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MILWAUKEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Selections for November 2024

November Is Native American Heritage Month

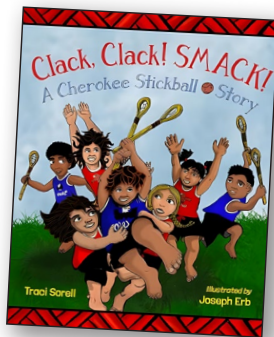
Help children get excited about reading! Each month, a list of featured books will be available to: Assist teachers, librarians, and families in finding quality books to encourage independent reading; offer titles that allow students to see themselves, explore other cultures, and discover more about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

PRESCHOOL

Clack, Clack! Smack! A Cherokee Stickball Story

by Traci Sorell

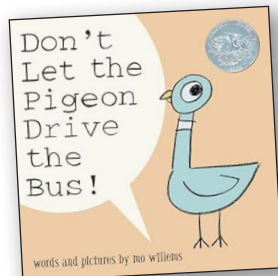
Vann loves playing his tribe's stickball game, but he's not as skilled as his teammates. Vann tries and fails to score. How can he help his teammates win? Readers are reminded that sportsmanship and being a team player is just as important as being the star.



Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus! / ¡No dejes que la Paloma conduzca el autobús!

by Mo Willems

When a bus driver takes a break, an unlikely volunteer springs up to take his place—a pigeon! But you've never met one like this before. As the Pigeon pleads and begs his way through the book, children will love being able to answer back and decide his fate.



Birdsong

by Julie Flett

When Katherena and her mother move to a small town, Katherena feels lonely. But when she meets an elderly woman artist named Agnes, her world starts to change. Katherena and Agnes love arts and crafts, birds, and nature. But can Katherena navigate the failing health of her new friend?



INTERMEDIATE (GRADES 3 – 5)

Fatty Legs

by Margaret-Olemaun Pokiak-Fenton

Margaret Pokiak wants to learn to read. The Raven, a black-cloaked nun, dislikes the strong-willed Margaret. The Raven gives gray stockings to all the girls except Margaret, who gets red ones. Margaret refuses to be intimidated and gets rid of the stockings. This brave young girl gives the Raven a lesson in the power of human dignity.



PRIMARY (GRADES KINDERGARTEN – 2)

Wings of an Eagle: The Gold Medal Dreams of Billy Mills

by Billy Mills

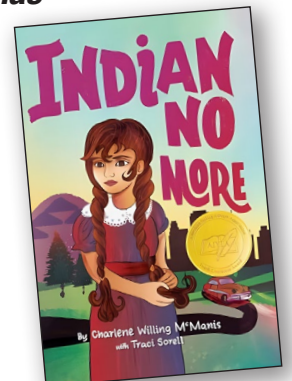
Billy Mills was once an orphan on the Oglala Lakota Pine Ridge Reservation. His father told Billy: The pursuit of a dream will heal you. Despite poverty, racism, and health challenges, Billy raced toward his goal of becoming an Olympic athlete with a record-breaking gold medal.



Indian No More / Indio no más

by Charlene Willing McManis

When Regina's Umpqua tribe is legally terminated and her family must relocate from Oregon to Los Angeles, she goes on a quest to understand her identity as an Indian despite being so far from home.



MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6 – 8)

The Storyteller

by Brandon Hobson

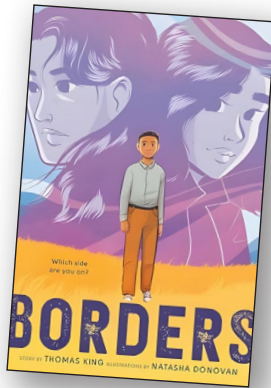
Ziggy has anxiety, partly because his mother disappeared when he was young, making her one of many Native women who've gone missing. Ziggy and his sister want answers. Ziggy thinks that clues to his mother's disappearance may be found in a nearby cave. Along with his sister and friends, he sets out on a mind-bending adventure.



Borders

by Thomas King

A boy and his mother find their road trip thwarted at the border when they identify their citizenship as Blackfoot. Refusing to identify as American or Canadian bars their entry into the U.S. and their return to Canada. In the limbo between countries, they find power in their connection to their identity.



HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9 – 12)

Creeboy

by Teresa Wouters

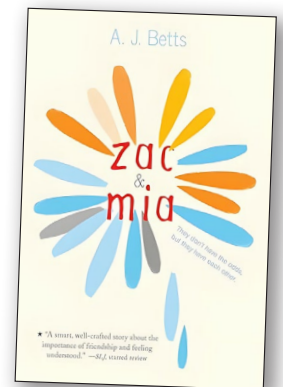
Turning to the Warriors gang, Josh, now known as Creeboy, starts down the path to becoming a full gang member—cutting himself off from his friends, family, and community. It's harder than ever for Creeboy to envision a different future for himself. Will anything change his mind?



Zac and Mia / Zac y Mia

by A.J. Betts

“When I was little, I believed in Santa and the Loch Ness monster. Now I believe in science and antibiotics.” So says Zac during a grueling leukemia treatment. Then he meets Mia, the angry cancer patient in the next room. Once released, the two teenagers can't forget each other, even as they try to resume normal lives.



NOVEMBER AUTHENTIC SPANISH SUGGESTION



Opuestos

by Ana Palmero

Ranas que suben e iguanas que bajan, pájaros que vuelan y tortugas que nadan bajo el mar son algunos de los conceptos opuestos básicos de este libro que invita al juego a partir de una ingeniosa reinterpretación de los patrones geométricos presentes en la cestería de la etnia ye'kuana, habitantes del corazón de la selva amazónica.

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