

Equality and Diversity

Books available at the Columbus Metropolitan Library

PICTURE BOOKS

Hana's Hundreds of Hijabs by Razeena Omar Gutta, 2022

Picture Book GUTTA

When her huge collection of hijabs and accessories gets way out of control, Hana comes up with a clever plan for sharing her talents and possessions with her community. (Grades PreK-4)

Bathe the Cat by Alice B. McGinty, 2022

Picture Book McGINTY

Dad has posted a list of chores for the family to do before grandma comes, including bathing the cat; but the cat does not want a bath, so she mixes up the instructions, and soon the family is mowing the floor, vacuuming the lawn, mopping the baby--and the house is in chaos. (Grades PreK-K)

Dear Reader: A Love Letter to Libraries by Tiffany Rose, 2022

Picture Book ROSE

A voracious young reader pens a love letter to libraries and books, and powerfully expresses the need for diversity and the importance of representation in stories. (Grades PreK-3)

My Shadow is Pink by Scott Stuart, 2020

Picture Book STUART

The main character likes princesses, fairies and things 'not for boys'... he soon learns (through the support of his dad) that everyone has a shadow that they sometimes feel they need to hide. This is an important book for a new generation of children (and adults alike) which exemplifies the concepts of unconditional love, respect and positive parenting. (Grades K-2)

Beautiful You, Beautiful Me by Tasha Spillett-Sumner, 2022

Picture Book SPILLETT-SUMNER

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JUVENILE FICTION

Red, White, and Whole by Rajani LaRocca, 2021

J FICTION LAROCCA

Reha feels torn between two worlds: school, where she's the only Indian American student, and home, with her family's traditions and holidays. Then Reha finds out that her Amma is sick. Reha, who dreams of becoming a doctor even though she can't stomach the sight of blood, is determined to make her Amma well again. (Grades 5-12)

Aviva vs. the Dybbuk by Mari Lowe, 2022

J FICTION LOWE

As tensions escalate in the Jewish community of Beacon with incidents of vandalism and a swastika carved into new concrete poured near the synagogue, so does the tension grow between Aviva and the girls at her school. Topping it off is a ghostly dybbuk, whose mayhem is

blamed on Aviva. Could real harm be coming Aviva's way? And what does it all have to do with the "accident" that took her father years ago? (Grades 3-7)

TEEN

Firekeeper's Daughter by Angeline Boulley, 2021

FICTION BOULLEY

Daunis, who is part Ojibwe, defers attending the University of Michigan to care for her mother and reluctantly becomes involved in the investigation of a series of drug-related deaths. (Grades 9-12)

Last Night at Telegraph Club by Malinda Lo, 2021

FICTION LO

Seventeen-year-old Lily Hu can't remember exactly when the question took root, but the answer was in full bloom the moment she and Kathleen Miller walked under the flashing neon sign of a lesbian bar called the Telegraph Club. With deportation looming over her father--despite his hardwon citizenship--Lily and Kath risk everything to let their love see the light of day. (Grades 9-12)

NON-FICTION

Bodies Are Cool by Taylor Feder, 2021

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Illustrations and easy-to-read, rhyming text celebrate bodies of all shapes, sizes, ages, and colors, with different kinds of hair, eyes, spots, scars, and more. (Grades PreK-3)

Our Skin: A First Conversation About Race by Megan Madison, 2021

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An age-appropriate introduction to the concepts of race, gender, consent and body positivity, developed by early childhood and activism experts, combines clear text with engaging artwork to help the youngest children recognize and confront unjust actions. (Grade PreK)

Fall Down Seven Times, Stand Up Eight by Patsy Takemoto Mink, 2022

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A champion of equal rights who helped create a better future for all Americans, this biography of the first Asian American woman elected to Congress showed how she carved her own path to become a historic trailblazer. (Grades 2-4)