

2023 BOOK DRIVE RECOMMENDATION LIST



PRE-KINDERGARTEN

Book	Author	Category
Aaron Slater, Illustrator	Jabari Asim	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Always Anjali	Children with Special Needs	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Sheetal Sheth	Cultural/Linguistic Identity	Gender Identity
Amy Wu and the Perfect Bao	Gene Luen Yang	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Brave Ballerina: The Story of Janet Collins	Michelle Meadows & Ebony Glenn	Cultural Linguistic Identity
Daniel's New Friend	Becky Friedman	Children with Special Needs
Dream Big, Little One	Vashti Harrison	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Eyes That Kiss in the Corners	Joanna Ho & Dung Ho	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Families, Families, Families!	Suzanne Lang	Family Structure
Follow Your Dreams, Little One	Vashti Harrison	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story	Kevin Noble Maillard & Juana Martinez-Neal	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Henry's Freedom Box: A True Story from the Underground Railroad	Ellen Levine	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
I Am Brave: A Little Book about Martin Luther King, Jr.	Brad Meltzer	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
I Am Golden	Eva Chen & Sophie Diao	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
I Am Strong: A Little Book about Rosa Parks	Brad Meltzer	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
I Love My Beautiful Hair	Elissa Wentt	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
I See Things Differently: A First Look at Autism	Pat Thomas	Children with Special Needs
Jacob's New Dress	Sarah Hoffman & Ian Hoffman	Gender Identity
Julián Is a Mermaid	Jessica Love	Gender Identity
Last Stop on Market Street	Matt de la Peña	Family Structure
Lola Plants a Garden	Anna McQuinn	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Love Makes a Family	Sophie Beer	Family Structure
Mama Daddy Bear Divorce	Cornelia Maude Spelman	Family Structure

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Maybe Something Beautiful: How Art Transformed a Neighborhood	F. Isabel Campoy	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
My Day With You / Mi día contigo	Ellen Whisenant	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
My Family, Your Family	Lisa Bullard	Family Structure
My Family, Your Family	Michelle Meadows & Ebony Glenn	Cultural Linguistic Identity
Pat the Bunny	Dorothy Kunhardt	General
Pink is for Boys	Robb Pearlman	Gender Identity
Pink is for Boys	Joanna Ho & Dung Ho	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Roxy the Raccoon: A Story to Help Children Learn about Disability and Inclusion	Alice Reeves	Children with Special Needs
Shades of Black	Sandra L. Pinkney	Cultural/Linguistic Group Identity
Shades of People	Shelley Rotner	Cultural/Linguistic Group Identity
Skin Like Mine	Latashia M. Perry	Cultural/Linguistic Group Identity
Sweet Sorrel Stand	Yolanda T. Marshall	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Watercress	Andrea Wang and Jason Chin	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
We Are Water Protectors	Carole Lindstrom & Michaela Goade	Cultural/Linguistic Identity

KINDERGARTEN – 2ND GRADE



Book	Author	Category
A True Wonder: The Comic Book Hero Who Changed Everything	Kirsten W. Larson	Gender Identity
Aaron Slater, Illustrator	Andrea Beaty & David Roberts	Children with Special Needs
Ablaze with Color: A Story of Painter Alma Thomas	Jeanne Walker Harvey	Gender Identity
Above the Rim: How Elgin Baylor Changed Basketball	Jen Bryant	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Always Anjali	Kat Zhang and Charlene Chua	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Believe Your Eyes: Book 1	Cori Doerrfeld and Tyler Page	Family Structure
Breaking the Ice: The True Story of the First Woman to Play in the National Hockey League	Angie Bullaro	Gender Identity
Breaking Through the Clouds: The Sometimes Turbulent Life of Meteorologist Joanne Simpson	Sandra Nickel	Gender Identity
Bunheads	Misty Copeland	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Dancing Hands: How Teresa Carreño Played the Piano for President Lincoln	Margarita Engle	Gender Identity
Daniel's New Friend	Becky Friedman	Children with Special Needs
Eyes That Kiss in the Corners	Joanna Ho and Dung Ho	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Fall Down Seven Times, Stand Up Eight: Patsy Takemoto Mink and the Fight for Title IX	Jen Bryant	Gender Identity
Families, Families, Families!	Suzanne Lang	Family Structure
Fatima's Great Outdoors	Ambreen Tariq	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Feed Your Mind: A Story of August Wilson	Jen Bryant	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Henry's Freedom Box: A True Story from the Underground Railroad	Ellen Levine	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race	Margot Lee Shetterly	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Hiking Day	Anne Rockwell	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
I Am Harriet Tubman	Brad Meltzer	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
I Am Jackie Robinson	Brad Meltzer	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
I am Jazz	Jessica Herthel and Jazz Jennings	Gender Identity

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I Am Martin Luther King, Jr.	Kirsten W. Larson	Gender Identity
I Am Rosa Parks	Brad Meltzer	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
I See Things Differently: A First Look at Autism	Pat Thomas	Children with Special Needs
Jacob's New Dress	Sarah Hoffman and Ian Hoffman	Gender Identity
Jayden's Impossible Garden	Mélina Mangal	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Julián Is a Mermaid	Jessica Love	Gender Identity
Jump at the Sun: The True Life Tale of Unstoppable Storycatcher Zora Neale Hurston	Alicia D. Williams	Gender Identity
Juneteenth for Mazie	Floyd Cooper	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Latinitas (Spanish Edition): Una Celebración de 40 Soñadoras Audaces	Juliet Menéndez	Gender Identity
Latinitas: Celebrating 40 Big Dreamers	Juliet Menéndez	Gender Identity
Lillian's Right to Vote: A Celebration of the Voting Rights Act of 1965	Jonah Winter	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Mama Daddy Bear Divorce	Cornelia Maude Spelman	Family Structure
Manos Que Bailan (Dancing Hands): Cómo Teresa Carreño Tocó El Piano Para El Presidente Lincoln	Margarita Engle	Gender Identity
Max and the Tag-Along Moon	Floyd Cooper	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Maybe Something Beautiful: How Art Transformed a Neighborhood	F. Isabel Campoy	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Muhammad Ali: A Champion Is Born	Gene Barretta	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
My Family, Your Family	Lisa Bullard	Family Structure
My Princess Boy	Cheryl Kilodavis	Gender Identity
Nibi Emosaawdang/The Water Walker	Joanne Robertson	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Pink is for Boys	Robb Pearlman	Gender Identity
Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian and Storyteller Pura Belpré	Anika Aldamuy Denise	Gender Identity
Roxy the Raccoon: A Story to Help Children Learn about Disability and Inclusion	Alice Reeves	Children with Special Needs
Shaped by Her Hands: Potter Maria Martinez	Anna Harber Freeman	Gender Identity
Skin Like Mine	Latashia M. Perry	Cultural/Linguistic Group Identity

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Sofia Valdez, Future Prez	Andrea Beaty & David Roberts	Family Structure
Strong Mama	Robin Arzón & Addy Rivera Sonda	Family Structure
Sweet Sorrel Stand	Yolanda T. Marshall	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Ten Ways to Hear Snow	Cathy Camper	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
The ABCs of Black History	Rio Cortez	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
The Camping Trip	Jennifer K. Mann	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
The Colors of Us	Karen Katz	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
The Highest Tribute: Thurgood Marshall's Life, Leadership, and Legacy	Kekla Magoon	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
The Story of Ruby Bridges	Robert Coles	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
The Undefeated	Kwame Alexander	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
The Water Lady: How Darlene Arviso Helps a Thirsty Navajo Nation	Alice B. McGinty	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
The Year We Learned to Fly	Jacqueline Woodson & Rafael López	Gender Identity
There Might Be Lobsters	Carolyn Crimi	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Tu Youyou's Discovery: Finding a Cure for Malaria	Songju Ma	Gender Identity
Violet Velvet Mittens with Everything: The Fabulous Life of Diana Vreeland	Deborah Blumenthal	Gender Identity
Voices from the Underground Railroad	Kay Winters	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Watercress	Andrea Wang & Jason Chin	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
We All Play	Julie Flett	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
We March	Shane W. Evans	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Where's Halmoni?	Julie Kim	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Where's Rodney?	Carmen Bogan	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Whoever You Are	Mem Fox	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Zonia's Rain Forest	Juana Martinez-Neal	Cultural/Linguistic Identity

3RD - 5TH GRADE



Book	Author	Category
A Child's Introduction to African American History: The Experiences, People, and Events That Shaped Our Country	Jabari Asim	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Always Anjali	Sheetal Sheth	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Amanda, Toy Engineer: Real Women in STEAM	Aubre Andrus	Gender Identity
American Born Chinese	Gene Luen Yang	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Angella, Beauty Chemist: Real Women in STEAM	Aubre Andrus	Gender Identity
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret.	Judy Blume	General
Baseball's Leading Lady: Effa Manley and the Rise and Fall of the Negro Leagues	Andrea Williams	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Believe Your Eyes: Book 1	Cori Doerrfeld & Tyler Page	Family Structure
Better with Books: 500 Diverse Books to Ignite Empathy and Encourage Self-Acceptance in Tweens and Teens	Melissa Hart	General
Brave. Black. First.: 50+ African American Women Who Changed the World	Cheryl Hudson	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Brazen: Rebel Ladies Who Rocked the World	P�n�lope Bagieu	Gender Identity
Breaking Stalin's Nose	Eugene Yelchin	General
Dark Sky Rising: Reconstruction and the Dawn of Jim Crow	Henry Louis Gates Jr	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Dr. Maya, Ice Cream Scientist: Real Women in STEAM	Aubre Andrus	Gender Identity
El Deafo	Cece Bell	General
Fly on the Wall	Remy Lai	Family Structure
Hiking Day	Anne Rockwell	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
I Am Jackie Robinson	Brad Meltzer	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
I Am Martin Luther King, Jr.	Brad Meltzer	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
I Am Rosa Parks	Brad Meltzer	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
In the Garden	Emma Giuliani	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Jayden's Impossible Garden	M�lina Mangal	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History	Vashti Harrison	Cultural/Linguistic Identity

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Lizzie Demands a Seat!: Elizabeth Jennings Fights for Streetcar Rights	Beth Anderson	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Merci Suárez Changes Gears	Meg Medina	Family Structure
Muhammad Ali: A Champion Is Born	Gene Barretta	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Never Caught, the Story of Ona Judge: George and Martha Washington's Courageous Slave Who Dared to Run Away; Young Readers Edition	Erica Armstrong Dunbar & Kathleen Van Cleve	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
New Kid	Jerry Craft	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Nibi Emosaawdang/The Water Walker	Joanne Robertson	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Piece by Piece: The Story of Nisrin's Hijab	Priya Huq	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Preaching to the Chickens: The Story of Young John Lewis	Jabari Asim	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Red, White, and Whole	Rajani Larocca	General
Sam and the Tigers: A New Telling of Little Black Sambo	Julius Lester	General
Schomburg: The Man Who Built a Library	Carole Boston Weatherford	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Skin Like Mine	Latashia M. Perry	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Sweet Sorrel Stand	Yolanda T. Marshall	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
The 1619 Project: Born on the Water	Nikole Hannah-Jones, Renée Watson, et al.	General
The Fierce 44: Black Americans Who Shook Up the World	The Staff of the Undefeated	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
The Last Cuentista	Donna Barba Higuera	General
The Revolution of Evelyn Serrano	Sonia Manzano	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
The Secret Garden of George Washington Carver	Gene Barretta	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
The Watsons Go to Birmingham - 1963	Christopher and Paul Curtis	General
Tidesong	Wendy Xu	Family Structure
Timelines from Black History: Leaders, Legends, Legacies	DK Mireille Harper	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Twins: A Graphic Novel (Twins #1):	Volume 1 by Varian Johnson & Shannon Wright	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball	Kadir Nelson	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
What Is the Civil Rights Movement?	Sherri L. Smith & Who Hq	Cultural/Linguistic Identity

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What Was the Underground Railroad?	Who HQ & Yona Zeldis McDonough	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
When Stars Are Scattered	Omar Mohamed & Victoria Jamieson	Children with Special Needs
When You Trap a Tiger: (Winner of the 2021 Newbery Medal)	Tae Keller	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Where's Halmoni?	Julie Kim	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Where's Rodney?	Carmen Bogan	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Who Is Kamala Harris?	Kirsten Anderson & Who HQ	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Who Were the Tuskegee Airmen?	Sherri L. Smith & Who HQ	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Young Gifted and Black: Meet 52 Black Heroes from Past and Present	Jamia Wilson	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Zi, Video Game Developer	Aubre Andrus	Gender Identity
Zita the Spacegirl	Ben Hatke	General

MIDDLE SCHOOL

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American Born Chinese	Gene Luen Yang	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret.	Judy Blume	General
Baseball's Leading Lady: Effa Manley and the Rise and Fall of the Negro Leagues	Andrea Williams	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Better with Books: 500 Diverse Books to Ignite Empathy and Encourage Self-Acceptance in Tweens and Teens?	Melissa Hart	General
Brazen: Rebel Ladies Who Rocked the World	Pénélope Bagieu	Gender Identity
Brown Girl Dreaming	Jacqueline Woodson	General
Dead End in Norvelt	Jack Gantos	Family Structure
Displacement	Kiku Hughes	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Light for the World to See: A Thousand Words on Race and Hope	Kwame Alexander	Cultural/Linguistic Identity

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Never Caught, the Story of Ona Judge: George and Martha Washington's Courageous Slave Who Dared to Run Away; Young Readers Edition	Erica Armstrong Dunbar and Kathleen Van Cleve	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Nice Jewish Girls	Julie Merberg	Gender Identity
Piece by Piece: The Story of Nisrin's Hijab	Priya Huq	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Stolen Justice: The Struggle for African American Voting Rights (Scholastic Focus)	Lawrence Goldstone	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
The Beautiful Struggle (Adapted for Young Adults)	Ta-Nehisi Coates	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
The Fierce 44: Black Americans Who Shook Up the World	The Staff of the Undefeated	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
The Watsons Go to Birmingham - 1963	Christopher Paul Curtis	General

HIGH SCHOOL

Book	Author	Category
A Snake Falls to Earth	Darcie Little Badger	Newberry
Brazen: Rebel Ladies Who Rocked the World	Pénélope Bagieu	Gender Identity
Displacement	Kiku Hughes	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Light for the World to See: A Thousand Words on Race and Hope	Kwame Alexander	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Nice Jewish Girls	Julie Merberg	Gender Identity
Stolen Justice: The Struggle for African American Voting Rights (Scholastic Focus)	Lawrence Goldstone	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
The Beautiful Struggle (Adapted for Young Adults)	Ta-Nehisi Coates	Cultural/Linguistic Identity
Walking with the Wind: A Memoir of the Movement	John Lewis and Michael D'Orso	Cultural/Linguistic Identity

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