Building a Diverse Bookshelf

Stories have power. Reading paves a path to a broader and brighter world – unlocking imaginations, expanding possibilities and improving the probability of a successful future. Children seeing themselves in the stories they read makes this all the more real. Your library’s collection should reflect the diversity of the community utilizing it. We believe including some of these recommended books will reinforce the message that all people are of sacred worth.

**Picture Books**

A TALE OF TWO DADDIES
By Vanita Oelschlager

BOB, NOT BOB!
By Liz Garton Scanlon

HAMMER AND NAILS
By Josh Bledsoe

HANDS & HEARTS
By Donna Jo Napoli

THE MAGIC WORD
By Mac Barnett

MOLLY, BY GOLLY!
By Dianne Ochiltree

PEACEFUL HEROES
By Jonah Winter

YOU HOLD ME UP
By Monique Gray Smith

K- Grade 2

A PIECE OF HOME
By Jeri Watts

AZZI IN BETWEEN
By Sarah Garland

BIRD WATCH
By Christie Matheson

BRAVE BALLERINA
By Michelle Meadows

GONDRA’S TREASURE
By Linda Sue Park

MALALA’S MAGIC PENCIL
By Malala Yousafzai

MARTY MCGUIRE
By Kate Messner

THE PRINCESS IN BLACK
By Shannon Hale

Grades 3-5

HELLO, UNIVERSE
By Erin Entrada Kelly

INDIAN SHOES
By Cynthia L. Smith

REAL FRIENDS
By Shannon Hale

RESTART
By Gordon Korman

SAVVY
By Ingrid Law

THE UNWANTEDS
By Lisa McMann

WE’RE NOT FROM HERE
By Geoff Rodkey

WONDERSTRUCK
By Brian Selznick

Middle School

FEVER 1793
By Laurie Halse Anderson

TO CATCH A KILLER
By Sheryl Scarborough

OKAY FOR NOW
By Gary D. Schmidt

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