

Opening Windows to Our World

Seventh Grade, October 2018

Nonfiction

Marley Dias Gets it Done by Marley Dias

305.23 DIA

Marley explores activism, social justice, volunteerism, equity, inclusion, and using social media for good.

Who are these People? by Michael Fallon

646.7 FAL

The author discusses common scenarios for middle school and high school boys, including family issues, physical changes, and academic pressures.

Path to the Stars by Sylvia Acevedo

B ACEVEDO

The inspiring memoir for young readers about a Latina rocket scientist whose early life was transformed by joining the Girl Scouts and who currently serves as CEO of the Girl Scouts of the USA.

Fiction

Courage by B.A. Binns

FIC BIN

When criminal activity increases in T'Shawn's Chicago neighborhood, and people in the community automatically blame his brother Lamont, T'Shawn begins to worry that maybe his brother hasn't left his criminal past behind.

Genre: Contemporary

The Struggles of Johnny Cannon by Isaiah Campbell

FIC CAM

In Alabama, in the summer of 1961, twelve-year-old Johnny Cannon gets mixed up in a Mafia blood feud as he searches for his happy ending with Martha Macker.

Genres: Historical/Humor

Midnight without a Moon by Linda Williams Jackson

FIC JAC

Rose Lee Carter, a thirteen-year-old African-American girl, dreams of life beyond the Mississippi cotton fields during the summer of 1955, but when Emmett Till is murdered and his killers are unjustly acquitted, Rose is torn between seeking her destiny outside of Mississippi or staying and being a part of an important movement.

Genre: Historical

Marcus Diego Doesn't Speak Spanish by Pablo Cartaya

FIC CAR

After a fight at school leaves Marcus facing suspension, Marcus's mother takes him and his younger brother, who has Down syndrome, to Puerto Rico to visit relatives they do not know.

Genre: Contemporary

Like Vanessa by Tami Charles

FIC CHA

It is 1983 and Vanessa, a thirteen-year-old African American girl in Newark's public housing, dreams of following in the footsteps of the first black Miss America, Vanessa Williams; but with a dysfunctional family the odds are against her.

Genre: Historical

The Dollar Kids by Jennifer Richard Jacobson

FIC JAM

When Lowen stumbles across an article about a former mill town giving away homes for just one dollar, it not only seems like the perfect escape from his town and all of the awful memories associated with the city, but is the Dollar Program too good to be true?

Genre: Contemporary

Ghost Boys by Jewell Parker Rhodes

FIC RHO

After seventh-grader Jerome is shot by a white police officer, he observes the aftermath of his death and meets the ghosts of other fallen black boys including historical figure Emmett Till.

Genres: Contemporary/Historical

Tracks by Diane Lee Wilson

FIC WIL

An Irish boy and a Chinese boy become friends, despite their mistrust and prejudices, while working on the Transcontinental Railroad in 1866.

Genre: Historical