



MILWAUKEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

# MPS READS!

Selections for September, 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

### **Thanking the Moon: Celebrating the Mid-Autumn Moon Festival**

by Grace Lin

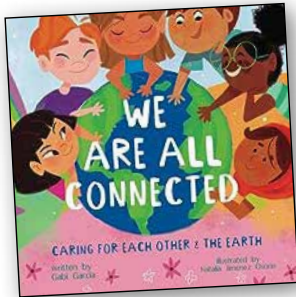
This story follows a Chinese American family as they celebrate the Mid-Autumn Moon Festival. The family prepares a moonlit picnic with mooncakes, pomelos, cups of tea, and colorful lanterns. And everyone sends thanks and a secret wish up to the moon.



### **Still Dreaming**

by Claudia Guadalupe Martínez

Faced with the prospect of being separated from each other, a young boy and his family make the difficult decision to leave their home and begin a journey of uncertainty. On the road, they meet families with deep roots tied to the land, those who built railroads, shop owners, and factory workers with similar hopes and dreams.



### **We Are All Connected**

by Gabi Garcia

We all live on one blue dot spinning in space. We are all part of one human race.

We are stronger together than we are apart. This book reminds us to care for each other and the earth.

When we celebrate differences and work together, the world is a better place.

### **Nic Blake and the Remarkables: The Manifestor Prophecy**

by Angie Thomas

Nic Blake wants to be a powerful Manifestor like her dad. But before he can teach her the gift, a series of terrifying events launches Nic and two friends on a hunt for a powerful magic tool she's never heard of so she can save her father from imprisonment for a crime.

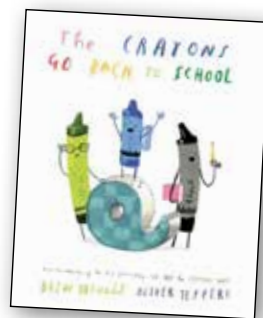


## PRIMARY (GRADES KINDERGARTEN – 2)

### **The Crayons Go Back to School**

by Drew Daywalt

The crayons are getting ready to go back to school, and each crayon has a subject they're looking forward to the most. They're ready to meet new friends and let loose during their very favorite time: art class!



### **New From Here**

by Kelly Yang

When the coronavirus hits Hong Kong, 10-year-old Knox Wei-Evans's mom makes the decision to move back to California. Knox struggles with being the new kid. His classmates think he must have brought over the virus. Knox tries to find his place in his new country. How do you keep a family together when you're oceans apart?



## MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6 – 8)

### ***Carry Me Home***

by Janet Fox



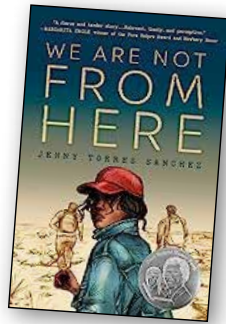
Lulu and her sister have a secret. As Daddy says, “It’s best if we keep it to ourselves.”

Lulu knows that all it takes is one slip-up for their secret to come spilling out. But Lulu must learn to trust her new friends and community to save those she loves and to finally find her true home.

### ***We Are Not from Here***

by Jenny Torres Sanchez

Pulga, Chico, and Pequeña have one another. But their town is dangerous. When threats become all too real, the trio knows they have to run from their country and their families. Crossing from Guatemala through Mexico, they seek a better life. The plight of migrants at the U.S. southern border is brought to light.



## HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9 – 12)

### ***Ay, Mija! : My Bilingual Summer in Mexico***

by Christine Suggs

Christine takes their first solo trip to Mexico. Seeing the places their mom grew up, Christine becomes more aware of the generational differences in their family.

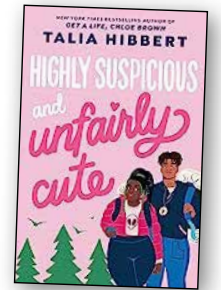
Soon Christine settles in, eating pan dulce and growing more comfortable with Spanish. Eventually, they find their place in their family and their mixed identity.



### ***Highly Suspicious and Unfairly Cute***

by Talia Hibbert

Bradley is pretty much perfect. He’s a star football player and comes out on top in all his classes . . . except the ones he shares with his ex-best friend, Celine, who is conspiracy-theory-obsessed. When Celine signs up for a survival course, she’s surprised to find Brad. Forced to work as a team for a grand prize, these two teens must trudge through not just mud and dirt but their messy past.



## AUTHENTIC SPANISH TITLE

### ***¡No Es Justo!: La lucha de Emma Tenayuca por la justicia***

by Carmen Tafolla y Sharyll Teneyuca

Una representación vívida de las injusticias con las que se encuentra una joven mexicano-americana en San Antonio en las décadas de 1920 y 1930, este libro cuenta la historia verdadera de Emma Tenayuca. Emma aprende a preocuparse por la pobreza y el hambre durante una época cuando muchos mexicano-americanos morían de inanición y trabajaban horas excesivamente largas por sueldos exiguos en las fábricas de paana. A través de percepción perspicaz, un buen corazón y acción personal, Emma empieza a involucrarse y al final, a los 21 años, lleva a 12.000 trabajadores a tomar acción por la primera vez en la historia de la lucha mexicano-americana por la justicia. El relato de Emma Tenayuca sirve de modelo para tanto los jóvenes como los adultos sobre el valor, la compasión y el papel que puede desempeñar quienquiera en hacer más justo el mundo.



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