

Children's Literature Update 2015

Useful Websites and Resources

General Websites:

[ALA/ALSC Book Awards](#)

www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia

Lists of the youth book awards given by the American Library Association.

[Graphic novels for younger tweens](#)

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

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

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

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/

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/

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

[School Library Journal](#)

www.slj.com/

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

[Booklist magazine](#)

www.booklistonline.com/

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

[Infopeople Webinars](#)

infopeople.org/training/view/webinar

Look for other free webinars from Infopeople, including the April 21, 2015 webinar on new Young Adult books.

Common Core:

[Core Standards](#)

www.corestandards.org

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

[ALA/ALSC Common Core Standards Resources](#)

www.ala.org/alsc/ccss-resources

A wealth of articles, blogs, and websites relating to the Common Core, compiled by the Association of Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association.

[ACL'S Common Core/Stem Resources](#)

www.bayviews.org/institute/2014handouts.html

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](#)

www.slj.com/category/standards/common-core#_

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

[Read Common Core](#)

www.readcommoncore.com

From HarperCollins publisher, this site offers information and resources on using books to support elements of the Common Core standards.

Diversity:

[SLJ Diversity Issue – May 2014](#)

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

School Library Journal's 2014 issue devoted to the topic of the lack of diversity in children's books

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

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/

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

[Lee & Low Books](#)

www.leeandlow.com/

Lee & Low specialize 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[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.

[Latinos 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 as well as other people of color. 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.

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