

1st Annual

LGBTQ+ Literature Read-In Week

Recommended Booklist

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This is a small list of books that we feel will make volunteers successful when reading aloud to a group of students to celebrate gender diversity. Our list does not intent to represent everyone, and we welcome any feedback you may care to share. We have worked with multiple community partners to compile our list.

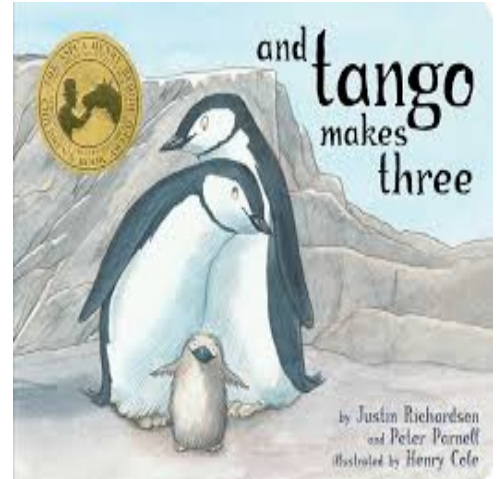
1. “And Tango Makes Three”

Author: Justin Richardson/ Peter Parnell

Grade: PreK – K

YouTube Link: <https://youtu.be/qOkDAZelvK8>

Description: The heartwarming true story of two penguins who create a nontraditional family is now available in a sturdy board book edition. At the penguin house at the Central Park Zoo, two penguins named Roy and Silo were a little bit different from the others. But their desire for a family was the same. And with the help of a kindly zookeeper, Roy and Silo got the chance to welcome a baby penguin of their very own. In time for the tenth anniversary of *And Tango Makes Three*, this Classic Board Book edition is the perfect size for small hands.

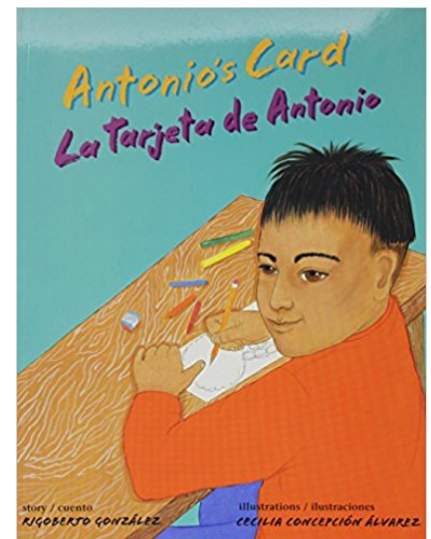


2. Antonio's Card | La tarjeta de Antonio

Author: Rigoberto González

Grade: 2nd – 3rd Grade

Description: Antonio loves words, because words have the power to express feelings like love, pride, or hurt. Mother's Day is coming soon, and Antonio searches for the words to express his love for his mother and her partner, Leslie. But he's not sure what to do when his classmates make fun of Leslie, an artist, who towers over everyone and wears paint-splattered overalls. As Mother's Day approaches, Antonio must choose whether or how to express his connection to both of the special women in his life. Rigoberto González's bilingual story about a nontraditional family resonates with all children who have been faced with speaking up for themselves or for the people they love.

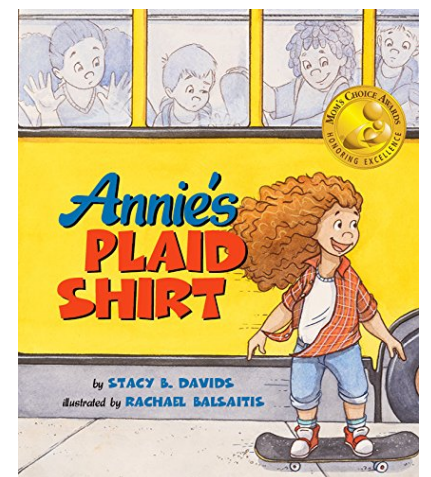


3. “Annie's Plaid Shirt”

Author: Stacy B. Davids

Grade: PreK – 3

Description: Annie loves her plaid shirt and wears it everywhere. But one day her mom tells Annie that she must wear a dress to her uncle's wedding. Annie protests, but her mom insists and buys her a fancy new dress anyway. Annie is miserable. She feels weird in dresses. Why can't her mom understand?

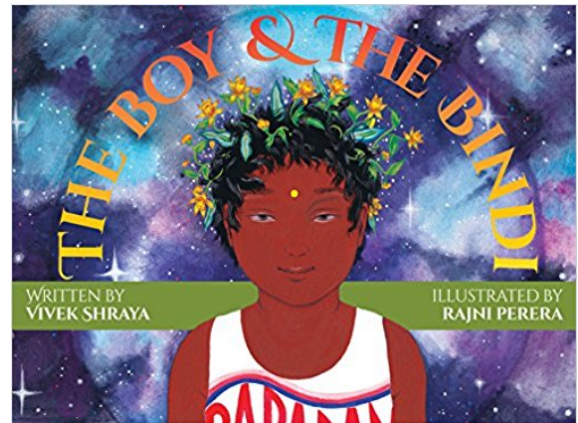


4. "The Boy & the Bindi"

Author: Vivek Shraya

Grade: PreK - 3

Description: In this beautiful children's picture book by Vivek Shraya, a five-year-old South Asian boy becomes fascinated with his mother's bindi, the red dot commonly worn by Hindu women to indicate the point at which creation begins, and wishes to have one of his own. Rather than chastise her son, she agrees to it, and teaches him about its cultural significance, allowing the boy to discover the magic of the bindi, which in turn gives him permission to be more fully himself.

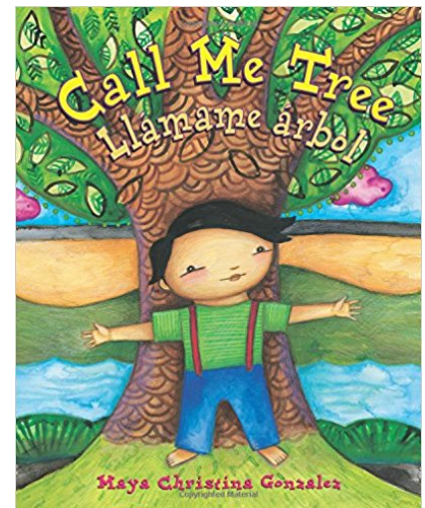


5. "Call Me Tree"

Author: Maya Christina Gonzalez

Grade: PreK – 2nd

Description: In this spare, lyrically written story, we join a child on a journey of self-discovery. Finding a way to grow from the inside out, just like a tree, the child develops as an individual comfortable in the natural world and in relationships with others. The child begins Within / The deep dark earth, like a seed, ready to grow and then dream and reach out to the world. Soon the child discovers birds and the sky and other children: Trees and trees / Just like me! Each is different too. The child embraces them all because All trees have roots/ All trees belong. Young readers will be inspired to dream and reach, reach and dream . . . and to be as free and unique as trees.

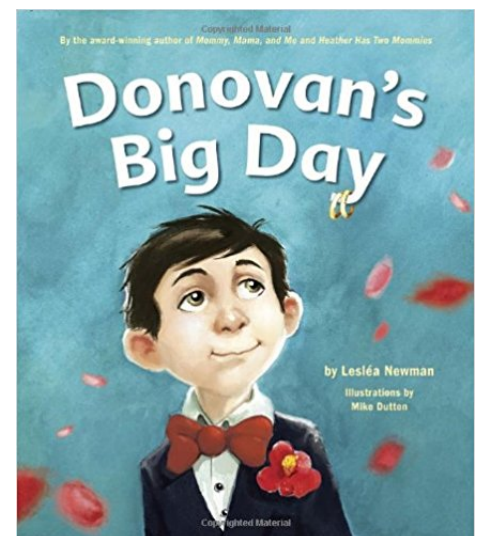


6. "Donovan's Big Day"

Author: Leslea Newman

Grade: PreK – 2

Description: Donovan's two moms are getting married, and he can't wait for the celebration to begin. After all, as ring bearer, he has a very important job to do. The story captures the joy and excitement of a wedding day while the illustrations show the happy occasion from a child's point of view.



7. “Families, Families, Families!”

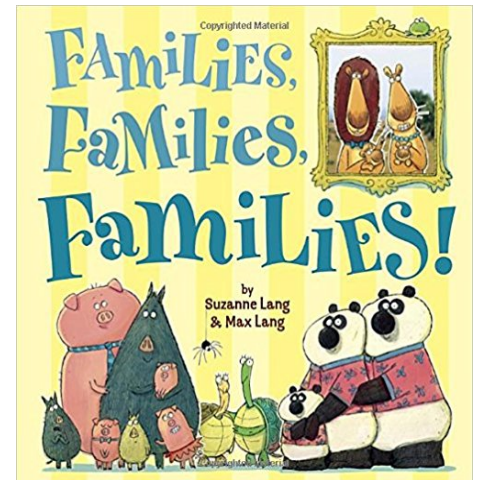
Author: Suzanne Lang

Grade: PreK – 1

YouTube Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=36id2PtNcbo>

Description: Families come in all sorts of ways, sizes, shapes, and pedigrees. The book demonstrates all kinds of nontraditional families in fun family portraits of animals.



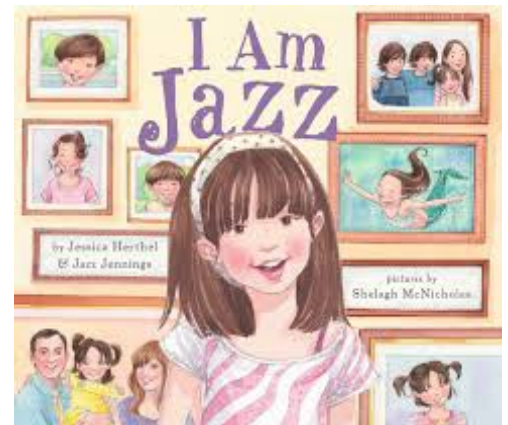
8. “I Am Jazz”

Author: Shelagh McNicholas

Grade: PreK – 3

YouTube Link: https://youtu.be/Y0r9I3L_T8k

Description: From the time she was two years old, Jazz knew that she had a girl's brain in a boy's body. She loved pink and dressing up as a mermaid and didn't feel like herself in boys' clothing. This confused her family, until they took her to a doctor who said that Jazz was transgender and that she was born that way. Jazz's story is based on her real-life experience and she tells it in a simple, clear way that will be appreciated by picture book readers, their parents, and teachers.



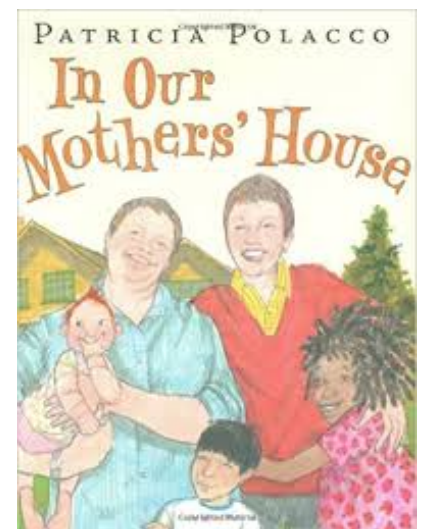
9. “In Our Mothers’ House”

Author: Patricia Polacco

Grade: 3 – 5

YouTube Link: <https://youtu.be/qmPvQ3EPvb8>

Description: Marmee, Meema, and the kids are just like any other family on the block. In their beautiful house, they cook dinner together, they laugh together, and they dance together. But some of the other families don't accept them. They say they are different. How can a family have two moms and no dad? But Marmee and Meema's house is full of love. And they teach their children that different doesn't mean wrong. And no matter how many moms or dads they have, they are everything a family is meant to be. Here is a true Polacco story of a family, living by their own rules, and the strength they gain by the love they feel.



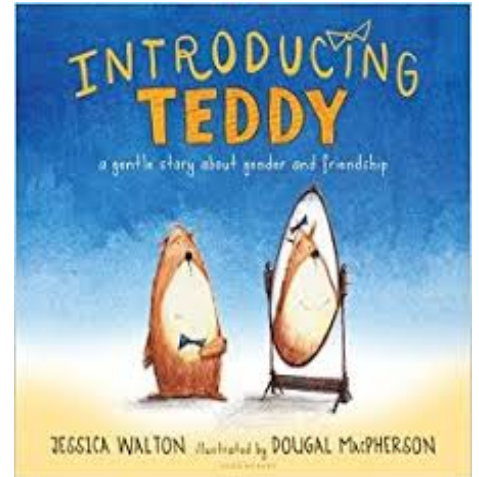
10. "Introducing Teddy"

Author: Jessica Walton

Grade: PreK – 1

YouTube Link: <https://youtu.be/r2jN5hdgi-4>

Description: This book introduces young readers to gender identity and transition in an accessible and heart-warming story about being true to yourself and being a good friend. Errol and his teddy, Thomas, are best friends who do everything together. One sunny day, Errol finds that Thomas is sad, even when they are playing in their favorite ways. Errol can't figure out why, until Thomas finally tells Errol what the teddy has been afraid to say: "In my heart, I've always known that I'm a girl teddy, not a boy teddy. I wish my name was Tilly, not Thomas." And Errol says, "I don't care if you're a girl teddy or a boy teddy! What matters is that you are my friend."



11. "Love Is A Family"

Author: Roma Downey

Grade: K – 2

YouTube Link: <https://youtu.be/JXhYNIEeWq0>

Description: Irrepressible young Lily loves her mother dearly. But when it's time for Family Fun Night at her school, she worries... and worries. What will the other kids think when she just brings her mother? Will they be the strangest family there? But when they arrive at Family Fun Night, Lily sees all her friends having fun with their families — of every shape, size, and color. She learns that there are as many ways of showing love as there are stars in the sky.



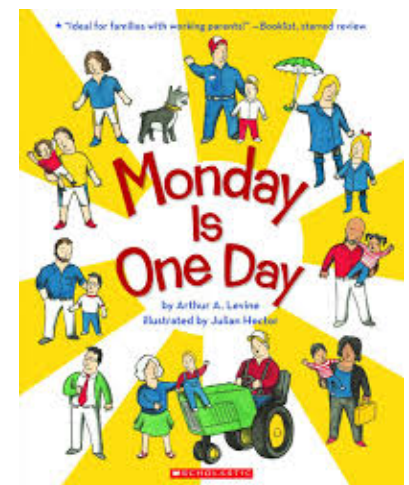
12. "Monday is One Day"

Author: Arthur A. Levine

Grade: PreK – K

YouTube Link: <https://youtu.be/YAGOQI-Jhqc>

Description: One by one, the days of the week roll by. Monday is one day, Tuesday is blue shoes day, and Wednesday is halfway day. When Saturday and Sunday finally come, it's time for little ones and the adults who love them to play, share, and celebrate. Every day of the week offers a special opportunity for families to enjoy being together!



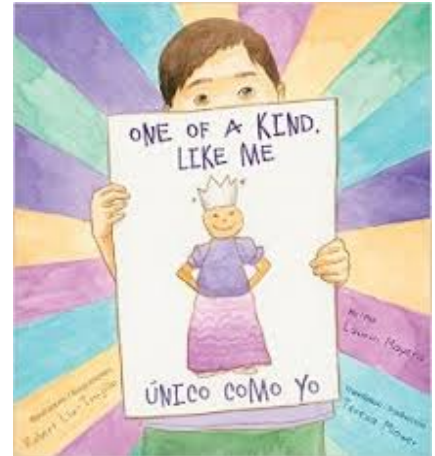
13. “One of a Kind, Like Me / Unico Como Yo”

Author: Laurin Mayeno

Grade: K – 3

YouTube Link: <https://youtu.be/eygh9GfyVvo>

Description: Tomorrow is the school parade, and Danny knows exactly what he will be: a princess. Mommy supports him 100%, and they race to the thrift store to find his costume. It’s almost closing time will Danny find the costume of his dreams in time? One of A Kind, Like Me / Unico como yo is a sweet story about unconditional love and the beauty of individuality. It’s a unique book that lifts up children who don’t fit gender stereotypes, and reflects the power of a loving and supportive community.



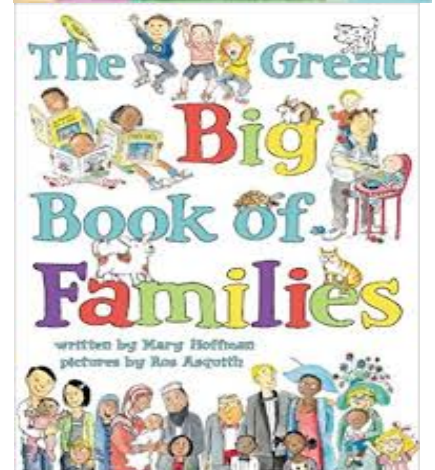
14. “The Great Big Book of Families”

Author: Mary Hoffman / Ros Asquith

Grade: K – 3

YouTube Link: <https://youtu.be/fDpckrBI0S8>

Description: This fun and fascinating treasury features all kinds of families and their lives together. Each spread showcases one aspect of home life—from houses and holidays, to schools and pets, to feelings and family trees. Kids will love poring over these pages again and again. A celebration of the diverse fabric of kith and kin the world over, The Great Big Book of Families is a great big treat for every family to share.



15. “This Day in June”

Author: Gayle E. Pitman

Grade: K – 3

YouTube Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SL0o7EFrB>

Description: In a wildly whimsical, validating, and exuberant reflection of the LGBT community, *This Day In June* welcomes readers to experience a pride celebration and share in a day when we are all united.



16. “Zinnia and Dot”

Author: Lisa Campbell Ernst

Grade: PreK – 2

YouTube Link: <https://youtu.be/fZAILAKrNM5>

Description: The rivalry between Zinnia and Dot—two plump, self-satisfied hens who bicker constantly over the superior quality of their eggs—rages until a weasel steals all but one of their eggs and the two must join forces to protect the survivor.

