

# Children's Literature Update 2019

## Useful Websites and Resources

### *General Websites:*

#### [ALA/ALSC Book Awards](#)

[www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia](http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia)

Lists of the youth book and media awards given by the American Library Association. For the 2019 announcements, go to: [www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2019/01/american-library-association-announces-2019-youth-media-award-winners](http://www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2019/01/american-library-association-announces-2019-youth-media-award-winners); as of this writing, these books have not been added to the main award webpages.

#### [Graphic novels for younger tweens](#)

[noflyingnotights.com/?cat=11](http://noflyingnotights.com/?cat=11)

Not sure which graphic novels are appropriate for children? Check out this website, which used to be called "Sidekicks."

#### [ACL BayViews Read-Alikes](#)

[www.bayviews.org/readalikes.html](http://www.bayviews.org/readalikes.html)

Maintained by the Association of Children's Librarians of Northern California, their website has a Read-Alikes section that features new lists every month.

#### [Publishers' Weekly Bestseller's Lists](#)

[www.publishersweekly.com/pw/nielsen/index.html](http://www.publishersweekly.com/pw/nielsen/index.html)

Check out the bestsellers to be sure you have the popular books that readers are buying.

#### [Children's Series Books](#)

[www.mymcpl.org/books-movies-music/juvenile-series](http://www.mymcpl.org/books-movies-music/juvenile-series)

Maintained by the MidContinent Public Library, MO, you can search for a book's title, author, series title, or subject, and find the listing for a book series. A great way to find a list of titles to series books in number order.

#### [KidsReads](#)

[www.kidsreads.com/](http://www.kidsreads.com/)

A longtime resource for new books for kids – mainly novels for grades 4-8. It features reviews by kids as well as by teachers and librarians. A great way to find out what is "hot."

#### [Horn Book](#)

[www.hbook.com/](http://www.hbook.com/)

Horn Book magazine's online site has interviews, reviews, and much more.

#### [School Library Journal](#)

[www.slj.com/](http://www.slj.com/)

Website of the popular magazine for children's librarians, with features regularly updated. Don't let the title fool you – it is for public libraries, too!

#### [Booklist magazine](#)

[www.booklistonline.com/](http://www.booklistonline.com/)

Booklist offers great free webinars on many topics, including books for youth.

### [Infopeople Webinars](#)

[infopeople.org/training/view/webinar](http://infopeople.org/training/view/webinar)

Look for other free webinars from Infopeople.

### ***Books for Storytime:***

#### [BayViews Storytime Themes](#)

[www.bayviews.org/storytime.html](http://www.bayviews.org/storytime.html)

From the Association of Children's Librarians of Northern California. This blog features read-alike lists of tween novels, programming ideas, and at least two new storytime themes every month. More than 100 storytime themes are listed.

#### [Webinar on Informational Books for Storytime:](#)

<https://infopeople.org/civicism/event/info?reset=1&id=660>

Penny Peck's webinar describes many informational picture books that are great storytime read-alouds while still being factual. There is also a section pairing storybooks with nonfiction readalouds and related hands-on projects to offer at storytime.

#### [Webinar on "New Books for Storytime 2017"](#)

<https://infopeople.org/civicism/event/info%3Fid%3D713%26reset%3D1>

Penny Peck's latest annual webinar on new books for storytime, including interactive books, sing-along and call and response books, and books that promote the five parent practices of reading, singing, playing, writing, and talking. **A new webinar on "New Books for Storytime (2019)" is scheduled for Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at Noon (Pacific time).**

### ***Diversity:***

#### [ALA White Paper on Multicultural Children's Literature](#)

[www.ala.org/alsc/importance-diversity](http://www.ala.org/alsc/importance-diversity)

An academic paper with evidence explaining why we need more multicultural children's books.

#### [We Need Diverse Books](#)

[weneeddiversebooks.org/](http://weneeddiversebooks.org/)

Formed just a few years ago, this grassroots effort by librarians, publishers, authors, booksellers, and others advocates for more diversity in books for youth.

#### [Lee & Low Books](#)

[www.leeandlow.com/](http://www.leeandlow.com/)

Lee & Low Books specializes in publishing multicultural children's books and has several useful resources on their website.

#### [Lee & Low's Resources for Great Diverse Children's Books](#)

[blog.leeandlow.com/2014/03/21/where-can-i-find-great-diverse-childrens-](http://blog.leeandlow.com/2014/03/21/where-can-i-find-great-diverse-childrens-books/?utm_source=Copy+of+April+2014%2C+Main+Edition&utm_campaign=Main+Enews+&utm_medium=email)

[books/?utm\\_source=Copy+of+April+2014%2C+Main+Edition&utm\\_campaign=Main+Enews+&utm\\_medium=email](http://blog.leeandlow.com/2014/03/21/where-can-i-find-great-diverse-childrens-books/?utm_source=Copy+of+April+2014%2C+Main+Edition&utm_campaign=Main+Enews+&utm_medium=email)

A great list of resources, including publishers, blogs, and awards that focus on multicultural children's books.

### [CCBC'S List of Multicultural Resources](#)

cbbc.education.wisc.edu/books/multicultural.asp

A list of multicultural book resources from the Cooperative Children's Book Center at the School of Education at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

### [Cinco Puntos Press](#)

www.cincopuntos.com

Cinco Puntos specializes in publishing books celebrating Latino culture, including children's bilingual books and books in English.

### [The Brown Bookshelf](#)

thebrownbookshelf.com/

A blog promoting great African-American books for youth, this features interviews with authors and illustrators, and book reviews recommending books.

### [Latinxs In Kidlit](#)

latinosinkidlit.com/

Subtitled "Exploring the world of Latino/a YA, MG, and children's literature," this blog contains book reviews and author interviews. Check out their lists of Children's Lit and MG Lit (middle grade) for a wealth of books listed by author.

### [American Indians in Children's Literature](#)

americanindiansinchildrensliterature.blogspot.com/

Debbie Reese runs this blog which doesn't shy from being controversial or outspoken. Both new books as well as classic children's books are examined for positive portrayals of Native American Indians. Books with negative stereotypes are also discussed.

### [Book Dragon](#)

smithsonianapa.org/bookdragon/

Maintained by the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center, this blog reviews books for adults and children that represent multicultural diversity. Scroll to the bottom and select books for children or middle grade readers to find recommended books.

### [Embrace Race: Where to find "diverse" children's books](#)

medium.com/embrace-race/where-to-find-diverse-childrens-books-5bc8c8bc971b

This site offers a wealth of links to booklists and other resources on multicultural children's books.

### [Here Wee Read](#)

<http://hereweeread.com/2018/11/the-2019-ultimate-list-of-diverse-childrens-books.html>

Multicultural books published in late 2018 and 2019 are suggested on this great blog.

### ***Summer Reading***

#### [Collaborative Summer Library Program](#)

www.csllpreads.org/

All states are members of this summer reading collaborative. Their annual summer reading program theme and artwork are used by most libraries. The 2019 theme is "A Universe of Stories."

#### [iREAD Reading Programs](#)

www.ireadprogram.org/

Since 1981, iREAD has developed and shared its summer reading programs, although they originated in Illinois. Many California libraries use the iREAD theme due to the partnership with the California Library Association. The 2019 theme is “It’s Showtime at Your Library!”

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