

***My Parents are Divorced Too:
A Book For Kids, By Kids***

Ford, Melanie (J 306.8747 Ford)

Kids who have been through their parents' divorce answer questions and give advice.

Jigsaw Puzzle Family:

The Stepkids' Guide to Fitting It Together

MacGregor, Cynthia (J 306.8747 Macg)

Discusses the varying emotions and concerns felt by kids who suddenly find themselves part of a new family.

Websites

American Library Association: Growing Up Around the World

<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's Multicultural Reading Page

http://www.cynthialeitichsmith.com/lit_resources/diversity/multicultural/multi_biblio.html

Lists several multicultural books and authors for different age levels.



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For First Grade to Fifth Grade

**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)

In Sydney, Australia and in Morocco, two boys go shopping with their parents. (There are two wordless stories, one intended to be read from left to right, and the other from right to left.)

One Green Apple

Bunting, Eve (E F Bunt)

Farah feels alone and strange in this new country and school, away from her Muslim traditions. When her class visits an apple orchard, she begins to see how she fits in.

Shin-Chi's Canoe

Campbell, Nicola, (E F Camp) *Centerville Library Only*

Forced to use only his English name and not speak to his siblings at school, Shin-chi holds fast to a tiny canoe his father gave him, and hopes for the day when things improve for his family and tribe.

Crouching Tiger

Compestine, Ying Chang (E F Comp)

When Ming Da's Chinese grandpa comes to visit, Ming Da overcomes his initial embarrassment at his grandfather's traditions, and begins to appreciate him.

Waiting for Papa = Esperando a Papa

Colato Lainez, Rene (E F Cola)

Beto's father must remain in El Salvador while Beto and his mother move to America. Dual English/Spanish text.

Good-Bye, Havana! Hola, New York!

Colón, Edie (E F Colo)

When Fidel Castro's government takes over their restaurant in 1960, Gabriella and her parents move from Cuba to New York City.

The Other Half of My Heart

Frazier, Sundee T. (J F Fraz)

Twin daughters of interracial parents, Minna and Keira look as different as twins can. However, it's not until their African American grandmother enters them in the Miss Black Pearl Pre-Teen competition in North Carolina that Minna realizes their experiences are different as well.

Pictures of Hollis Woods

Giff, Patricia Reilly (J F Giff)

A troublesome twelve-year-old orphan stays with an elderly artist who needs her, and it reminds her of the only other time she was happy in a foster home, with a family who truly seemed to care about her.

Lucy Rose: Here's the Thing about Me

Kelly, Katy (J F Kell)

When Lucy Rose's parents separate, her grandparents are there to help her adjust.

Ben and the Sudden Too-Big Family

Rodowsky, Colby F. (J F Rodo)

Ben wonders how his life will change when his dad remarries and they adopt a Chinese baby.

Nonfiction

The Great Big Book of Families

Hoffman, Mary (J 306.85 Hoff)

Takes a look at different families and their lives together.

The "D" (Divorce) Word

Cook, Julia (J 306.89 Cook)

Otis' parents are getting divorced and he blames himself, but with the help of his grandmother, he learns the reasons people get divorced.

***We Belong Together: A Book About Adoption
and Families***

Parr, Todd (E F Parr)

A book about adoption and families.

***Yafi's Family: An Ethiopian Boy's Journey of Love,
Loss and Adoption***

Pettitt, Linda (E F Pett)

Story of the adoption of Yafi, an Ethiopian boy,
by a white family in the United States.

And Tango Makes Three

Richardson, Justin (E F Rich)

Two male penguins at the Central Park Zoo become a family when
they hatch and take care of a baby penguin. Based on a true story.

Rebecca's Journey Home

Sugarman, Brynn Olenberg (E F Suga)

A Jewish family adopts a baby girl from Vietnam.

Juvenile Fiction

I, Emma Freke

Atkinson, Elizabeth (J F Atki) *Centerville Library Only*

Growing up near Boston with her free-spirited mother and
old-world grandfather, twelve-year-old Emma has always felt out
of place, but when she attends the reunion her father's family
holds annually in Wisconsin, she is in for some surprises.

Ruby Holler

Creech, Sharon (J F Cree)

Florida and Dallas are twins who've been shuffled from the
orphanage to foster homes and back again. When an elderly couple
takes them in, they worry that things are too good to be true.

I Lost My Tooth in Africa

Diakite, Penda (E F Diak)

During her visit to her father's homeland in Mali, in West Africa,
Amina loses her tooth and learns about African traditions.

The Color of Home

Hoffman, Mary (E F Hoff)

Hassan has just arrived in America and misses the bright colors of
his home in Somalia. By painting a picture of the tragedy that
forced his family to leave, he is able to work through his sadness.

In the Small, Small Night

Kurtz, Jane (E F Kurt) *Centerville Library Only*

Kofi is too scared to sleep on his first night in America, until his
sister Abena soothes him with some Ghanaian folktales.



***A Place Where Sunflowers Grow =
Sabaku Ni Saita Himawari***

Lee-Tai, Amy (E F Leet)

Written in English and Japanese, this book tells the story of
a Japanese-American girl's stay in an internment camp
during World War II.

Thanking the Moon:

Celebrating the Mid-Autumn Moon Festival

Lin, Grace (E F Lin)

Each member of a Chinese family contributes to the celebration of
the Mid-Autumn Moon Festival.

Jazz

Myers, Walter Dean (E F Myer)

Illustrations and rhyming text celebrate the blend of
European and African musical traditions.

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 can pronounce his name correctly until he finds a clever way to solve the problem.

Yuvi's Candy Tree

Simpson, Lesley (E F Simp)

Fleeing famine in her native Ethiopia, five-year-old Yuvi is sure she will have a candy tree when she arrives in Jerusalem.

The Other Side

Woodson, Jacqueline (E F Wood)

Two girls, one white and one black, form a friendship over the summer as they sit on the fence that divides their yards.

Hot Hot Roti for Dada-ji

Zia, F. (E F Zia)

Aneel and his grandfather, Dada-ji, tell stories, use their imaginations, and make delicious roti, a traditional Indian flatbread.

Juvenile Fiction

Anna Hibiscus

Atinuke (J F Atin)

Anna Hibiscus, who lives in Africa with her whole family, loves to splash in the sea and have parties for her aunties, but Anna would love to see snow.

Tortilla Sun

Cervantes, Jennifer (J F Cerv) *Centerville Library Only*

While spending a summer in New Mexico with her grandmother, twelve-year-old Izzy makes new friends, learns to cook, and for the first time hears stories about her father, who died before she was born.

Medikidz Explain Autism

Chilman-Blair, Kim (J 618.9285882 Chil)

The superhero group Medikidz take readers into the body to explore the signs and causes of autism. Readers learn about autistic behaviors and the treatments that can help.

Learning Difficulties

Levete, Sarah (J 618.9285889 Leve)

An overall look at learning difficulties and how to live with them.



Family Diversity

Picture Books

Home Now

Beake, Lesley (E F Beak) *Centerville Library Only*

Since her parents died and she had to go live with her aunt, Sieta has not felt at home. An orphaned elephant at the zoo helps her regain her sense of place.

Star of the Week: A Story of Love, Adoption and Brownies with Sprinkles

Friedman, Darlene (E F Frie)

As her turn to be "Star of the Week" in her kindergarten class approaches, Cassidy-Li puts together a poster with pictures of her family, friends, and pets, and wonders about her birthparents in China.

Megan's Birthday Tree: A Story About Open Adoption

Lears, Laurie (E F Lear) *Centerville Library Only*

Megan's adoptive parents help her deal with the pending move of her birth mother.

Niagara Falls, or Does It?

Winkler, Henry (J F Wink)

Hank Zipzer has a problem. Every time he tries to concentrate on anything, his mind wanders to something else. It takes detention, a magic show, and a music teacher to convince him that he may be different but he's still special.

First book in the series, *Hank Zipzer, The Mostly True Confessions of the World's Best Underachiever.*

Nonfiction

I Know Someone With Dyslexia

Barraclough, Sue (J 616.8553 Barr)

Describes what dyslexia is and how to be a friend to someone living with dyslexia.

I Know Someone with Down Syndrome

Parker, Vic (J 616.858842 Park)

An introduction to Down Syndrome, how it affects people, and how to be a good friend to someone living with Down Syndrome.

Take Control of OCD:

The Ultimate Guide for Kids with OCD

Zucker, Bonnie (J 618.9285227 Zuck)

A guide, by a practicing psychologist, to help kids take control of their OCD and be successful in school and life.

My Friend Has Dyspraxia

Edwards, Nicola (J 618.928552 Edwa)

Tells the story of a child who has dyspraxia, explaining what it is, its causes, and possible treatments.

Can I Tell You About Asperger Syndrome? A Guide for Friends and Family

Welton, Jude (J 618.928588 Welt)

Told from the point of view of a child with this condition, this book describes this mild form of autism and how teachers can help.

Only One Year

Cheng, Andrea (J F Chen) *Centerville Library Only*

Nine-year-old Sharon has conflicted feelings towards her copycat little sister and rambunctious toddler brother, who is sent to China for a year to live with relatives.

The Jacket

Clements, Andrew (J F Clem)

After wrongly accusing an African-American boy of stealing his brother's jacket, Phil, who is white, has some hard thinking to do.

The Unforgotten Coat

Cottrell Boyce, Frank (J F Cott) *Centerville Library Only*

When two Mongolian brothers inexplicably appear one morning in her sixth-grade class, Julie, their new friend and "Good Guide," navigates them through soccer, school uniforms, and British slang.

Donavan's Double Trouble

DeGross, Monalisa (J F Degr)

Fourth-grader Donovan is sensitive about the problems he has understanding math. When his favorite uncle, a former high school basketball star, returns from National Guard duty an amputee, Donovan's problems get even worse as he struggles to accept this "new" Uncle Vic.

Julia's Kitchen

Ferber, Brenda A. (J F Ferb) *Centerville Library Only*

When her mother and younger sister are killed in a house fire, eleven-year-old Cara struggles to deal with her emotions and to reach out to her grieving father. (Sydney Taylor award winner.)

Make Way for Dyamonde Daniel

Grimes, Nikki (J F Grim)

Spunky third-grader Dyamonde Daniel misses her old neighborhood, but when she befriends a boy named Free, another new student at school, she finally starts to feel at home.

Have Courage, Hazel Green!

Hirsch, Odo (J F Hirs) *Centerville Library Only*

When a tenant in Hazel's apartment building verbally abuses the caretaker, Mr. Egozian, she becomes determined to teach the tenant a lesson.

The Gnome's Eye

Kerz, Anna (J F Kerz) *Centerville Library Only*

Theresa and her family emigrate from a refugee camp in Austria to Toronto, Canada, and when she arrives she is afraid of everything: the other tenants, learning a new language, speaking in class. As time goes, though, by she overcomes her fears.

Inside Out and Back Again

Lai, Thanhha (J F Lai)

Through a series of poems, a young girl chronicles the life-changing year of 1975, when she, her mother, and her brothers leave Vietnam and resettle in Alabama. (National Book Award winner.)

Drita, My Homegirl

Lombard, Jenny (J F Lomb)

When Drita's family flees Kosovo for New York, she's afraid she won't fit in or make any friends. A school project pairs her up with Maxie, and they find out they have a lot in common. Written from the girls' viewpoints in alternating chapters.

A Friendship for Today

McKissack, Patricia C. (J F Mcki)

Rosemary is about to make history as one of the first African-American girls to attend a formerly segregated school. She learns to find friends in some unexpected places.

Eating Enchiladas

Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds (J F Nayl) *Centerville Library Only*

A sleepover inspires Sarah, who likes to do things differently, to chose Mexico for her "Countries of the World" presentation.

Out of My Mind

Draper, Sharon M. (J F Drap)

Considered by many to be mentally retarded, a brilliant, impatient fifth-grader with cerebral palsy discovers a technological device that will allow her to speak for the first time.

Mockingbird: Mok'ing-bûrd

Erskine, Kathryn (J F Ersk)

Ten-year-old Caitlin, who has Asperger's Syndrome, struggles to understand emotions, show empathy, and make friends at school, while at home she seeks closure by working on a project with her father.

Lucky Stars

Frank, Lucy (J F Fran)

Music brings three kids together, including Jake, who is embarrassed by his stuttering.

Rules

Lord, Cynthia, (J F Lord)

Frustrated at life with an autistic brother, twelve-year-old Catherine longs for a normal existence, but her world is further complicated by a friendship with a young paraplegic.

The Silent Boy

Lowry, Lois (J F Lowr)

Katy becomes curious of, and eventually befriends, a mentally challenged boy.

Sparks

McNamee, Graham (J F Mcna)

Todd is not sure how to act toward his special needs friends after he's moved to the regular fifth-grade classroom.

Wonder

Palacio, R.J. (J F Pala)

Auggie, born with extreme facial deformities, has been home-schooled, and starts school for the first time as a fifth-grader.

My Brother Charlie

Peete, Holly Robinson (E F Peet)

A girl tells what it is like living with her twin brother, who has autism and sometimes finds it hard to communicate with words, but who, in most ways, is just like any other boy.

The Alphabet War: A Story about Dyslexia

Robb, Diane Burton (E F Robb)

Adam's dyslexia makes it difficult for him to read, but with practice he is able to win the "alphabet war."

The Best Worst Brother

Stuve-Bodeen, Stephanie (E F Stuv)

Woodbourne Library Only

Emma tries to teach her baby brother Isaac, who has Down syndrome, to use sign language, to help him communicate. She becomes frustrated when he doesn't seem to be learning, but soon discovers that he may be paying more attention than she thinks.

Nathan Blows Out the Hanukkah Candles

Lehman-Wilzig, Tami (E F Lehm)

Although Jacob finds his autistic brother, Nathan, annoying, he gets angry when a new neighbor calls Nathan weird. Their mothers help the boys get along with a special Hanukkah observance.

Juvenile Fiction

Sahara Special

Codell, Esme Raji (J F Code)

Sahara Jones has always been classified as "special;" her teachers all think she has a learning disability. It takes a new teacher to help Sahara discover how special she really is.

Rainy

Deans, Sis (J F Dean) *Centerville Library Only*

Rainy has enough trouble staying focused at home, and isn't looking forward to going to summer camp. At camp, though, she finds a way to cope with her ADHD as she makes some new friends.

Four Feet, Two Sandals

Williams, Karen Lynn (J F Will) *Centerville Library Only*

Two young Afghani girls living in a refugee camp in Pakistan share a precious pair of sandals brought by relief workers.

Slant

Williams, Laura E. (J F Will)

Thirteen-year-old Lauren, a Korean-American adoptee, is tired of being called "slant" and "gook," and longs to have plastic surgery on her eyes, but when her father finds out about her wish--and a long-kept secret about her mother's death is revealed--Lauren starts to question some of her own assumptions.

Brothers in Hope:

The Story of the Lost Boys of Sudan

Williams, Mary (J F Will)

Eight-year-old Garang, orphaned by a civil war in Sudan, finds the inner strength to help lead other boys as they trek hundreds of miles seeking safety in Ethiopia, then Kenya, and finally in the United States.

Feathers

Woodson, Jacqueline (J F Wood)

Frannie learns a lot about herself and others when a new boy, who is white, attends her previously all-black school.

Nonfiction

The Librarian of Basra: A True Story From Iraq

Winter, Jeanette (J 020.92 Wint)

When Basra, Iraq, is invaded, a librarian works to save all the books.

Peace One Day

Gilley, Jeremy (J 303.66 Gill)

Tells the story of the creation of World Peace Day and how everyone can contribute to making the world a better place.

Let's Talk About Racism

Sanders, Bruce (J 305.8 Sand)

Presents information about racism and differences in a question and answer format.

Let's Talk About Race

Lester, Julius (J 305.800973 Lest)

Emphasizes that the differences between us lie in the details and not in the color of our skin or in how much money we make.

We Are All Americans: Understanding Diversity

Masoff, Joy (J 305.800973 Maso)

Discusses the multicultural history of America to show how we have become so diverse.

Japanese Celebrations

Reynolds, Betty (J 394.26952 Reyn)

Provides information on a variety of Japanese cultural holidays, including the Japanese New Year and the Cherry Blossom Festival.

Saving the Baghdad Zoo:

A True Story of Hope and Heroes

Halls, Kelly Milner (J 590.7356747 Hall)

Discusses the wartime rescue of the animals in Baghdad by United States soldiers and international volunteers.

Religious Diversity

Picture Books



Amish Horses

Ammon, Richard (E F Ammo)

Depicts Amish life through the eyes of an Amish boy who cares for the horses that work on his family's farm.

Reaching for Sun

Zimmer, Tracie Vaughn (J F Zimm)

Josie, who lives with her mother and grandmother and has cerebral palsy, befriends a boy who moves into one of the rich houses behind her old farmhouse.

Nonfiction

Brothers and Sisters

Dwight, Laura (J 362.4083 Dwig)

Having a sibling with a disability is not so different from having a sibling without a disability.

Some Kids are Deaf

Schaefer, Lola M. (J 362.42 Scha) *Centerville Library Only*
Simple text and photographs describe the condition of deafness and some of the everyday activities of children who are deaf.

I Know Someone with a Visual Impairment

Parker, Victoria (J 617.7 Park)

Introduces visual impairments, what it means to be blind, and how to be friends with a blind person.

Sam Uses a Wheelchair

Powell, Jillian (J 618.9283 Powe) *Woodbourne Library Only*
Sam describes her experiences living in a wheelchair.

Learning/Behavior Differences

Picture Books

My Sister, Alicia May

Tupper Ling, Nancy (E F Tupp)

Rachel talks about having a sister with Down syndrome and how everyone in their family is special.

Juvenile Fiction

One-Handed Catch

Auch, Mary Jane (J F Auch)

After losing his hand in an accident in his father's butcher shop in 1946, sixth-grader Norman uses hard work and humor to learn to live with his disability and to succeed at baseball, art, and other activities.

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.

Ruby Lu, Empress of Everything

Look, Lenore (J F Look)

Ruby loves that her cousin's family immigrated from China to live with them. But she has to get used to some changes, such as the fact that they only speak Chinese at home and that her cousin is deaf.

Stranded

Mikaelsen, Ben (J F Mika)

Twelve-year-old Koby, who has lost a foot in an accident, sees a chance to prove her self-reliance to her parents when she tries to rescue two stranded pilot whales near her home in the Florida Keys.

Wonderstruck: A Novel in Words and Pictures

Selznick, Brian (J F Selz)

Having lost his mother and his hearing in a short time, twelve-year-old Ben leaves his Minnesota home in 1977 to seek the father he never knew in New York City, and there meets Rose, who is also longing for something missing from her life. Ben's story is told in words; Rose's in pictures.

Sadie's Sukkah Breakfast

Korngold, Jamie S. (E F Korn)

Two sisters plan a special breakfast in their family's sukkah during the Jewish harvest holiday of Sukkot.

The Night of the Moon: A Muslim Holiday Story

Khan, Hena (E F Khan)

A 7-year-old Pakistani-American girl, celebrates the Muslim holidays Ramadan, "The Night of the Moon" (Chaand Raat), and Eid.

Juvenile Fiction

Sam I Am

Cooper, Ilene (J F Coop)

Sam's father is Jewish and his mother is Christian. When a mishap threatens to ruin the Christmas/Hanukkah holiday, Sam learns that it's not easy to reconcile religious beliefs, even within your own family.

Two Continents, Four Generations: One Hundred Years, Two Stories

Centerville Library Only

Hays, Peter (J F Hays)

When a class project causes Louis to submerge himself into the life of his Polish grandfather, who immigrated to Brazil during World War II, he discovers how much his mother's childhood and his own are alike, and at the same time different.

The Whole Story of Half a Girl

Hiranandani, Veera (J F Hira)

Sonia, who is half Jewish and half Indian, has difficult time changing schools and dealing with her dad's illness.

My Name is Bilal

Mobin-Uddin, Asma (J F Mobi)

Bilal is uncomfortable at his new school because it seems like he and his sister are the only Muslims. With the help of a teacher, he learns that he should be proud of his religion and not try to hide it.

Nonfiction

Faith

Ajmera, Maya (J 200 Ajme)

Discusses many different religions and how they are expressed by praying, singing, learning, helping, and caring.

A Faith Like Mine: A Celebration of the World's Religions - Seen Through the Eyes of Children

Buller, Laura (J 200 Bull)

Information about the customs and festivals of several world religions from a child's perspective.

What Makes Me A Mormon?

George, Charles (J 289.3 Geor)

Describes the origins, beliefs, and practices of Mormons. Look for more faiths under the series name, *What Makes Me A—?*

Sikhism in India

Hawker, Frances (J 294.60954 Hawk)

A family celebrates Guru Nanak's birthday in this colorfully-illustrated book. Look for more faiths under the series name, *Families and Their Faiths*.

Judaism: Signs, Symbols, and Stories

Senker, Cath (J 296 Senk)

Describes the elements and history of Judaism. Look for more faiths under the series name, *Religious Signs, Symbols and Stories*.

The Muslim World: An Overview

Kavanaugh, Dorothy (J 297.09 Kava)

Describes Muslim life in various countries.

Celebrating Ramadan

Hoyt-Goldsmith, Diane (J 297.62 Hoyt)

Follows Ibraheem, an Islamic boy, and his family, through Ramadan, the month of praying and fasting.

Physically Challenged

Picture Books

Nathan's Wish: A Story About Cerebral Palsy

Lears, Laurie (E F Lear) *Woodbourne Library Only*

An injured owl inspires Nathan to figure out a way to help his neighbor even though Nathan is in a wheelchair.

The Gift of Grace

McClelland, Grace Mary (E F Mccl)

The story of a nine-year-old girl who is bullied because of her hand.

Moses Goes To School

Millman, Isaac (E F Mill)

Moses and his classmates attend a school for the deaf, where they communicate using American Sign Language.

Private and Confidential: A Story About Braille

Ripley, Marion (E F Ripl) *Centerville Library Only*

Laura is excited to have a new pen pal who lives in Australia. When she learns he is blind, she begins to write to him using Braille.

The Deaf Musicians

Seeger, Pete (E F Seeg) *Centerville Library Only*

A musician who loses his hearing forms a band with other deaf musicians, and they play for people in the subway.

Best Friend on Wheels

Shirley, Debra (E F Shir)

A young girl relates all the ways she and her best friend, Sarah, are alike, in spite of the fact that Sarah uses a wheelchair.

Dad, Jackie, and Me

Uhlberg, Myron (E F Uhlb)

A son and his deaf father spend the summer going to Ebbets Field to watch Jackie Robinson play baseball. Based on a true story.