

# Classroom Library Project - Book List

Comprised of books representing a range of diversities.  
Includes autobiography/biography/memoirs, chapter books, poetry/folktales, and picture books

<b>AUTOBIOGRAPHY/BIOGRAPHY/MEMOIR</b> <i>(Lexile Measure is included after the grade level)</i>		
<b>Title #</b>	<b>Title, Author, Illustrator</b>	<b>Summary (from Amazon.com)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Wilma Unlimited: How Wilma Rudolph Became the World's Fastest Woman</b>  Written by Kathleen Krull Illustrated by David Diaz	<i>This award-winning true story of Black Olympic runner Wilma Rudolph, who overcame childhood polio and eventually went on to win three gold medals, is illustrated by Caldecott medal-winning artist David Diaz. Before Wilma Rudolph was five years old, polio had paralyzed 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 Olympiad. This dramatic and inspiring true story is illustrated in bold watercolor and acrylic paintings. (Grades CD-3, AD850L)</i>
<b>2</b>	<b>Salt in His Shoes: Michael Jordan in Pursuit of a Dream</b>  Written by Deloris and Roslyn Jordan Illustrated by Kadir Nelson	<i>Michael Jordan's mother and sister team up for this heartwarming and inspirational picture book about faith and hope and how any family working together can help a child make his or her dreams come true. Michael Jordan. The mere mention of the name conjures up visions of basketball played at its absolute best. But as a child, Michael almost gave up on his hoop dreams, all because he feared he'd never grow tall enough to play the game that would one day make him famous. That's when his mother and father stepped in and shared the invaluable lesson of what really goes into the making of a champion—patience, determination, and hard work. (Grades CD-3, 630L)</i>
<b>3</b>	<b>Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race</b>  Written by Margot Lee Shetterly Illustrated by Laura Freeman	<i>Based on the New York Times bestselling book and the Academy Award-nominated movie, author Margot Lee Shetterly and Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor Award winner Laura Freeman bring the incredibly inspiring true story of four black women who helped NASA launch men into space to picture book readers! Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson, and Christine Darden were good at math...really good. They participated in some of NASA's greatest successes, like providing the calculations for America's first journeys into space. And they did so during a time when being black and a woman limited what they could do. But they worked hard. They persisted. And they used their genius minds to change the world. (Grades CD-3, 980L)</i>
<b>4</b>	<b>Turning Pages: My Life Story</b>  Written by Sonia Sotomayor Illustrated by Lulu Delacre	<i>Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor tells her own story for young readers for the very first time! As the first Latina Supreme Court Justice, Sonia Sotomayor has inspired young people around the world to reach for their dreams. But what inspired her? For young Sonia, the answer was books! They were her mirrors, her maps, her friends, and her teachers. They helped her to connect with her family in New York and in Puerto Rico, to deal with her diabetes diagnosis, to cope with her father's death, to uncover the secrets of the world,</i>

		and to dream of a future for herself in which anything was possible. <b>(Grades CD-3, AD1000L)</b>
5	<p><b>Henry's Freedom Box: A True Story from the Underground Railroad</b></p> <p>Written by Ellen Levine Illustrated by Kadir Nelson</p> <p><i>ALSO LISTED IN THE PICTURE BOOK SECTION</i></p>	<p><i>A stirring, dramatic story of a slave who mails himself to freedom by a Jane Addams Peace Award-winning author and a Coretta Scott King Award-winning artist. Henry Brown doesn't know how old he is. Nobody keeps records of slaves' birthdays. All the time he dreams about freedom, but that dream seems farther away than ever when he is torn from his family and put to work in a warehouse. Henry grows up and marries, but he is again devastated when his family is sold at the slave market. Then one day, as he lifts a crate at the warehouse, he knows exactly what he must do: He will mail himself to the North. After an arduous journey in the crate, Henry finally has a birthday -- his first day of freedom. <b>(Grades CD-3, AD490L)</b></i></p>
6	<p><b>All the Way to the Top: How One Girl's Fight for Americans with Disabilities Changed Everything</b></p> <p>Written by Annette Bay Pimental Illustrated by Nabi Ali</p>	<p><i>2021 Schneider Family Book Award Young Children's Honor Book (American Library Association). Jennifer Keelan was determined to make a change—even if she was just a kid. She never thought her wheelchair could slow her down, but the way the world around her was built made it hard to do even simple things. Like going to school, or eating lunch in the cafeteria. Jennifer knew that everyone deserves a voice! Then the Americans with Disabilities Act, a law that would make public spaces much more accessible to people with disabilities, was proposed to Congress. And to make sure it passed, Jennifer went to the steps of the Capitol building in Washington DC to convince them. And, without her wheelchair, she climbed. ALL THE WAY TO THE TOP! <b>(Grades K-4, AD680L)</b></i></p>
7	<p><b>The Story of Barack Obama: A Biography Book for New Readers</b></p> <p>Written by Tonya Leslie Illustrated by Loris Lora</p>	<p>Barack Obama became the first African American president of the United States. Before he made history fighting for the environment, health care, and civil rights, he was a smart kid who knew he wanted to help others. He worked hard to become a lawyer, a senator, and then the president, all so that he could make people's lives better. <b>(Grades 1-2, Lexile Measure not available)</b></p>
8	<p><b>Ron's Big Mission</b></p> <p>Written by Rose Blue &amp; Corinne Naden Illustrated by Don Tate</p>	<p>Nine-year-old Ron loves going to the Lake City Public 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, 540L)</b></p>
9	<p><b>I Am Rosa Parks</b></p> <p>Written by Rosa Parks with Jim Haskins Illustrated by Wil Clay</p>	<p>When Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a bus to a white man on December 1, 1955, she made history. Her brave act sparked the Montgomery, Alabama bus boycott and brought the civil rights movement to national attention. In</p>

		simple, lively language, Rosa Parks describes her life from childhood to the present and recounts the events that shook the nation. Her story is powerful, inspiring and unforgettable. An NCSS-CBC Notable Children's Trade Book in the Field of Social Studies <b>(Grades 3-4, 520L)</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes</b>  Written by Eleanor Coerr Illustrated by Ronald Himler	The star of her school's running team, Sadako is lively and athletic...until the dizzy spells start. Then she must face the hardest race of her life—the race against time. Based on a true story, Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes celebrates the courage that makes one young woman a heroine in Japan. <b>(Grades 3-7, 690L)</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Brown Girl Dreaming</b>  Written by Jacqueline Woodson  <i>ALSO LISTED IN THE POETRY SECTION</i>	<i>Jacqueline Woodson's National Book Award and Newbery Honor winner is a powerful memoir that tells the moving story of her childhood in mesmerizing verse.</i> Raised in South Carolina and New York, Woodson always felt halfway home in each place. In vivid poems, she shares what it was like to grow up as an African American in the 1960s and 1970s, living with the remnants of Jim Crow and her growing awareness of the Civil Rights movement. <b>(Grades 5-6, 990L)</b>
<b>CHAPTER BOOK</b> <i>(Lexile Measure is included after the grade level)</i>		
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<b>12</b>	<b>More Stories Julian Tells (Julian's World)</b>  Written by Ann Cameron Illustrated by Ann Strugnell	Julian is back with more great tales to tell. There's the one about the day so hot that even frogs wore shoes. Or the time his best friend, Gloria, made the sun move. Sometimes, though, Julian's way with words can backfire. That's what happens when Julian calls his kid brother, Huey, a name—and their father overhears. How can a few little words get Julian into such big trouble? <b>(Grades 1-4, 520L)</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>EllRay Jakes is a Rock Star</b>  Written by Sally Warner Illustrated by Jamie Harper	All the boys in EllRay's third-grade class have something they can brag about. Corey's on the swim team, Kevin is super tall, Jared's dad has an ATV. But EllRay's dad is a geologist - not much to brag about. After all, rocks are boring. Then EllRay sees the crystals in his dad's office, and they are really cool looking. If EllRay just "borrows" them to show his classmates, he knows they'd be impressed. And his dad will never have to know. It's a perfect plan . . . until things go awry. <b>(Grades 3-4, 750L)</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>The Ups and Downs of Audrey May</b>  Written by Missy Mareau Garcia	Nine-year-old Audrey May knows that life can be full of changes. She's traveled all over the world with her Dad who works on movies, but she's never been to a school with other kids. She has no idea that starting a new school will be much easier than finding out she has Type 1 Diabetes. Thankfully she won't face it alone, she has the love of her parents and her crazy little sister to get her through the ups and downs. <b>(Grades 3-5, Lexile Measure not available)</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Sophie Washington: Hurricane</b>  Written by Tonya Duncan Ellis	A hurricane's coming and sixth grader Sophie's life of school work and friends is about to make a major change. One day she's teasing her little brother, Cole, dodging classmate Nathan Jones' wayward science lab frog and complaining

		about “braggamuffin” cheerleader Valentina Martinez, and the next, she and her family are fleeing for their lives to avoid dangerous flood waters. In the middle of it all, Sophie learns to be grateful for what she has and that she is stronger than she ever imagined. <b>(Grades 3-6, Lexile measure not available)</b>
16	<b>Justin and the Best Biscuits in the World</b> Written by Mildred Pitts Walter Illustrated by Catherine Stock	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. But why should he? He'd rather be outside playing. After all, cooking and cleaning is just “women's work.” 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. <b>(Grades 3-7, 620L)</b>
17	<b>Song for a Whale</b> Written by Lynne Kelly	<i>Schneider Family Book Award winner.</i> From fixing the class computer to repairing old radios, twelve-year-old Iris is a tech genius. But she's the only deaf person in her school, so people often treat her like she's not very smart. If you've ever felt like no one was listening to you, then you know how hard that can be. When she learns about Blue 55, a real whale who is unable to speak to other whales, Iris understands how he must feel. Then she has an idea: she should invent a way to “sing” to him! But he's three thousand miles away. How will she play her song for him? <b>(Grades 3-7, 800L)</b>
18	<b>The Buried Bones Mystery (Clubhouse Series)</b> Written by Sharon Draper	<i>Four boys who call themselves the Black Dinosaurs dig up a mysterious box of bones in this first book of the classic chapter book series by award-winning author Sharon M. Draper.</i> Ziggy and his friends Rico, Rashawn, and Jerome build a clubhouse in Ziggy's backyard and decide to bury their secret treasures nearby. But when the boys start digging, they uncover a box of bones and are swept up in a mystery more intriguing—and scary—than anything they could have imagined. Who could have buried a box of bones behind their clubhouse? <b>(Grades 3-7, 700L)</b>
19	<b>Inside Out and Back Again</b> Written by Thanhà Lai  <i>ALSO LISTED IN THE POETRY AND FOLKTALES SECTION</i>	<i>A #1 New York Times bestseller, a Newbery Honor Book, and a winner of the National Book Award! Inspired by the author's childhood experience as a refugee—fleeing Vietnam after the Fall of Saigon and immigrating to Alabama—this coming-of-age debut novel told in verse has been celebrated for its touching child's-eye view of family and immigration.</i> Hà has only ever known Saigon: the thrills of its markets, the joy of its traditions, and the warmth of her friends close by. But now the Vietnam War has reached her home. Hà and her family are forced to flee as Saigon falls, and they board a ship headed toward hope—toward America. <b>(Grades 3-7, 800L)</b>

<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>Bluish</b> Written by Virginia Hamilton</p>	<p><i>In this powerful novel researched in NYC schools, Newbery Medalist Virginia Hamilton documents the struggle young people face as they simultaneously assert their independence and yearn for guidance. 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. Dreenie is fascinated by Bluish -- and a little scared of her, too. She watches Bluish and writes her observations in her journal. 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? (Grades 4-7, 460L)</i></p>
<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>When Stars are Scattered</b> Written by Victoria Jamieson &amp; Omar Mohamed Illustrated by Victoria Jamieson &amp; Iman Geddy</p>	<p><i>A National Book Award Finalist, this remarkable graphic novel is about growing up in a refugee camp, as told by a former Somali refugee to the Newbery Honor-winning creator of Roller Girl. Omar and his younger brother, Hassan, have spent most of their lives in Dadaab, a refugee camp in Kenya. Life is hard there: never enough food, achingly dull, and without access to the medical care Omar knows his nonverbal brother needs. So when Omar has the opportunity to go to school, he knows it might be a chance to change their future . . . but it would also mean leaving his brother, the only family member he has left, every day. (Grades 4-7, GN530L)</i></p>
<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>The Unsung Hero of Birdsong, USA</b> Written by Brenda Woods</p>	<p><i>The Coretta Scott King Honor-winning author tells the moving story of the friendship between a young white boy and a Black WWII veteran who has recently returned to the unwelcoming Jim Crow South. For Gabriel Haberlin, life seems pretty close to perfect in the small southern town of Birdsong, USA. But on his twelfth birthday, his point of view begins to change. It all starts when he comes face-to-face with one of the worst drivers in town while riding his new bicycle--an accident that would have been tragic if Mr. Meriwether Hunter hadn't been around to push him out of harm's way. (Grades 5-6, 780L)</i></p>
<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>Paperboy</b> Written by Vince Vawter</p>	<p><i>This Newbery Honor winner is perfect for fans of To Kill a Mockingbird, The King's Speech, and The Help. A boy who stutters comes of age in the segregated South, during the summer that changes his life. Little Man throws the meanest fastball in town. But talking is a whole different ball game. He can barely say a word without stuttering—not even his own name. So when he takes over his best friend's paper route for the month of July, he's not exactly looking forward to interacting with the customers. But it's the neighborhood junkman, a bully and thief, who stirs up real trouble in Little Man's life. (Grades 5-6, 940L)</i></p>
<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>Fish in a Tree</b> Written by Lynda Mullaly Hunt</p>	<p><i>Ally has been smart enough to fool a lot of smart people. Every time she lands in a new school, she is able to hide her inability to read by creating clever yet disruptive distractions.</i></p>

		She is afraid to ask for help; after all, how can you cure dumb? However, her newest teacher Mr. Daniels sees the bright, creative kid underneath the trouble maker. With his help, Ally learns not to be so hard on herself and that dyslexia is nothing to be ashamed of. As her confidence grows, Ally feels free to be herself and the world starts opening up with possibilities. She discovers that there's a lot more to her—and to everyone—than a label, and that great minds don't always think alike. <b>(Grades 5-9, 550L)</b>
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**POETRY AND FOLKTALES** *(Lexile Measure is included after the grade level)*

<b>Title #</b>	<b>Title, Author, Illustrator</b>	<b>Summary (from Amazon.com)</b>
25	<b>Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters: An African Tale</b>  Retold and illustrated by John Steptoe	<i>A Caldecott Honor and Reading Rainbow book, this memorable retelling of Cinderella is perfect for introducing children to the fairy tale as well as the history, culture, and geography of the African nation of Zimbabwe.</i> Inspired by a traditional African folktale, this is the story of Mufaro, who is proud of his two beautiful daughters. Nyasha is kind and considerate, but everyone—except Mufaro—knows that Manyara is selfish and bad-tempered. When the Great King decides to take a wife and invites the most worthy and beautiful daughters in the land to appear before him, Mufaro brings both of his daughters—but only one can be queen. Who will the king choose? <b>(Grades CD-3, AD790L)</b>
26	<b>The Sun is So Quiet</b>  Written by Nikki Giovanni Illustrated by Ashley Bryan	The quiet and noisy, wintery and sometimes sunny poems in <i>The Sun Is So Quiet</i> will always make you smile. Nikki Giovanni describes riding rainbows, tiptoeing through strawberry patches, licking chocolaty fingers, snuggling under covers, and many other wonderful childhood moments. Ashley Bryan's warmest, most colorful illustrations make each page look like a bright, beaming smile. <b>(Grades CD-3, Lexile Measure not available)</b>
27	<b>Honey, I Love and Other Love Poems</b>  Written by Eloise Greenfield Illustrated by Leo and Diane Dillon	<i>This beloved book of poetry is a Reading Rainbow Selection, an ALA Notable Children's Book, and the winner of George C. Stone Center for Children's Books' Recognition of Merit Award.</i> Each of these sixteen poems is spoken straight from the perspective of a child. Riding on a train, listening to music, playing with a friend...each poem elicits a new appreciation of the rich content of everyday life. The poems are accompanied by both portrait and panorama drawings that deepen the insights contained in the words. <b>(Grades 2-5, Lexile Measure not available)</b>
28	<b>Poetry for Young People: Maya Angelou</b>  Edited by Edwin Graves Wilson Illustrated by Jerome Lagarrigue	An acclaimed anthology receives a new design and cover! Award-winning writer, historian, and civil rights activist Dr. Maya Angelou is a true American icon. Twenty-five of her finest poems capture a range of emotions and experiences, from the playful "Harlem Hopscotch" to the prideful "Me and My Work" to the soul-stirring "Still I Rise." Award-winning artist Jerome Lagarrigue masterfully illustrates each verse, and renowned academic Dr. Edwin Graves Wilson, a longtime

		colleague of Dr. Angelou, has written the books introduction, introductions to the poems, and annotations. <b>(Grades 3-6, Lexile Measure not available)</b>
29	<b>Inside Out and Back Again</b> Written by Thanhà Lai  <i>ALSO LISTED IN THE CHAPTER BOOK SECTION</i>	<i>A #1 New York Times bestseller, a Newbery Honor Book, and a winner of the National Book Award! Inspired by the author's childhood experience as a refugee—fleeing Vietnam after the Fall of Saigon and immigrating to Alabama—this coming-of-age debut novel told in verse has been celebrated for its touching child's-eye view of family and immigration. Hà has only ever known Saigon: the thrills of its markets, the joy of its traditions, and the warmth of her friends close by. But now the Vietnam War has reached her home. Hà and her family are forced to flee as Saigon falls, and they board a ship headed toward hope—toward America. (Grades 3-7, 800L)</i>
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31	<b>The People Could Fly: American Black Folktales</b> Retold by Virginia Hamilton Illustrated by Leo and Diane Dillon	The well-known author retells 24 Black American folk tales in sure storytelling voice: animal tales, supernatural tales, fanciful and cautionary tales, and slave tales of freedom. All are beautifully readable. With the added attraction of 40 wonderfully expressive paintings by the Dillons, this collection should be snapped up. <b>(Grades 5-12, 660L)</b>
<b>PICTURE BOOKS</b> <i>(Lexile Measure is included after the grade level)</i>		
<b>Title #</b>	<b>Title, Author, Illustrator</b>	<b>Summary (from Amazon.com)</b>
32	<b>A Million Fish...More or Less</b> Written by Patricia McKissack Illustrated by Dena Shutzer	Hugh Thomas knows that the Bayou Clapateaux is a mighty peculiar place. Why, back in 1903, Papa-Daddy and Elder Abbajon caught a turkey that weighed 500 pounds...more or less. 500 pounds?! Hugh Thomas isn't so sure about that, until he's left alone on the bayou with only his fishing pole for company. Soon he catches three fish, and then...a million more! But after meeting up with raccoon bandits, thieving crows, and a hungry cat named Chantilly, Hugh Thomas returns home with just enough fish for breakfast...and a fantastic story, of course! <b>(Grades CD-2, 690L)</b>
33	<b>Max and the Tag-Along Moon</b> Written & illustrated by Floyd Cooper	<i>Experience the wonder of the moon following you home with a Coretta Scott King Award-winning illustrator! Max loves his grandpa. When they must say good-bye after a visit, Grandpa promises Max that the moon at Grandpa's house is the same moon that will follow him all the way home. On that swervy-curvy car ride back to his house, Max watches as the moon tags along. But when the sky darkens and the moon disappears behind clouds, he worries that it didn't follow him</i>

		home after all. Where did the moon go—and what about Grandpa’s promise? <b>(Grades CD-2, NC550L)</b>
<b>34</b>	<b>A Beach Tail</b> Written by Karen Lynn Williams Illustrated by Floyd Cooper	How will Gregory find his way back to Dad? Swish-swoosh . . . Gregory draws a lion in the sand. "Don't go in the water, and don't leave Sandy," warns Dad. But the sandy lion grows a tail that gets longer and longer—and soon Gregory is lost on the beach. This wonderful read-aloud book brings to life a summer experience that is all too familiar for young children. Karen Williams's rhythmic text has been paired with Floyd Cooper's brilliant illustrations, revealing the trip down the beach entirely from a child's point of view. A gentle father-son bond is shown in both text and art, reassuring young readers even as they share in Greg's moment of worry at finding himself lost and alone. <b>(Grades CD-2, AD470L)</b>
<b>35</b>	<b>Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt</b> Written by Deborah Hopkinson Illustrated by James Ransome	<i>From the award-winning author-illustrator team of Deborah Hopkinson and James Ransome, this fictional tale of the Underground Railroad continues to inspire young readers 25 years after its original publication.</i> Clara, a slave and seamstress on Home Plantation, dreams of freedom—not just for herself, but for her family and friends. When she overhears a conversation about the Underground Railroad, she has a flash of inspiration. Using scraps of cloth from her work in the Big House and scraps of information gathered from other slaves, she fashions a map that the master would never even recognize. . . . <b>(Grades CD-2, AD680L)</b>
<b>36</b>	<b>Charlotte and the Quiet Place</b> Written by Deborah Sosin Illustrated by Sara Woolley	<i>2015 INDIEFAB Book of the Year Gold Award Winner! 2016 Independent Publisher Book Awards Silver Medalist! 2015 National Parenting Publications Bronze Award Winner!</i> Charlotte likes quiet. But wherever Charlotte goes, she is surrounded by noise, noise, noise—her yipping dog, Otto; the squeaky, creaky swings; the warbling, wailing sirens. Even in the library, children yammer and yell. Where can Charlotte find a quiet place? Sara Woolley’s magnificent watercolors bring Charlotte’s city to life when Otto leads her on a wild chase through the park. There, Charlotte discovers a quiet place where she never would have imagined! <b>(Grades CD-2, 660L)</b>
<b>37</b>	<b>The Name Jar</b> Written & illustrated by Yangsook Choi	Being the new kid in school is hard enough, but what about when nobody can pronounce your name? Having just moved from Korea, Unhei is anxious that American kids will like her. So instead of introducing herself on the first day of school, she tells the class that she will choose a name by the following week. Her new classmates are fascinated by this no-name girl and decide to help out by filling a glass jar with names for her to pick from. But while Unhei practices being a Suzy, Laura, or Amanda, one of her classmates comes to her neighborhood and discovers her real name and its special meaning. On the day of her name choosing, the name jar has mysteriously disappeared. Encouraged by her new friends, Unhei chooses

		her own Korean name and helps everyone pronounce it—Yoon-Hey. <b>(Grades CD-2, AD590L)</b>
<b>38</b>	<b>The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family</b>  Written by Ibtihaj Muhammad with S.K. Ali Illustrated by Hatem Ali	<i>A powerful, vibrantly illustrated story about the first day of school--and two sisters on one's first day of hijab--by Olympic medalist and social justice activist Ibtihaj Muhammad. With her new backpack and light-up shoes, Faizah knows the first day of school is going to be special. It's the start of a brand new year and, best of all, it's her older sister Asiya's first day of hijab--a hijab of beautiful blue fabric, like the ocean waving to the sky. But not everyone sees hijab as beautiful, and in the face of hurtful, confusing words, Faizah will find new ways to be strong. <b>(Grades CD-3, 500L)</b></i>
<b>39</b>	<b>I Love My Hair!</b>  Written by Natasha Anastasia Tarpley Illustrated by E.B. Lewis	<i>A modern classic, this whimsical story has been celebrating the beauty of African American hair for 20 years! In this imaginative, evocative story, a girl named Keyana discovers the beauty and magic of her special hair, encouraging black children to be proud of their heritage and enhancing self-confidence. <b>(Grades CD-3, AD840L)</b></i>
<b>40</b>	<b>Jabari Jumps</b>  Written & illustrated by Gaia Cornwall	<i>In a sweetly appealing tale of overcoming your fears, Gaia Cornwall captures a moment between a patient and encouraging father and a determined little boy you can't help but root for. Jabari is definitely ready to jump off the diving board. He's finished his swimming lessons and passed his swim test, and he's a great jumper, so he's not scared at all. "Looks easy," says Jabari, watching the other kids take their turns. But when his dad squeezes his hand, Jabari squeezes back. He needs to figure out what kind of special jump to do anyway, and he should probably do some stretches before climbing up onto the diving board. <b>(Grades CD-3, Lexile Measure not available)</b></i>
<b>41</b>	<b>The Honest-to-Goodness Truth</b>  Written by Patricia McKissack Illustrated by Giselle Potter	<i>From Coretta Scott King Award-winning author Patricia C. McKissack comes a humorous and poignant picture book about the right time to tell the truth. "Tell the truth and shame the devil," Libby's mama has told her. So whatever is Libby doing wrong? Ever since she started telling only the truth, the whole world seems to be mad at her. First, it's her best friend, Ruthie Mae, who gets upset when Libby tells all their friends that Ruthie Mae has a hole in her sock. Then Willie gives her an ugly look when she tells the teacher he hasn't done his homework. It seems that telling the truth isn't always so simple. Can Libby figure out what it really means to be truthful and make amends? <b>(Grades CD-3, 650L)</b></i>
<b>42</b>	<b>Dancing in the Wings</b>  Written by Debbie Allen Illustrated by Kadir Nelson	<i>Sassy is a long-legged girl who always has something to say. She wants to be a ballerina more than anything, but she worries that her too-large feet, too-long legs, and even her big mouth will keep her from her dream. When a famous director comes to visit her class, Sassy does her best to get his attention with her high jumps and bright leotard. Her first attempts are definitely not appreciated, but with Sassy's</i>

		persistence, she just might be able to win him over. <i>Dancing in the Wings</i> is loosely based on actress/choreographer Debbie Allen's own experiences as a young dancer. <b>(Grades CD-3, Lexile measure not available)</b>
43	<p><b>Henry's Freedom Box: A True Story from the Underground Railroad</b></p> <p>Written by Ellen Levine Illustrated by Kadir Nelson</p> <p><i>ALSO LISTED IN THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY/BIOGRAPHY/MEMOIR SECTION</i></p>	<p><i>A stirring, dramatic story of a slave who mails himself to freedom by a Jane Addams Peace Award-winning author and a Coretta Scott King Award-winning artist.</i> Henry Brown doesn't know how old he is. Nobody keeps records of slaves' birthdays. All the time he dreams about freedom, but that dream seems farther away than ever when he is torn from his family and put to work in a warehouse. Henry grows up and marries, but he is again devastated when his family is sold at the slave market. Then one day, as he lifts a crate at the warehouse, he knows exactly what he must do: He will mail himself to the North. After an arduous journey in the crate, Henry finally has a birthday -- his first day of freedom. <b>(Grades CD-3, AD490L)</b></p>
44	<p><b>The Word Collector</b></p> <p>Written &amp; illustrated by Peter H. Reynolds</p>	<p><i>A New York Times Bestseller Named an Outstanding Literary Work for Children by the NAACP.</i> Some people collect stamps. Some people collect coins. Some people collect art. And Jerome? Jerome collected words . . . In this extraordinary new tale from Peter H. Reynolds, Jerome discovers the magic of the words all around him -- short and sweet words, two-syllable treats, and multisyllable words that sound like little songs. Words that connect, transform, and empower. <b>(Grades CD-3, 490L)</b></p>
45	<p><b>The Princess and the Peanut Allergy</b></p> <p>Written by Wendy McClure Illustrated by Tammie Lyon</p>	<p>Regina has a huge, princess-themed, peanut-filled cake planned for her birthday party, that is until she learns that her best friend Paula has a severe peanut allergy! In this introduction to food allergies, Regina learns how dangerous an allergic reaction can be, and how she can best help a friend stay safe. With dimensional and bright illustrations, this book perfectly depicts the importance of respecting a friend's needs. <b>(Grades CD-3, AD470L)</b></p>
46	<p><b>Ian's Walk: A Story about Autism</b></p> <p>Written by Laurie Lears Illustrated by Karen Ritz</p>	<p>Julie can't wait to go to the park and feed the ducks with her big sister, Tara. There's only one problem. Her little brother, Ian, who has autism, wants to go, too. Ian doesn't have the same reactions to all the sights and sounds that his sisters have, and Julie thinks he looks silly. But when he wanders off on his own, she must try to see the world through his eyes in order to find him. <b>(Grades CD-3, 520L)</b></p>
47	<p><b>My Friend Isabelle</b></p> <p>Written by Eliza Woloson Illustrated by Bryan Gough</p>	<p><i>2004 iParenting Media Award Winner.</i> Isabelle and Charlie are friends. They both like to draw, dance, read, and play at the park. They both like to eat Cheerios. They both cry if their feelings are hurt. And, like most friends, they are also different from each other. Isabelle has Down syndrome. Charlie doesn't. Written by Isabelle's mother, this charming tale encourages readers to think about what makes a friendship special. MY FRIEND ISABELLE also opens the door for young children to</p>

		talk about differences and the world around them. It's a wonderful story to read at bedtime or to share at school. Lively full color illustrations dovetail beautifully with the text to bring the simple story to life. <b>(Grades CD-3, Lexile Measure not available)</b>
48	<b>Just Ask</b> Written by Sonia Sotomayer Illustrated by Rafael López	<i>Winner of the Schneider Family Book Award.</i> In <i>Just Ask</i> , United States Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayer celebrates the different abilities kids (and people of all ages) have. Using her own experience as a child who was diagnosed with diabetes, Justice Sotomayer writes about children with all sorts of challenges--and looks at the special powers those kids have as well. As the kids work together to build a community garden, asking questions of each other along the way, this book encourages readers to do the same: When we come across someone who is different from us but we're not sure why, all we have to do is Just Ask. <b>(Grades CD-3, Lexile Measure not available)</b>
49	<b>All are Welcome</b> Written by Alexandra Penfold Illustrated by Suzanne Kaufman	<i>Join the call for a better world with this New York Times bestselling picture book about a school where diversity and inclusion are celebrated.</i> Discover a school where—no matter what—young children have a place, have a space, and are loved and appreciated. Follow a group of children through a day in their school, where everyone is welcomed with open arms. A school where students from all backgrounds learn from and celebrate each other's traditions. A school that shows the world as we will make it to be. <b>(Grades CD-3, AD370L)</b>
50	<b>Where are you From?</b> Written Yamile Saied Méndez Illustrated by Jaime Kim	<i>This resonant and award-winning picture book tells the story of one girl who constantly gets asked a simple question that doesn't have a simple answer. A great conversation starter in the home or classroom—a book to share, in the spirit of I Am Enough by Grace Byers and Keturah A. Bobo.</i> When a girl is asked where she's from—where she's really from—none of her answers seems to be the right one. Unsure about how to reply, she turns to her loving abuelo for help. He doesn't give her the response she expects. She gets an even better one. <b>(Grades CD-3, AD640L)</b>
51	<b>No Mirrors in my Nana's House: Musical CD and Book</b> Written by Ysaye M. Barnwell Illustrated by Synthia Saint James	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. Synthia Saint James's gloriously bright illustrations in this paperback edition show young readers how to see the beauty, and the accompanying CD of Sweet Honey In The Rock singing the song lets them hear it. <b>(Grades CD-3, NP)</b>
52	<b>Big Red Lollipop</b> Written by Rukhsna Khan Illustrated by Sophie Blackall	Rubina has been invited to her first birthday party, and her mother, Ami, insists that she bring her little sister along. Rubina is mortified, but she can't convince Ami that you just don't bring your younger sister to your friend's party. So both girls go, and not only does Sana demand to win every game,

		but after the party she steals Rubina's prized party favor, a red lollipop. What's a fed-up big sister to do? Rukhsana Khan's clever story and Sophie Blackall's irresistible illustrations make for a powerful combination in this fresh and surprising picture book. <b>(Grades CD-3, AD490L)</b>
53	<b>Mango, Abuelo, and Me</b> Written by Meg Medina Illustrated by Angela Dominguez	Mia's abuela has left her sunny house with parrots and palm trees to live with Mia and her parents in the city. While they cook, Mia helps Abuela learn English, and Mia learns some Spanish, too, but it's still hard for Abuela to learn enough words to tell Mia her stories. Then Mia sees a parrot in the pet-shop window and has the perfecto idea for how to help them all communicate a little better. Here is an endearing tale that speaks loud and clear about the love that binds families across the generations. <b>(Grades K-3, 560L)</b>
54	<b>This is the Rope: A Story from the Great Migration</b> Written by Jacqueline Woodson Illustrated by James Ransome	<i>Jacqueline Woodson--New York Times Bestselling, National Book Award and Newbery Honor winning author--writes a rich story of a family adapting to change as they hold on to the past and embrace the future. With Coretta Scott King Award-winning illustrator James Ransome. During the time of the Great Migration, millions of African American families relocated from the South, seeking better opportunities. 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. <b>(Grades K-3, AD1090L)</b></i>
55	<b>Thank you, Mr. Falker</b> Written & illustrated by Patricia Polacco	<i>The real-life, classic story of a dyslexic girl and the teacher who would not let her fail. A perfect gift for teachers and for reading students of any age. Patricia Polacco is now one of America's most loved children's book creators, but once upon a time, she was a little girl named Trisha starting school. Trisha could paint and draw beautifully, but when she looked at words on a page, all she could see was jumble. It took a very special teacher to recognize little Trisha's dyslexia: Mr. Falker, who encouraged her to overcome her reading disability. Patricia Polacco will never forget him, and neither will we. <b>(Grades K-3, AD650L)</b></i>
56	<b>The Black Book of Colors</b> Written by Menena Cottin Illustrated by Rosana Faria	Living with the use of one's eyes can make imagining blindness difficult, but this innovative title invites readers to imagine living without sight through remarkable illustrations done with raised lines and descriptions of colors based on imagery. Braille letters accompany the illustrations and a full Braille alphabet offers sighted readers help reading along with their fingers. This extraordinary title gives young

		readers the ability to experience the world in a new way. <b>(Grades K-5, 520L)</b>
57	<b>We Move Together</b> Written by Kelly Fritsch & Anne McGuire Illustrated by Eduardo Trejos	A bold and colorful exploration of all the ways that people navigate through the spaces around them and a celebration of the relationships we build along the way. We Move Together follows a mixed-ability group of kids as they creatively negotiate everyday barriers and find joy and connection in disability culture and community. A perfect tool for families, schools, and libraries to facilitate conversations about disability, accessibility, social justice and community building. Includes a kid-friendly glossary. <b>(Grades 1-2, 520L)</b>
58	<b>Mrs. Gorski, I Think I Have the Wiggle Fidgets</b> Written by Barbara Esham Illustrated by Mike Gordon	<i>A student's positive journey through a learning difference that offers an encouraging example of triumph over difficulty. A must-have ADHD book for kids of all ages.</i> David gets scolded a lot by his teacher, Mrs. Gorski, for not paying attention in class. He wants to pay attention but it is just so hard when an exciting idea pops into his head. And he usually can't tell that he's making a mistake until after he makes them. But after a particularly big mistake, David comes up with his own plan to tone down his wiggle fidgets. <b>(Grades 1-3, 840L)</b>
59	<b>The Invisible Boy</b> Written by Trudy Ludwig Illustrated by Patrice Barton	<i>A gentle story that teaches how small acts of kindness can help children feel included and allow them to flourish, from esteemed author and speaker Trudy Ludwig and acclaimed illustrator Patrice Barton.</i> A simple act of kindness can transform an invisible boy into a friend...Meet Brian, the invisible boy. Nobody in class ever seems to notice him or think to include him in their group, game, or birthday party . . . until, that is, a new kid comes to class. When Justin, the new boy, arrives, Brian is the first to make him feel welcome. And when Brian and Justin team up to work on a class project together, Brian finds a way to shine. <b>(Grades 1-4, AD680L)</b>
60	<b>Water is Water: A Book About the Water Cycle</b> Written by Miranda Paul Illustrated by Jason Chin	This spare, poetic picture book follows a group of kids as they move through all the different phases of the water cycle. From rain to fog to snow to mist, talented author Miranda Paul and the always remarkable Jason Chin ( <i>Redwoods, Coral Reefs, Island, Gravity</i> ) combine to create a beautiful and informative journey in this innovative nonfiction picture book that will leave you thirsty for more. <b>(Grades 1-5, 240L)</b>
61	<b>The Do-Over Day</b> Written Julia Inzerro Illustrated by Miro Tartan	Some days everything just seems to go wrong, your little sister presses the elevator button first, you're not allowed to wear your mermaid costume to the dentist, you can't wear your snorkel in the bathtub. But how great would it be if we could learn how to have a do-over day? It could give us a chance to look at a situation differently. Even parents can have do-over days, too. <b>(Grades 2-5, Lexile Measure not available)</b>
62	<b>When Oliver Speaks</b>	A heartfelt story about a young boy who struggles to overcome his stutter while finding the courage to accept it,

	Written by Kimberly Garvin Illustrated by Saadiq Wicks	When Oliver Speaks, is the story of an underdog who learns to rise. The story comes from a place of personal experience in that co-author Saadiq is a person who stutters and has done so for as long as he could speak. <b>(Grades 2-6, Lexile Measure not available)</b>
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