











**Diverse Children's Literature Resource Links – Compiled by Michael Tapia – Updated Spring 2021**

**Organizations/Websites Offering Resources**

	<p align="center"><b>Anti-Defamation League</b>  <a href="http://www.adl.org">www.adl.org</a></p>		<p align="center"><a href="http://www.ala.org">www.ala.org</a></p>
	<p align="center"><a href="http://www.cde.ca.gov">www.cde.ca.gov</a></p>		<p align="center"><a href="http://www.colorincolorado.org">www.colorincolorado.org</a></p>
	<p align="center"><b>Cooperative Children's Book Center</b>  <a href="https://ccbc.education.wisc.edu/">https://ccbc.education.wisc.edu/</a></p>		<p align="center"><a href="http://www.edutopia.org">www.edutopia.org</a></p>
	<p align="center"><b>Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network</b>  <a href="http://www.glsen.org">www.glsen.org</a></p>		<p align="center"><b>Harvard Graduate School of Education</b>  <a href="http://www.gse.harvard.edu">www.gse.harvard.edu</a></p>
	<p align="center"><a href="http://www.inclusiveschools.org">www.inclusiveschools.org</a></p>		<p align="center"><a href="http://www.literacyworldwide.org">www.literacyworldwide.org</a></p>
	<p align="center"><a href="http://www.jstart.org">www.jstart.org</a></p>		<p align="center"><b>National Association for the Education of Young Children</b>  <a href="http://www.naeyc.org">www.naeyc.org</a></p>
	<p align="center"><a href="http://www.ncte.org">www.ncte.org</a></p>		<p align="center"><a href="http://www.readingrockets.org">www.readingrockets.org</a></p>
	<p align="center"><a href="http://www.resilienteducators.com">www.resilienteducators.com</a></p>		<p align="center"><a href="http://www.teachingforchange.org">www.teachingforchange.org</a></p>
	<p align="center"><b>Teaching Tolerance</b>  <a href="http://www.tolerance.org">www.tolerance.org</a></p>		<p align="center"><a href="http://www.weareteachers.com">www.weareteachers.com</a></p>
	<p align="center"><a href="http://www.diversebooks.org">www.diversebooks.org</a></p>		<p align="center"><a href="http://www.welcomingschools.org">www.welcomingschools.org</a></p>

## Articles/Resources Online

- **#OwnVoices: Why We Need Diverse Authors in Children's Literature**  
<https://www.readbrightly.com/why-we-need-diverse-authors-in-kids-ya-lit/>
- **#WeNeedMirrorsAndWindows: Diverse Classroom Libraries for K-6 Students (The Reading Teacher)**  
<file:///C:/Users/Michael/Documents/Michael's%20Documents/ACSA/WeNeedMirrorsAndWindows%20Diverse%20Classroom%20Libraries%20for%20K-6%20Students%202016.pdf>
- **10 Picture Books to Use in Your High School English Class**  
<https://www.weareteachers.com/picture-books-for-high-school/>
- **7 Stats About Diversity in Book Publishing That Proves SO Much Work Needs to Be Done**  
<https://www.bustle.com/p/7-stats-about-diversity-in-book-publishing-that-reveal-the-magnitude-of-the-problem-18022153>
- **Assessing Children's Literature – Anti-Defamation League (ADL)**  
<https://www.adl.org/education/resources/tools-and-strategies/assessing-childrens-literature>
- **Be Prepared for LGBTQ Questions and Concerns**  
[https://assets2.hrc.org/welcoming-schools/documents/WS\\_Responding\\_to\\_Concerns.pdf](https://assets2.hrc.org/welcoming-schools/documents/WS_Responding_to_Concerns.pdf)
- **Biographies: Courageous, Diverse Role Models for Students (Includes Lesson Plan w/ Book List)**  
[https://assets2.hrc.org/welcoming-schools/documents/WS\\_Biographies\\_Courageous\\_Diverse\\_Role\\_Models\\_for\\_Students.pdf](https://assets2.hrc.org/welcoming-schools/documents/WS_Biographies_Courageous_Diverse_Role_Models_for_Students.pdf)
- **booksource Inclusive Classroom Library Checklist**  
<https://www.booksource.com/content/whitepaper/7012J000001cOIJQAU.pdf>
- **Building Diverse Collections of LGBTQ-Inclusive Children's Literature to Expand Windows and Mirrors for Youth** <https://ncte.org/blog/2019/03/lgbtq-inclusive-childrens-literature/>
- **Checklist: 8 Steps to Creating a Diverse Book Collection**  
<https://www.leeandlow.com/educators/articles/checklist-8-steps-to-creating-a-diverse-book-collection>
- **Children's Literature with Negative Portrayals and Stereotypes for Curriculum**  
<https://wcls.bibliocommons.com/list/share/606377252/606389837>
- **Choosing Children's Books: Cultural Relevance Rubric**  
<https://www.colorincolorado.org/article/choosing-childrens-books-cultural-relevance-rubric>
- **Culturally Relevant Books in the ELL Classroom**  
<https://www.colorincolorado.org/article/culturally-relevant-books-ell-classroom>
- **Developing LGBTQ-Inclusive Classroom Resources**  
<https://www.glsen.org/activity/inclusive-curriculum-guide>
- **Diverse Classroom Libraries for K-6 Students**  
<https://www.readingrockets.org/article/diverse-classroom-libraries-k-6-students>
- **Diverse Literature Lesson Plans Lists (Teaching Tolerance)**  
<https://www.tolerance.org/search?query=diverse%20literature%20lists>
- **Diversify Your Bookshelves: Download This Free Printable Checklist**  
<http://hereweeread.com/2020/07/diversify-your-bookshelves-download-this-free-printable-checklist.html>
- **Diversity in Children's Literature**

[https://www.researchgate.net/publication/324595785 Diversity in Children's Literature](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/324595785_Diversity_in_Children's_Literature)

- **Diversity in Children's Literature: Check Your Blind Spot, Part 2**  
[file:///C:/Users/Michael/Downloads/blog-diversity-in-childrens-literature-check-your-blind-spot-part-2%20\(1\).pdf](file:///C:/Users/Michael/Downloads/blog-diversity-in-childrens-literature-check-your-blind-spot-part-2%20(1).pdf)
- **Diversity in Publishing from A to Z: A List of Book Publishers Who Specialize in Diversity & Inclusion**  
<http://hereweeread.com/2019/02/diversity-in-publishing-from-a-to-z-a-list-of-book-publishers-who-specialize-in-diversity-and-inclusion.html>
- **Diversity in Teaching and Learning: Affirming Students as Empowered Learners**  
<https://www.aacu.org/publications-research/periodicals/diversity-teaching-and-learning-affirming-students-empowered>
- **Diversity in YA**  
<https://diversityinYA.tumblr.com/>
- **Frequently Asked Questions: Senate Bill 48** <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/cr/cf/senatebill48faq.asp>
- **Gender Roles in Children's Literature and Their Influence on Learners**  
<http://minnetesoljournal.org/journal-archive/mtj-2018-2/gender-roles-in-childrens-literature-and-their-influence-on-learners/>
- **Guide for Selecting Anti-Bias Children's Books (Based on Ten Quick Ways to Analyze Children's Books for Racism and Sexism – Updated in 2013)**  
<https://socialjusticebooks.org/guide-for-selecting-anti-bias-childrens-books/>
- **Harvard EdCast: Putting Diverse Books Into Practice**  
<https://www.gse.harvard.edu/news/19/09/harvard-edcast-putting-diverse-books-practice>
- **Hooked on Classics A classic problem: The push to modernize reading lists is challenging traditional definitions of literature. Surprise: Not everyone is happy about it**  
<https://www.gse.harvard.edu/news/ed/19/08/hooked-classics>
- **How to Choose Outstanding Multicultural Books**  
<https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/articles/teaching-content/how-choose-best-multicultural-books/>
- **How to Tell the Difference: A Guide for Evaluating Children's Books for Anti-Indian Bias**  
<http://www.oyate.org/index.php/resources/41-resources/how-to-tell-the-difference>
- **(The) Importance of Diversity and Inclusion in Children's Books**  
<https://www.jstart.org/2018/02/13/celebrating-diversity-equity-and-inclusion-in-childrens-books/>
- **Lesson Plans to Help Students to Understand Gender and to Support Transgender and Non-Binary Children**  
<https://www.welcomingschools.org/resources/lesson-plans/transgender-youth/transgender-with-books/>
- **Lesson Plans to Prevent Biased-Based Bullying in School**  
<https://www.welcomingschools.org/resources/lesson-plans/bullying/bullying-with-books/>
- **Lesson Plans to Support LGBTQ Inclusive Elementary Schools**  
<https://www.welcomingschools.org/resources/lesson-plans/lgbtq-inclusive-schools/lgbtq-with-books/>
- **Lesson Plans to Welcome All Children in Your School**  
<https://www.welcomingschools.org/resources/lesson-plans/diverse-families/diverse-families-with-books/>
- **LGBT Literature in the Classroom Future teachers encourage integrating LGBT texts**

<https://www.amle.org/BrowsebyTopic/WhatsNew/WNDet/TabId/270/ArtMID/888/ArticleID/765/LGBT-Literature-in-the-Classroom.aspx>

- **LGBTQ-Visibility and Integration in Elementary Schools**  
<https://www.glsen.org/activity/lgbtq-visibility-and-integration-elementary-schools>
- **LGBTQ+ visibility in the K-12 Classroom Curriculum**  
<https://kappanonline.org/moorhead-lgbtq-visibility-k-12-curriculum/>
- **Literacy-Based Organizations (40+ Links)** [https://www.readingrockets.org/resources\\_new/c604](https://www.readingrockets.org/resources_new/c604)
- **Literacy Leadership Brief Expanding the Canon How Diverse Literature Can Transform Literacy Learning**  
<http://literacyworldwide.org/docs/default-source/where-we-stand/ila-expanding-the-canon.pdf>
- **Literacy Leadership Brief The Power and Promise of Read-Alouds and Independent Reading**  
[https://literacyworldwide.org/docs/default-source/where-we-stand/ila-power-promise-read-alouds-independent-reading.pdf?sfvrsn=8a7ba8e\\_4](https://literacyworldwide.org/docs/default-source/where-we-stand/ila-power-promise-read-alouds-independent-reading.pdf?sfvrsn=8a7ba8e_4)
- **The New YA Young Readers' Editions Can Change the Way We Teach History**  
[https://www.tolerance.org/magazine/spring-2020/the-new-ya?utm\\_source=Teaching+Tolerance&utm\\_campaign=ccbb6cdc33-Newsletter+9-1-2020&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_a8cea027c3-ccbb6cdc33-87326495](https://www.tolerance.org/magazine/spring-2020/the-new-ya?utm_source=Teaching+Tolerance&utm_campaign=ccbb6cdc33-Newsletter+9-1-2020&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a8cea027c3-ccbb6cdc33-87326495)
- **Opening Doors: Teaching LGBTQ-themed Young Adult Literature for an Inclusive Curriculum**  
[https://www.researchgate.net/publication/321112817\\_Opening\\_Doors\\_Teaching\\_LGBTQ-themed\\_Young\\_Adult\\_Literature\\_for\\_an\\_Inclusive\\_Curriculum](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/321112817_Opening_Doors_Teaching_LGBTQ-themed_Young_Adult_Literature_for_an_Inclusive_Curriculum)
- **Overview: Recommended Literature List (CDE)** <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/cr/rl/litlistoverview.asp>
- **Reading Diversity A Tool for Selecting Diverse Texts**  
[https://www.tolerance.org/sites/default/files/2017-11/Reading-Diversity-v2-Redesign-WEB-Nov2017\\_0.pdf](https://www.tolerance.org/sites/default/files/2017-11/Reading-Diversity-v2-Redesign-WEB-Nov2017_0.pdf)
- **Reading LGBTQ-Inclusive Children's Books in Schools**  
[https://assets2.hrc.org/welcoming-schools/documents/WS\\_Using\\_LGBT\\_Inclusive\\_Books.pdf](https://assets2.hrc.org/welcoming-schools/documents/WS_Using_LGBT_Inclusive_Books.pdf)
- **Reading with Pride: The Importance of LGBTQ+ Representation in Children's Books (Podcast)**  
<https://oomscholasticblog.com/podcast/reading-pride-importance-lgbtq-representation-childrens-books>
- **Reading Your Way to a Culturally Responsive Classroom**  
<https://www.naeyc.org/resources/pubs/yc/may2016/culturally-responsive-classroom>
- **Recommended Literature List – Cultural Designations** <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/cr/rl/litrlculturaldesi.asp>
- **Representations of Latinx/Hispanic Characters in Children's Books**  
<https://diversebookfinder.org/browse/race/representations-of-latinx-hispanic-characters-in-childrens-picture-books/>
- **Representations of LGBT Characters in Children's Picture Books**  
<https://wowlit.org/blog/2014/08/11/representations-of-lgbt-characters-in-childrens-picture-books/>
- **Resources for Race, Equity, Anti-Racism, and Inclusion**  
<https://diversebooks.org/resources-for-race-equity-and-inclusion/>
- **Sharing children's books featuring New Arrivals and New Americans to build a stronger culture of Belonging and Welcoming** <https://www.imyourneighborbooks.org/>

- ***Strong Female Characters in Recent Children's Literature***  
[http://www.csun.edu/~bashforth/305\\_PDF/305\\_ME2/305\\_Language%26Gender/StrongFemaleCharactersInRecentChildrensLiterature\\_LA\\_Nov1999.pdf](http://www.csun.edu/~bashforth/305_PDF/305_ME2/305_Language%26Gender/StrongFemaleCharactersInRecentChildrensLiterature_LA_Nov1999.pdf)
- ***Supporting the Right to Read: Principles for Selecting Children's Books*** <trtr.1954.pdf>
- ***Take a Close Look: Inventorying Your Classroom Library for Diverse Books***  
<file:///C:/Users/Michael/Documents/Michael's%20Documents/ACSA/using%20children's%20books%20about%20autism%20as%20resources%20in%20inclusive%20classrooms%202016.pdf>
- ***Talking About Books - Strong Female Characters in Recent Children's Literature***  
<https://citeseerx.ist.psu.edu/viewdoc/download?doi=10.1.1.516.1086&rep=rep1&type=pdf>
- ***Teachers Push for Books With More Diversity, Fewer Stereotypes***  
<https://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2019/06/12/teachers-push-for-more-diverse-books-fewer.html>
- ***Teaching for Diversity – Multicultural Children's Literature***  
<http://teach4diversity.ca/multicultural-childrens-literature/>
- ***Teaching Young Children About Bias, Diversity, and Social Justice***  
<https://www.edutopia.org/blog/teaching-young-children-social-justice-jinnie-spiegler>
- ***Ten Quick Ways to Analyze Children's Books for Sexism and Racism***  
[https://www.teachingforchange.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/ec\\_tenquickways\\_english.pdf](https://www.teachingforchange.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/ec_tenquickways_english.pdf)
- ***Tips for Choosing Culturally Appropriate Books and Resources for Native Americans***  
<https://www.colorincolorado.org/article/tips-choosing-culturally-appropriate-books-resources-about-native-americans>
- ***Using Children's Picture Books About Autism as Resources in Inclusive Classrooms***  
<file:///C:/Users/Michael/Documents/Michael's%20Documents/ACSA/using%20children's%20books%20about%20autism%20as%20resources%20in%20inclusive%20classrooms%202016.pdf>
- ***Why children's books that teach diversity are more important than ever***  
<https://theconversation.com/why-childrens-books-that-teach-diversity-are-more-important-than-ever-72146>
- ***Why Diverse Classroom Libraries Matter***  
<https://www.edutopia.org/article/why-diverse-classroom-libraries-matter>
- ***Why Every Class Needs Read Alouds***  
<http://www.ascd.org/publications/newsletters/education-update/jan18/vol60/num01/Why-Every-Class-Needs-Read-Alouds.aspx>
- ***Why Kids and Teens Need Diverse Books and Our Recommended Reads***  
<https://resilienteducator.com/classroom-resources/diverse-childrens-books/>
- ***Why More Diversity in Children's Literature is Absolutely Necessary***  
[https://www.huffpost.com/entry/why-more-diversity-in-childrens-literature-is-absolutely-necessary\\_b\\_5544182](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/why-more-diversity-in-childrens-literature-is-absolutely-necessary_b_5544182)
- ***Why Reading Aloud to Middle School Students Works***  
<https://www.edutopia.org/article/why-reading-aloud-middle-school-students-works>

## Diverse Children's Literature On YouTube



- **6 Quotes From YA Authors on Why #WeNeedDiverseBooks** 1:49 September 4, 2015  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1A0v63UBxmc>
- **Booklist Webinar – New Books, New Worlds Diverse Titles for Youth & Young Adult** 56:24 March 6, 2020  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FYoq44j9ciY>
- **Choosing Diverse Literature** – 13:49 August 30, 2016  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=59gUSQNJOyc>
- **Diverse Middle Grade Books!** 7:37 December 26, 2019  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UPzGjGkiTGs>
- **Diversity in Books** 2:29 February 3, 2016  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KNupFaQj4OY>
- **How to Use Children's Books to Teach Diversity and Inclusion** Webinar 1:04:20 October 4, 2017  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qpXt\\_vb7WWs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qpXt_vb7WWs)
- **(An) Introduction to Booksource's Inclusive Classroom Library Checklist** 2:56 June 14, 2019  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wccilPruRrw>
- **Our Stories Ourselves Increasing Diverse Representation in Children's Books** 5:09 June 12, 2019  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9xCdIYUW9ol>
- **Queer Literature at Denver South Expands Curriculum Diversity** 2:54 October 27 2016  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5RCz2D24GyE>
- **Reading the World Critical Literacy and Culturally Responsive Classroom Libraries** 3:00 January 9, 2019  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B1g-dx-meVA>
- **Representation Matters – Diversity in Children's Books** 11:05 March 28, 2019  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RKTCLUjzvVs>
- **Strategies for Building an Inclusive Bookshelf** Webinar held on August 19, 2020; Lee and Low Books  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ac2HGrDixM>
- **We Need Diverse Books** July 10, 2019  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1epg36alKPk>
- **We Need Diverse Books Campaign** 4:11 October 27, 2014  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mrrh0G-OkBw>

- ***What is a Diverse and Inclusive Library?*** June 29, 2020  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5hDQCApobbI>
- ***Why We Need Diverse Books*** 2:22 May 25, 2017  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5\\_8H-O8iA88](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5_8H-O8iA88)
- ***The Windows and Mirrors of Your Child's Bookshelf*** Grace Lin 12:23 Author of *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* (Newberry Book Award) March 18, 2016  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wQ8wiV3FVo>