



Focus on ...

Multicultural Literature

The Middle School Library collection includes a number of multicultural literature books and materials.

We hope that these fiction books, picture books, audio books, and videos will help your students learn about people from various countries, cultures, religions, and ethnic backgrounds, and promote an understanding and acceptance of diversity among people throughout the world.

We are featuring a few of these books in this newsletter and we've included summaries of the books to assist you and your students with book selection. These books can be used to support Voices of Love and Freedom and the BRAVE Program. Attached you will find an annotated bibliography including many more titles. You may also search our new OPAC to get an updated list.

We would appreciate feedback from any faculty members who use these materials. Your experience and suggestions will help us with our collection development in the future.

Pat Minikel & Joan Kearon

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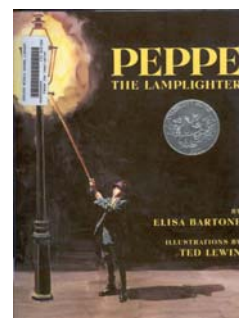


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PICTURE BOOKS

Bartone, Elisa. **Peppe the Lamplighter**. New York: Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Books, c1993.

Peppe's father is upset when he learns that Peppe has taken a job lighting the gas street lamps in his New York City neighborhood.

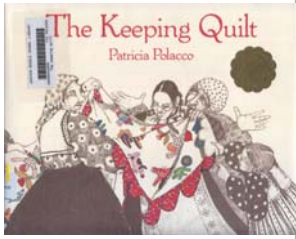


Bunting, Eve. **So Far from the Sea**. New York: Clarion Books, c1998.

When seven-year-old Laura and her family visit Grandfather's grave at the Manzanar War Relocation Center, the Japanese American child leaves behind a special symbol.



Picture books continued . . .

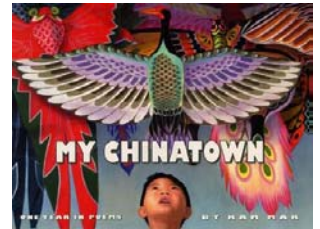


Polacco, Patricia. **The Keeping Quilt**. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, c1988.

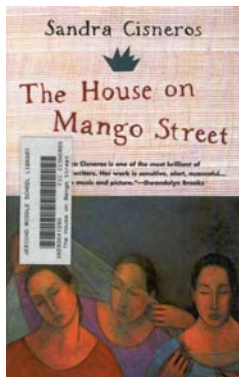
A homemade quilt ties together the lives of four generations of an immigrant Jewish family, remaining a symbol of their enduring love and faith.

Mak, Kam. **My Chinatown**. [New York]: HarperCollins, c2002.

A boy adjusts to life away from his home in Hong Kong in the Chinatown of his new American city.



FICTION BOOKS

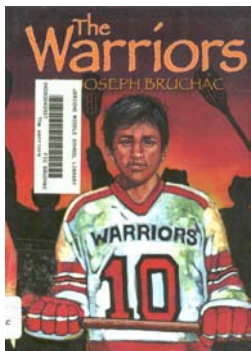
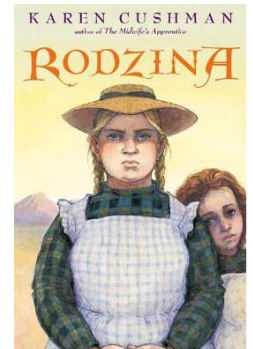


Cisneros, Sandra. **The House on Mango Street**. New York: Vintage Contemporaries, 1991.

A young girl living in a Hispanic neighborhood in Chicago ponders the advantages and disadvantages of her environment and evaluates her relationships with family and friends.

Cushman, Karen. **Rodzina**. New York: Clarion Books, 2003.

A twelve-year-old Polish American girl is boarded onto an orphan train in Chicago with fears about traveling to the West and a life of unpaid slavery.

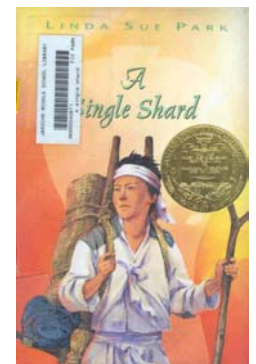


Bruchac, Joseph. **The Warriors**. Plain City, OH : Darby Creek Pub., c2003.

An Iroquois boy known on the reservation for his talent at the sacred game of lacrosse moves to Washington, D.C., with his mother and grows frustrated with the misleading statements about Native Americans that his new lacrosse coach makes.

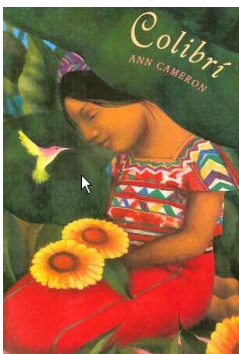
Park, Linda Sue. **A Single Shard**. New York : Clarion Books, 2001.

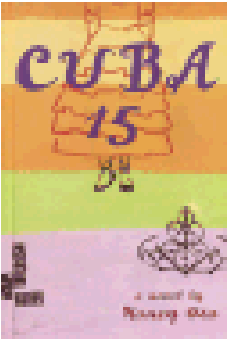
Tree-ear, a thirteen-year-old orphan in medieval Korea, lives under a bridge in a potters' village and longs to learn how to throw the delicate celadon ceramics himself.



Cameron, Ann. **Colibri**. New York: Farrar Straus Giroux, 2003.

Kidnapped when she was very young by an unscrupulous man who has forced her to lie and beg to get money, a twelve-year-old Mayan girl endures an abusive life, always wishing she could return to the parents she can hardly remember.





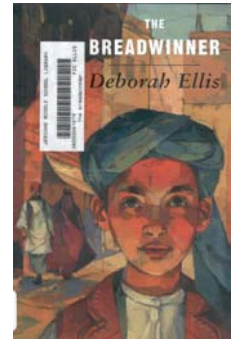
Fiction books continued...

Osa, Nancy. **Cuba 15**. New York: Deleccourt, 2003.

Violet Paz, a Chicago high school student, reluctantly prepares for her upcoming "quince," a Spanish nickname for the celebration of an Hispanic girl's fifteenth birthday.

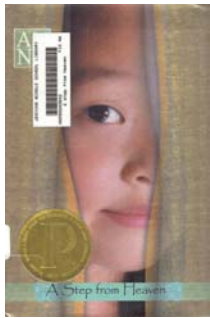
Ellis, Deborah. **The Breadwinner**. Toronto: Groundwood Books/Douglas & McIntyre, 2001.

Because the Taliban rulers of Kabul, Afghanistan impose strict limitations on women's freedom and behavior, eleven-year-old Parvana must disguise herself as a boy so that her family can survive after her father's arrest



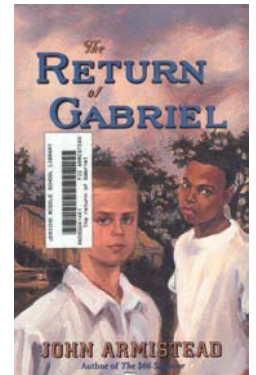
Na, An. **A Step from Heaven**. Asheville, NC : Front Street, c2001.

A young Korean girl and her family find it difficult to learn English and adjust to life in America.



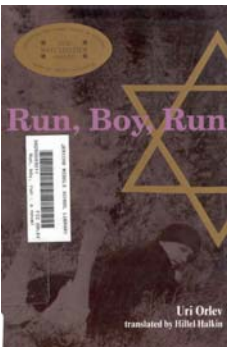
Armistead, John. **The Return of Gabriel**. Minneapolis : Milkweed Editions, 2002.

In the summer of 1964, a thirteen-year-old white boy whose best friend is black is caught in the middle when civil rights workers and Ku Klux Klan members clash in a small town near Tupelo, Mississippi.



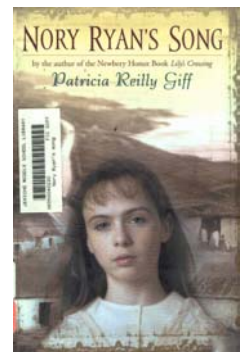
Orlev, Uri. **Run, Boy, Run : A novel**. Translated from the Hebrew by Hillel Halkin. Boston : Houghton Mifflin, 2003.

Based on the true story of a nine-year-old boy who escapes the Warsaw Ghetto and must survive throughout the war in the Nazi-occupied Polish countryside.

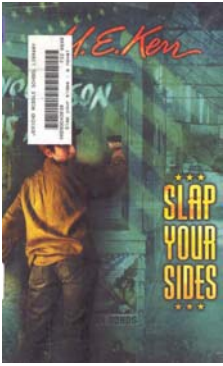


Giff, Patricia Reilly. **Nory Ryan's Song**. New York : Delacorte, c2000.

When a terrible blight attacks Ireland's potato crop in 1845, twelve-year-old Nory Ryan's courage and ingenuity help her family and neighbors survive.



Fiction books continued...

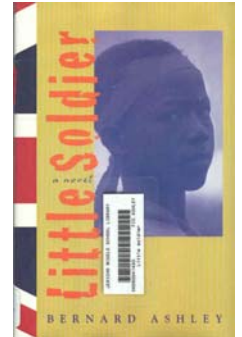


Kerr, M. E. **Slap Your Sides : A novel.** New York : HarperCollins, c2001.

Life in their Pennsylvania hometown changes for Jubal Shoemaker and his family when his older brother witnesses to his Quaker beliefs by becoming a conscientious objector during World War II.

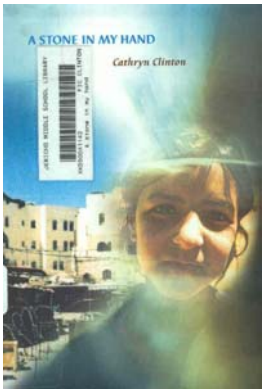
Ashley, Bernard. **Little Soldier.** New York : Scholastic, 2002, c1999.

Taken from Africa to a foster home in London after his family is killed by an enemy tribe, Kaninda discovers the meaning of hate and the value of not hating.



Clinton, Cathryn. **A Stone in My Hand** Cambridge, MA : Candlewick Press 2002.

Eleven-year-old Malaak and her family are touched by the violence in Gaza between Jews and Palestinians when first her father disappears and then her older brother is drawn to the Islamic Jihad.



AUDIO BOOKS

Staples, Suzanne Fisher. **Shabanu, Daughter of the Wind.** Prince Frederick, MD. : Recorded Books, 1994.

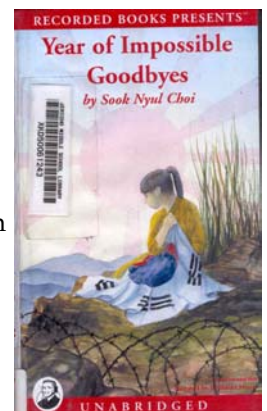
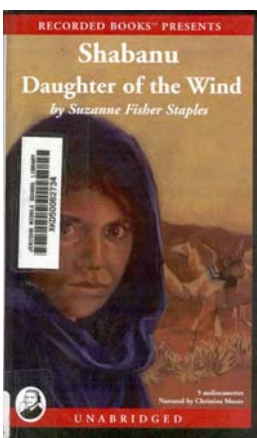
Unabridged audiobook; 5 sound cassettes (6.75 hrs.)

When eleven-year old Shabanu, the daughter of a nomad in the Cholistan Desert of present-day Pakistan, is pledged in marriage to an older man whose money will bring prestige to the family, she must either accept the decision, as is the custom, or risk the consequences of defying her father's wishes.

Choi, Sook Nyul. **Year of Impossible Goodbyes.** Prince Frederick, MD : Recorded Books, p1998.

Unabridge audiobook; 4 sound cassettes (4.75 hr.)

A young Korean girl survives the oppressive Japanese and Russian occupation of North Korea during the 1940s, to later escape to freedom in South Korea.



Audio books continued...

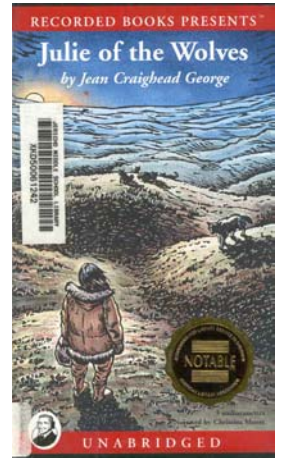


Crew, Linda. **Children of the River**. [sound recording] Prince Frederick, MD : Recorded Books, p1999. 5 sound cassettes (6.25 hrs.)

Having fled Cambodia four years earlier to escape the Khmer Rouge army, seventeen-year old Sundara is torn between remaining faithful to her own people and enjoying life in her Oregon high school as a "regular" American.

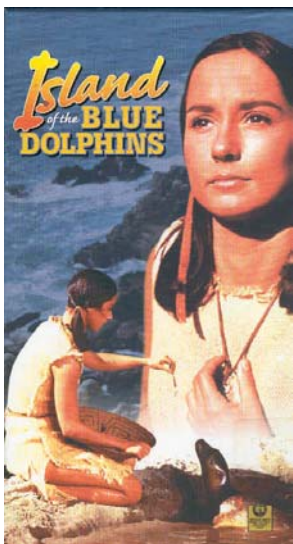
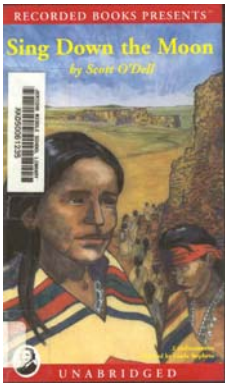
George, Jean Craighead. **Julie of the Wolves**. [sound recording] Prince Frederick, MD : Recorded Books, p1993. 3 sound cassettes (4.5 hrs.)

While running away from home and an unwanted marriage, a thirteen-year-old Eskimo girl becomes lost on the North Slope of Alaska and is befriended by a wolf pack.



O'Dell, Scott. **Sing Down the Moon**. [sound recording] Prince Frederick, MD: Recorded Books, p1994. 2 sound cassettes (180 min.).

A young Navaho girl recounts the events of 1864 when her tribe was forced to march to Fort Sumner as prisoners of the white soldiers.

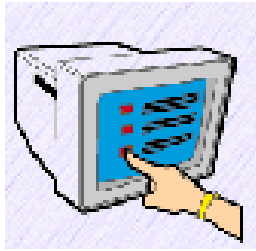


VIDEOS



Island of the Blue Dolphins [videorecording] Universal City, CA: MCA Universal Home Video, [1994], c1964. VHS.

Left alone on a beautiful but isolated island off the coast of California, a young Indian girl spends eighteen years, not only merely surviving through her enormous courage and self-reliance, but also finding a measure of happiness in her solitary life.



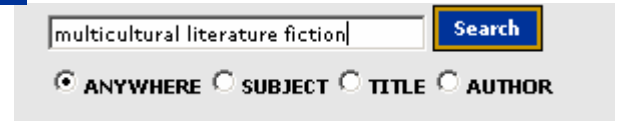
Jericho Middle School Library

Searching our OPAC

The [Jericho Middle School Library's OPAC](#) (Online Public Access Catalog) can be searched via the Internet from our Middle School Library homepage. Click on the OPAC to access the Web Gateway.



You can search Anywhere, or by Subject, Title or Author by clicking on the buttons.



Search results can be displayed and sorted in various ways using the drop down menus.

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The Book Fair is coming!

October 26th & 27th



We are delighted to announce that the Middle School PTA is again sponsoring our annual Scholastic Book Fair. Students will be given an opportunity to shop for books when they visit the library with their English classes. Parent volunteers will be arranging the book displays, helping children with their selections, and collecting payment.

World Languages Collection



We are beginning to develop a small collection of books written in languages other than English. These books will be assigned the call number prefix “WL” for World Languages and will be shelved in a separate section of the library.



Currently the collection includes books written in Chinese, Korean, Hmong, French, Spanish, and Italian. We encourage you to browse this new section of library and make suggestions for future purchases.



World Language teachers also may be interested in three new DVD's we recently added to the library's video collection. *Discovering France*, *Discovering Italy*, and *Discovering Spain* offer students a chance to learn about the natural beauty, history, and culture of these countries through

travel videos. The DVD format makes it easy to navigate to specific chapters of the presentation and show just a short segment that directly relates to a particular day's lesson. Teachers must arrange to borrow DVD players from Pat Liptak (Ext. 3278), or schedule class time in the library.

Welcome New Faculty and Staff!



We're looking forward to meeting you!

Please stop in the library office any time to plan a lesson or schedule class time in the library. We'd love to help you get acclimated to our facility and show you the *newest* library materials that complement your curriculum. Additionally, if you'd like to recommend a book or video for our collection, let us know.

Don't be disappointed! Book your library time early!

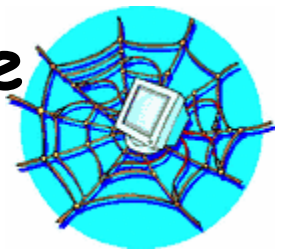
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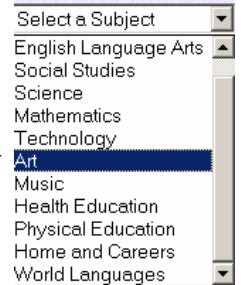
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