



Home Library Questionnaire

Parents and caregivers, use this tool to:

- Reflect on your home library
- Broaden the types of books you read with your children
- Diversify your child’s summer reading
- Choose books that are inclusive of all people, backgrounds, and cultures

We shared a book that . . .

	TITLE	AUTHOR	DATE
features main characters who are Black, Indigenous, or people of color (BIPOC)			
features a main character(s) who identifies as LGBTQ+			
features a main character with a positive representation of a disability			
features a main character who shares one of your family’s cultures or identities			
is written by a BIPOC creator			
is illustrated by a BIPOC creator			
is written or illustrated by a member of the historically excluded group the book depicts (own voices)			
reflects a culture or heritage outside of your family’s own			
features a main character who lives outside the U.S.			
depicts variety in family structures, including single parents, relative caregivers, or same-sex couples			
includes women, BIPOC, and people of various socio-economic statuses and abilities in strong leadership roles (rather than as sidekicks)			
celebrates the contributions of historically overlooked groups (including women and BIPOC) to STEM fields, both in the past and present			
celebrates a range of body types and positive body images			
explores the immigrant experience beyond the Ellis Island narrative			
features present-day characters and storylines that represent and respect people from a variety of backgrounds and identities (as opposed to inaccurate or outdated stories of a group of people or stereotypes)			
reflects a specific identity or experience rather than generalizing about an entire group (for example, discussing specific tribes instead of generically showing Native American characters)			
celebrates joy, happiness, and the wonder of childhood			

*** Note:** This questionnaire focuses on elevating diverse books already in your home library or finding new books to rotate into your family’s reading. However, if you have a book that is outdated, inaccurate, misrepresents a group of people, or is prejudiced, please retire/remove it, or, if your child is old enough, use the book as a learning moment to discuss why the book is problematic.

Consider using these prompts to broaden your family’s reading at home, one book at a time. Keep track of your family’s progress with the title and date as you read, or take a picture of the book cover to keep in an album on your phone or print out for a growing collage. Here’s to discovering great books!

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Additional Resources and Parent Communities

Many wonderful experts offer research, reading tips, and inspiration for families and caregivers, including:

- **Embrace Race** [✉ www.embracerace.org](http://www.embracerace.org)
- **¡Colorín Colorado!** [✉ www.colorincolorado.org](http://www.colorincolorado.org)
- **Diverse Book Finder** [✉ diversebookfinder.org](http://diversebookfinder.org)
- **National PTA** [✉ www.pta.org/home/family-resources/Parents-Guides-to-Student-Success](http://www.pta.org/home/family-resources/Parents-Guides-to-Student-Success)
- **Reading Rockets** [✉ www.readingrockets.org](http://www.readingrockets.org)
- **The Conscious Kid** [✉ www.theconsciouskid.org](http://www.theconsciouskid.org)
- **National Center for Families Learning** [✉ www.familieslearning.org](http://www.familieslearning.org)
- **Multicultural Children's Book Day** [✉ multiculturalchildrensbookday.com/multicultural-reading-resources/diversity-book-lists-for-kids](http://multiculturalchildrensbookday.com/multicultural-reading-resources/diversity-book-lists-for-kids)
- **American Library Association's Children's Book Awards** [✉ www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/childrens-book-awards-other-organizations](http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/childrens-book-awards-other-organizations)
- **Your local public library** [✉ www.mapdevelopers.com/us-public-library-map.php](http://www.mapdevelopers.com/us-public-library-map.php)



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