

## Classroom Library Project Spring Semester Book List



	<b>Title</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Description</b>
1	A Lesson for Martin Luther King, Jr.	<b>Denise Lewis Patrick Illustrator - Rodney S. Pate</b>	Young Martin encounters prejudice. <b>Ages 5-7 yrs.</b> 32 pages, includes a timeline.
2	A Sweet Smell of Roses: A Civil Rights Story for Children	<b>Angela Johnson, Illustrator - Eric Velasquez</b>	There's a sweet, sweet smell in the air as two young girls sneak out of their house, down the street, and across town to where men and women are gathered, ready to march for freedom and justice. Inspired by countless children and young adults who took a stand, two Coretta Scott King honorees offer a heart-lifting glimpse of children's roles in the civil rights movement. <b>Ages 5-8</b>
3	Barack Obama: United States President	<b>Roberta Edwards Illustrator - Ken Call</b>	Updated and Expanded - New York Times Best Seller. Biography for children with full-color illustrations and archival photographs. 64 pages. <b>Ages 8-12</b>
4	Bluish	<b>Virginia Hamilton</b>	Friendship isn't always easy. Natalie is different from the other girls in Dreenie's fifth-grade class. She comes to school in a wheelchair, always wearing a knitted hat. The kids call her "Bluish" because her skin is tinted blue from chemotherapy. Slowly, the two girls become good friends. But Dreenie still struggles with Bluish's illness. Bluish is weak and frail, but she also wants to be independent and respected. How do you act around a girl like that? <b>Ages 8 and up.</b>
5	Boundless Grace	<b>Mary Hoffman Illustrator - Caroline Binch</b>	Sequel to "Amazing Grace". Young African-American girl visits her father and his new family in Africa. The emotional dilemma surrounding step families is addressed.
6	D is for Drinking Gourd: An African American Alphabet Book	<b>Nancy I. Sanders. Illustrator - E.B. Lewis.</b>	From A-Z, learn Black history. T is for Tuskegee Airmen, Q is for quilt, L is for the Little Rock Nine. This book will delight and educate children. <b>Ages 8 &amp; up</b>
7	Dancing in the Wings	<b>Debbie Allen Illustrator - Kadir Nelson</b>	TV personality, Debbie Allen, tells how her love of dancing began very early in life, but her dance instructor criticized her body build and tried to discourage her from pursuing a career in dance. A "yes I can" book for all children, especially girls. <b>Ages 6 and up</b>
8	Grandma's Purple Flowers	<b>Adjoa J. Burrowes</b>	In this moving story, the author/illustrator deals sensitively with the difficult experience of death, and tells a moving story that celebrates the triumph of hope and spirit during a difficult time. <b>Ages 4 and up.</b>
9	Henry's Freedom Box	<b>Ellen Levine Illustrator - Kadir Nelson</b>	A stirring, dramatic story of a slave who mails himself to freedom. <b>Ages 4 and up.</b>
10	H.O.R.S.E.: A Game of Basketball and Imagination	<b>Christopher Myers (author and illustrator)</b>	A 2013 Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor Book. One day at the basketball court, two kids, a familiar challenge-H.O.R.S.E.? But this is not your grandmother's game of hoops. Not when a layup from the other side of the court standing on one foot with your eyes closed is just the warm-up. Around the neighborhood, around the world, off Saturn's rings,

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			the pair goes back and forth. The game is as much about skill as it is about imagination. H.O.R.S.E. is a celebration of the sport of basketball, the art of trash-talking, and the idea that what's possible is bounded only by what you can dream. <b>Grades K-3.</b>
11	I am Rosa Parks	<b>Rosa Parks (with Jim Haskins) Illustrator - Wil Clay</b>	An easy reading chapter book with colorful pictures on each page. Mrs. Parks telling her own story. <b>Ages 6-9.</b>
12	I Love My Hair	<b>Natasha Anastasia Tarpley Illustrator - E.B. Lewis</b>	This whimsical, evocative story about a girl named Keyana encourages African-American children to feel good about their special hair and be proud of their heritage. Full-color illustrations. <b>Grades PreK and up.</b>
13	Justin and the Best Biscuits in the World	<b>Mildred Pitts Walter Illustrator - Catherine Stock</b>	Ten-year-old Justin hates that his sisters and his mama are always fussing at him. They make him feel stupid because he can't clean his room or cook. That's why Justin is glad when his grandfather invites him back to his ranch for the summer. Justin is sure he can get away from all the women and do some actual "men's work," such as cleaning fish, mending fences, and riding horses. But back at the ranch, Justin learns some unexpected lessons and soon realizes that anyone can do anything once they learn how. Winner of the Coretta Scott King book award. <b>Grades 3-7.</b>
14	More Than Anything Else	<b>Marie Bradby Illustrator - Chris Soentpiet</b>	A fictionalized story about the life of young Booker T. Washington. Living in a West Virginia settlement after emancipation, nine-year-old Booker travels by lantern light to the salt works, where he labors from dawn till dusk. Although his stomach rumbles, his real hunger is his intense desire to learn to read. <b>Grades PreK-3.</b>
15	Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters: An African Tale	<b>John Steptoe (author and illustrator)</b>	This is the tale of Mufaro's two daughters, two beautiful girls who react in different ways to the king's search for a wife - one is aggressive and selfish, the other kind and dignified. The king takes on disguises to learn the true nature of both girls and of course chooses Nyasha, the kind and generous daughter, to be his queen. A traditional Zimbabwe folktale. <b>Ages 4 and up.</b>
16	No Mirrors in My Nana's House - Book and CD	<b>Ysaye Barnwell Illustrator - Synthia Saint James</b>	A little girl discovers the beauty in herself--and the beauty of the world around her--not by looking in the mirror but by looking in her Nana's eyes. Accompanying CD of Sweet Honey In The Rock singing the song. <b>Age 5 and up.</b>
17	Of Thee I Sing: A Letter to My Daughters	<b>Barack Obama Illustrator - Loren Long</b>	President Barack Obama's first children's book features inspirational stories for children about American pioneers. "Of Thee I Sing: A Letter to My Daughters" is a tribute to 13 groundbreaking Americans. Written before he took office. <b>Ages 5 and up.</b>
18	Ron's Big Mission	<b>Rose Blue &amp; Corinne</b>	Nine-year-old Ron loves going to the Lake City Public



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		<b>Naden</b> <b>Illustrator – Don Tate</b>	Library to look through all the books on airplanes and flight. Today, Ron is ready to take out books by himself. But in the segregated world of South Carolina in the 1950s, Ron’s obtaining his own library card is not just a small rite of passage, it is a young man’s first courageous mission. Here is an inspiring story, based on Ron McNair’s life, of how a little boy, future scientist, and Challenger astronaut desegregated his library through peaceful resistance. <b>Grades 1-3.</b>
19	Salt in His Shoes: Michael Jordan in Pursuit of a Dream	<b>Deloris and Roslyn Jordan</b> <b>Illustrator – Kadir Nelson</b>	Michael Jordan's mother and sister write an inspiring childhood story of young Michael's concern over his height.
20	Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt	<b>Deborah Hopkinson</b> <b>Illustrator – James Ransome</b>	As a seamstress in the Big House, Clara dreams of a reunion with her Momma, who lives on another plantation--and even of running away to freedom. Then she overhears two slaves talking about the Underground Railroad. In a flash of inspiration, Clara sees how she can use the cloth in her scrap bag to make a map of the land--a freedom quilt--that no master will ever suspect. <b>Grades PreK-2.</b>
21	Talkin’ About Bessie: The Story of Aviator Elizabeth Coleman	<b>Nikki Grimes</b> <b>Illustrator – E.B. Lewis</b>	A large-sized picture book with a unique layout. Elizabeth “Bessie” Coleman's life story is told through the eyes of several different persons - Each page is devoted to a different eye-witness account by one person who is both named and pictured on the page. Bessie Coleman was the first African American female pilot. <b>Grades 1 and up.</b>
22	The Friendly Four	<b>Eloise Greenfield</b> <b>Illustrator –Jan Spivey Gilchrist</b>	Free-verse poems tell the story of a group of children who find each other during one otherwise lonely summer. <b>Ages 4 and up.</b>
23	This Is the Rope: A Story From the Great Migration	<b>Jacqueline Woodson</b> <b>Illustrator – James Ransome</b>	The story of one family’s journey north during the Great Migration starts with a little girl in South Carolina who finds a rope under a tree one summer. She has no idea the rope will become part of her family’s history. But for three generations, that rope is passed down, used for everything from jump rope games to tying suitcases onto a car for the big move north to New York City, and even for a family reunion where that first little girl is now a grandmother. Features work by a Newbery Honor–winning author and a Coretta Scott King Award–winning illustrator . <b>Grades K-3.</b>
24	When Marian Sang: The True Recital of Marian Anderson	<b>Pam Munoz Ryan</b> <b>Illustrator – Brian Selznick</b>	This large-sized picture book with brown and gold-toned illustrations tells the thrilling story of Marian Anderson's rise from singing at Union Baptist Church in Philadelphia to that most remembered concert on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in 1939. Words to some of her songs are interspersed throughout the book and a very thorough 3-page afterword gives details about her performances, honors and timeline. <b>Grades PreK and up.</b>
25	Wilma Unlimited: How	<b>Kathleen Krull</b>	Before Wilma was five years old, polio had paralyzed

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	Wilma Rudolph Became the World's Fastest Woman	<b>Illustrator - David Diaz</b>	her left leg. Everyone said she would never walk again. But Wilma refused to believe it. Not only would she walk again, she vowed, she'd run. And she did run--all the way to the Olympics, where she became the first American woman to earn three gold medals in a single Olympic games. <b>Grades 1 and up.</b>
26	Wonders: The Best Children's Poems of Effie Lee Newsome	<b>Effie Newsome (Author), Illustrator - Lois Mailou Jones</b>	Published over 60 years ago and long out of print, these poems reintroduce a gifted poet whose work will appeal to children of any generation. The poems are describes as having been written "by a woman who loved all of nature-birds, flowers, trees, wind, rain, snow, insects, animals.-She had a knack for being able to remember a child's way of seeing the world." The warm illustrations are also reminiscent of an earlier time, but are still effective. <b>Grades K-3.</b>