorful world of excitement.



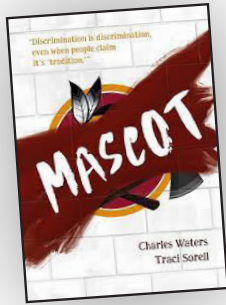
The Sockeye Mother (Volume 1 – Mothers of Xsan)

by Hetxw'ms Gyetxw (Brett D. Huson)

To the Gitxsan people of Northwestern British Columbia, the sockeye salmon is more than a source of food. It nourishes the land, forests, and Skeena River, where the Gitxsan make their home. The Sockeye Mother explores how the animals, water, soil, and seasons are all intertwined.



MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6 – 8)



Mascot

by Charles Waters and Traci Sorell

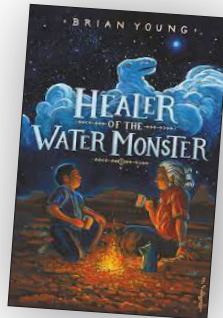
In Rye, Virginia, football is big on Friday nights. An English teacher creates an assignment for her class to debate whether Rye's mascot should stay or change. Now six middle schoolers get involved in the contentious issue that already has

the suburb turned upside down.

Healer of the Water Monster

by Brian Young

Nathan goes to visit his grandma on the Navajo reservation. One night, Nathan finds someone extraordinary: a holy being from the Navajo creation story—a water monster—in need of help. With the help of other Navajo holy beings, Nathan is determined to save the water monster.



HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9 – 12)

A Snake Falls to Earth

by Darcie Little Badger

Nina is a Lipan girl. Oli is a cottonmouth kid who has been cast from home. Nina and Oli have no idea the other exists. But a catastrophic event on Earth and a strange sickness will drive their worlds together in ways they haven't been in centuries. And there are some who will kill to keep them apart.



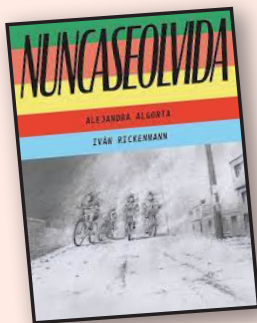
Man Made Monsters

by Andrea Rogers

Following an extended Cherokee family across the centuries, from the tribe's homelands in Georgia in the 1830s to World War I, the Vietnam War, our own present, and into the future, this collection of stories delivers a slice of a particular time period that will leave readers longing for more.



AUTHENTIC SPANISH TITLE



Nuncaseolvida

by Alejandra Algorta

Fabio vuela en su bicicleta por las calles de Bogotá, mientras los niños del vecindario lo siguen. Es justo allí donde la vida se siente bien—donde el mundo de los adultos, y sus mentiras, desaparece. Pero un día, Fabio lo olvida, olvida como andar en bicicleta. Y nunca volverá a ser él mismo. Desde Colombia viene una novela de descubrimiento y la nostalgia de crecer.

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