

Book Recommendations from Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library

Picture Books

Carmela Full of Wishes by Matt de la Peña

Under My Hijab by Hena Khan

Thank you, Omu! by Oge Mora

Round is a Mooncake by Roseanne Thong and Grace Lin

Mommy's Khimmar by Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow

Four Feet, Two Sandals by Karen Lynn Williams

***The Shema in the Mezuzah*, Sandy Eisenberg Sasso (Indiana author)**

Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut by Derrick D. Barnes

Jabari Jumps by Gaia Cornwall

Superhero by Marc Tauss

Brave by Stacy McAnulty

Over and Under the Pond by Kate Messner,

Ada Twist, Scientist by Andrea Beaty

Bob, Not Bob! By Elizabeth Barton Scanlon

***Niño Wrestles the World* by Yuyi Morales**

Mary had a Little Glam by Tammi Sauer

Windows by Julia Denos

I Got a New Friend by Karl Edwards

When's My Birthday? By Julie Fogliano

City Shapes by Diana Murray

The Library Book By Tom Chapin

Julián Is a Mermaid By Jessica Love

***I Got the Rhythm* by Connie Scofield-Morrison**

Last Stop Market Street by Matt de la Pena

Not Norman! By Kelly Bennett

Round is a Tortilla by Rosanne Greenfield Thong (also other books in series)

Hot City by Barbara M. Joosse

The Lola Series by Anna McQuinn

Beautiful by Stacy McAnulty

Black is brown is Tan by Arnold Adoff

I am America by Charles Smith Jr.

I am Enough by Grace Byers

Big Hair, Don't Care by Crystal Swain-Bates

Shades of People by Shelley Rotner

The Day You Begin Jacqueline Woodson

Natsumi by Susan Lendroth (Japan)

Wheels on the Tuk Tuk by Kabir Sehgal (India)

Yo Soy Muslim by Mark Gonzales (intersection of cultures)

Mama's Saris Pooja Makhijani (India)

Abuela by Arthur Dorros (Hispanic/Latinx)

Alma and How She Got Her Name by Juana Martinez-Neal (Hispanic/Latinx)

Dim-Sum for Everyone by Grace Lin (China)

Marvelous Maravilloso: my Beautiful family and Me by Carrie Lara (intersection of cultures)
Mommy's Khimar by Jamilah Thompkins Bigelow (intersection of cultures)
Saffron Ice Cream by Rashin Kheiriyeah (Iran)
Same, Same but Different by Jenny Sue Kostecki-Shaw (intersection of cultures)
King for a Day by Rukhsana (Pakistan)
Just a Minute: A Trickster Tale and Counting Book (Hispanic/Latinx)
Noodle Magic by Roseanne Thong (China)
Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns: A Muslim Book of Colors by Hena Khan (Muslim, not country specific)
Bee-bim bop by Linda Sue Park (Korea)
Me, too! By Annika Dunklee (intersection of cultures)
Malaika's Costume by Nadia L. Hohn (Caribbean)
Baby goes to Market by Atinuke and Angela Brooksbank (West African, Nigeria)
A Different Pond by Bao Phi (Vietnam)
Grandfather's Journey (Japan)

Middle Grade Chapter Books

Front Desk by Kelly Yang
Merci Suárez Changes Gears by Meg Medina
Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin
Harbor Me by Jacqueline Woodson
***Crossover*, Kwame Alexander**
Listen, Slowly by Thanhha Lai
Amal Unbound by Aisha Saeed
Amina's Voice by Hena Khan
The Length of a String by Elissa Bent Weissman

Teen/YA

What Momma Left Me by Renee Watson
***All American Boys* by Jason Reynolds (Indiana author)**
On the Come Up by Angie Thomas (also *The Hate U Give*)
Darius the Great is Not Okay by Adib Khorram
Does My Head Look Big in This? By Randa Abdel-Fattah
Written in the Stars by Aisha Saeed
American Panda by Gloria Chao
When Dimple Met Rishi by Sandhya Menon

Juvenile/YA Autobiographies

Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson
***I Am Malala (Young Reader's Edition)*, Malala Yousafzai**
The Beloved World of Sonia Sotomayor (Young Reader's Edition) by Sonia Sotomayor
Turning Pages by Sonia Sotomayor
Imagine by Juan Felipe Herrera
Enchanted Air by Margarita Engle
Dreamers by Yuyi Morales

Adult Fiction

A Place For Us by Fatima Farheen Mirza
Fruit of the Drunken Tree by Ingrid Rojas Contreras
The Air You Breathe by Frances de Pontes Peebles
Freshwater by Akwaeke Emezi
Less by Andrew Greer
There There by Tommy Orange
The House of Broken Angels by Luis Alberto Urrea
America is Not the Heart by Elaine Castillo
The Great Believers by Rebecca Makkai
Speak No Evil by Uzodinma Iweala
If You Leave Me by Crystal Hana Kim
She Would Be King by Wayetu Moore
Washington Black by Esi Edugyan
Family Trust by Kathy Wang
A River of Stars by Vanessa Hua
What We Were Promised by Lucy Tan
America for Beginners by Leah Franqui
Everything Here is Beautiful by Mira T. Lee
Unmarriageable by Soniah Kamal
Pachinko by Min Jin Lee
Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng
An American Marriage by Tayari Jones
Sing, Unburied, Sing by Jesmyn Ward
Heads of the Colored People by Nafissa Thompson-Spires
American Histories by John Edgar Wideman
Friday Black by Nana Kwame Adjei-Brenyah