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PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

# MPS READS!

*Selections for October, 2021*



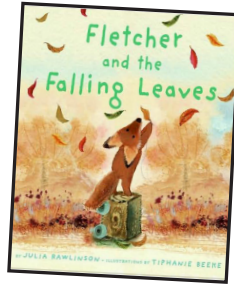
Help children get excited about reading! Each month, a list of featured books will be available to: Assist teachers, librarians, and families in finding quality books to encourage independent reading; offer titles that allow students to see themselves, explore other cultures, and discover more about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

## PRESCHOOL

### ***Fletcher and the Falling Leaves***

by Julia Rawlinson

As the leaves fall from his favorite tree, Fletcher worries that something is terribly wrong. But then winter comes, and with it, a wonderful surprise. Do you know what it is? Join Fletcher and find out!



### ***I Wish You Knew/ Ojalá supieras***

by Jackie Azúa Kramer

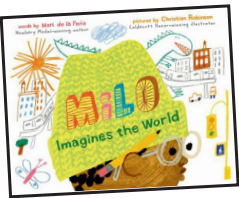
When Estrella's father has to leave because he wasn't born here, she misses him. And she wishes people knew the way it affects her—at home, at school, always.

Some kids miss family, some kids are hungry, some kids live in shelters, but nobody is alone. A story about deportation, divided families, and the importance of community.



### ***Milo Imagines the World***

by Matt de la Peña



Milo is on a long subway ride. He studies the faces around him—the whiskered man, the wedding-dressed woman, and the boy in the suit who Milo imagines going home to a castle with a butler.

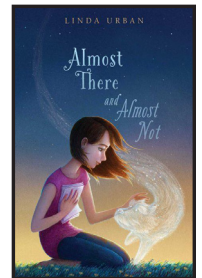
When the boy in the suit gets off on the same stop as Milo, going to the exact same place, Milo realizes that you can't know anyone just by looking at them.

## INTERMEDIATE (GRADES 3 – 5)

### ***Almost There and Almost Not***

by Linda Urban

California Poppy has been dropped off again with an unsuspecting relative. This time, it's her eccentric Great-Aunt Monica, a woman she's never even met. Aunt Monica has no idea what to do with an eleven-year-old, so she puts California to work researching their ancestor, etiquette expert Eleanor Fontaine. California soon discovers that Great-Great-Great Aunt Eleanor is a ghost, and the grand dame bursts into clouds of dust whenever she loses her composure.

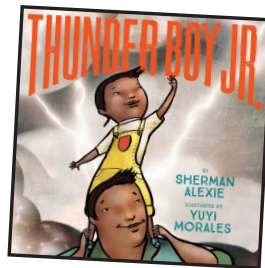


## PRIMARY (GRADES KINDERGARTEN – 2)

### ***Thunder Boy Jr.***

by Sherman Alexie

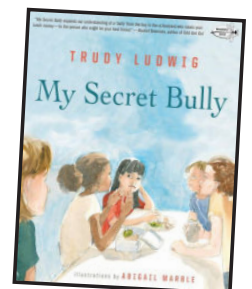
Thunder Boy Jr. wants a normal name—one that's all his own. Dad is Big Thunder, but Little Thunder doesn't want to share. He wants a name that celebrates something cool he's done like Touch the Clouds, Not Afraid of Ten Thousand Teeth, or Full of Wonder.



### ***My Secret Bully/ Mi enemiga secreta***

by Trudy Ludwig

When Monica's best friend Katie humiliates her in front of other kids, she feels betrayed. With help from her mom, Monica reclaims her confidence from a bully disguised as a friend. This book has aided children, parents, teachers, and counselors in coping with relational aggression and the use of relationships to manipulate others.



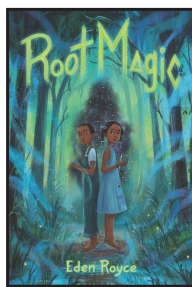
## MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6 – 8)

### **Root Magic**

by Eden Royce

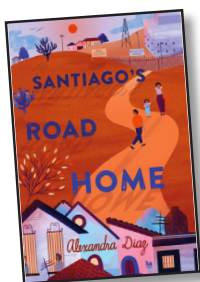
Jez and Jay have just turned eleven, and their uncle tells them he's going to train them in rootwork. Jez and Jay have always been fascinated by the African American folk magic that has been the legacy of their family.

But Jez soon finds out that her family's true power goes far beyond charms and elixirs. When evil shows itself in town, it's going to take every bit of the magic Jez has inside.



### **Santiago's Road Home/La travesía de Santiago**

by Alexandra Diaz



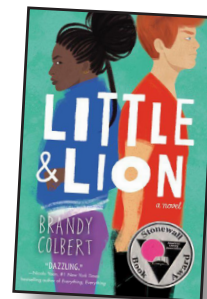
A young boy gets detained while crossing the border from Mexico to the United States. He meets the kind María Dolores and her daughter, Alegría, who help Santiago decide what comes next: He will accompany them to the United States. They embark with just backpacks, water, and food. The journey to the border is just the beginning of their story.

## HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9 – 12)

### **Little and Lion**

by Brandy Colbert

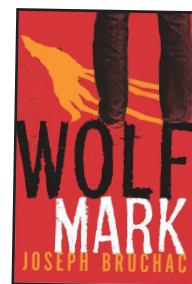
When Suzette comes home to Los Angeles from her boarding school, she isn't sure that she'll want to go back. Her friends and family are in L.A., as well as her stepbrother, Lionel, who has bipolar disorder and needs her emotional support. Suzette finds herself falling for someone new—the same girl her brother is in love with. When Lionel's disorder spirals out of control, Suzette is forced to find a way to help her brother before he hurts himself—or worse.



### **Wolf Mark**

by Joseph Bruchac

Luke knows just enough about what his father does as a black ops infiltrator. But when his dad goes missing, he must avoid the kidnappers while evading the school's mysterious clique of Russian hipsters, who seem much too interested in Luke. Faced with multiple challenges and his emerging paranormal identity, Luke must decide who to trust.



## BOOKS IN SPANISH

### **Todo es canción: Antología poética**

by Alma Flor Ada



Este libro reúne la producción poética más destacada de Alma Flor Ada, escritora y maestra latina, defensora apasionada de la educación bilingüe y bicultural en EE.UU. Los temas incluyen partes del cuerpo, números, vocales, la familia, animales, el campo y la ciudad, comida, la naturaleza, el bilingüismo, y más.

### **Soñadores**

by Yuyi Morales

**Soñadores** es un homenaje a los migrantes y a todo lo que traen con ellos, y aportan, cuando dejan sus países. Es una historia de familia. Una historia que nos recuerda que todos somos soñadores que llevamos nuestros propios regalos donde quiera que vayamos. Bella y poderosa en todo momento, pero especialmente de una urgente premura hoy en día en que el futuro de los **dreamers** es incierto, esta es una historia actual y eterna.



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