

Finding Diverse Books

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Call Sheet

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Pan Out

Diversity in Children's Books



Pan Out Window & Mirror Books

Books are sometimes windows, offering views of worlds that may be real or imagined, familiar or strange. These windows are also sliding glass doors, and readers have only to walk through in imagination to become part of whatever world has been created or recreated by the author. **When lighting conditions are just right, however, a window can also be a mirror.** Literature transforms human experience and reflects it back to us, and in that reflection we can see our own lives and experiences as part of the larger human experience. **Reading, then, becomes a means of self-affirmation, and readers often seek their mirrors in books.**



Pan Out Who Can Tell My Story?

My belief is that there is room in the world for all stories, and that everyone has one. My hope is that those who write about the tears and the laughter and the language in my grandmother's house have **first sat down at the table with us** and dipped the bread of their own experiences into our stew.





Training Montage

Resources for Teachers



Training Montage Using the Library

- [Search the catalog](#) and [place holds](#) at lincc.org or in the LINCC app
 - [Library Hacks video library](#) has more tutorials for using library resources
- Use the My Lists tool to keep track of popular topics and easily place them on hold
- Request [book recommendations](#) from our staff
- Sign up for an [Educator Card](#) for expanded access to books for your classroom
- Talk to your building's media specialist about school library resources



Training Montage

Additional Resources

- [Cooperative Children's Book Center at the University of Wisconsin-Madison](#) – statistics on BIPOC books for children going back to 1995
- [We Need Diverse Books](#) – a nonprofit working to produce and promote literature that reflects and honors the lives of all young people, lots of book recommendations on their Twitter feed
- [Diverse BookFinder](#) – database of 2,000+ BIPOC picture books can be searched or browsed by identity



Training Montage

Lesson Plans

- Author websites sometimes have lesson plans for their books
- [NoveList](#) (library card required) has lesson plans for some books
- Coordinate lesson planning with teachers from other schools, Equity Committee may be able to facilitate

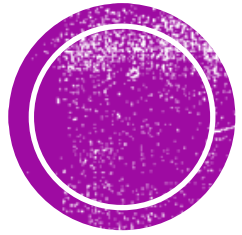


Training Montage

Talking to Parents

- If the book is part of the curriculum, it should be tied to a standard
 - Be prepared to identify and share the standard with parents
 - Diverse books are included in Oregon State Standards and the OCSD's Equity Policy
 - Contact Sara Deboy with additional questions
- If the book is part of a classroom library or from the school library, some library-specific concepts may apply
 - OCSD Librarian Doug Stull can answer additional questions





Zoom In

Diverse Identities in Children's Literature



Zoom In Resource Guide



IDENTITY GROUP

SUBJECT HEADINGS

Set by Library of Congress (individual libraries cannot change)
May use outdated terminology
Click link to find similar books in LINCC catalog at lincc.org

AWARDS

Professional book awards or recommendation lists, click link to find lists of past winners

Full interactive resource guide with links to LINCC library books and book award lists



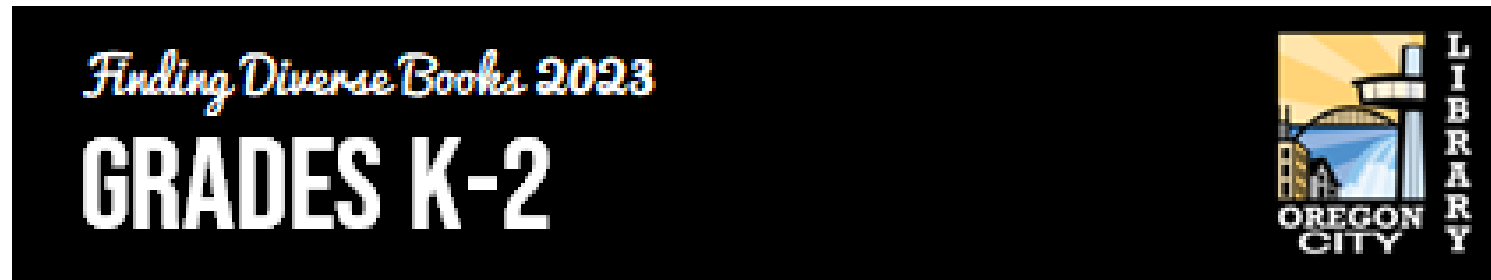
Zoom In Searchable Spreadsheet

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Author	Title	Collection	#ownvoices	Cit. Status	Disability	Gender & Income		Race & Ethnicity	Religion
Abe, Julie	Alliana, Girl of Dragons	J Fiction	x					Asian - Japanese	
Abrams, Stacey	Stacey's Remarkable Books	Picture Books	x					Black	
Adler, David	Spike It, Mo!	Easy Readers						Black	
Adler, David	Get On the Ice, Mo!	Easy Readers						Black	
Afram, Pamela	Shuri, Defender of Wakanda	Easy Readers						Black	
Agna, Gwen	True You	Parenting	x			Gender Identity			
Agyemang, Elizabeth	Fibbed	J Fiction	x					Black - Ghanaian	
Ainoya, Yuki	Sato the Rabbit, A Sea of Tea	Picture Books	x					Asian - Japanese	
Alexander, Kwame	Booked	Graphic Novel	x					Black	
Alexander, Kwame	Door of No Return	Young Teen	x					Black - Ghanaian	
Alexander, Lori	You Are Getting Sleepy	Board Books						Black	
Al-Hathloul, Lina	Loujain Dreams of Sunflowers	Nonfiction	x					Middle Eastern - Saudia Arabian	
Allman, John Robert	B is for Broadway	Nonfiction						Multicultural	
Alston, B.B.	Amari and the Great Game	Young Teen	x					Black	
Alston, Bria	Melody Lifts Her Voice	Easy Readers						Black	
American Girl	Kaya Rides to the Rescue	Easy Readers						Indigenous - Nez Perce	

Searchable spreadsheet of diverse books from 2022 available at Oregon City Public Library



Zoom In Recommended Books



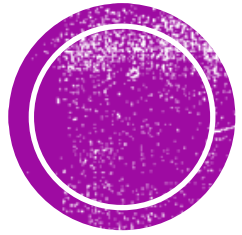
Bernstrom, Daniel
[Song in the City](#)

A young girl, filled with the sounds of her beloved city, helps her Grand ma realize that the city makes music as beautiful as the sounds they hear in church on Sunday morning.

Disability

Recommended books for readers in Grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12





End Scene

Library Contact Info



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