

Library News



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 our 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 children with book selection. These books can be used to support the Jericho Middle School's Voices of Love and Freedom and BRAVE Programs.

You may also search our online catalog via the Internet (see p. 5) to get a complete list of the more than 400 multicultural literature materials in our collection. We hope you will encourage your children to make a selection from this diverse collection on their next visit to our library.

Pat Minikel & Joan Kearon, Librarians

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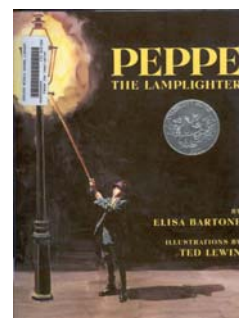
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PICTURE BOOKS

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.

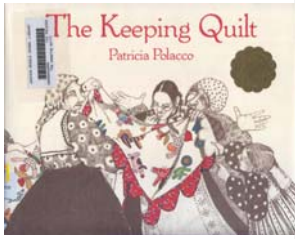


Bunting, Eve. **So Far from the Sea**. New York: Clarion Books, c1998.

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 . . .

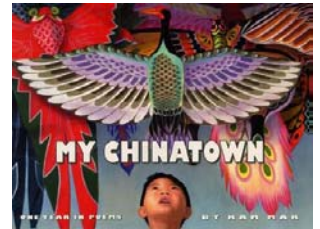


Polacco, Patricia. **The Keeping Quilt**. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, c1988.

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.

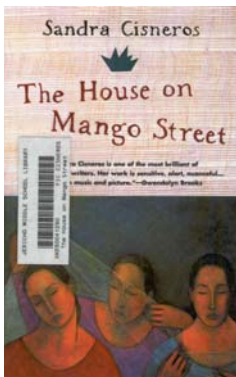
A boy adjusts to life away from his home in Hong Kong in the Chinatown of his new American city.



FICTION BOOKS

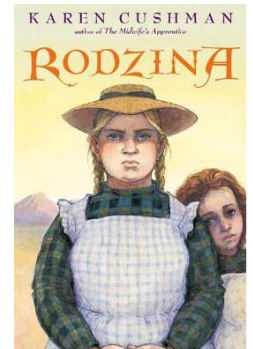
Cisneros, Sandra. **The House on Mango Street**. New York: Vintage Contemporaries, 1991.

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.



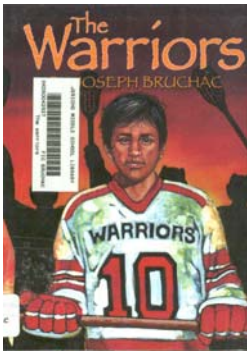
Cushman, Karen. **Rodzina**. New York: Clarion Books, 2003.

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.



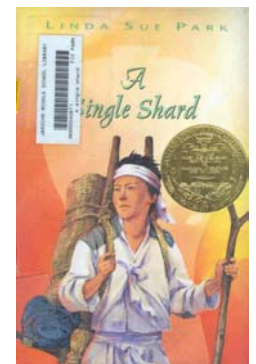
Bruchac, Joseph. **The Warriors**. Plain City, OH : Darby Creek Pub., c2003.

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.



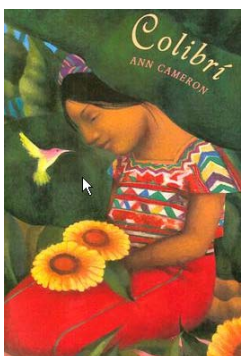
Park, Linda Sue. **A Single Shard**. New York : Clarion Books, 2001.

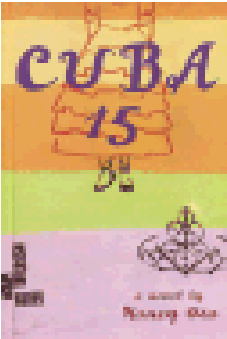
Tree-ear, a thirteen-year-old orphan in medieval Korea, lives under a bridge in a potters' village and longs to learn how to throw the delicate celadon ceramics himself.



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.





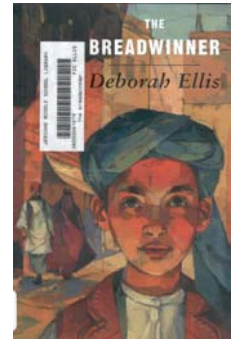
Fiction books continued...

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.

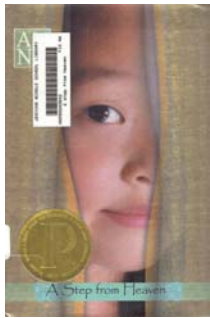
Ellis, Deborah. **The Breadwinner**. Toronto: Groundwood Books/Douglas & McIntyre, 2001.

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



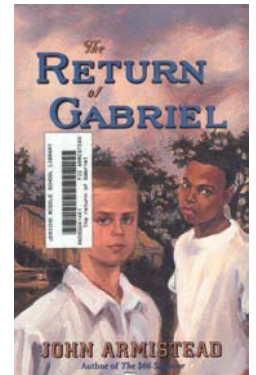
Na, An. **A Step from Heaven**. Asheville, NC : Front Street, c2001.

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



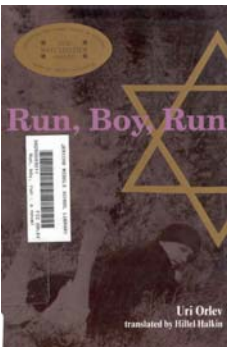
Armistead, John. **The Return of Gabriel**. Minneapolis : Milkweed Editions, 2002.

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.



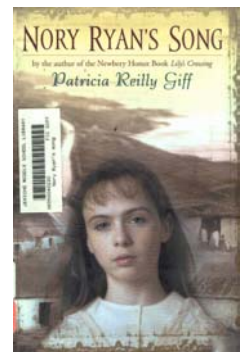
Orlev, Uri. **Run, Boy, Run : A novel**. Translated from the Hebrew by Hillel Halkin. Boston : Houghton Mifflin, 2003.

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.

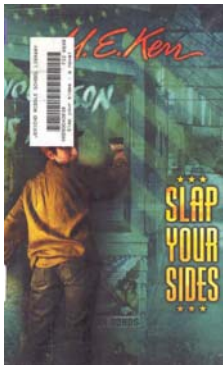


Giff, Patricia Reilly. **Nory Ryan's Song**. New York : Delacorte, c2000.

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.



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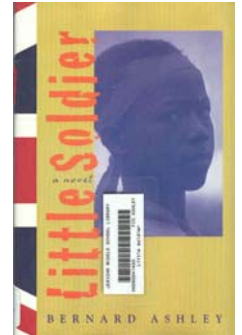


Kerr, M. E. **Slap Your Sides : A novel.** New York : HarperCollins, c2001.

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.

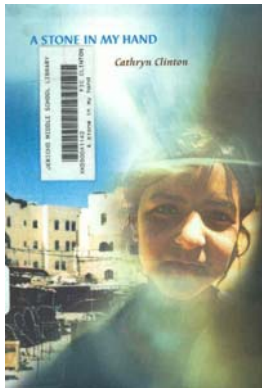
Ashley, Bernard. **Little Soldier.** New York : Scholastic, 2002, c1999.

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.



Library Contact Information

Please feel free to contact us at the library by phone or e-mail.

Our new phone number is 516-203-3600 Ext. 3276.

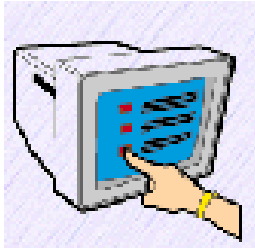
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* In order to make sure that we don't accidentally delete your message, please include the word "Jayhawk" in the subject field so that we can identify your message as friendly mail.





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.

Selecting the "Catalog Card" option will allow you to see a summary when available.

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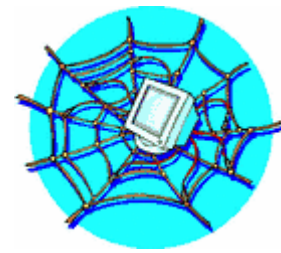
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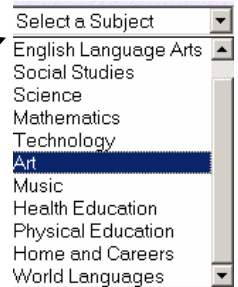
What's New on Our Web Site



This summer we redesigned our Web site to make it easier for you to find the features and links you like best.



- Use the new **drop-down menu** for direct access to curriculum related Web sites in each subject area
- Click the **OPAC** to search our new online catalog from the comfort of your home classroom. We're sure you'll like the new easy-to-use interface.
- Use the new **navigation bar** to access our most popular links with one click.



Are your children having trouble remembering all those tricky **passwords**? They can simply click the *Passwords* link, enter their Jericho user name and password, and their problems will be over!

Questions? e-mail your librarians pminikel@jerichoschools.org and jkearon@jerichoschools.org



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. Please contact the **book fair chairperson, Amy Nelson** if you would like to join the fun!