



*Our favorite Children's Books that represent the beautiful diversity of the world and our community.  
Hand selected by Librarian Lisa Cody and seconded by the Collegium and DEI committee*

## Picture Books

### **Sulwe**

by Lupita Nyong'o and Vashti Harrison

### **Thank You Omu**

by Oge Mora

### **Saturdays**

by Oge Mora

### **Maybe Something Beautiful**

by F. Isabel Campoy & Theresa Howell Illustrated by Rafael Lopez

### **Becoming Vanessa**

by Vanessa Brantley-Newton

### **Alma and How She Got Her Name**

by Juana Martinez-Neal

### **Ruby Finds a Worry**

by Tom Percival

### **The Lola Series**

by Anna McQuinn illustrated by Rosalind Beardshaw

#### **Lola at the Library**

#### **Lola Loves Stories Lola Plants a Garden**

#### **Lola Reads to Leo**

#### **Lola Gets a Cat**

#### **Lola Goes to School**

### **A New School Year: Stories in Six Voices**

by Sally Derby, Illustrated by Mika Song

**Lali's Feather**

by Farhana Zia, Illustrated by Stephanie Fizer Coleman

**We Are Water Protectors**

by Carole Lindstrom, Illustrated by Michaela Goade

**Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story**

by Kevin Noble Maillard, Illustrated by Juana Martinez-Neal

**Swift Fox All Along**

by Rebecca Lea Thomas, Illustrated by Maya McKibbin

**The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family**

by Ibtihaj Muhammad with S. K. Ali, Illustrated by Hatem Ali

**A Big Mooncake for Little Star**

by Grace Lin

**Friends are Friends, Forever**

by Dane Liu, Illustrated by Lynn Scurfield

**Eyes That Kiss in the Corners**

by Joanna Ho, Illustrated by Dung Ho

**Eyes That Speak to the Stars**

by Joanna Ho Illustrated by Dung Ho

**Last Stop On Market Street**

by Matt de la Peña, Illustrated by Christian Robinson

**Jabari Jumps**

by Gaia Cornwall

**Jabari Tries**

by Gaia Cornwall

**Harlem Grown: How One Big Idea Transformed a Neighborhood**

by Tony Hillery,, Illustrated by Jessie Hartland

**Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian and Storyteller Pura Belpré**  
by Anika Aldamuy Denise, Illustrated by Paola Escobar

**Across the Bay**  
by Carlos Aponte

**Islandborn**  
by Junot Díaz, Illustrated by Leo Espinosa

**Dreamers**  
by Yuyi Morales

**Keepunumuk: Weeâchumun's Thanksgiving Story**  
by Danielle Greendeer, Illustrated by Anthony Perry

**Finding My Dance**  
by Ria Thundercloud, Kalila J. Fuller

**The Day You Begin**  
by Jacqueline Woodson, Illustrated by Rafael López

**The Year We Learned to Fly**  
by Jacqueline Woodson, Illustrated by Rafael López

## Elementary Novels

**The Zoey and Sassafrass series**  
by Asia Citro, Illustrated by Marion Lindsay

**The Anna Hibiscus series**  
by Atinuke

**Too Small Tola series**  
by Atinuke

**Dyamonde Daniel series**  
by Nikki Grimes, Illustrated by R. Gregory Christie

**The Lulu series**  
by Hilary McKay, Illustrated by Priscilla Lamont

**The Hola Lola series**  
by Keka Novalés, Illustrated by Gloria Felix

**Where the Mountain Meets the Sky**  
**Starry River to the Sky**  
**When the Sea Turns to Silver**  
by Grace Lin

**The Firework Makers Daughter**  
by Philip Pullman

**Ophie's Ghost**  
by Justin Ireland

**The Adventures of Sik Aziz series**  
by Sarwat Chadda

**Paola Santiago series**  
by Tehlor Mejia

**Pahua Moua Novel series**  
by Lori Lee

**Gifted Clans Novel series**  
by Graci Kim

**Tristin Strong series**  
**By Kwame Mbalia**

**The Marvellers**  
by Dhonielle Clayton, Illustrated by Khadijah Khatib

**The Vanderbeekers series**  
by Karina Yan Glaser

**The Lottery's Plus One**  
by Emma Donoghue, Illustrated by Caroline Hadilaksono

**The Lottery's More or Less**  
by Emma Donoghue, Illustrated by Caroline Hadilaksono

**The Last Mapmaker**  
by Christina Soontornvat

**Esperanza Rising**  
by Pam Muñoz Ryan

**Tree of Dreams**  
by Laura Resau

**Merci Saurez Changes Gears**  
by Meg Medina

**When You Trapped A Tiger**  
by Tae Keller

**The Parker Inheritance**  
by Varian Johnson

**The Conch Bearer**  
by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni  
**Elijah of Buxton**  
by Christopher Paul Curtis

**The Mighty Miss Malone**  
by Christopher Paul Curtis

**One Crazy Summer**  
by Rita Williams-Garcia

**Me, Frida, and the Secret of the Peacock Ring**  
by Angela Cervantes

**Hoodoo**  
by Ronald Smith

**Zora and Me**  
by Victoria Bond & T.R. Simon

## Middle School Novels

**Brown Girl Dreaming**  
by Jacqueline Woodson

**The Crossover series: Crossover, Booked, & Rebound**  
by Kwame Alexander

**Jason Reynolds's Track Series Paperback Collection: Ghost; Patina; Sunny; Lu**  
by Jason Reynolds

**As Brave As You**  
by Jason Reynolds

**Totally Joe**

by James Howe

**The Misfits**

by James Howe

**Akata Witch**

by Nnedi Okorafor

**The Glory Fields**

by Walter Dean Myers

**Jefferson's Sons: A Founding Father's Secret Children**

by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

**Show Me a Sign**

by Ann Clare LeZotte

**Set Me Free**

by Ann Clare LeZotte

**The Misewa Saga: Barren Grounds, The Great Bear, The Stone Child**

by David A. Robertson

**The Last Cuentista**

by Donna Barba Higuera

**Red, White, and Whole**

by Rajani LaRocca

**The Night Diary**

by Veera Hiranandani

**Other Words for Home**

by Jasmine Warga

**Amal Unbound**

by Aisha Saeed

**Omar Rising**

by Aisha Saeed

**Elatsoe ( 8th grade)**

by Darcie Little Badger

**A Snake Falls to Earth ( 8th grade)**

by Darcie Little Badger

**The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind**  
by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer

**African Proverbs for All Ages**  
by Johnnetta Betsch Cole and Nelda LaTeef

**Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You**  
by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi

## Graphic Novels

**New Kid**  
By Jerry Craft

**Class Act**  
By Jerry Craft

**School Trip**  
By Jerry Craft