**2014-2015 Recommend Books**

**Pre-K/TK/K  
We Are In a Book** *by Mo Williams* **Press Here** *By Herve Tullet***Nest** *By Jorey Hurley***One** *by Kathryn Otoshi*

**Grade 1-2  
A Butterfly Is Patient** *by Dianna Hutts Aston and Sylvia Long* **Miss Smith’s Incredible Storybook** *By Michael Garland***Year of Billy Miller** *By Kevin Henkes***La Mariposa** *by Francisco Jiménez*

**Grade 3-5  
Words with Wings** *by Nikki Grimes* **This is the Rope** *By Jacqueline Woodson***Sonia Sotomayor: A Judge Grows in the Bronx/La Juez Que Crecio En El Bronx** *By Jonah Winter***Words with Wings** *by Nikki Grimes*

**Grade 6-8  
The Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights** *by Steve Sheinkin* **Bluefish** *By Pat Schmatz***Diego Rivera: Artist for the People** *By Susan Goldman Rubin***Richmond Tales: Lost Secrets of the Iron Triangle** *by Summer Brenner*

**Grade 9-12  
Richmond Tales: Lost Secrets of the Iron Triangle** *by Summer Brenner and Miguel Perez* **Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood** *By Marjane Satrapi***Changers Book One: Drew** *By T Cooper and Allison Glock-Cooper***I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World** *by Malala Yousafzai*

**Adult  
The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America’s Great Migration** *by Isabel Wilkerson***The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics** *by Daniel James Brown***The Speech: The Story Behind Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s Dream (2013)** *by Gary Younge***I Am Malala: How one Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World** *by Malala Yousafzai***Reign of Error** *by Diane Ravitch***Untold Civil Rights Stories: Asian Americans Speak Out for Justice** *by Stewart Kwoh and Russel C. Leong*

**2015-2016 Recommend Books**

**Pre-K/TK/K**  
**I Like Myself** *by Karen Beaumont***I Am Mixed** *by Garcelle Beauvais***Beekle:** The Unimaginary Friend *by Dan Santat***Tito Puente, Mambo King** *by Monica Brown and Rafael Lopez*

**Grade 1-2**  
**My Name is Yoon** *by Helen Recorvits*

**What Do You Do With an Idea?** *by Kobi Yamada*

**Rosita y Conchita** *by Eric Gonzalez*

**The Noisy Paintbox: The Colors and Sounds of Kadinsky’s Abstract Art** *by Barb Rosenstock*

**Grade 3-5**

**Brave Girl** by Michelle Markel

**Love Twelve Miles Long** *by Glenda Armand*

**The Cat Who Chose to Dream** *by Loriene Honda*

**Hank Zipzer** *by Henry Winkler*

**Grade 6-8**

**Batman Science Series** *by Tammy Enz*

**One Crazy Summer** *by Rita Williams-Garcia*

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

**Misadventures of the Family Fletcher** *by Dana Allison Levy*

**Grade 9-12**

**The Beginning of Everything** *by Robyn Schneider*

**In the Time of the Butterflies** *by Julia Alvarez*

**The Crossover** *by Kwame Alexander*

**This One Summer** *by Jillian Tamaki*

**2016-2017 Recommend Books**

**Pre K/TK/K**

**MooHoo** *by Candace Ryan,**Illustrated by Mike Lowery*

**Bee-Bim Bop!** *by Linda Sue Park, Illustrated by Ho Baek Lee*

**We Forgot Brock!** *Written and Illustrated by Carter Goodrich*

**All Families Are Special** *by Norma Simon, Illustrated by Teresa Flavin*

**Grade 1-2**

**Mañana Iguana** *by Ann Whitford Paul, Illustrated by Ethan Long*

**Under the Lemon Moon** *by Edith Hope Fine, Illustrated by René King Moreno*

**Creature Features: Twenty-Five Animals Explain Why They Look the Way They Do** *by Steve Jenkins and Robin Page***Rosie Revere, Engineer** *by Andrea Beaty, Illustrated by David Roberts*

**Grade 3-5**

**Mystery of the Giant Masks of Sanxingdui** *by Icy Smith, Illustrated by Gayle Garner Rosk*

**When the Beat Was Born: DJ Kool Herc and the Creation of Hip Hop** *by Laban Carrick, Illustrated by Theodore Taylor*

**Joelito’s Big Decision** *by Ann Berlak, illustrated by Daniel Camacho***Beauty and the Beak: How Science, Technology, and a 3D-Printed Beak Rescued a Bald Eagle** *by Deborah Lee Rose and Jane Veltkamp*

**Grade 6-8**

**George** *by Alex Gino*

**Mechanica** *by Betsy Cornwell*

**Fish in a Tree** *by Lynda Mullaly Hunt***The Misfits** *by James Howe*

**Grade 9-12**

**Dumplin'** *by Julie Murphy*

**All American Boys** *by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely*

**Gabi, A Girl in Pieces** *by Isabel Quintero*

**Reclaimation Road Poems** *by Kristy Orona-Ramirez*

**2017-2018 Recommend Books**

**Pre K/TK/K**

**The Name Jar** *by Yangsook Choi (Author/Illustrator) [2001]*

**The Ugly Vegetables** *by Grace Lin (Author/Illustrator) [1999]*

**The Bear and the Piano** *by David Litchfield (Author/Illustrator) [2015]*

**They All Saw a Cat** *by Brendan Wenzel (Author/Illustrator) [2016]*

**Grade 1-2  
Separate Is Never Equal** *by Duncan Tonatiuh (Author/Illustrator) [2014]*

**Juana and Lucas** *by Juana Medina (Author/Illustrator) [2016]*

**She Persisted: 13 American Women Who Changed the World** *by Chelsea Clinton (Author), Alexandra Boiger (Illustrator) [2017]*

**One of a Kind, Like Me/Único Como Yo** *by Laurin Mayeno (Author), Robert Liu-Trujillo (Illustrator) [2016]*

**Grade 3-5**

**Grand Canyon** *by Jason Chin [2017]*

**The Case for Loving: The Fight for Interracial Marriage**

*by Selina Alko (Author/Illustrator), Sean Qualls (Illustrator) [2015]*

**Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat**

*by Javaka Steptoe [2016]*

**The Secret Life of Lincoln Jones** *by Wendelin Van Draanen [2016]*

**Grade 6-8**

**Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team**

*by Steve Sheinkin [2017]*

**Dragonwings** *by Laurence Yep [1975]*

**As Brave As You** *by Jason Reynolds [2016]*

**The Real Boy** *by Anne Ursu (Author), Erin McGuire (Illustrator) [2013]*

**Grade 9-12**

**Every Day** *by David Levithan [2012]*

**The Hate You Give** *by Angie Thomas [2017]*

**The Upside of Unrequited** *by Becky Albertalli [2017]*

**The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian** *by Sherman Alexie (Author),*

*Ellen Forney (Illustrator) [2007]*

**2018-2019 Recommend Books**

**Pre-K/TK/K**

**It's Okay To Be Different** *by Todd Parr [2001]*

**Viva Frida (Morales, Yuyi)** *by Yuyi Morales (Author), Tim O'Meara (Photographer) [2014]* **Red: A Crayon's Story** *by Michael Hall (Author, Illustrator) [2015]*

**Anywhere Farm** *by Phyllis Root (Author), G. Brian Karas (Illustrator) [2017]*

**Grade 1-2  
Alma and How She Got Her Name** *by Juana Martinez-Neal (Author, Illustrator)**[2018]*

**Drum Dream Girl: How One Girl's Courage Changed Music** *by Margarita Engle (Author), Rafael López (Illustrator) [2015]*

**Last Stop on Market Street** *by Matt de la Peña (Author), Christian Robinson (Illustrator) [2015]*

**Natsumi!** *by Susan Lendroth (Author), Priscilla Burris (Illustrator) [2000,2005]*

**Grade 3-5**

**Amina's Voice** *by Hena Khan (Author) [2017]*

**Barbed Wire Baseball: How One Man Brought Hope to the Japanese Internment Camps of WWII** *by Marissa Moss (Author), Yuko Shimizu (Illustrator) [2013]*

**So Tall Within: Sojourner Truth's Long Walk Toward Freedom** *by Gary D. Schmidt (Author), Daniel Minter (Illustrator) [2018]*

**Math Curse** *by Jon Scieszka (Author), Lane Smith (Illustrator) [1995]*

**Grade 6-8**

**Ghost Boys** *by Jewell Parker Rhodes (Author) [2018]*

**A Night Divided (Scholastic Gold)** *by Jennifer A. Nielsen (Author) [2015]*

**Crenshaw** *by Katherine Applegate (Author) [2015]*

**The First Rule of Punk** *by Celia C. Pérez (Author) [2017]*

**Grade 9-12**

**The Sympathizer: A Novel (Pulitzer Prize for Fiction)** *by Viet Thanh Nguyen (Author) [2015]*

**Beautiful Music for Ugly Children** *by Kirstin Cronn-Mills (Author) [2012]***Speak: The Graphic Novel** *by Laurie Halse Anderson (Author), Emily Carroll (Illustrator) [1999]***I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter** *by Erika L. Sánchez (Author) [2017]*

**2019-2020 Recommend Books**

*­­***Pre-K/TK/K**

**SHADES of BLACK: A CELEBRATION OF OUR CHILDREN** *by Sandra L. Pinkney (Author), Myles C. Pinkney (Illustrator) [2000]*

**Dreamers** *by Yuyi Morales (Author) [2018]*

**MY PAPI HAS A MOTORCYCLE** *by Isabel Quintero (Author), Zeke Peña (Illustrator) [2019]*

**GRUMPY MONKEY** *by Suzanne Lang (Author), Max Lang (Illustrator) [2018]*

**Grade 1-2  
DON’T TOUCH MY HAIR!** *By Sharee Miller (Author) [2018]*

**WHEN ANGELS SING: The Story of Rock Legend Carlos Santana** *by Michael Mahin (Author), Jose Ramirez (Illustrator) [2018]*

**imagine** *by Juan Felipe Herrera (Author), Lauren Castillo (Illustrator) [2018]*

**STONEWALL: A BUILDING. AN UPRISING. A REVOLUTION** *by Rob Sander (Author), Jamey Christoph (Illustrator) [2019]*

**Grade 3-5**

**FRONT DESK** *by Kelly Yang [2018]*

**Turning Pages: My Life Story** *by Sonia Sotomayor (Author), Lulu Delacre (Illustrator) [2018]*

**LOLA (En Español)** *by Junot Díaz (Author), Leo Espinosa (Illustrator) [2018]*

**STELLA Diaz HAS Something To SAY** *by Angela Dominguez [2018]*

**Grade 6-8**

**MARCUS VEGA DOESN’T SPEAK SPANISH** *by Pablo Cartaya [2018]*

**The Distance Between Us: Young Readers Edition** *by Reyna Grande [2016]*

**THE POET X** *by Elizabeth Acevedo [2018]*

**SAVE ME A SEAT** *by Sarah Weeks, Gita Varadarajan [2016]*

**Grade 9-12**

**A True Story of Two Teenagers and the Crime That Changed Their Lives** *by Dashka Slater [2017]* **Dear Martin** *by Nic Stone [2017]­­***SUMMER OF THE MARIPOSAS** *by Guadalupe Garcia McCall [2012]***INTERNMENT** *by Samira Ahmed [2019]*

**2020-2021 Recommend Books**

*­­***Pre-K/TK/K**

**IN MY HEART: A Book of Feelings** *by Jo Witek (Author), Christine Roussey (Illustrator) [2014]*

**BE WHO YOU ARE** *by Todd Parr [2016]*

**All Are Welcome** *by Alexandra Penfold (Author), Suzanne Kaufman (Illustrator) [2018]*

**FEDERICO AND ALL HIS FAMILIES** *by Mili Hernández(Author), Gómez (Illustrator) [2020]*

**Grade 1-2  
THE PROUDEST BLUE A Story of Hijab and Family** *by Ibtihaj Muhammad and S.K. Ali (Authors), Hatem Aly (Illustrator) [2019]*

**Hair Love** *by Matthew A. Cherry (Author), Vashti Harrison (Illustrator) [2019]*

**WE ARE Water PROTECTORS** *by Carole Lindstrom (Author). Michaela Goade (Illustrator) [2020]*

**MARIO and the Hole in the Sky: HOW A CHEMIST SAVED OUR PLANET** *by Elizabeth Rusch (Author), Teresa Martinez (Illustrator) [2018]*

**Grade 3-5**

**THE TEACHERS MARCH! How Selma’s Teachers Changed History** *by Sandra Neil Wallace and Rich Wallace (Authors), Charly Palmer (Illustrator) [2020]*

**SHAKING THINGS UP: 14 YOUNG WOMEN WHO CHANGED THE WORLD** *by Susan Hood [2018]*

**INDIAN NO MORE** *by Charlene Willing McManis and Traci Sorell [2019]*

**EFRÉN DIVIDED** *by Ernesto Cisneros [2020]*

**Grade 6-8**

**BÉISBOL en ABRIL y otros cuentos** *by Stephanie Diaz and Gary Soto [1990]*

**SEEDFOLKS** *by Paul Fleischman (Author), Judy Pedersen(Illustrator) [1997]*

**BLACK BROTHER, BLACK BROTHER** *by Jewell Parker Rhodes [2020]*

**ASTRONAUTS Women on the Final Frontier** *by Jim Ottaviani (Author), Maris Wicks (Illustrator) [2020]*

**Grade 9-12**

**STAMPED RACISM, ANTIRACISM, AND YOU** *by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi [2020]*

**THE BEAST PLAYER** *by Nahoko Uehashi and Cathy Hirano [2006]*

**WE ARE NOT FROM HERE** *by Jenny Torres Sanchez [2020]*

**WATCH US RISE** *by Renee Watson and Ellen Hagan [2019]*

**2021-2022 Recommend Books**

*­­***Pre-K/TK/K**

**The Colors of Us** *by Karen Katz [1999]*

**I Promise** *by LeBron James (Author), Nina Mata (Illustrator) [2020]*

**Amy Wu and the Perfect Bao** *by Kat Zhang (Author), Charlene Chua (Illustrator) [2019]*

**Grade 1-2  
Ben and Emma’s Big Hit** *by Gavin Newsom (Authors), Alexandra Thompson (Illustrator) [2021]*

**Write to Me: Letters from Japanese American Children to the Librarian They Left Behind** *by Cynthia Grady (Author), Amiko Hirao (Illustrator) [2017]*

**Gratitude is My Superpower: A Children’s Book About Giving Thanks and Practicing Positivity** *by Alicia Ortego [2021]*

**Grade 3-5**

**Change Sings: A Children’s Anthem** *by Amanda Gorman (Author), Loren Long (Illustrator) [2021]*

**Dolores Huerta: A Hero to Migrant Workers** *by Sarah E. Warren (Author), Robert Casilla (Illustrator) [2012]*

**We Dream of Space** *by Erin Entrada Kelly [2020]*

**Grade 6-8**

**Esperanza Rising** *by Pam Muñoz Ryan [2000]*

**The Other Boy** *by M. G. Hennessey (Author), Sfe R. Monster (Illustrator) [2016]*

**Pharmacy Girl: The Great War, Spanish Influenza, and the Truth about Billy Detwiler** *by Kate Szegda [2019]*

**Grade 9-12**

**Firekeeper’s Daughter** *by Angeline Boulley [2021]*

**Children of Blood and Bone** *by Tomi Adeyemi [2018]*

**The Hill We Climb: An Inaugural Poem for the Country** *by Amanda Gorman [2021]*