

**Holland Human Relations Department**  
**Diversity Rocks the Book**

**SUGGESTED TITLES 2019 Grades PreK-5**

*The Diversity Rocks the Book project team, comprised of local educators and librarians, has identified the following children's books as those that present a main character that represent our diverse cultural heritage. Our goal is to put diverse books such as these in front of and into the hands of our children, to begin to create for them a world in which all children can see themselves in the pages of a book. We encourage parents, childcare providers, and teachers to consider these titles for grades PreK-3 when selecting books for the home or classroom. A book list for grades 6-8 can be found [here](#).*

**Latin-American**

PreK-2<sup>nd</sup> ***Sing Don't Cry*** by Angela Dominguez

PreK-2<sup>nd</sup> ***Lucia the Luchadora*** by Cynthia Leonor Garza

PreK-3<sup>rd</sup> ***I Love Saturdays y Domingos*** by Alma Flor Ada

PreK-3<sup>rd</sup> ***Maybe Something Beautiful: How Art Transformed a Neighborhood*** by F. Isabel Campoy and Theresa Howell

PreK-3<sup>rd</sup> ***Carmella Full of Wishes*** by Matt de la Pena

PreK-3<sup>rd</sup> ***Niño Wrestles the World*** by Yuyi Morales

K-3<sup>rd</sup> ***The Rooster Who Would Not Be Quiet*** by Carmen Deedy

K-3<sup>rd</sup> ***Islandborn*** by Junot Diaz

K-3<sup>rd</sup> ***Mango, Abuela, and Me*** by Meg Medina

K-3<sup>rd</sup> ***Tia Isa Wants a Car*** by Meg Medina

3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> ***Stella Diaz Has Something to Say*** by Angela Dominguez

4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> ***Stef Soto: Taco Queen*** by Jennifer Torres

**African American**

PreK ***Lola at the Library*** by Anna McQuinn

PreK-1<sup>st</sup> ***I Got the Rhythm*** by Connie Schofield-Morrison

PreK-2<sup>nd</sup> ***Hello Goodbye Window*** by Norton Juster

PreK-3<sup>rd</sup> ***Alfie: (The Turtle That Disappeared)*** by Thyra Heder

PreK-3<sup>rd</sup> ***The Colors of Us*** by Karen Katz

K-2<sup>nd</sup> ***Ada Twist, Scientist*** by Andrea Beaty

K-3<sup>rd</sup> ***Little Red Gliding Hood*** by Tara Lazar

K-3<sup>rd</sup> ***Mabel and Sam at Home*** by Linda Urban

K-4<sup>th</sup> ***Zoey and Sassafras: Dragons and Marshmallows*** (book 1 of a series) by Asia Citro

1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> ***Polly Diamond and the Magic Book*** by Alice Kuipers

2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> ***Little Robot*** by Ben Hatke

3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> ***Dragons in a Bag*** by Zetta Elliot

4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> ***The Season of Styx Malone*** by Kekla Magoon

4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> ***The Parker Inheritance*** by Varian Johnson

## Asian-American

- PreK-1<sup>st</sup> ***Round is a Mooncake*** by Roseanne Thong  
PreK-2<sup>nd</sup> ***The Name Jar*** by Yangsook Choi  
PreK-3<sup>rd</sup> ***Drawn Together*** by Minh Lee  
PreK-3<sup>rd</sup> ***A Big Mooncake for Little Star*** by Grace Lin  
PreK-3<sup>rd</sup> ***Bee-Bim Bop!*** by Linda Sue Park  
K-2<sup>nd</sup> ***A Morning with Grandpa*** by Sylvia Liu  
K-3<sup>rd</sup> ***A Different Pond*** by Bao Phi  
K-4<sup>th</sup> ***Where's Halmoni?*** by Julie Kim  
1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> ***Jasmine Toguchi, Mochi Queen*** (book 1 of a series) by Debbi Michiko Florence  
1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> ***Same, Same But Different*** by Jenny Sue Kostecki-Shaw  
1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> ***Ruby Lu, Brave and True*** (book 1 of a series) by Lenora Look

## Muslim-American

- PreK-1<sup>st</sup> ***Hands Around the Library: Protecting Egypt's Treasured Books*** by Karen Leggett Abouraya  
K-2<sup>nd</sup> ***The Sandwich Swap*** by Queen Rania of Jordan Al Abdullah  
K-2<sup>nd</sup> ***Meet Yasmin!*** by Saadi Faruqi  
K-3<sup>rd</sup> ***Yo Soy Muslim: A Father's Letter to His Daughter*** by Mark Gonzales  
K-5<sup>th</sup> ***Nadia's Hands*** by Karen English  
1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> ***Malala Yousafzai: Warrior with Words*** by Karen Leggett Abouraya  
1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> ***Malala's Magic Pencil*** by Malala Yousafzai  
4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> ***Amina's Voice*** by Hena Kahn

## Native First Nation

- PreK ***My Heart Fills With Happiness*** by Monique Gray Smith  
PreK-3<sup>rd</sup> ***Bowwow Powwow*** by Brenda J. Child  
PreK-3<sup>rd</sup> ***When We Were Alone*** by David Alexander Robertson  
K-2<sup>nd</sup> ***The Water Walker*** by Joanne Robertson  
K-2<sup>nd</sup> ***We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga*** by Traci Sorell  
K-3<sup>rd</sup> ***Fall In Line, Holden!*** by Daniel Vandever  
K-5<sup>th</sup> ***The Cloud Artist: A Choctaw Tale*** by Sherri Maret  
1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> ***The People Shall Continue*** by Simon J Ortiz  
2<sup>nd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> ***Crossing Bok Chitto: A Choctaw Tale of Friendship & Freedom*** by Tim Tingle  
3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> ***Fall in Line, Holden!*** by Daniel Vandever

## LGBT Gender Nonconforming

- PreK-1<sup>st</sup> ***Red: A Crayon's Story*** by Michael Hall  
PreK-2<sup>nd</sup> ***Julian is Mermaid*** by Jessica Love  
PreK-2<sup>nd</sup> ***A Fire Engine for Ruthie*** by Leslea Newman  
PreK-3<sup>rd</sup> ***Morris Micklewhite and the Tangerine Dress*** by Christine Baldacchino  
PreK-3<sup>rd</sup> ***Jacob's New Dress*** by Sarah and Ian Hoffman

PreK-3<sup>rd</sup> ***My Princess Boy*** by Cheryl Kilodavis  
PreK-3<sup>rd</sup> ***This Day in June*** by Gayle Pitman  
1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> ***In Our Mothers' House*** by Patricia Polacco  
4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> ***George*** by Alex Gino

### **Multicultural Families**

PreK-1<sup>st</sup> ***Oscar's Half Birthday*** by Bob Graham  
PreK-1<sup>st</sup> ***Families Families Families*** by Suzanne Lang  
PreK-1<sup>st</sup> ***You Were the First*** by Patricia MacLachlan  
PreK-2<sup>nd</sup> ***The Hello, Goodbye Window*** by Norton Juster  
PreK-2<sup>nd</sup> ***I Love You Like Crazy Cakes*** by Rose A. Lewis  
PreK-2<sup>nd</sup> ***Grandfather Counts*** by Deborah J Short  
PreK-3<sup>rd</sup> ***Marisol McDonald Doesn't Match*** by Monica Brown  
K-3<sup>rd</sup> ***My Two Grannies*** by Floella Benjamin  
K-3<sup>rd</sup> ***Jalapeno Bagels*** by Natasha Wing  
1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> ***Mixed Me!*** by Taye Diggs  
1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> ***Lola Levine Is Not Mean!*** (book 1 in series) by Monica Brown

### **Immigrant Migrant Refugee**

PreK-5<sup>th</sup> ***Dreamers*** by Yuyi Morales  
K-2<sup>nd</sup> ***I'm New Here*** by Anne Sibley O'Brien  
1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> ***The Journey*** by Francesca Sanna  
3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> ***Return to Sender*** by Julia Alvarez  
3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> ***Front Desk*** by Kelly Yang

### **Disabilities**

PreK-1<sup>st</sup> ***It's Okay to be Different*** by Todd Parr  
PreK-2<sup>nd</sup> ***Don't Call Me Special*** by Pat Thomas  
PreK-3<sup>rd</sup> ***Hello Goodbye Dog*** by Maria Gianferrari  
3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> ***Hello, Universe*** by Erin Entrada Kelly  
3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> ***Elvis and the Underdogs*** by Jenny Lee

### **Poverty and Homelessness**

PreK-2<sup>nd</sup> ***Yard Sale*** by Eve Bunting  
PreK-2<sup>nd</sup> ***Last Stop On Market Street*** by Matt de la Peña  
K-3<sup>rd</sup> ***A Shelter in our Car*** by Monica Gunning  
1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> ***Those Shoes*** by Maribeth Boelts  
1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> ***Maddi's Fridge*** by Lois Brandt

### **GENERAL**

PreK-3<sup>rd</sup> ***The Colors of Us*** by Karen Katz

PreK-3<sup>rd</sup> ***I Walk with Vanessa: A Story about a Simple Act of Kindness*** by Kerascoet

PreK-3<sup>rd</sup> ***Rulers of the Playground*** by Joseph Kuefler

PreK-3<sup>rd</sup> ***Thank You, Omu*** by Oge Mora

PreK-3<sup>rd</sup> ***The Skin You Live In*** by Michael Tyler

K-3<sup>rd</sup> ***The Day You Begin*** by Jaqueline Woodson