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Selections for October, 2020



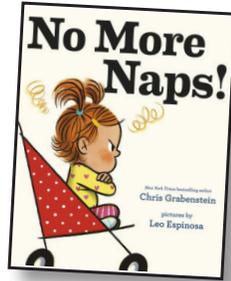
Help children get excited about reading! Each month, a list of featured books will be available to: Assist teachers, librarians, and families in finding quality books to encourage independent reading; offer titles that allow students to see themselves, explore other cultures, and discover more about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

PRESCHOOL

No More Naps

by Chris Grabenstein

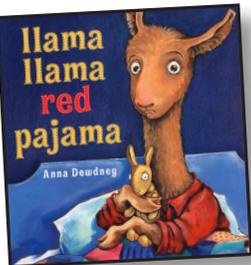
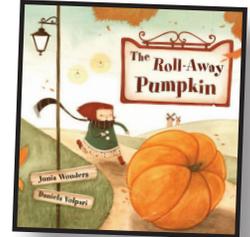
It's time for a nap but Annalise Devin McFleece won't have anything to do with bedtime. Dad tries to encourage sleepiness by taking her to the park. They pass a man sitting on a bench, dog walkers, kids playing ball, and a girl practicing her juggling. Each thinks that taking a nap is a great idea, and everyone falls asleep. What happens when Annalise is finally ready for her nap?



The Roll-Away Pumpkin/ La calabaza rodante

by Junia Wonders

On a windy autumn day, Marla Little comes running down the hill, yelling, "Help! My giant pumpkin is rolling away!" A little girl chases her giant pumpkin all over town. Children will enjoy a cast of delightful characters with amusing expressions and beautifully illustrated scenes.



Llama Llama Red Pajama/La llama llama rojo pijama

by Anna Dewdney

In this infectious rhyming read-aloud, Baby Llama turns bedtime into an all-out llama drama! Tucked into bed by his

mama, Baby Llama starts worrying when she goes downstairs, and his soft whimpers turn to hollers when she doesn't come right back. Just in time, Mama sets things right.

INTERMEDIATE (GRADES 3 – 5)

Ban This Book

by Alan Gratz

A fourth grader fights back when *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E. L. Konigsburg is taken off the shelves of her school library. Amy Anne and her friends wage a battle for the books that will make you laugh and pump your fists as they start a secret banned books locker library, make up ridiculous reasons to ban every book in the library, and take a stand against censorship.

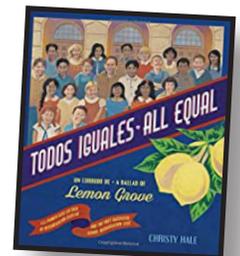


Todos Iguales/All Equal (Spanish and English)

by Christy Hale

Roberto Álvarez, his siblings, and his neighbors attended Lemon Grove School along with white children, where they studied together as equals. In 1930, the Lemon Grove School Board decided to segregate the Mexican American students.

The Mexican families refused to let their children enter the new, inferior school. Roberto became the plaintiff in a suit filed by the Mexican families. On March 12, 1931, the judge ruled in favor of the children's right to equal education, ordering that Roberto and all the other Mexican American students be immediately reinstated in the Lemon Grove School.

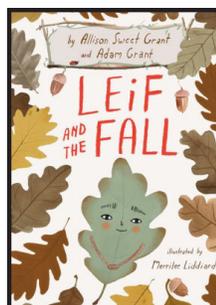


PRIMARY (GRADES KINDERGARTEN – 2)

Leif and the Fall

by Allison Sweet Grant and Adam Grant

Leif is a leaf. It is autumn, and Leif is afraid to fall. "All leaves fall in the fall," say the other leaves. But Leif is determined to find a different way down, and with his friend Laurel, he creates a net, a kite, and a parachute. What will happen when a gust of wind pulls Leif from his branch?

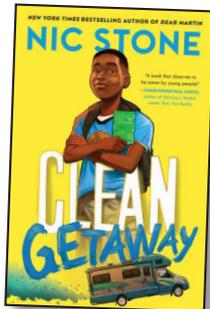


MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6 – 8)

Clean Getaway

by Nic Stone

Set against the backdrop of the segregation history of the American South, take a trip with this *New York Times* bestseller and an eleven-year-old boy who is about to discover that the world hasn't always been a welcoming place for kids like him, and things aren't always what they seem — his G'ma included.

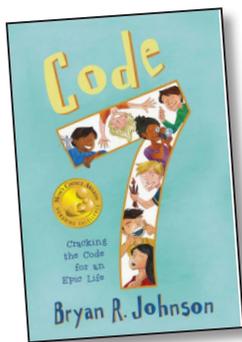


Code 7: Cracking the Code for an Epic Life/ Código 7: Descifrando el código para una vida épica

by Bryan R. Johnson

Life at Flint Hill Elementary School may seem normal, but seven friends find themselves on a path to crack the code for an epic life. Whether they're chasing their

dreams on stage, searching for an elusive monster fish, or running a makeshift business out of a tree house, can these heroes find a way to work together to change their community?



HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9 – 12)

Light it Up

by Kekla Magoon

A girl walks home from school. She's tall for her age. She's wearing her winter coat. Her headphones are in. She's hurrying. She never makes it home.

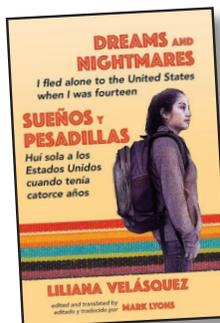
While law enforcement tries to justify the response, one fact remains: a police officer has shot and killed an unarmed thirteen-year-old girl. The community is thrown into upheaval, leading to unrest, a growing movement to protest the senseless taking of black lives, and the arrival of white supremacist counter demonstrators.



Dreams and Nightmares/Sueños y Pesadillas (English and Spanish)

by Liliana Velásquez

At fourteen, Liliana Velásquez walked out of her village in Guatemala and headed for the U.S. border, alone. On her 2,000-mile voyage she was robbed by *narcos*, rode the boxcars of La Bestia, and encountered death in the Sonoran Desert. When she was caught by immigration officials in Arizona, she thought her journey was over. But it had just begun.



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