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BOOK LIST

Titles listed are recommended and books to consider, but are by no means exhaustive. When selecting a book to donate, please consider diversity and inclusion – an important factor for children of all ages to identify with characters who inspire and model making a difference and overcoming adversity.

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BEGINNING CHAPTER BOOKS

contain both prose and pictures. They tell the story mainly through the text.

- Absolutely Alfie series
- Meet Yasmin series
- The Magic School Bus Chapter Books
- Nikki & Deja series
- Fly Guy Presents Sharks
- The Data Set
- A-Z Mysteries
- Lola Levine series
- The Carver Chronicles
- Akimbo series
- The No 1 Car Spotter series
- Magic Treehouse series
- Sophia Martinez series
- Ivy + Bean series
- Ada Lace books
- Owl Diaries
- Zapato Power series

BOARD BOOKS

are perfect picks for our earliest learners.

- Brush, Brush, Brush!

- A is for Awesome: 23 Iconic Women Who Changed the World

- Hello, World series
- Nerdy Babies series

Board Books, continued

- Think Big, Little One
- Little Scientist set
- Little Feminist series
- My First Book Of series
- Dear Zoo: A Lift-the-Flap Book
- Bright Baby Animals
- Peek-a Who?
- All the World
- Be Bold, Baby board books
- Dream Big, Little One
- Little Heroes series
- This Little series
- Little Leaders-Bold Women in Black History
- Baby's Big World Series

FICTION

includes contemporary fiction, historical fiction, and science fiction.

- Rita Williams-Garcia trilogy
- The Track Series
- Naji and the Mystery of the Dig
- American Born Chinese
- Rain Reign
- All of the Above
- Chains
- Forge
- Stella's Starlight

Fiction Books, continued

- The Boy in the Black Suit
- Code 7: Cracking the Code for an Epic Life
- Where the Mountain Meets the Moon
- Raymie Nightengale
- Howl's Moving Castle
- Shooting Kabul
- Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry
- Esperanza Rising
- Brown Girl Dreaming
- The Boy in the Black Suit
- A Long Walk to Water
- The Girl Who Drank the Moon
- Pax
- Inside Out & Back Again

GRAPHIC NOVELS

are novels in comic-strip form and are popular with kids who are intimidated by long paragraphs and chapters. Modern graphic novels are just as literary and educational as traditional novels.

- Best Friends
- Real Friends
- Stargazing
- New Kid
- Berrybrook Middle School series
- Bone series

Graphic Novels, continued

- Raina Telgemeier series
- The Baby-Sitters Club series
- Dog Man series
- Amulet series
- Narwhal and Jelly Books series
- Big Nate series
- The Chronicles of Claudette
- Minecraft series
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid series
- The Last Kid on Earth series
- The Crossover series
- Click series
- Wings of Fire series

LEVELED READING BOOKS

are labeled by the level of difficulty and address the stages of children learning to read.

- I Can Read! series
 - Batman
 - Superman
 - Justice League
 - Wonder Woman
- A Lego Adventure in the Real-World series
- National Geographic Kids series
- National Geographic Readers series
- Discover More readers
- Step into Reading books
- World of Reading Books
- Time for Kids Nonfiction Readers

NONFICTION

sparks a love of reading in students who might not be attracted to fiction and creates curious, lifelong learners.

- Little Leaders Bold Women in Black History
- Little Legends Exceptional Men in Black History
- Legends and Dreamers Bold and Visionary Women Around the World
- Little Kids First BIG Book of Animals
- I Survived series
- Time for Kids BIG Book of Who
- Hidden Figures Young Readers' Edition
- National Geographic Kids Missions

Nonfiction Books, continued

- Totally True Adventures! Series
- Girls Think of Everything
- Trailblazing Men
- Little People, BIG DREAMS series
- Teen Trailblazers 30 Fearless Girls Who Changed the World Before They were 20
- Groundbreaking Guys: 40 Men Who Became Great by Doing
- Unsung Heroes Stories of America's Bravest Fighters
- Heroes for My Daughter
- Heroes for My Son
- Code Girls

PICTURE BOOKS

are books consisting mainly or entirely of pictures and appeal to all learners through their vivid illustrations, photographs, and text.

- National Geographic Kids Weird but True series

- The Amazing Scientists series
 - The Girl Who Thought in Pictures
 - The Girl with a Mind for Math
 - The Doctor with an Eye for Eyes
- Be the Change
- We're All Wonders
- Tess, the Tin that Wanted to Rock
- Ricky, the Rock that Couldn't Roll
- Maybe A Story about the Endless Potential in All of Us
- When You are Brave
- We're All Wonders
- The Most Magnificent Thing
- After the Fall: How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again
- What to do with a Chance
- What to do with an Idea
- What to do with a Problem
- Henry's Freedom Box
- She Persisted
- She Persisted Around the World
- Elephant & Piggie Books
- Turning Pages My Life Story
- The Masterpiece
- Potato Pants!
- The Colors of Us

SPANISH AND BILINGUAL BOOKS

for all ages are greatly needed in many schools and early childhood centers.

- 100 Palabras Words

- Curios George at the Aquarium/Jorge el curioso visita el acuario

- The Cat in the Hat/El Gato Ensombrerado
- The Cat in the Hat in English and French
- Carlos and the Squash Plant/Carlos y la planta de Calabaza
- Eric y Julieta: A Mess in the Kitchen / Desastre en la cocina
- Maria Had A Little Llama / María Tenía Una Llamita
- The Bossy Gallito/El gallo de bodas
- I Love to Brush my Teeth/Ich Putze Meine Zahne Gern
- El Perro con Sombrero: A Bilingual Doggy Tale

WORDLESS PICTURE BOOKS

for younger kids are great for families where the kids are learning to read English in school, but family members speak another language at home. They are also great for kids who don't yet know how to read but are learning fundamentals of literacy: turning the page, moving left to right, etc.

- Draw!
- Another
- Aaron Becker's Wordless Trilogy
- A Ball for Daisy
- Chalk
- Flotsam
- The Dot
- Flashlight
- Journey

- Float

- Tuesday

- Unspoken: A Story from the Underground Railroad

- The Lion & the Mouse