



Read Across Pennsylvania



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New Initiative

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Week of March 13, 2022

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^{Suggested} Read Across Pennsylvania Book List

Antiracism & Inclusion

Just Ask! Be Different, Be Brave, Be You by Sonia Sotomayor, illustrated by Rafael López
Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Peña, illustrated by Christian Robinson
Your Name Is a Song by Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow, illustrated by Luisa Uribe

African American/Black

I Am Enough by Grace Byers, illustrated by Keturah A. Bobo
Thank You, Omul! by Oge Mora
The Day You Begin by Jacqueline Woodson, illustrated by Rafael López

Asian American/Pacific Islander

Amy Wu and the Perfect Bao by Kat Zhang, illustrated by Charlene Chua
Ohana Means Family by Ilima Loomis, illustrated by Kenard Pak
The Name Jar by Yangsook Choi

Disability + Neurodiversity

Emmanuel's Dream: The True Story of Emmanuel Ofosu Yeboah by Laurie Ann Thompson, illustrated by Sean Qualls
I Talk Like a River by Jordan Scott, illustrated by Sydney Smith
My Brother Charlie by Holly Robinson Peete and Ryan Elizabeth Peete, illustrated by Shane W. Evans

Indigenous

Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story by Kevin Noble Maillard, illustrated by Juana Martínez-Neal
Jingle Dancer by Cynthia Leitich Smith, illustrated by Cornelius Van Wright and Ying-Hwa Hu
Kamik Takes the Lead by Darryl Baker, illustrated by Ali Hinch

Jewish

Chicken Soup, Chicken Soup by Pamela Meyer, illustrated by Deborah Melmon
I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark by Debbie Levy, illustrated by Elizabeth Baddeley
The Keeping Quilt by Patricia Polacco

Latinx

Alma and How She Got Her Name by Juana Martínez-Neal
Evelyn Del Rey Is Moving Away by Meg Medina, illustrated by Sonia Sánchez
Maybe Something Beautiful by F. Isabel Campoy and Theresa Howell, illustrated by Rafael López

LGBTQ+

I Am Perfectly Designed by Karamo Brown, with Jason "Rachel" Brown, illustrated by Anoosha Syed
Love Makes a Family by Sophie Beer
When Aidan Became a Brother by Kyle Lukoff, illustrated by Kaylani Juanita

Muslim

Malala's Magic Pencil by Malala Yousafzai, illustrated by Kerascoët
Mommy's Khimar by Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow, illustrated by Ebony Glenn
The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family by Ibtihaj Muhammad, with S. K. Ali, illustrated by Hatem Aly





Why Read Aloud??

“The single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading is **reading aloud** to children.”

— Jim Trelease



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Children introduced to reading early on tend to read earlier and excel in school compared to children who are not exposed to language and books at a young age

(American Academy of Pediatrics).



Step 1

1. Who is willing or going to read
 1. One reader
 2. Multiple readers
 3. Include SLP programs





Step 2

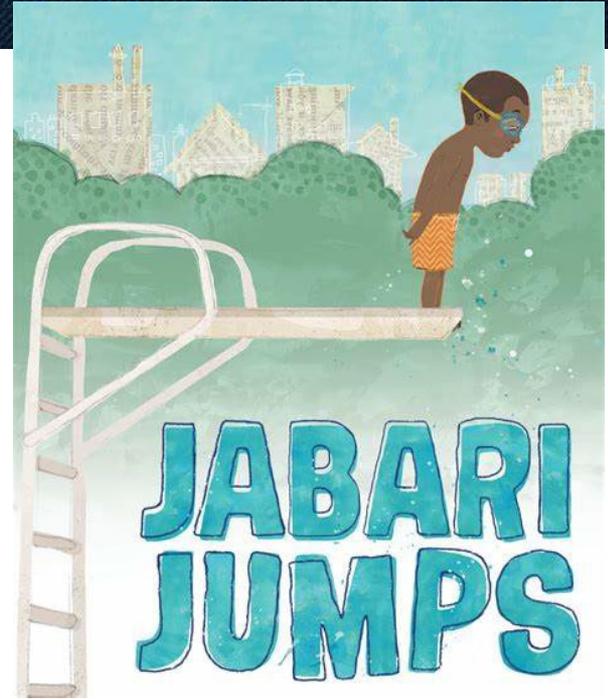
1. Select somewhere (and when) to read
2. Contact them for permission
3. You **MAY** need your clearances
 1. A school
 2. A childcare center
 3. A Head-Start program
 4. Multiple locations





Step 3

1. Select a book to read
 - use the suggested book list
 - find a book you love
 - would be great if the book focused on diversity and equity
 - decide if you will leave the book behind





Step 4

1. Make Kiwanis proud

- wear your Kiwanis gear
- label your book with Kiwanis logo if you are leaving it behind
- take photos
- post on Facebook, website, etc.





Step 5

1. Have fun!!!





Where to Find Books

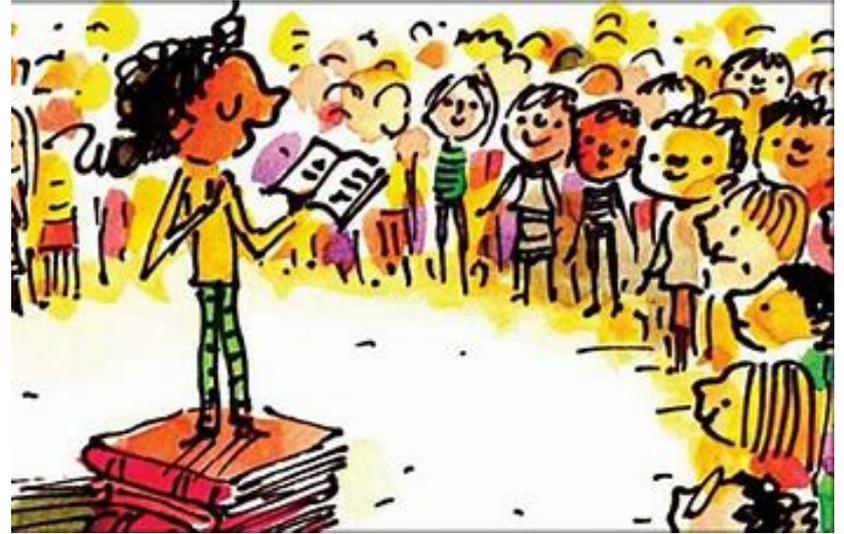
- Local bookstore
- Amazon
- Scholastic books
- Local library





Any Ideas/Thoughts

- Face to face visit
- Video recording posted to website





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