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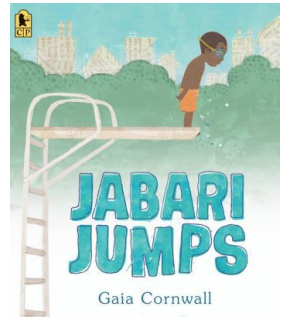
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TK - 2nd Grade Recommended Books

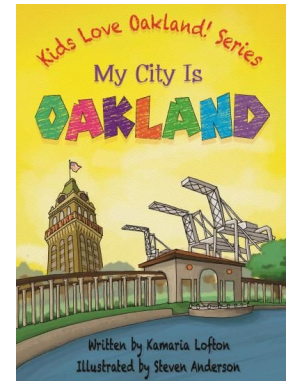
***Jabari Jumps* by Gaia Cornwall**

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.



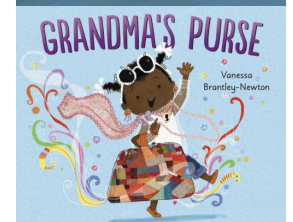
***My City is Oakland* by Kamaria Lofton**

My City Is Oakland is a fun and exciting book for children, high-lighting the wonderfully diverse and culturally-rich place we call home: Oakland, California. This is the first in a series of seven children's books about this fascinating city that introduces younger and older readers alike to the history, landmarks and activities that make Oakland so great! *My City Is Oakland* is sure to spark fond memories of growing up in Oakland as well as be a guide for new Oaklanders. Readers will be able to re-live the memories of growing up in Oakland or make some new ones with this book.



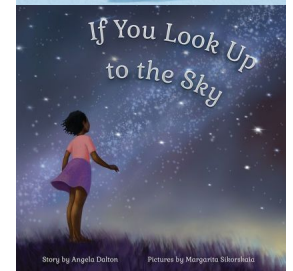
***Grandma's Purse* by Vanessa Brantley-Newton**

When Grandma Mimi comes to visit, she always brings warm hugs, sweet treats...and her purse. You never know what she'll have in there—fancy jewelry, tokens from around the world, or something special just for her granddaughter. It might look like a normal bag from the outside, but Mimi and her granddaughter know that it's pure magic!



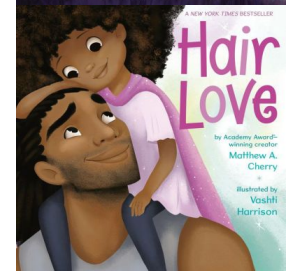
***If You Look Up To The Sky* by Angela Dalton**

There are times when a full moon will guide you, a storm will excite you, and a big, blue sky will inspire you to believe anything is possible. These are a few of the many gifts we receive from the sky and universe when life feels scary and confusing. Told by a grandmother to her grandchild, *If You Look Up to the Sky* is about the power of everlasting love and the ways the sky connects us through good times and bad. It offers a child comfort in knowing that you never need to be afraid... if you look up to the sky.



***Hair Love* by Matthew A. Cherry**

Zuri's hair has a mind of its own. It kinks, coils, and curls every which way. Zuri knows it's beautiful. When Daddy steps in to style it for an extra special occasion, he has a lot to learn. But he LOVES his Zuri, and he'll do anything to make her — and her hair — happy.



3rd - 5th Grade Recommended Books

***Your Name is a Song* by Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow**

Frustrated by a day full of teachers and classmates mispronouncing her beautiful name, a little girl tells her mother she never wants to come back to school. In response, the girl's mother teaches her about the musicality of African, Asian, Black-American, Latinx, and Middle Eastern names on their lyrical walk home through the city. Empowered by this newfound understanding, the young girl is ready to return the next day to share her knowledge with her class.

***Thirteen Ways of Looking at a Black Boy* by Tony Medina**

These short, vibrant tanka poems about Black boys and young men depict thirteen views of everyday life: dressed in Sunday best, running to catch a bus, growing up to be teachers, and much more. Each of Tony Medina's tanka is matched with a different artist—including recent Caldecott and Coretta Scott King Award recipients.

***Finding Langston* by Lesa Cline-Ransome**

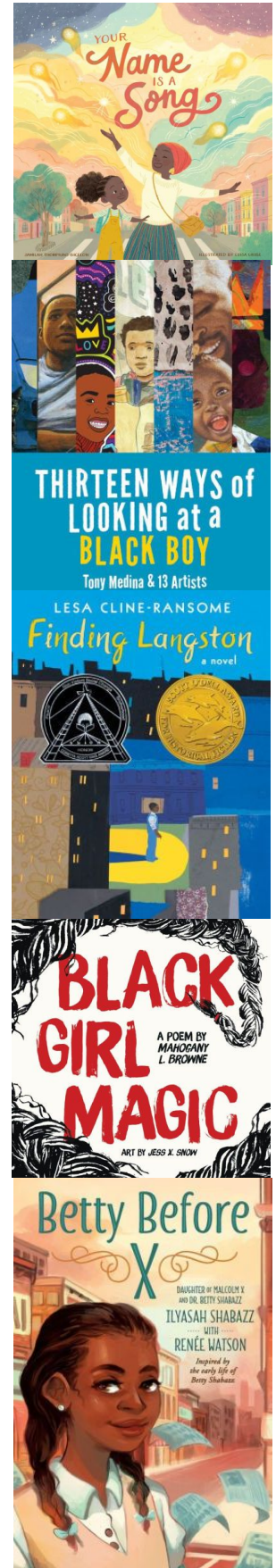
When eleven-year-old Langston's father moves them from their home in Alabama to Chicago's Bronzeville district, it feels like he's giving up everything he loves. In the city, they live in a small apartment surrounded by noise and chaos. It doesn't feel like a new start, or a better life. At home he's lonely, his father always busy at work; at school he's bullied for being a country boy. But Langston's new home has one fantastic thing. Unlike the whites-only library in Alabama, the Chicago Public Library welcomes everyone. There, hiding out after school, Langston discovers another Langston—a poet whom he learns inspired his mother enough to name her only son after him.

***Black Girl Magic: A Poem* by Mahogany L. Browne**

Much of what twenty-first century culture tells black girls is not pretty: Don't wear this; don't smile at that. Don't have an opinion; don't dream big. And most of all, don't love yourself. In response to such destructive ideas, internationally recognized poet Mahogany Browne challenges the conditioning of society by crafting an anthem of strength and magic undeniable in its bloom for all beautiful Black girls.

***Betty Before X* by Ilyasah Shabazz, Renée Watson**

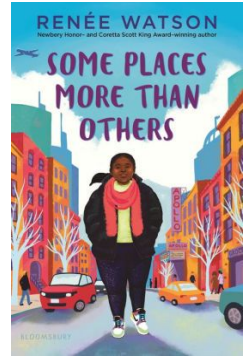
Betty Before X is a powerful middle-grade fictionalized account of the childhood activism of Betty Shabazz, Malcolm X's wife, written by their daughter Ilyasah Shabazz. In Detroit, 1945, eleven-year-old Betty's house doesn't quite feel like home. She believes her mother loves her, but she can't shake the feeling that her mother doesn't *want* her. Church helps those worries fade, if only for a little while. The singing, the preaching, the speeches from guest activists like Paul Robeson and Thurgood Marshall stir African Americans in her community to stand up for their rights. Betty quickly finds confidence and purpose in volunteering for the Housewives League, an organization that supports black-owned businesses. Soon, the American civil rights icon we now know as Dr. Betty Shabazz is born.



6th - 8th Grade Recommended Books

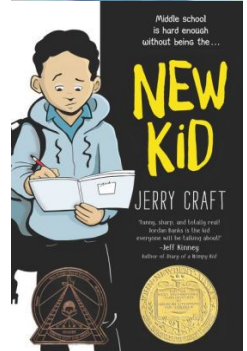
***Some Places More Than Others* by Renée Watson**

All Amara wants for her birthday is to visit her father's family in New York City—Harlem, to be exact. She can't wait to finally meet her Grandpa and cousins in person, and to stay where her father grew up. Maybe this will help her understand her family—and herself. But NYC is not exactly what Amara thought it would be. It's crowded, with confusing subways, suffocating sidewalks, and her father is too busy with work to spend time with her. As she explores, asks questions, and learns more and more about Harlem and about her father and his family history, she realizes how, in some ways more than others, she connects with him, her home, and her family.



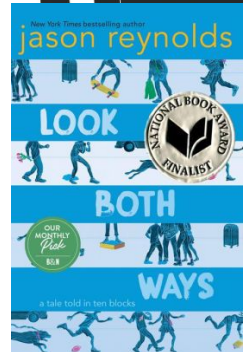
***New Kid* by Jerry Craft**

Seventh grader Jordan Banks loves nothing more than drawing cartoons about his life. But instead of sending him to the art school of his dreams, his parents enroll him in a prestigious private school known for its academics, where Jordan is one of the few kids of color in his entire grade. As he makes the daily trip from his Washington Heights apartment to the upscale Riverdale Academy Day School, Jordan soon finds himself torn between two worlds—and not really fitting into either one. Can Jordan learn to navigate his new school culture while keeping his neighborhood friends and staying true to himself?



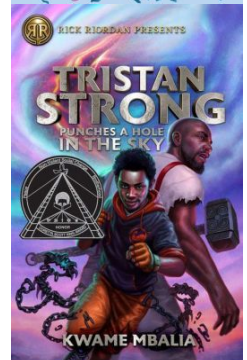
***Look Both Ways: A Tale Told in Ten Blocks* by Jason Reynolds**

A masterfully woven tale about the experiences of 10 different groups of kids on their way home from the same school. A great reminder for kids (and adults) that although we may share common ground, we never know exactly what other people are going through when we go our separate ways. With laugh-out-loud moments throughout, this heartfelt story is sure to resonate with readers of all ages and backgrounds.



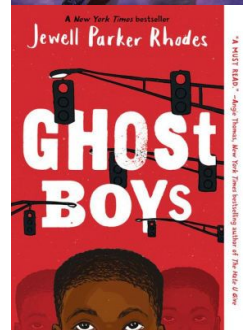
***Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky* (Tristan Song Series #1) by Kwame Mbalia**

7th-grader Tristan Strong feels anything but strong ever since his best friend passed when they were in a bus accident together. All he has left of Eddie is the journal his friend wrote stories in. Tristan is dreading the month he's going to spend on his grandparents' farm in Alabama, where he's being sent to heal from the tragedy. But on his first night there, a sticky creature shows up in his bedroom and steals Eddie's notebook. Tristan chases after it and a tug-of-war ensues between them underneath a Bottle Tree. In a last attempt to wrestle the journal out of the creature's hands, Tristan punches the tree, accidentally ripping open a chasm into the MidPass, a volatile place with a burning sea, haunted bone ships, and iron monsters that are hunting the inhabitants of this world.



***Ghost Boys* by Jewell Parker Rhodes (Content Warning)**

Twelve-year-old Jerome is shot by a police officer who mistakes his toy gun for a real threat. As a ghost, he observes the devastation that's been unleashed on his family and community in the wake of what they see as an unjust and brutal killing. Soon Jerome meets another ghost: Emmett Till, a boy from a very different time but similar circumstances. Emmett helps Jerome process what has happened, on a journey towards recognizing how historical racism may have led to the events that ended his life. Jerome also meets Sarah, the daughter of the police officer, who grapples with her father's actions.



***The Last Last-Day-of-Summer (Legendary Alston Boys Series #1)* by Lamar Giles**

Otto and Sheed are the local sleuths in their zany Virginia town, masters of unraveling mischief using their unmatched powers of deduction. And as the summer winds down and the first day of school looms, the boys are craving just a little bit more time for fun, even as they bicker over what kind of fun they want to have. That is, until a mysterious man appears with a camera that literally freezes time. Now, with the help of some very strange people and even stranger creatures, Otto and Sheed will have to put aside their differences to save their town—and each other—before time stops for good.

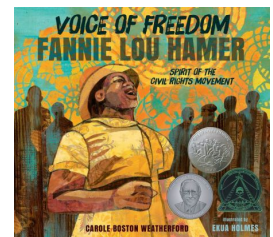


9th - 12th Grade Recommended Books

Volunteering at the secondary level takes 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.

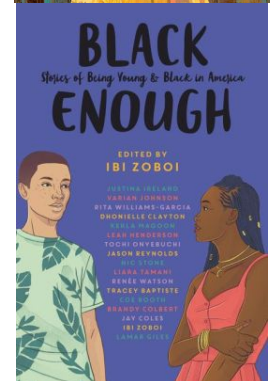
***Voice of Freedom: Fannie Lou Hamer: The Spirit of the Civil Rights Movement* by Carole Boston Weatherford**

Despite fierce prejudice and abuse, even being beaten to within an inch of her life, Fannie Lou Hamer was a champion of civil rights from the 1950s until her death in 1977. Integral to the Freedom Summer of 1964, Ms. Hamer gave a speech at the Democratic National Convention that, despite President Johnson's interference, aired on national TV news and spurred the nation to support the Freedom Democrats. Featuring vibrant mixed-media art full of intricate detail, *Voice of Freedom* celebrates Fannie Lou Hamer's life and legacy with a message of hope, determination, and strength.



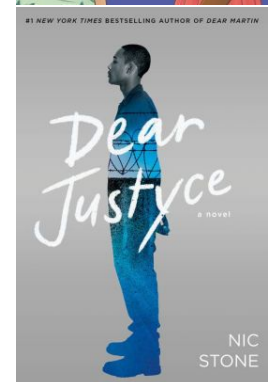
***Black Enough: Stories of Being Young & Black in America* by Ibi Zoboi, Tracey Baptiste, Coe Booth, Dhonielle Clayton, Brandy Colbert**

Edited by National Book Award finalist Ibi Zoboi, and featuring some of the most acclaimed bestselling Black authors writing for teens today—*Black Enough* is an essential collection of captivating stories about what it's like to be young and Black in America. A selection of the Schomburg Center's Black Liberation Reading List.



***Dear Justyce* by Nic Stone**

Vernell LaQuan Banks and Justyce McAllister grew up a block apart in the Southwest Atlanta neighborhood of Wynwood Heights. Years later, though, Justyce walks the illustrious halls of Yale University . . . and Quan sits behind bars at the Fulton Regional Youth Detention Center. Through a series of flashbacks, vignettes, and letters to Justyce—the protagonist of *Dear Martin*—Quan's story takes form. Troubles at home and misunderstandings at school give rise to police encounters and tough decisions. But then there's a dead cop and a weapon with Quan's prints on it. What leads a bright kid down a road to a murder charge? Not even Quan is sure.

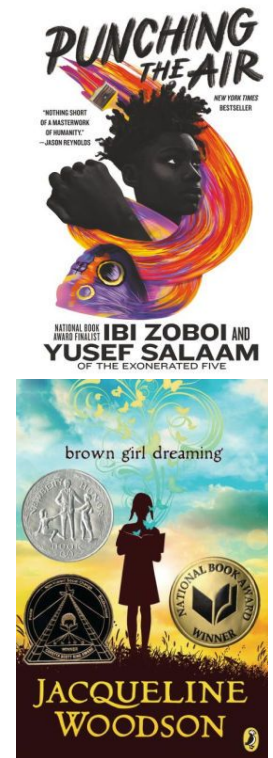


***Punching the Air* by Ibi Zoboi, Yusef Salaam**

Amal Shahid has always been an artist and a poet. But even in a diverse art school, he's seen as disruptive and unmotivated by a biased system. Then one fateful night, an altercation in a gentrifying neighborhood escalates into tragedy. "Boys just being boys" turns out to be true only when those boys are white. Suddenly, at just sixteen years old, Amal's bright future is upended: he is convicted of a crime he didn't commit and sent to prison. Despair and rage almost sink him until he turns to the refuge of his words, his art. This never should have been his story. But can he change it?

***Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson**

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. Touching and powerful, each poem is both accessible and emotionally charged, each line a glimpse into a child's soul as she searches for her place in the world. Woodson's eloquent poetry also reflects the joy of finding her voice through writing stories, despite the fact that she struggled with reading as a child. Her love of stories inspired her and stayed with her, creating the first sparks of the gifted writer she was to become.



Longer List of Recommended Books

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 a few favorites compiled by our Read-In partners:

TITLE	AUTHOR'S FIRST	AUTHOR'S LAST	GRADE
<i>Full, Full, Full of Love</i>	Trish	Cooke	TK - K
<i>50 Cents and a Dream</i>	Jabari	Asim	TK - 1
<i>Knock Knock: My Dad's Dream for Me</i>	Daniel	Beaty	TK - 1
<i>If You Look Up to the Sky</i>	Angela	Dalton	TK - 1
<i>Justice Pon Di Road</i>	Aliona	Gibson	TK - 1
<i>Please, Puppy, Please</i>	Spike	Lee	TK - 1
<i>Every Little Thing</i>	Cedella	Marley	TK - 1
<i>Kevin and His Dad</i>	Irene	Smalls	TK - 1
<i>Bippity Bop Barbershop</i>	Natasha Anastasia	Tarpley	TK - 1
<i>I Love My Hair!</i>	Natasha Anastasia	Tarpley	TK - 1
<i>Where's Rodney</i>	Carmen	Bogan	TK - 2
<i>Mae Among the Start</i>	Roda	Ahmed	TK - 2
<i>Trombone Shorty</i>	Troy	Andrews	TK - 2
<i>Beautiful Blackbird</i>	Ashley	Bryan	TK - 2
<i>Sisters & Champions: The True Story of Venus & Serena Williams</i>	Howard	Bryant	TK - 2
<i>Puffy: People Whose Hair Defies Gravity</i>	Aya	De Leon	TK - 2
<i>Honey, I Love You</i>	Eloise	Greenfield	TK - 2
<i>Skin Again</i>	Bell	Hooks	TK - 2
<i>Violet's Music</i>	Angela	Johnson	TK - 2
<i>Furquan's First Flat Top</i>	Robert C.	Liu-Trujillo	TK - 2
<i>A Million Fish ... More or Less</i>	Patricia	McKissack	TK - 2
<i>Uncle Jed's Barbershop</i>	Margaree King	Mitchell	TK - 2
<i>Isaiah Wants to Read</i>	Mykah	Montgomery	TK - 2
<i>Peeny Butter Fudge</i>	Toni & Slade	Morrison	TK - 2
<i>Sulwe</i>	Lupita	Nyong'o	TK - 2
<i>My Brother Charlie</i>	Holly Robinson	Peete	TK - 2
<i>Jake Makes a World</i>	Sharifa	Rhodes-Pitt	TK - 2
<i>Hidden Figures</i>	Margot Lee	Shetterly	TK - 2
<i>Loki & Alex: Adventures of a Dog and His Best Friend</i>	Charles R.	Smith	TK - 2
<i>Dad, Who Will I Be? by G. Todd Taylor</i>	G. Todd	Taylor	TK - 2
<i>June Peters, You Will Change the World One Day</i>	Alika R	Turner	TK - 2
<i>Harlem's Little Blackbird</i>	Renee	Watson	TK - 2
<i>Jazz Baby</i>	Carole Boston	Weatherford	TK - 2
<i>Bronzeville Boys and Girls</i>	Gwendolyn	Brooks	TK - 3
<i>ABC's of African American Poetry (poetry)</i>	Ashley	Bryan	TK - 3
<i>African Dream</i>	Eloise	Greenfield	TK - 3
<i>When I Am Old With You</i>	Angela	Johnson	TK - 3
<i>Salt in His Shoes: Michael Jordan in Pursuit of a Dream</i>	Deloris	Jordan	TK - 3
<i>My Man Blue</i>	Nikki	Grimes	TK - 3
<i>Her Stories: African American Folktales, Fairy Tales, and True Tales</i>	Virginia	Hamilton	TK - 3
<i>The Honest-to-Goodness Truth</i>	Patricia	McKissack	TK - 3
<i>The Adventures of Sparrowboy</i>	Tony	Medina	TK - 3
<i>Wings</i>	Christopher	Myers	TK - 3
<i>Nelson Mandela</i>	Kadir	Nelson	TK - 3
<i>Aunt Harriet's Underground Railroad in the Sky</i>	Faith	Ringgold	TK - 3
<i>Cassie's World Quilt</i>	Faith	Ringgold	TK - 3

<i>Rap a Tap Tap</i>	Leo & Diane	Dillon	TK - 4
<i>Harlem Renaissance Party</i>	Faith	Ringgold	TK - 4
<i>Black Cat</i>	Christopher	Myers	TK - 5
<i>My City is Oakland</i>	Kamaria	Lofton	TK - 5
<i>My Cold Plum Lemon Pie Bluesy Mood</i>	Tameka Fryer	Brown	K - 2
<i>Max and the Tag Along Moon</i>	Floyd	Cooper	K - 2
<i>Mr. Okra Sells Fresh Fruits and Vegetables</i>	Lashon	Daley	K - 2
<i>You Can Do It!</i>	Tony	Dungy	K - 2
<i>Too Tall Foyle Finds His Game</i>	Adonal	Foyle	K - 2
<i>Sing to the Moon</i>	Nansubuga	Nagadya Isdahl	K - 2
<i>My Teacher</i>	James	Ransome	K - 2
<i>Boonoonoonous Hair</i>	Olive	Senior	K - 2
<i>Trombone Shorty</i>	Troy	Andrews	K - 3
<i>Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut</i>	Derrick	Barnes	K - 3
<i>If Kids Ran the World</i>	Leo & Diane	Dillon	K - 3
<i>Max Loves Muñecas!</i>	Zetta	Elliot	K - 3
<i>Underground</i>	Shane	Evans	K - 3
<i>We March</i>	Shane	Evans	K - 3
<i>Daddy Calls Me Man</i>	Angela	Johnson	K - 3
<i>Just Like Josh Gibson</i>	Angela	Johnson	K - 3
<i>Precious and the Boo Hag</i>	Patricia	McKissack	K - 3
<i>Thunder Rose</i>	Jerdine	Nolen	K - 3
<i>Alvin Ailey</i>	Andrea Davis	Pinkney	K - 3
<i>Before John was a Jazz Giant</i>	Carole Boston	Weatherford	K - 3
<i>This is the Rope</i>	Jacqueline	Woodson	K - 3
<i>A Song for Gwendolyn Brooks</i>	Alice	Faye Duncan	K - 4
<i>All Different Now</i>	Angela	Johnson	K - 4
<i>Lottie Paris & the Best Place Ever</i>	Angela	Johnson	K - 4
<i>Sojourner Truth's Step-Stomp Stride</i>	Andrea Davis	Pinkney	K - 4
<i>Tar Beach</i>	Faith	Ringgold	K - 4
<i>Little Melba and Her Big Trombone</i>	Katheryn	Russell-Brown	K - 4
<i>Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat</i>	Javaka	Steptoe	K - 5
<i>If a Bus Could Talk</i>	Faith	Ringgold	K - 5
<i>Just For You!: A Day with Daddy</i>	Nikki	Grimes	1 - 2
<i>The Pet Wash: A Pet Club Story</i>	Gwendolyn	Hooks	1 - 2
<i>King for a Day</i>	Rukhsana	Khan	1 - 2
<i>Gordon Parks</i>	Carole Boston	Weatherford	1 - 3
<i>The Undefeated</i>	Kwame	Alexander	1 - 3
<i>I Love My Natural Hair</i>	Tiffany	Anderson	1 - 4
<i>A Dance Like Starlight: One Ballerina's Dream</i>	Kristy	Dempsey	1 - 4
<i>The Book Itch: Freedom, Truth, and Harlem's Greatest Bookstore</i>	Vaunda Micheaux	Nelson	1 - 4
<i>Almost to Freedom</i>	Vaunda Micheaux	Nelson	1 - 4
<i>I Got the Rhythm</i>	Connie	Schofield-Morrison	1 - 4
<i>Janna and the Kings</i>	Patricia	Smith	1 - 4
<i>It Jes' Happened</i>	Don	Tate	1 - 4
<i>Jump!: From the Life of Michael Jordan</i>	Floyd	Cooper	1 - 5
<i>My Brother Martin: A Sister Remembers Growing Up with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.</i>	Christine	King Farris	1 - 6

TITLE	AUTHOR'S FIRST NAME	AUTHOR'S LAST NAME	GRADE LEVELS
<i>Indigo Blume and the Garden City</i>	Kwame	Alexander	2 - 4
<i>Major Taylor, Champion Cyclist</i>	Lesa	Cline-Ransome	2 - 4
<i>Masai and I</i>	Virginia	Kroll	2 - 4
<i>Martin & Mahalia: His Words, Her Song</i>	Andrea Davis	Pinkney	2 - 4
<i>Sugar Hill: Harlem's Historic Neighborhood</i>	Carole Boston	Weatherford	2 - 4
<i>The Bat Boy & His Violin</i>	Gavin	Curtis	2 - 5
<i>Donavan's Double Trouble</i>	Monalisa	DeGross	2 - 5
<i>Deshawn Days</i>	Tony	Medina	2 - 5
<i>Schomburg: The Man Who Built a Library</i>	Carole	Boston Weatherford	2 - 6
<i>Through My Eyes</i>	Ruby	Bridges	2 - 6
<i>Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History</i>	Vashti	Harrison	2 - 6
<i>The Season of Styx Malone</i>	Kekla	Magoon	2 - 6
<i>Lone Bean</i>	Chudney	Ross	2 - 6
<i>Malcolm Little: The Boy Who Grew Up To Be Malcolm X</i>	Ilyasah	Shabazz	2 - 6
<i>Celeste's Harlem Renaissance</i>	Eleanora E.	Tate	2 - 6
<i>Clayton Byrd Goes Underground</i>	Rita	Williams-Garcia	2 - 6
<i>Ray Charles</i>	Sharon	Bell Mathis	3 - 5
<i>Speak to Me: (I Will Listen Between the Lines)</i>	Karen	English	3 - 5
<i>Cleo Edison Oliver, Playground Millionaire</i>	Sundee T.	Frazier	3 - 5
<i>The Zero Degree Zombie Zone</i>	Patrik Henry	Bass	3 - 7
<i>Beat the Story - Drum, Pum-Pum</i>	Ashley	Bryan	3 - 7
<i>Bud, Not Buddy</i>	Christopher Paul	Curtis	3 - 7
<i>The Buried Bones Mystery (Clubhouse Mysteries)</i>	Sharon M.	Draper	3 - 7
<i>Lost in the Tunnel of Time (Clubhouse Mysteries)</i>	Sharon M.	Draper	3 - 7
<i>The Parker Inheritance</i>	Varian	Johnson	3 - 7
<i>A Good Kind of Trouble</i>	Lisa	Moore Ramée	3 - 7
<i>Sugar</i>	Jewell	Parker Rhodes	3 - 7
<i>How High the Moon</i>	Karyn	Parson	3 - 7
<i>The Sweetest Sound</i>	Sheeri	Winston	3 - 7
<i>Words with Wings (Poetry)</i>	Nikki	Grimes	3 - 8
<i>President of the Whole Fifth Grade</i>	Sherri	Winston	4 - 5
<i>The Broken Bike Boy and the Queen of 33rd St.</i>	Sharon	Flake	4 - 6
<i>Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African-Americans</i>	Kadir	Nelson	4 - 6
<i>President of the Whole Fifth Grade</i>	Sherri	Winston	4 - 6
<i>Malcolm Little: The Boy Who Grew Up to Become Malcolm X</i>	Ilyasah	Shabazz	4 - 7
<i>Gone Crazy in Alabama</i>	Rita	Williams - Garcia	4 - 7
<i>One Crazy Summer</i>	Rita	Williams - Garcia	4 - 7
<i>P. S. Be Eleven</i>	Rita	Williams - Garcia	4 - 7
<i>The Cruisers</i>	Walter Dean	Myers	4 - 8
<i>Bad News Outlaws</i>	Vaunda Micheaux	Nelson	4 - 8
<i>Twelve Rounds to Glory: The Story of Muhammad Ali</i>	Charles	R. Smith Jr.	4 - 10
<i>As Brave as You</i>	Jason	Reynolds	4 - 12

<i>Ninth Ward</i>	Jewell Parker	Rhodes	4 – 12
<i>Elijah of Buxton</i>	Christopher Paul	Curtis	5 – 7
<i>The Stars Beneath Our Feet</i>	David	Barclay Moore	5 - 8
<i>The Offenders: Saving the World, While Serving Detention!</i>	Jerry	Craft	5 – 8
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