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 Novales, 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 Jaqueline 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

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