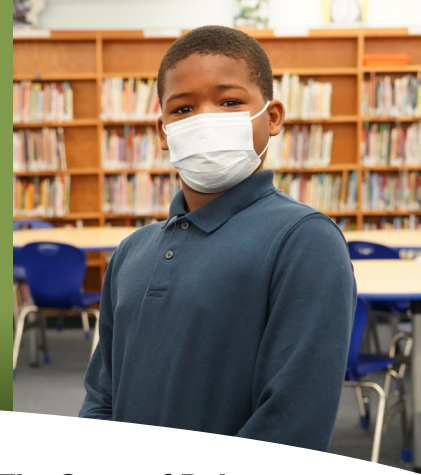




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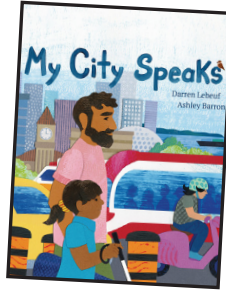
Help children get excited about reading! Each month, a list of featured books will be available to: Assist teachers, librarians, and families in finding quality books to encourage independent reading; offer titles that allow students to see themselves, explore other cultures, and discover more about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

PRESCHOOL

My City Speaks

by Darren Lebeuf

A young girl who is visually impaired finds much to celebrate as she explores the city she loves: the playground, the community garden, the market, an outdoor concert. The girl describes what she senses in poetic detail: “It pitters and patters, and drips and drains.” Her city “dings and dongs, and rattles and roars.”



Listen

by Gabi Snyder

Isn't the world a noisy place? But what if you *stop*, close your eyes, and listen?

This lovely picture book follows a girl through her school day as she listens to sounds across the city: caws of crows, shouts across the playground, and the quiet beating of her heart and whispered goodnights.

PRIMARY (GRADES KINDERGARTEN – 2)

The Smart Cookie

by Jory John

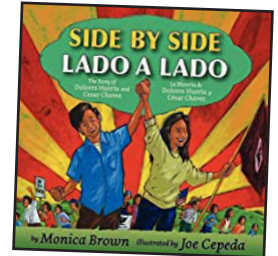
This cookie has never felt like a *smart* cookie no matter how hard she tries, especially in comparison to all the clever cupcakes in the bakery. Will a dash of creativity and a sprinkle of confidence be enough to help her learn that perfect scores and having all the answers aren't the only ingredients for intelligence?



Side by Side/Lado a lado The Story of Dolores Huerta and Cesar Chavez/La historia de Dolores Huerta y Cesar Chavez

by Monica Brown

Every day, thousands of farm workers harvest the food that ends up on kitchen tables all over the country. But when the workers sat down to eat, there were only beans on their own tables. Then Dolores Huerta and Cesar Chavez teamed up. Together they motivated the workers to fight for their rights, and they changed history.

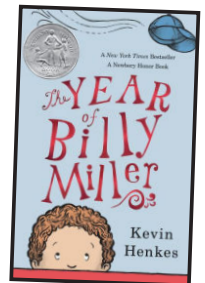


INTERMEDIATE (GRADES 3 – 5)

The Year of Billy Miller

by Kevin Henkes

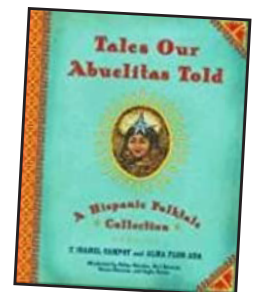
When Billy Miller has a mishap at the statue of the Jolly Green Giant, he ends up with a big lump on his head. What a way to start second grade! Billy figures out how to navigate elementary school, how to appreciate his little sister, and how to be a more responsible member of the family and help his busy mom and dad.



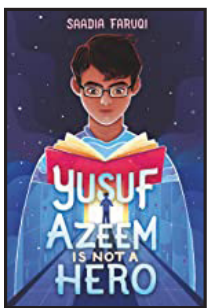
Tales Our Abuelitas Told: A Hispanic Folktale Collection

by Alma Flor Ada, F. Isabel Campoy, et al

These stories have journeyed far and were passed on through ancestors. A sly fox, a bird of a thousand colors, a magical set of bagpipes, and an audacious young girl—these popular tales and literary lore celebrate Hispanic culture. These stories have their roots in Indigenous, African, Arab, Hebrew, and Spanish cultures.



MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6 – 8)



Yusuf Azeem Is Not a Hero

by Saadia Faruqi

Yusuf Azeem has spent all his life in the small town of Frey, Texas—and nearly that long waiting to participate in the regional robotics competition. Only, this year is going to be difficult: the twentieth anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks has everyone in his Muslim community on edge. Can Yusuf hold onto his joy and his friendships in the face of heartache and prejudice?

Posted

by John David Anderson

When cell phones are banned at Branton Middle School, Frost and his friends leave sticky notes for each other all around the school. Soon all the kids are leaving notes—though for every friendly one, there is a cruel one. As the sticky-note war escalates and the pressure mounts, Frost soon realizes that after this year, nothing will ever be the same.



HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9 – 12)

Girl in Pieces

by Kathleen Glasgow

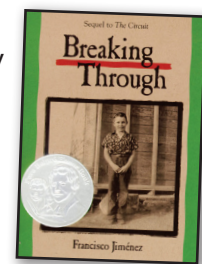
Charlotte Davis is in pieces. At 17, she's already lost more than most people do in a lifetime. Every new scar hardens her heart just a little more. It hurts enough to not care anymore, which is sometimes what happens before you can find your way back from the edge. This is a deeply moving portrait of a girl in a world that has taken so much and the journey she undergoes to put herself back together.



Breaking Through/Senderos fronterizos

by Francisco Jiménez

At 14, Francisco Jiménez, his brother Roberto, and his mother are caught by la migra. The entire family travels all night by bus, arriving at the U.S. and Mexican border in Arizona. Francisco and his family not only struggle to keep their family together, but also face crushing poverty and blatant prejudice. How they sustain their hope and good-heartedness is revealed in this moving story.



BOOKS IN SPANISH

Un gran corazón: Celebramos la igualdad aun siendo diferentes

by Linsey Davis

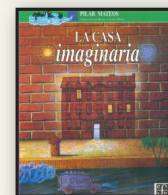
Desde la piel, el cabello y los ojos en una multitud de colores hasta diferentes personalidades e intereses, Dios nos dio a todos rasgos y características especiales que nos hacen únicos. Y todos tenemos cosas en común también: como compartir la diversión y la risa en el patio de recreo, un sentido de la curiosidad, grandes sentimientos, y tantas otras cosas que muestran cómo todos somos más parecidos que diferentes. ¿Listo para celebrar nuestros gustos y diferencias? ¡Nosotros también! Y este diverso libro ilustrado, lleno de color, risas y diversión, les mostrará cómo.



La casa imaginaria

by Pilar Mateos

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