

Opening Windows to Our World

Sixth Grade, 2018

Nonfiction

Immigrant Families by H.W. Poole

306.85 POO

The author explores the past and present of immigration--most specifically, the challenges that young people experience when they grow up in a culture very different from the one their parents know.

Teammates by Peter Golenbock

796.357 GOL

The author describes the racial prejudice experienced by Jackie Robinson when he joined the Brooklyn Dodgers to become the first African-American player in Major League baseball, and the author depicts the acceptance and support Robinson received from his white teammate Pee Wee Reese.

Maya Lin by Susan Goldman Rubin

B LIN

The author tells the story of Maya Lin, from her struggle to stick with her vision of the memorial to the wide variety of works she has created.

Unsinkable by Jessica Long

B LONG

Learn about the inspiring life of Jessica Long, who was adopted from a Russian orphanage at thirteen-months-old and has since become the second most decorated U.S. Paralympic athlete of all time.

Fiction

Lucky Broken Girl by Ruth Behar

FIC BEH

In 1960s New York, fifth-grader Ruthie, a Cuban-Jewish immigrant, must rely on books, art, her family, and friends in her multicultural neighborhood when an accident puts her in a body cast.
Genre: Historical

Louisa's Way Home by Kate DiCamillo

FIC DIC

As Louisiana's life becomes entwined with the lives of the people of a small Georgia town including a surly motel owner, a walrus-like minister, and a mysterious boy with a crow on his shoulder, she starts to worry that she is destined only for good-byes.
Genre: Historical

Armstrong & Charlie by Steven Frank

FIC FRA

During the first year of a Los Angeles school system integration program, two sixth grade boys, one black, one white, become best friends as they learn to cope with everything from first crushes and playground politics to the loss of loved ones and racial prejudice in the 1970s.
Genre: Historical

Dream of Night by Heather Henson

FIC HEN

Twelve-year-old Shiloh, a troubled foster child, Dream of Night, an abused former racehorse, and their caretaker Jess, a woman who knows how it feels to have loved and lost, find healing by helping one another through their pain.

Genre: Contemporary

A Sky Full of Stars by Linda Williams Jackson

FIC JAC

In Stillwater, Mississippi, in 1955, thirteen-year-old African American Rose Lee Carter looks to her family and friends to understand her place in the burgeoning civil rights movement.

Genre: Historical

Breakout by Kate Messner

FIC MES

Nora Tucker is looking forward to summer vacation in Wolf Creek, but when two inmates break out of the town's maximum security prison, everything changes.

Genre: Contemporary

The House that Lou Built by Mae Respcio

FIC RES

Longing for an escape from her extended Filipino family, Lou plans to build a tiny house on land she inherited from her father, but difficulties quickly arise.

Genre: Contemporary