

Books for Adults

Venture into Cultures: A Resource Book of Multicultural Materials and Programs

Kuharets, Olga R. (JR 011.62 Vent)

Activities and extensive bibliographies for seven distinct cultural groups.

Multicultural and Diversity Education: A Reference Handbook

Appelbaum, Peter (370.117 Appe) *Centerville Library Only*

Issues related to multicultural education.

Promoting a Global Community Through Multicultural Children's Literature

Steiner, Stanley F. (R 808.899282 Stei)

Woodbourne Library Only

A bibliography of multicultural books and extension activities.

Websites

American Library Association: Growing Up Around the World

[http://www.ala.org/alsc/compubs/booklists/growingupwrld/
GrowingUpAroundWorld](http://www.ala.org/alsc/compubs/booklists/growingupwrld/GrowingUpAroundWorld)

Book suggestions for those interested in learning what it's like to grow up in a country other than the United States.

Cynthia Leitich Smith: Multicultural Reading Page

[http://www.cynthialeitichsmith.com/lit_resources/diversity/
multicultural/multi_biblio.html](http://www.cynthialeitichsmith.com/lit_resources/diversity/multicultural/multi_biblio.html)

Multicultural booklists for different age groups.

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For Preschool to Kindergarten

One World Many People

All items are at both locations unless otherwise noted.
To find out if titles are available in large print, audio, or for download,
check eCatalog or ask a librarian.

Cultural Diversity

Picture Books

Mirror

Baker, Jeannie (E F Bake)

Two wordless stories run side-by-side in this picture book, one story in Australia, the other in Morocco, featuring families shopping.

My Granny Went to Market: A Round-the-World Counting Rhyme

Blackstone, Stella (E F Blac)

Granny uses her magic carpet to buy various items from distant lands.

Am I a Color Too?

Cole, Heidi (E F Cole)

A boy wonders what color he is if his dad is black and his mom is white, then decides he's a human being, not a color.

A Song for Jamela

Daly, Niki (E F Daly)

Set in modern day South Africa, Jamela is bored on her long summer holiday until she gets to go to Aunt Beauty's hair salon to help out.

Chocolate Me!

Diggs, Taye (E F Digg)

A young African-American boy feels self-conscious about comments his Caucasian friends make about his skin color, hair and nose, but his mother reassures him of his true beauty.

Rubia & the Three Osos

Elya, Susan Middleton (E F Elya)

Retells the story of Goldilocks and the three bears in rhyming text interspersed with Spanish words, with a glossary.

Laurie

Nijssen, Elfi (E F Nijs)

Laurie describes her frustrations with hearing-impaired. After she gets hearing aids, she confesses she sometimes misses the silence.

A to Z Sign with Me: Sign Language for the Alphabet

Prochovnic, Dawn Babb (E F Proc)

This rhythmic story is accompanied by sign language diagrams, to help children learn basic American Sign Language. This book is part of the series, "Story Time with Signs & Rhymes," which also includes books with signs for animals, farms, shapes, families, clothing and food. All are shelved together, with the spine label E F Proc.

All Kinds of Friends, Even Green!

Senisi, Ellen B. (E F Seni)

Moses uses a wheelchair because of spina bifida. When he has to write a story about a friend for school, he chooses his neighbor's disabled iguana to write about because it is different, like him.



Juvenile Fiction Readers

Sidewalk Patrol

Brimner, Larry Dane (J F Brim Reader)

Children move some bikes way so a blind neighbor can take a walk.

Jungle School

Laird, Elizabeth (J F Lair Reader)

In three short, simple stories, a monkey who's in a wheelchair faces her first day of school.

Nonfiction

My Friend Has Autism (J 618.9285882 Tour)

My Friend Has ADHD (J 618.928589 Tour)

My Friend Has Down Syndrome (J 618.92858842 Tour)

My Friend Has Dyslexia (J 371.9144 Tour)

Tourville, Amanda Doering

In these books (the "Friends with Disabilities" series) children with disabilities are seen through the eyes of their friends, with the message that patience and understanding are key to being a good friend. Facts boxes are included.

All Cats Have Asperger Syndrome

Hoopmann, Kathy (J 618.92858832 Hoop)

A look at Asperger Syndrome (AS) that compares characteristics common to cats with characteristics common to AS through colorful pictures of cats playing.

Physical Challenges

Picture Books

We Go in a Circle

Anderson, Peggy Perry (E F Ande)

An injured racehorse describes how he is taken to a farm and trained to work with children with disabilities.

Moses Goes to the Circus

Millman, Isaac (E F Mill)

Moses, who is deaf, enjoys going to the circus with his family, who all sign in American Sign Language (ASL). At the circus, an ASL interpreter translates for hearing-impaired members of the audience. Includes some signs.

Elephant Dance: Memories of India

Heine, Theresa (E F Hein)

A grandfather shares stories about his childhood in India. Presents facts about India, including foods and animals found there.



Welcome to My Neighborhood! A Barrio ABC

Hudes, Quiara Alegria (E F Hude)

A girl takes her friend on a tour of her inner-city neighborhood, using the alphabet to describe the sites and people from her home.

My First Kwanzaa

Katz, Karen (E F Katz)

Bright pictures and simple text introduce children to the Kwanzaa celebration. Also by same author: *My First Chinese New Year*, *My First Ramadan*, *Can You Say Peace?* All are in Easy Fiction.

Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns:

A Muslim Book of Colors

Khan, Hena (E F Khan)

Using rhyming text a young Muslim girl tell the reader about the colors and traditions of her family.

Same, Same but Different

Kostecki-Shaw, Jenny Sue (E F Kost)

Sending pictures back and forth as a class project, Elliot and Kailash learn that even though they live in different countries - the U.S and India - their lives are very similar.

We're Roaming in the Rainforest:

An Amazon Adventure

Krebs, Laurie (E F Kreb)

Rhyming text and brightly-colored pictures show children discovering the wildlife as they explore the Amazon rainforest.

Fortune Cookie Fortunes

Lin, Grace (E F Lin)

A little girl wonders if her fortune cookie fortune will come true.
Gives background on the origin of the fortune cookie.

Lala Salama: A Tanzanian Lullaby

MacLachlan, Patricia (E F MacI)

In a Tanzanian village, a young mother recounts to her baby the story of their day. "Lala Salama" is Swahili for "sleep peacefully."

Across the Alley

Michelson, Richard (E F Rich)

A Jewish boy and an African-American boy who live across the alley from each other become friends despite their cultural differences.

Bee-Bim Bop!

Park, Linda Sue (E F Park)

A mother and daughter make a traditional Korean dish for dinner.
Rhyming text describes preparation and ingredients to make meal.

The Peace Book

Parr, Todd (E F Parr)

Offers different definitions of peace, including making new friends from different backgrounds and learning a new language.

Shades of Black: A Celebration of Our Children

Pinkney, Sandra L. (E F Pink)

Photographs and poetic text describe the beauty and diversity of African-American children.

My Way: A Margaret and Margarita Story = A Mi Manera: Un Cuento de Margarita y Margaret

Reiser, Lynn (E F Reis)

Parallel texts in Spanish and English tell the story of Margarita and Margaret, who enjoy the same activities, each in her own way.

Learning/Developmental Differences

Board Books

Kids Like Me...Learn ABCs

Kids Like Me...Learn Colors

Ronay, Laura (E F Rona)

These simple board books show children with Down Syndrome in photographs to help any child learn letters and colors.

Picture Books

Understanding Sam and Asperger Syndrome

Niekerk, Clarabelle van (E F Niek)

Sam has some challenges dealing with everyday life - he's afraid of loud noise, has trouble making friends, and doesn't like change. His parents, doctors and teachers come up with a plan to help him.

My Brother Charlie

Peete, Holly Robinson (E F Peet)

Callie tells what it is like having a twin brother with autism. The reader learns that through love, patience and acceptance, Callie knows her brother is different but it doesn't matter.

My Sister, Alicia May

Tupper Ling, Nancy (E F Tupp)

A young girl describes the joys and occasional frustration of growing up with a sibling with special needs.

Music

Love Me for Who I Am:

Songs Celebrating Children of All Abilities

Rymer, Brady (ZM RYME LMW B-10 2012)

These songs were inspired by students at Celebrate the Children, a New Jersey school for children with alternative learning styles.

Pecan Pie Baby

Woodson, Jacqueline (E F Wood)

An expectant mom with a young daughter assures her little girl that they'll always have a special bond, even after the new baby arrives.



Nonfiction

Families in Many Cultures

Adamson, Heather (J 306.85 Adam)

This book shows photos of families around the world eating meals at home, doing homework, celebrating special events, and more. A small map on each spread shows where the family is located.

Great Big Book of Families

Hoffman, Mary (J 306.85 Hoff)

Almost every imaginable type of family is described in easy verse and cartoon illustrations, with an emphasis that families help each other during difficult times.

***You and Me Together: Moms, Dads, and Kids
Around the World***

Kerley, Barbara (J 306.874 Kerl)

Photographs and simple text portray different kinds of families from all around the world.

When My Parents Forgot How to be Friends

Moore-Mallinos, Jennifer (J 306.89 Moor)

A little girl is at first sad and scared when her parents are going through a divorce, but then learns that things will still be okay.

I'm Adopted!

Rotner, Shelley (J 362.734 Rotn)

Large, colorful photographs and simple text explaining adoption.

My Dadima Wears a Sari

Sheth, Kashmira (E F Kash)

Two young girls raised in America learn about the beauty and art of wearing a sari from their Indian grandmother.

Mei-Mei Loves the Morning

Tsubakiyama, Margaret (E F Tsub)

A young Chinese girl turns her morning routine with Grandpa into a joyous adventure. The colorful pictures celebrate life in urban China.

Suki's Kimono

Uegaki, Chieri (E F Uega)

Suki chooses to wear her Japanese kimono for the first day of school despite her sister's warnings that others will laugh at her.

Hope for Haiti

Watson, Jesse Joshua (E F Wats)

After the devastating earthquake in Haiti, some children find hope when a man gives them a soccer ball so they can play.

Yoko Writes Her Name

Wells, Rosemary (E F Well)

The author features 5-year old Yoko in several stories about bridging two cultures. Here she's learning to write her letters and shows her classmates how to write in Japanese calligraphy.

My Name is Sangoel

Williams, Karen Lynn (E F Will)

As a refugee from Sudan to the United States, Sangoel is frustrated that no one pronounces his name correctly, until he comes up with a clever solution.

***Please ask about books and other materials available
in Spanish, Chinese, Hindi, Arabic and other languages.***

Board Books

American Babies

(E F Amer)

Photographs of babies with diverse ethnic backgrounds, from across the U.S., interspersed with simple lyrical text.

Where's the Kitten? (Korean) = Agi koyangi ga odi e issoyo?

Christian, Cheryl (E F Chri)

Lift the flaps to find where the kitten is hiding.
The text is written in traditional Korean characters.

My Toys = Mis Juguetes

Emberley, Rebecca (E F Embe)

Illustrations of different toys, with captions in Spanish and English.

Global Babies

(E F Glob)

Brief text, with colorful pictures of babies from around the world.

Animal Colors (Persian) = Rangha-yi Hayawanat

Wildsmith, Brian (E F Wild)

Introduces colors through pictures of exotic animals.
The book is also available in Spanish and Arabic.

Nonfiction

My Culture

Kalman, Bobbie (J 306 Kalm READER)

All about culture, as shown through clothing, food, music and dance, for beginning readers.

Learning About Differences

Scheunemann, Pam (J 303.69 Sche)

Children from different backgrounds can still be friends.

A Tale of Two Mommies and A Tale of Two Daddies

Oelschlager, Vanita (E F Oels)

Two simple stories about a child living in a same-sex parent family.
Curious friends ask practical questions about what it's like.
It becomes clear that each is a loving, nurturing family.

We Belong Together:

A Book about Adoption and Families

Parr, Todd (E F Parr)

In bright colors and easy text, this book explains why people adopt.

The Family Book

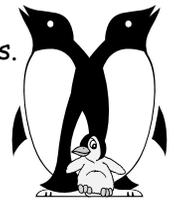
Parr, Todd (E F Parr)

Introduces a variety of families and celebrates their similarities and differences.

And Tango Makes Three

Richardson, Justin (E F Rich)

Two male penguins at the Central Park zoo
Become a family when they hatch an abandoned egg
and take care of a baby penguin.



Standing on My Own Feet:

A Child's Affirmation of Love in the Midst of Divorce

Schmitz, Tamara (E F Schm)

In simple text for even the youngest child, a boy affirms that he knows he's loved by both mom and dad even though they're divorced.

All Families are Special

Simon, Norma (E F Simo)

Lots of different families are described, each one unique,
and every one special.

Family Diversity

Picture Books

Dad and Pop

Bennett, Kelly (E F Benn)

A little girl celebrates how different her biological father and her stepfather are, except in one way: they both love her a lot.

My Family is Forever

Carlson, Nancy L. (E F Carl)

A child tells how she became a member of her adoptive family.

Fred Stays With Me!

Coffelt, Nancy (E F Coff)

Told through the voice of a child, the story explains how she creates stability in her life after her parents divorce even though she must switch back and forth between Mom's house and Dad's house.

Finding Joy

Coste, Marion (E F Cost)

An American family adopts a baby girl from China.

Ten Days and Nine Nights

Heo, Yumi (E F Heo)

A little girl counts down the days until her newly-adopted sister arrives from Korea. Simple drawings show preparations at home with Dad, while Mom makes the trip to Korea to bring home the baby.

Do You Sing Twinkle?

A Story about Remarriage and New Family

Levins, Sandra (E F Levi)

This story deals with the feelings small children go through when a divorced parent remarries. Includes notes for parents.

I Am America

Smith, Charles R. (J 305.230973 Smit)

The diversity of American children in simple text and photographs.

My School = Mi Escuela

Guy, Ginger Foglesong (J 372.218 Guy)

A typical school day, described in English and Spanish, and accompanied by pictures.

This is the Way We Dress

Behrens, Janice (J 391.3 Behr)

Photographs of children around the world show what they wear for play, school and dressing up.

Homes in Many Cultures

Adamson, Heather (J 392.36 Adam)

Full-page photos and simple text introduce children to what homes look like in various countries. World maps show the location of each.

The Korean Cinderella

Climo, Shirley (J 398.2 Clim)

Cinderella stories appear in many cultures. In this Korean version, Pear Blossom loses her sandal and is found by the magistrate. Intensely-colored illustrations enhance the story.

Hello World! Greetings in 42 Languages

Around the Globe

Stojic, Manya (J 413.1 Stoj)

With one greeting per page, here are forty-two ways to say "hello," with instructions on pronunciation.

Yum! Yuck! A Foldout Book of People Sounds

Park, Linda Sue (J 418 Park)

Bright foldout illustrations and text translate several sounds, such as yum, wow, and hurray, into a variety of languages.

Come and Play: Children of Our World Having Fun

(J 808.810083 Come)

Simple descriptive poems, paired with photos, written by children.

Little Treasures: Endearments from Around the World

Ogburn, Jacqueline K. (J 808.882 Ogbu)

A collection of sweet and silly names from fourteen languages and six continents showing the many ways that families around the world affectionately refer to their children.

India in Colors

Olson, Nathan (J 954 Olso)

Introduces children to different aspects of Indian culture, one for each letter of the alphabet.

Part of the series "A+ Books World of Colors," that includes China, Guatemala, Japan, Kenya, and Mexico among others.

T is for Turkey

Pyper, Nilüfer Topaloğlu (J 956.1 Pype)

The alphabet and colorful photographs give basics about the people and culture of Turkey. Similar titles about Korea, Ethiopia and Russia are also available.

Ikenna Goes to Nigeria

Onyefulu, Ifeoma (J 966.9 Onye)

Ikenna and his family visit relatives in Nigeria. Color photographs provide visual insight into the people and culture.

Religious Diversity

Picture Books

The Perfect Gift

Mair, J. Samia (E F Mair)

As her family celebrates Eid, a contemporary Muslim girl in a western country seeks the perfect gift for her mother.

Anh's Anger

Silver, Gail (E F Silv)

Using Buddhist teachings, Anh's grandfather helps him learn to deal with being angry.

A Mezuzah on the Door

Meltzer, Amy (E F Melt)

A boy's loneliness in his new neighborhood is dispelled when his family has a Jewish home-dedication party, including a mezuzah on the door.

Nonfiction Series

To locate books in series, enter the series name, using the "Series Title" option in the eCatalog, or ask at the desk.

"Rookie Read-About Holidays"

Various authors

Written for beginning readers, this series gives basic information on religious holidays like Chanukah, Diwali, Passover, Purim, and Ramadan.

"What's Sacred to Me?"

Ganeri, Anita

Realistic photos and simple text explain aspects of several religions. Individual titles cover sacred articles, books, buildings, and foods.

"This Is My Faith"

Wallace, Holly

Covering Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism and Islam, photos and interviews with real families in different parts of world show how they practice their religion.

