**Children’s Literature Update 2014**

**Useful Websites and Resources**

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[ALA/ALSC Book Awards](http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia)

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Listing the youth book awards given by the American Library Association.

[Graphic novels for younger tweens](http://noflyingnotights.com/?cat=11)

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

[ACL BayViews Read-Alikes](http://www.bayviews.org/readalikes.html)

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

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

[Children’s Series Books](http://www.mymcpl.org/books-movies-music/juvenile-series)

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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.

[HarperCollins](http://www.readcommoncore.com/)

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From HarperCollins publisher comes this useful website that has resources for teachers using specific books, both fiction and nonfiction, in the classroom to fulfill Common Core requirements.

[Core Standards](http://www.corestandards.org/)

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A handy website with everything about the Common Core – what it is (and isn’t), and how it can be implemented.

[ACL’S Common Core/Stem Resources](http://www.bayviews.org/institute/2014handouts.html)

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From the Association of Children’s Librarians of Northern California comes this extensive list of resources focusing on Common Core STEM materials that librarians can offer teachers.

[*School Library Journal’s* Common Core column](http://www.slj.com/category/standards/common-core#_)

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The regular column on the Common Core in *School Library Journal* offers books that will help fulfill requirements.

[I.N.K.](http://www.inkrethink.blogspot.com/) – Interesting Nonfiction for Kids

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A blog on fun nonfiction books for kids, including books related to the Common Core.

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

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

[School Library Journal](http://www.slj.com/)

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Website of the popular magazine for children’s librarians, with features regularly updated.

[Booklist magazine](http://www.booklistonline.com/default.aspx?AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1)

www.booklistonline.com/

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

[SLJ Diversity Issue – May 2014](http://www.slj.com/2014/05/diversity/childrens-books-still-an-all-white-world/)

www.slj.com/features/the-diversity-issue-slj-2014/#\_

School Library Journal’s most recent issue, devoted to the topic of the lack of diversity in children’s books

[ALA White Paper on Multicultural Children’s Literature](http://www.ala.org/alsc/importance-diversity)

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

[*Entertainment Weekly* Editorial](http://shelf-life.ew.com/2014/04/15/kid-lits-primary-color-white-report/?utm_source=Copy+of+April+2014%2C+Main+Edition&utm_campaign=Main+Enews+&utm_medium=email)

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Even mainstream media are advocating for more diversity in children’s books. Check out this brief but pointed editorial from *Entertainment Weekly.*

[Lee & Low Books](http://www.leeandlow.com/)

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Lee & Low specialize in publishing multicultural children’s books, and has several useful resources on their website.

[CCBC’S List of Multicultural Publishers](https://ccbc.education.wisc.edu/books/multicultural.asp)

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A list of 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](http://www.cincopuntos.com)

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

Resources about American Indians

[www.slj.com/2013/11/collection-development/focus-on-collection-development/resources-and-kid-lit-about-american-indians-focus-on](http://www.slj.com/2013/11/collection-development/focus-on-collection-development/resources-and-kid-lit-about-american-indians-focus-on)

This online column from Debbie Reese lists great children’s and teen books which authentically represent the Native American culture.

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