

Diversity Resources for Teachers

Gail Borden Public Library District

Online Resources

Africa Access - a website expanding perspectives on Africa, book by book

American Indians in Children's Literature Blog - a blog providing critical perspective and analysis of indigenous peoples in children's and young adult books, the school curriculum, popular culture, and society

The Brown Bookshelf - A blog discussing and promoting children's literature written by African Americans

Disability in Kidlit - Reviews, guests posts, and discussion about the portrayal of disabilities in Middle Grade and Young Adult fiction. This blog is no longer updated, but the previous posts are beneficial

Latin@s in KidLit - A blog discussing and promoting children's literature written "about, for, and/or by Latin@s"

Lee & Low Books - The largest multicultural children's book publisher in the United States

Rainbow Book List - A GLBTQ bibliography curated by an American Library Association committee.

We Need Diverse Books: Where to Find Diverse Books - The [We Need Diverse Books](#) campaign maintains this resource and links to sites that highlight children's literature about African-Americans, American Indians, Latinos, persons with disabilities, Muslims, LGBTQIA persons, and more.

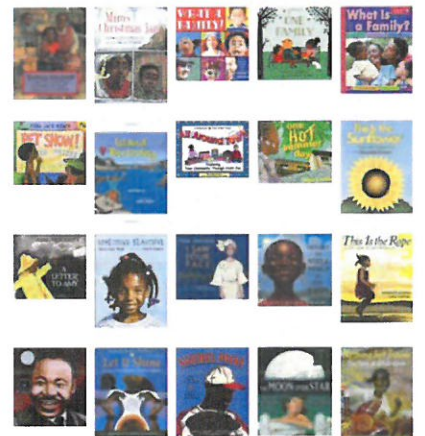
U-46 Multicultural Shelf on African-American History and Culture

Retired teachers and school librarians have worked together with Gail Borden staff to create the U-46 Multicultural Shelf on African-American History and Culture. [This list](#) includes books for elementary-school readers that:

- are written by African or African-American authors

OR

- touch on aspects of African or African-American history and culture



Individual books have been mapped to specific grade levels and essential questions. Fountas and Pinnell levels are also listed when available. You can [view the entire Multicultural Bookshelf online](#) or select a specific grade level to view:

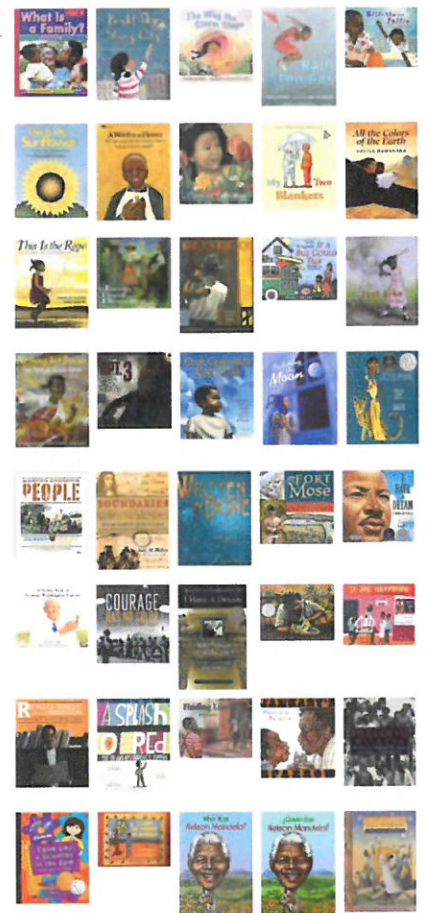
- [Kindergarten](#)
- [First grade](#)
- [Second grade](#)
- [Third grade](#)
- [Fourth grade](#)
- [Fifth grade](#)
- [All grade levels](#)

To find more books for all ages, try doing an advanced search with the term African as a subject. Once you get a list of results, you can use the options on the left side to narrow down your search results to DVDs, puppets, books in Spanish, books in the teen section, or other types of materials.

Questions? Comments?

If you would like more assistance in locating materials for use in your classroom, please contact Gail Borden Public Library Youth Help Desk at (847) 429-4685.

- URL:
- <https://ecclibrary.elgin.edu/c.php?g=547327&p=3755636>





Multicultural Literature for Children and Young Adults: Elgin Community College Website

Renner Academic Library and Learning Resources Research Guides

- [CCBC Inclusive Booklists](#)

Booklists that include (but are not limited to) LGBTQ+ experiences, black experiences, global reading (books set in other countries), push back against racism, and the civil rights movement.

- [Día - Diversity in Action](#)

Día is a nationally recognized initiative that emphasizes the importance of literacy for all children from all backgrounds. It is a daily commitment to linking children and their families to diverse books, languages and cultures. Included in this resource is a list of useful websites that focus on multicultural children's books and programming.

- [We Need Diverse Books](#)

We Need Diverse Books™ is a grassroots organization of children's book lovers that advocates essential changes in the publishing industry to produce and promote literature that reflects and honors the lives of all young people.

OUR MISSION - Putting more books featuring diverse characters into the hands of all children.

OUR VISION - A world in which all children can see themselves in the pages of a book.

- [The Stories We Share](#)

The Stories We Share, a database from the Northern Illinois University Library, offers a guide to selected award-winning preK-12 fiction and nonfiction books on the experience of immigrant children and teens in the United States.

- [Latinxs in Kid Lit](#)

Exploring the world of Latinx young adult, middle grade and children's literature.

- [Pura Belpré Award](#)

The award is named after Pura Belpré, the first Latina librarian at the New York Public Library. This award is presented annually to a Latino/Latina writer and illustrator whose work best portrays, affirms, and celebrates the Latino cultural experience in an outstanding work of literature for children and youth. To see past years' winners, click on the link in the left column which says Belpré Medal Past Winners.

- [Coretta Scott King Book Awards](#)

The Coretta Scott King Book Awards are given annually to outstanding African American authors and illustrators of books for children and young adults that demonstrate an appreciation of African American culture and universal human values. The award commemorates the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and honors his wife, Mrs. Coretta Scott King, for her courage and determination to continue the work for peace and world brotherhood. To see past years' winners, click on the link in the left column which says All Recipients, 1970-Present.

- [The Brown Bookshelf](#)

The Brown Bookshelf is designed to push awareness of the myriad of African American voices writing for young readers.

- [Multicultural Supplement on African-American History and Culture](#)

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