

MULTICULTURAL BOOK DRIVE



Inclusive Children's Literature Examples

Thoughtfully selecting culturally competent books is one of the many ways to take action toward a more inclusive community. The following suggested books were compiled by various local and national experts on inclusive children's literature. Donate books to this drive to help us stock the shelves at nonprofits with inclusive texts, share this resource with others, or use it as a guide as you build your family's library.

Note: This list is intended to raise awareness on the array of books available, not requirements for the United Way Multicultural Book Drive.

A Jar of Dreams by Yoshiko Uchida

Barakah Beats by Maleeha Siddiqui

Be Patient, Abdul by Dolores Sandoval

Bird by Zetta Elliot

Black Boy Joy by Kwame Mbali

Black is a Rainbow Color by Angela Joy

Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson

Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis

Change Sings: A Children's Anthem by Amanda Gorman

Cinnamon by Neil Gaiman

Creativity by John Steptoe

Crown: An Ode to Fresh Cut by Derrick Barnes

Decoded by Jay-Z

Families, Families, Families! by Suzanne and Max Lang

Hair Love by Matthew A. Cherry

Hey Warrior by Karen Young

I Am Enough by Grace Byers

I Am Everything Good by Derrick Barnes

Kamala and Maya's Big Idea by Meena Harris

Keep Your Head Up by Aliya King Neil

Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds

Mango, Abuela, and Me by Meg Medina

Maya and the Rising Dark by Rena Barron

Milo Imagines the World by Matt de la Peña

Mommy's Khimar by Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow

My Singing Nana by Pat Mora

Nory Ryan's Song by Patricia Reilly Giff

Our Aunt Gracie by Jacqueline Woodson

Ruby Finds a Worry by Tom Percival

When My Worries Get Too Big by Kari Dunn Buron

Your Family, My Family by Isaac Drescher

Your Name Is a Song by Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow

United Way is proud to partner with local expert and community advocate, Dr. Amy Shema, and the [Rochester Education Foundation](#) to bring you this resource guide to selecting multicultural books. REF's 2022 literacy initiative, *Mirror, Window, and Doors*, distributed over 1,110 books to RCSD students that were intentionally chosen to reflect the values of promoting more diverse representations of characters in texts.



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