

## **Diversity & Equity Recommended *books to consider***

**(NOTE- We have not read all of these, but consider them good possibilities)**

### **Kindergarten/Picture Books**

*The Girl and the Wolf* - Katherine Vermette

*Birdsong* - Julie Flett

*Home is a Window* - Stephanie Parsley Ledyard

*Leila in Saffron* - Rukbsanna Guidroz

*Saturday* - Oge Mora

*The Shortest Day* - Susan Cooper

*This Love* - Isabel Otter

*Up the Mountain Path* - Marianne Dubuc

*Forever of a Day* - Sarah Jacoby

*Peeney Butter Fudge* - Toni Morrison

*This is the Rope* - Jacqueline Woodson

### **First Grade/Picture books**

*The girl who loved wild horses* - Paul Goble Native American

*Star Boy* - Paul Goble Native American

*Wild Berries* - Julie Flett Native American

*Julian is a Mermaid* - Jessica Love LGBTQ

*Mela and the Elephant* - Dow Phumiruk Asian

*The Secret Footprints* - Julia Alvarez Dominican Folk Tale

*A Family is a Family is a Family* - Sara O'Leary Biracial, LGBTQ, Adoption, Divorce, All family configurations

*The Mulberry Bird - An Adoption Story* - Anne Braff Brodzinsky

*Grandma and the Great Gourd* - Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni India

*The Day You Begin* - Jacqueline Woodson Immigration/differences

*Benji, the bad day, and me* - Sally J. Pia Neurodiversity

*Jabari Jumps* - Gaia Cornwall African American

*When I am Old with you* - Angela Johnson African American

*The Girl who Speaks Bear* - Sophie Anderson Russian

## **2nd Grade**

*Double Dutch*- Sharon Draper

*The Proudest Blue*- Ibtihaj Muhammad

*Juna's Jar*-Jane Bahk

*Chickadee*-Louise Erdrich

*The Christmas Coat: Memories of My Sioux Childhood*-Sneve, Virginia Driving Hawk

## **Grades 3-5**

*The Seekers* - Cece Younger

*The Girl Who Drank the Moon*- Kelly Barnhill

*El Deafo*- Cece Bell graphic novel (5th & Up)

*George*- Alex Gino

*Refugee*- Alan Gratz (5th & Up)

*The Janitor's Boy*-Andrew Clements

*Flying Lessons and Other Stories*- Ellen Oh, editor (5th & Up)

*Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky*- Kwame Mbalia (5th & Up- protagonist is 7th grader, but we know kids start reading the Rick Riordan books much earlier)

\*This is part of "Rick Riordan" presents which features multiple titles in the vein of Riordan's fantasy books but with non-European protagonists.

## **Middle School**

*Inside Out and Back Again*- Thanhha Lai

*Lalani of the Distant Sea*- Kelly

*Blended*- Sharon Draper

*Stella by Starlight*- Sharen Draper

*Children of Blood and Bone*-Tomi Adeyemi

*Refugee*- Alan Gratz

*An Indigenous People's History of the United States*- Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz

*The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* (Young Readers Version)-William Kwamkwaba

*Caterpillars Can't Swim* - Liane Shaw (maybe more for Eighth Grade)

## **Adult**

*Raising White Kids* by Jennifer Harvey

*So You Want to Talk About Race?* by Ijeoma Oluo

*How to be an Anti-Racist* by Ibram X. Kendi

*Waking Up White* by Debby Irving