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PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Selections for March 2025

Help children get excited about reading! Each month, a list of featured books will be available to: Assist teachers, librarians, and families in finding quality books to encourage independent reading; offer titles that allow students to see themselves, explore other cultures, and discover more about the world in which they live; and ignite a passion for reading.



PRESCHOOL

Wind Watchers

by Micha Archer

Seasons come and go, and the wind wafts its way through them all. A family of children ask the wind, “How will you blow today?” Will the wind send gentle breezes that cool them off on hot days? Or strong gusts that send them running inside on stormy days? The wind is an always-changing wonder!



The Rabbit Listened

by Cori Doerrfeld



When something sad happens, Taylor doesn't know where to turn. The chicken wants to talk, but Taylor doesn't feel like chatting. The bear thinks Taylor should get angry, but that's not quite right. Then the rabbit arrives. All the rabbit does is listen . . . which is just what Taylor needs.

PRIMARY (GRADES KINDERGARTEN – 2)

Ahoy!

by Sophie Blackall

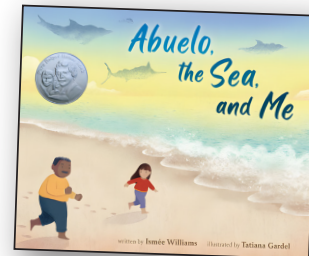
A child is ready to captain the ship. “Climb aboard,” they call to their parent, “before you're swept out to sea!” The parent is trying to vacuum, but the child is adamant—it's not a rug, it's the ocean. And that broom is the ship's mast. Soon enough, child and parent are both off on an ocean adventure!



Abuelo, the Sea, and Me

by Ismée Williams

When a grandchild visits her abuelo, he takes her to the ocean. They love spending time at the beach, whether it's summer or winter. Abuelo opens up about his youth in Cuba. He recalls the tastes, sounds, and smells of his childhood. And with his words, Cuba comes alive for his grandchild.

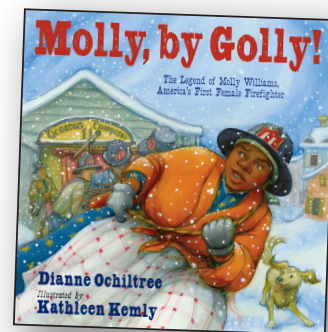


INTERMEDIATE (GRADES 3 – 5)

Molly, by Golly! The Legend of Molly Williams

by Dianne Ochiltree

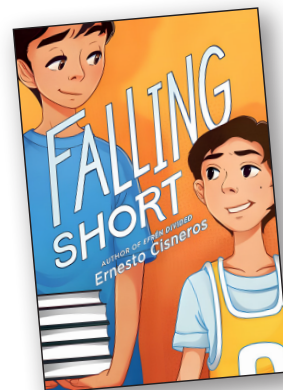
New York City's Fire Company Number 11 is in trouble. A deadly snowstorm is blowing, and many volunteers are sick. When the fire alarm sounds, who will answer? Molly Williams, the company's cook! Clapping a weathered leather helmet on her head, it's Molly, by golly, to the rescue.



Falling Short

by Ernesto Cisneros

This year, star basketball player Isaac plans on keeping up with his schoolwork. Better grades will surely stop his parents from arguing. And straight-A Marco vows to win his father's approval by earning a spot on the basketball team. Will their friendship be enough to keep the two boys from falling short?

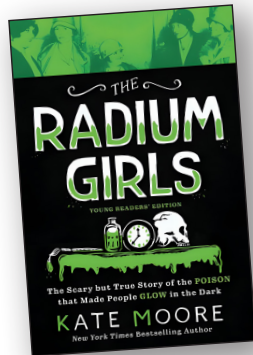


MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 6 – 8)

The Radium Girls: Young Readers' Edition

by Kate Moore

In the early 20th century, hundreds of young women paint watch dials with glow-in-the-dark radium paint. Then they start suffering from a mysterious illness. As the corporations try to cover up a secret, the girls find themselves at the center of a deadly scandal. Read the true story of the incredible women whose determination saved countless lives.



Felice and the Wailing Woman/Felice y La Llorona

by Diana López

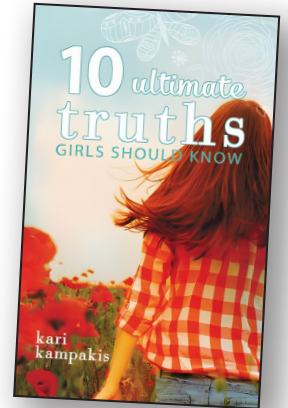
Felice is the daughter of La Llorona, and she seeks to reverse the curse and free her mother, trapped between two worlds. Along the way, she meets the children of other monsters, and together, they free Tres Leches from curses that have haunted people for generations.



10 Ultimate Truths Girls Should Know

by Kari Kampakis

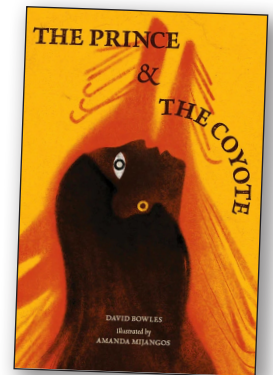
Teen girls deal daily with cliques, bullying, rejection, and social media nightmares. Kari Kampakis wants girls to know that they don't have to compromise their integrity and future to find love, acceptance, and security.



The Prince & the Coyote

by David Bowles

Prince Acolmiztli, heir to the Acolhua throne, is betrayed by the Tepaneca Empire, which kills his family and forces him into exile. Struggling through harsh conditions, he vows revenge. He re-emerges with a new identity—the legendary Fasting Coyote, determined to seek justice and reclaim his rightful place.



MARCH AUTHENTIC SPANISH SUGGESTION



Pitu le baila al mar

por Gamaliel Valle

Pitu es una niña decidida que celebra su talento natural y su amor por la danza, al mismo tiempo que debe enfrentarse a lo que la sociedad espera de ella como bailarina y como niña.

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