

**5th Annual
African American Literature Read-In Week
Recommended Book List
February 4th – 8th, 2019**



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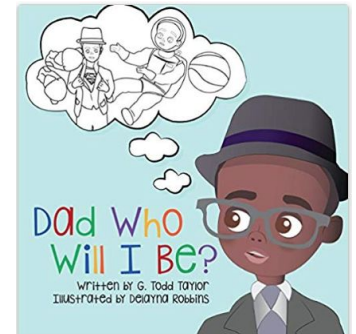
RECOMMENDED BOOKS FOR TK–2ND GRADE

Reading aloud is a fantastic way to get young learners excited about reading! Be sure to read with energy and invite students to interact with the text as you read. You can ask for their opinion or if they have any predictions from time to time to help them stay engaged and support their comprehension ability.

Dad, Who Will I Be? by G. Todd Taylor

About the Book

This book inspires, encourages and educates young readers to be great by introducing to them heroes of color from a number of different professions on an elementary level. Some real-life heroes in the book include Martin Luther King Jr., Muhammed Ali, Mansa Musa, Guion Bluford, Garrett Morgan, W.E.B. Dubois, Tiger Woods, and many more. Noted author and education leader Dr. Jawanza Kunjufu says "This is a fantastic book for children! Children need to have goals and a purpose in life."



About the Author

For the past 15 years, G. Todd Taylor, has served his community through his family business Uplift Comprehensive Services (UCS) and through his nonprofit organization The Power of U. UCS provides Behavioral Health services to troubled youth throughout eastern North Carolina with strategic partnerships with the Department of Juvenile Justice, aea social service agencies, and the public schools. He has worked to divert the school-to-prison pipeline for countless young people and assisted families to maintain healthy relationships in order to provide homes that give young people the best possible probabilities of success.

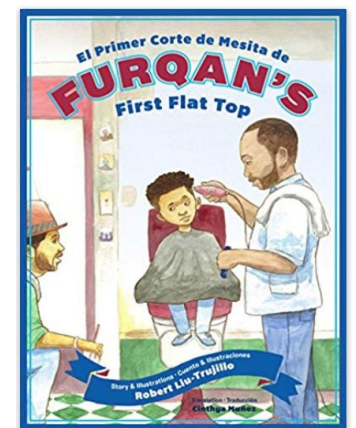
Furqan's First Flat Top by Robert C. Liu-Trujillo

About the Book

Furqan Moreno wakes up and decides that today he wants his hair cut for the first time. His dad has just the style: a flat top fade! He wants his new haircut to be cool but when they get to the barbershop, he's a bit nervous about his decision. He begins to worry that his hair will look funny, imagining all the flat objects in his day-to-day life. Before he knows it, his haircut is done and he realizes that his dad was right—Furqan's first flat top is the freshest!

About the Author

Robert C. Liu-Trujillo was born in Oakland, California and raised all across the Bay Area. He employs the use of illustration, public art, and storytelling to tell tales that manifest in a variety of forms and they reflect his cultural background, dreams, and political / personal beliefs. His motivation is to unearth beautiful and untold stories, to be a positive and nurturing influence on his son, and to honor his ancestors and family who worked so hard for him to be here. The book may be purchased online here, but unfortunately, it is not yet available at the library:



<http://work.robdontstop.com/portfolio/furqans-first-flat-top/>

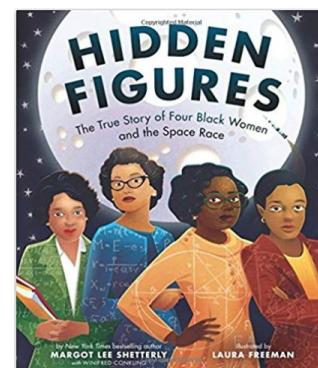
Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly

About the Book

This book brings 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 and persisted. They used their genius to change the world.

About the Author

Margot Lee Shetterly is a Virginia native, University of Virginia graduate, entrepreneur, and intrepid traveler who spent 11 years living in Mexico. She is also the founder of The Human Computer Project, an endeavor that is recovering the names and accomplishments of all of the women who worked as computers, mathematicians, scientists and engineers at the NACA and NASA from the 1930s through the 1980s.



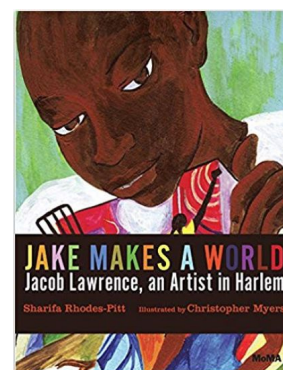
Jake Makes a World: Jacob Lawrence, A Young Artist in Harlem by Sharifa Rhodes-Pitts

About the Book

Jake Makes a World follows the adventures of the young Jacob Lawrence as he finds inspiration in the vibrant colors and characters of his community in Harlem. From his mother's apartment, where he is surrounded by brightly colored walls with intricate patterns, to the streets full of familiar and not-so-familiar faces, sounds, rhythms, and smells, to the art studio where he goes each day after school to transform his everyday world on an epic scale, Jake takes readers on an enchanting journey through the bustling sights and sounds of his neighborhood.

About the Author

Sharifa Rhodes-Pitts organizes projects through The Freedwomen's Bureau, gathering collaborators across the fields of visual art, music, theater, film, and education to produce events at venues like Harlem Stage, The Studio Museum in Harlem, The New Museum, PSI / MoMA and public spaces in Harlem.



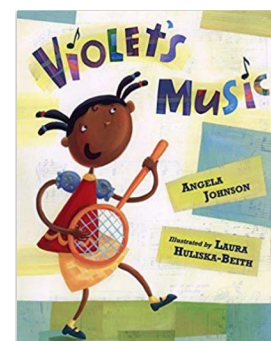
Violet's Music by Angela Johnson

About the Book

There's nothing Violet loves more than music, and she plays or sings every chance she gets. But where are the other kids like her—kids who think and dream music all day long? As a baby, in kindergarten, at the beach and the zoo, she never gives up looking for companions. And then one summer day...

About the Author

More than 40 books later, Johnson is not only a writer, but an award-winning author who is hailed as a leading voice. From moving picture books that celebrate African-American families, history and relationships to stirring young adult novels, Johnson's stories touch readers in ways that endure. Rich with memorable characters, lyricism, and meaning, Johnson transports us to new places and keeps us there by exploring the threads that connect us.





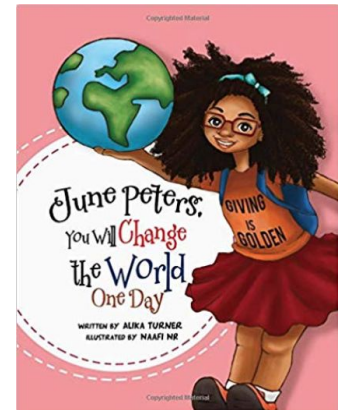
RECOMMENDED BOOKS FOR 3RD-5TH GRADE

Many students in older grades will be able to read very well on their own. Be sure to make your read aloud interactive by asking if any students would like to help you read, or asking for thoughtful reflections or predictions while you read.

June Peters, You Will Change the World One Day by Alika R Turner

About the Book

June Peters is a vibrant ten-year-old girl who understands the importance of giving. She's determined to make a difference in the world and will do whatever it takes to complete her mission. However, she learns a valuable lesson about talking to strangers and giving away her lunch money. June is still eager to help those in need even if it means losing the one privilege she worked so hard for. June, like many innocent and naive children, does not understand why her act of kindness is both well received by others, but worrisome to her parents. June is remarkable and this story will encourage children and adults alike to see, to feel, and to take action in order to help those in need.



About the Author

Alika was born in Richmond, California and currently resides in Lithonia, Georgia. At the age of 32 she knew it was time to focus on her dream to become a children's book author. Her wonderful son Makaio gave her so much inspiration during and after her writing process. Aside from being a new author, Alika works full time for the Department of Juvenile Justice, and she is also in school part-time at Westwood College.

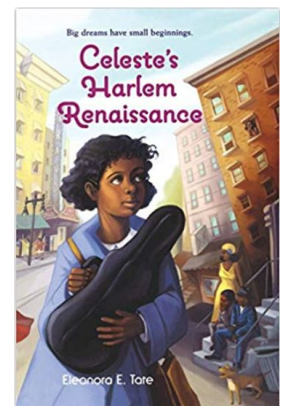
Celeste's Harlem Renaissance by Eleanora E. Tate

About the Book

It's 1921, and when Celeste Lassiter Massey goes to stay with her Aunt Valentina in Harlem, she is not thrilled to trade her friends and comfortable North Carolina surroundings for scary big city life with a famous actress. While Celeste absorbs the excitement of the Harlem Renaissance in full swing, she sees as much grit as glamour. A passionate writer, talented violinist, and aspiring doctor, Celeste eventually faces a choice between ambition and loyalty, roots and horizons. The decision will change her forever.

About the Author

Eleanora E. Tate is a children's book author, folklorist, short story writer, creative writing teacher, and former newspaper reporter. When asked what she wanted to be known for—her legacy—she replied, "That I tried." She was named a 1999 Zora Neale Hurston Award winner (with Dr. John Hope Franklin) by the National Association of Black Storytellers, Inc., of which she is a former national president. She is also a recipient of its Circle of Elders Award.



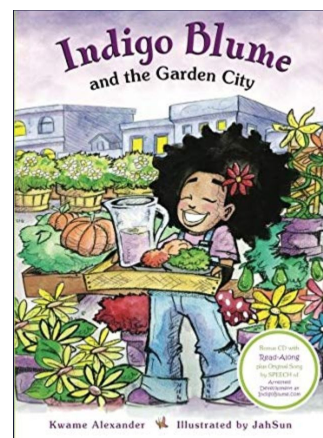
Indigo Blume and the Garden City by Kwame Alexander

About the Book

Indigo Blume and the Garden City received a 2013 NAACP Image Award Nomination for Outstanding Children's Literature. Indigo Blume is a nine-year old girl who lives in the fictional city of Garden City. She decides to enter a "Go Green" contest, even though her friends won't help her with her big idea: a rooftop garden. In the end, she is successful at cleaning up her community and building a garden with climbing beans so tall they almost touch the stars.

About the Author

Kwame Alexander is a poet, educator, and the *New York Times* bestselling author of 28 books, including *Swing, Solo*, and *REBOUND*, the follow-up to his, Newbery Medal-winning middle grade novel, *The Crossover*.



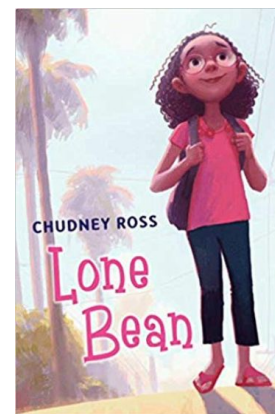
Lone Bean by Chudney Ross

About the Book

Bean Gibson is so excited about the first day of third grade, not even her m-e-a-n mean older sisters, Rose and Gardenia, can bring her down. But Bean's year gets off to a bad start—her best friend, Carla, has made a new best friend, and Bean has to begin music lessons. And Bean's mom is always at work. Bean h-a-t-e-s hates third grade! *Lone Bean* is an entertaining read about spunky Bean Gibson and how she learns what it means to be a good friend. And that it's possible to have more than one.

About the Author

Chudney Ross is a writer, educator, entrepreneur, and TV host. After graduating Georgetown University, she became a teacher with AmeriCorps's Teach for America. Chudney's love of children's literature and her advocacy for children's causes motivated her to open her first business. Books and Cookies, a children's bookstore, bakery, and enrichment center in Santa Monica, California, brings the fun and excitement back to reading while promoting literacy to children of all ages. *Lone Bean* is Chudney's first children's book.



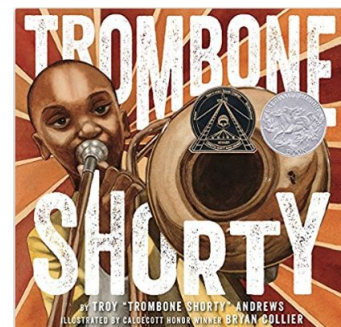
Trombone Shorty by Troy Andrews

About the Book

Hailing from the Tremé neighborhood in New Orleans, Troy "Trombone Shorty" Andrews got his nickname by wielding a trombone twice as long as he was high. A prodigy, he was leading his own band by age six, and today this Grammy-nominated artist headlines the legendary New Orleans Jazz Fest. *Trombone Shorty* is a celebration of the rich cultural history of New Orleans and the power of music.

About the Author

Troy Andrews has created a lively picture book autobiography about how he followed his dream of becoming a musician and, despite the odds, reached international stardom.





RECOMMENDED BOOKS FOR 6TH-8TH GRADE

Make sure to ask middle school students to share their ideas and opinions about what you are reading. You can invite students to take turns reading part of the text as well. In middle school, there is a heavy emphasis on students building their comprehension ability. Ask open-ended questions about the text to help students practice this skill. Plan ahead for some discussion questions to ask students after you read to facilitate a conversation. If the book is too long for the volunteer time that you have, please pre-select which excerpt you will read.

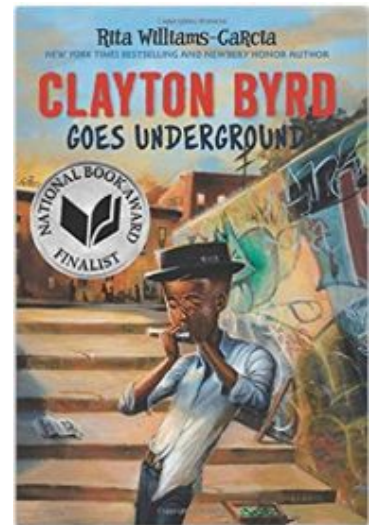
Clayton Byrd Goes Underground by Rita Williams-Garcia

About the Book

Clayton feels most alive when he's with his grandfather, Cool Papa Byrd, and the band of Bluesmen. He can't wait to join them, just as soon as he has a blues song of his own. But then the unthinkable happens. Cool Papa Byrd dies, and Clayton's mother forbids Clayton from playing the blues. Armed with his grandfather's brown porkpie hat and his harmonica, he runs away from home in search of the Bluesmen, hoping he can join them on the road. But on the journey that takes him through the New York City subways and to Washington Square Park, Clayton learns some things that surprise him.

About the Author

Rita Williams-Garcia is the New York Times bestselling author of nine novels for young adults and middle grade readers. Her most recent novel, *Gone Crazy in Alabama*, ends the saga of the Gaither Sisters, who appear in *One Crazy Summer* and *PS Be Eleven*. Her novels have been recipients of numerous awards, including the Coretta Scott King Award, National Book Award Finalists, Newbery Honor Book, Junior Library Guild, and the Scott O'Dell Prize for Historical Fiction. She served on faculty at the Vermont College of Fine Arts Writing for Children MFA Program and she resides in Queens, New York.



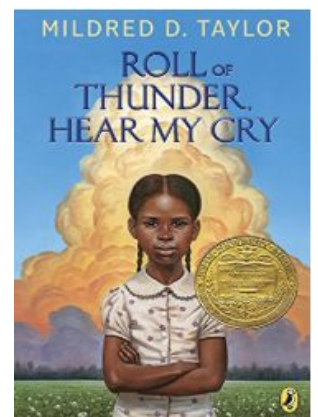
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor

About the Book

Set in Mississippi at the height of the Depression, this is the story of one family's struggle to maintain their integrity, pride, and independence in the face of racism and social injustice. And it is also Cassie's story—Cassie Logan, an independent girl who discovers over the course of an important year why having land of their own is so crucial to the Logan family, even as she learns to draw strength from her own sense of dignity and self-respect.

About the Author

Mildred DeLois Taylor is an African-American writer known for her works exploring the struggle faced by African-American families in the Deep South. She received the 1977 Newbery Medal for her novel *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*.



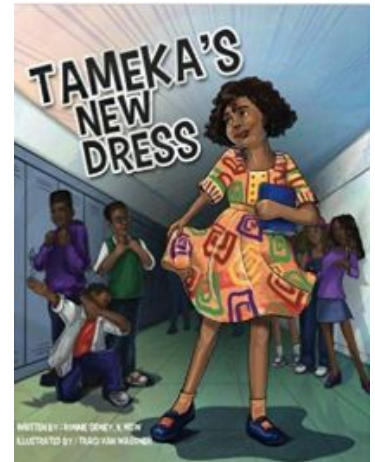
Tameka's New Dress by Ronnie Sidney II

About the Book

When you're the new girl in school it can be a little scary. It's even tougher when your parents aren't there to help. Some of the kids might be friendly but what about that mean girl who's always picking on you? The author brings up the subjects of childhood trauma, parental substance abuse, kinship care and bullying with a gentle touch suitable for even the youngest children. *Tameka's New Dress* shines a light on these tough things and lays them out on the table to talk about. He also presents us with a strong girl in Tameka, who not only finds adults who can and do support her, but also finds a way to confront her bullies without becoming a bully herself. Real tips for real life situations are presented here—just what real little children need—a great addition to the library shelves.

About the Author

Ronnie Sidney II is author of the *Nelson Beats The Odds* graphic novel series and founder of Creative Medicine: Healing through Words, LLC, which facilitates therapeutic writing for offenders. He is also a public speaker.



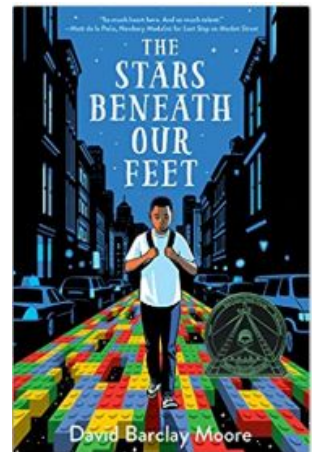
The Stars Beneath Our Feet by David Barclay Moore

About the Book

His path isn't clear—and the pressure to join a “crew,” as his brother did, is always there. When Lolly and his friend are beaten up and robbed, joining a crew almost seems like the safe choice. But building a fantastical Lego city at the community center provides Lolly with an escape—and an unexpected bridge back to the world. David Barclay Moore paints a powerful portrait of a boy teetering on the edge—of adolescence, of grief, of violence—and shows how Lolly's inventive spirit helps him build a life with firm foundations and open doors.

About the Author

David Barclay Moore's debut novel, *The Stars Beneath Our Feet*, is the 2018 Coretta Scott King / John Steptoe Award winner. It was published by Alfred A. Knopf/Penguin Random House. *The Stars Beneath Our Feet* was selected as BookExpo/BEA Buzz Book. The author's literary work is represented by Writers House.



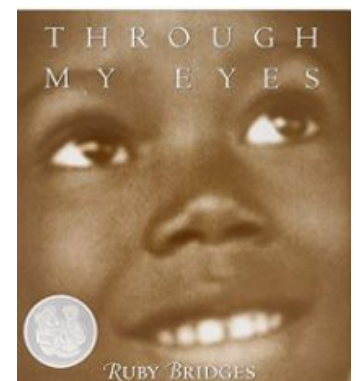
Through My Eyes by Ruby Bridges

About the Book

In November 1960, all of America watched as a tiny six-year-old black girl, surrounded by federal marshals, walked through a mob of screaming segregationists and into her school. An icon of the civil rights movement, Ruby Bridges chronicles each dramatic step of this pivotal event in history through her own words.

About the Author

Ruby Nell Bridges Hall is an American civil rights activist. She was the first African-American child to desegregate the all-white William Frantz Elementary School in Louisiana during the New Orleans school desegregation crisis in 1960.





RECOMMENDED BOOKS FOR 9TH–12TH GRADE

Volunteering at the secondary level for a read-in week takes significant additional planning and preparation. The subject matter of adult literature can be sensitive and may be challenging to share with students who you do not already have a relationship with. You can think of volunteering at the secondary level as more of a presentation than a read aloud. Students want their voices heard, so be sure to allow for discussion. Some ideas include: reading aloud a short story together, reading a play together, or sharing a poem together and then discussing afterwards. Creating discussion questions in advance will help facilitate a meaningful discussion.

***A Raisin in the Sun* by Lorraine Hansberry (Play)**

Set on Chicago's South Side, this play revolves around the divergent dreams and conflicts within three generations of the Younger family: son Walter Lee, his wife Ruth, his sister Beneatha, his son Travis and matriarch Lena, called Mama. When her deceased husband's insurance money comes through, Mama dreams of moving to a new home and a better neighborhood in Chicago. Walter Lee, a chauffeur, has other plans, however: buying a liquor store and being his own man. Beneatha dreams of medical school. The tensions and prejudice they face form this seminal American drama.

***Bronx Masquerade* by Nikki Grimes**

Open Mic Friday is everyone's favorite day in Mr. Ward's English class. On Fridays, his 18 high-school students dare to relax long enough to let slip the poets, painters, readers, and dreamers that exist within each of them. They are all here: the tall girl, the tough-talking rapper, the jock, the beauty queen, the teenage mom, the artist, and many more. While it may sound like another *Breakfast Club* rehash, Grimes uses both poetry and revealing first-person prose to give each character a distinct voice.

***Becoming* by Michelle Obama**

In a life filled with meaning and accomplishment, Michelle Obama has emerged as one of the most iconic and compelling women of our era. As First Lady of the United States of America—the first African American to serve in that role—she helped create the most welcoming and inclusive White House in history, while also establishing herself as a powerful advocate for women and girls in the U.S. and around the world, dramatically changing the ways that families pursue healthier and more active lives, and standing with her husband as he led America through some of its most harrowing moments.

“Recitatif” by Toni Morrison (Short Story)

“Recitatif” is a pioneering story in racial writing as the race of Twyla and Roberta are debatable. Though the characters are clearly separated by class, neither is affirmed as African American or Caucasian. Morrison has described the story as “an experiment in the removal of all racial codes from a narrative about two characters of different races for whom racial identity is crucial.”



Full List of Recommended Books to By and About African Americans

Organized by grade level then author's last name

Keep in mind there are many more books out there that are **both authored by and about** African-Americans! These are just a few favorites compiled by our Read-In partners, a group of talented and knowledgeable educators.

TITLE	AUTHOR'S FIRST NAME	AUTHOR'S LAST NAME	GRADE LEVELS
Full, Full, Full of Love	Trish	Cooke	TK – K
50 Cents and a Dream	Jabari	Asim	TK – 1
Knock Knock: My Dad's Dream for Me	Daniel	Beatty	TK – 1
Please, Puppy, Please	Spike	Lee	TK – 1
Every Little Thing	Cedella	Marley	TK – 1
Kevin and His Dad	Irene	Smalls	TK – 1
Bippity Bop Barbershop	Natasha Anastasia	Tarpley	TK – 1
I Love My Hair!	Natasha Anastasia	Tarpley	TK – 1
Beautiful Blackbird	Ashley	Bryan	TK – 2
Puffy: People Whose Hair Defies Gravity	Aya	De Leon	TK – 2
Honey, I Love You	Eloise	Greenfield	TK – 2
Skin Again	Bell	Hooks	TK - 2
A Million Fish ... More or Less	Patricia	McKissack	TK – 2
Uncle Jed's Barbershop	Margaree King	Mitchell	TK – 2
Peeny Butter Fudge	Toni & Slade	Morrison	TK – 2
My Brother Charlie	Holly Robinson	Peete	TK – 2
Jake Makes a World	Sharifa	Rhodes-Pitt	TK – 2
Loki & Alex: Adventures of a Dog and His Best Friend	Charles R.	Smith	TK - 2
Harlem's Little Blackbird	Renee	Watson	TK – 2
Jazz Baby	Carole Boston	Weatherford	TK – 2
Bronzeville Boys and Girls	Gwendolyn	Brooks	TK – 3
ABC's of African American Poetry (poetry)	Ashley	Bryan	TK – 3
African Dream	Eloise	Greenfield	TK – 3
When I Am Old With You	Angela	Johnson	TK – 3
Salt in His Shoes: Michael Jordan in Pursuit of a Dream	Deloris	Jordan	TK - 3
My Man Blue	Nikki	Grimes	TK – 3
Her Stories: African American Folktales, Fairy Tales, and True Tales	Virginia	Hamilton	TK – 3
The Honest-to-Goodness Truth	Patricia	McKissack	TK – 3
The Adventures of Sparrowboy	Tony	Medina	TK – 3
Wings	Christopher	Myers	TK – 3
Nelson Mandela	Kadir	Nelson	TK – 3
Aunt Harriet's Underground Railroad in the Sky	Faith	Ringgold	TK – 3
Cassie's World Quilt	Faith	Ringgold	TK - 3
Rap a Tap Tap	Leo & Diane	Dillon	TK – 4
Harlem Renaissance Party	Faith	Ringgold	TK – 4
Black Cat	Christopher	Myers	TK – 5

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My Cold Plum Lemon Pie Bluesy Mood	Tameka Fryer	Brown	K – 2
Max and the Tag Along Moon	Floyd	Cooper	K - 2
You Can Do It!	Tony	Dungy	K – 2
Too Tall Foyle Finds His Game	Andrew	Foyle	K - 2
My Teacher	James	Ransome	K – 2
Trombone Shorty	Troy	Andrews	K – 3
Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut	Derrick	Barnes	K - 3
If Kids Ran the World	Leo & Diane	Dillon	K – 3
Max Loves Muñecas!	Zetta	Elliot	K – 3
Underground	Shane	Evans	K – 3
We March	Shane	Evans	K – 3
Daddy Calls Me Man	Angela	Johnson	K – 3
Just Like Josh Gibson	Angela	Johnson	K – 3
Precious and the Boo Hag	Patricia	McKissack	K – 3
Thunder Rose	Jerdine	Nolen	K – 3
Alvin Ailey	Andrea Davis	Pinkney	K – 3
Before John was a Jazz Giant	Carole Boston	Weatherford	K – 3
This is the Rope	Jacqueline	Woodson	K – 3
All Different Now	Angela	Johnson	K – 4
Lottie Paris & the Best Place Ever	Angela	Johnson	K – 4
Sojourner Truth's Step-Stomp Stride	Andrea Davis	Pinkney	K – 4
Tar Beach	Faith	Ringgold	K – 4
Little Melba and Her Big Trombone	Katheryn	Russell-Brown	K – 4
Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat	Javaka	Steptoe	K – 5
If a Bus Could Talk	Faith	Ringgold	K – 5
Just For You!: A Day with Daddy	Nikki	Grimes	I – 2
The Pet Wash: A Pet Club Story	Gwendolyn	Hooks	I – 2
King for a Day	Rukhsana	Khan	I – 2
Gordon Parks	Carole Boston	Weatherford	I – 3
A Dance Like Starlight: One Ballerina's Dream	Kristy	Dempsey	I - 4
The Book Itch: Freedom, Truth, and HARlem's Greatest Bookstore	Vaunda Micheaux	Nelson	I - 4
Almost to Freedom	Vaunda Micheaux	Nelson	I – 4
I Got the Rhythm	Connie	Schofield-Morrison	I - 4
Janna and the Kings	Patricia	Smith	I – 4
It Jes' Happened	Don	Tate	I – 4
Jump!: From the Life of Michael Jordan	Floyd	Cooper	I – 5
My Brother Martin: A Sister Remembers Growing Up with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.	Christine	King Farris	I – 6

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Major Taylor, Champion Cyclist	Lesa	Cline-Ransome	2 - 4
Masai and I	Virginia	Kroll	2 - 4
Martin & Mahalia: His Words, Her Song	Andrea Davis	Pinkney	2 - 4
Sugar Hill: Harlem's Historic Neighborhood	Carole Boston	Weatherford	2 - 4
The Bat Boy & His Violin	Gavin	Curtis	2 - 5
Donavan's Double Trouble	Monalisa	DeGross	2 - 5
Deshawn Days	Tony	Medina	2 - 5
Malcolm Little: The Boy Who Grew Up To Be Malcolm X	Ilyasah	Shabazz	2 - 6
Ray Charles	Sharon	Bell Mathis	3 - 5
Speak to Me: (And I Will Listen Between the Lines)	Karen	English	3 - 5
Cleo Edison Oliver, Playground Millionaire	Sundee T.	Frazier	3 - 5
The Zero Degree Zombie Zone	Patrik Henry	Bass	3 - 7
Beat the Story - Drum, Pum-Pum	Ashley	Bryan	3 - 7
Bud, Not Buddy	Christopher Paul	Curtis	3 - 7
The Buried Bones Mystery (Clubhouse Mysteries)	Sharon M.	Draper	3 - 7
Lost in the Tunnel of Time (Clubhouse Mysteries)	Sharon M.	Draper	3 - 7
Sugar	Jewell	Parker Rhodes	3 - 7
The Sweetest Sound	Sheeri	Winston	3 - 7
Words with Wings (Poetry)	Nikki	Grimes	3 - 8
President of the Whole Fifth Grade	Sherri	Winston	4 - 5
The Broken Bike Boy and the Queen of 33 rd St.	Sharon	Flake	4 - 6
Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African-Americans	Kadir	Nelson	4 - 6
President of the Whole Fifth Grade	Sherri	Winston	4 - 6
Malcolm Little: The Boy Who Grew Up to Become Malcolm X	Ilyasah	Shabazz	4 - 7
Gone Crazy in Alabama	Rita	Williams - Garcia	4 - 7
One Crazy Summer	Rita	Williams - Garcia	4 - 7
P. S. Be Eleven	Rita	Williams - Garcia	4 - 7
The Cruisers	Walter Dean	Myers	4 - 8
Bad News Outlaws	Vaunda Micheaux	Nelson	4 - 8
As Brave as You	Jason	Reynolds	4 - 12
Ninth Ward	Jewell Parker	Rhodes	4 - 12
The Stars Beneath Our Feet	David	Barclay Moore	5 - 6
Elijah of Buxton	Christopher Paul	Curtis	5 - 7
The Offenders: Saving the World, While Serving Detention!	Jerry	Craft	5 - 8
Booked	Kwame	Alexander	5 - 12

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The Crossover	Kwame	Alexander	5 – 12
We Beat the Streets	Sampson, Rameck, George, Lisa	Davis, Hunt, Jenkins, Page	5 – 12
The Jumbies	Tracey	Baptiste	5 – 8
Camo Girl	Kekla	Magoon	5 – 8
Brown Girl Dreaming	Jacqueline	Woodson	5 – 8
Ghost	Jason	Reynolds	5 – 9
Voice of Freedom: Fannie Lou Hamer	Carole	Boston Weatherford	6 – 12
47	Walter	Mosley	6 – 12
Fire in the Streets	Kekla	Magoon	6 – 8
The Great Greene Heist	Varian	Johnson	6 – 9
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