



Adoption

Books available at the Columbus Metropolitan Library

PICTURE BOOKS

My New Mom & Me by Renata Galindo, 2016.

Picture Book GALINDO

When he goes to live with his new cat mom, a puppy is nervous and unsure. But Mom knows how to take care of him and they learn how to be a family together. (Grades PreK-2)

Real Sisters Pretend by Megan Dowd Lambert, 2016

Picture Book LAMBERT

Mia and Tayja are sisters even though others don't always recognize this since they're adopted and don't look alike. Safe in the knowledge that adoption has made them "forever family," the sisters go on a pretend adventure and end their make-believe journey with a joyful homecoming to a real home with their two moms. (Grades PreK -2)

A Family Is a Family Is a Family by Sara O'Leary, 2016.

Picture Book O'LEARY

When her teacher asks everyone to share what makes their family special, a young girl is reluctant to speak. Then she learns from her classmates that there are many, many types of families, and every type is just as loving and valid. (Grades PreK-2)

The Family Book by Todd Parr, 2020

Picture Book PARR

A celebration of all the different kinds of families in the world, the different things they might like to eat and the things they have in common. (Grades PreK-2)

We Belong Together by Todd Parr, 2007.

Picture Book PARR

An adoptive parent and child celebrate the reasons why they belong together, and the many things that they each bring to the relationship. (Grades PreK-2)

Home at Last by Vera B. Williams, 2016.

Picture Book WILLIAMS

After Lester is adopted from his foster home by Daddy Albert and Daddy Rich he is happy during the day, but too scared and worried during the night to sleep in his own bed. Finally, the family dog comes up with a solution that helps Lester feel at home at last. (Grades 1-3)

JUVENILE FICTION

Forever or a Long, Long Time by Caela Carter, 2017

Having shared so many foster homes that they are unable to trust that the family that has adopted them will last, Flora and her brother, Julian, are assisted by their new mother on a journey to resolve their past so that they can build a future. (Grades 3-7)

I Can Make This Promise by Christine Day, 2019

Fiction DAY

Twelve-year-old Edie finds letters and photographs in her attic that change everything she thought she knew about her Native American mother's adoption. She realizes she has a lot to learn about her family's history and her own identity. (Grades 3-7)



For Black Girls Like Me by Mariama Lockington, 2019

Fiction LOCKINGTON

After moving across the country, eleven-year-old Makeda, who is adopted and black, is coping with serious problems in her white adopted family. Through it all she can't help wondering: *What would it be like to grow up with a family who looks like me?* (Grades 3-7)

Patina by Jason Reynolds, 2017

Fiction REYNOLDS

Patina's mother lost her legs to "the sugar," so she and her little sister live with a friend of the family who adopted them. Patina struggles to adjust to her fancy new school but as long as she can look out for her younger sister, whose braids she takes special care of every Sunday, things will be okay. (Grades 5-9)

TEEN FICTION

Far From the Tree by Robin Benway, 2017

Three teenagers, biological siblings separated by adoption, explore the meaning of family in all its forms-- how to find it, how to keep it, and how to love it.

NON-FICTION

I Color Myself Different by Colin Kaepernick, 2022

J B K116i

After being asked about why he is the only brown person in his family when he draws a picture for a school project, Colin starts to feel bad. After talking with his mom about how being adopted made their family whole, he celebrates how being adopted and having brown skin makes him special.

My Family, Your Family by Lisa Bullard, 2015.

J 306.85 B935m

Makayla explores her neighborhood and spends time with all different types of families. Each family is happy and loving, and the differences between them are described as positives. (Grades PreK-3)

Family and Friends by Honor Head, 2013.

J 306.85 H432f

Describes different types of families, including foster families and how they are formed. Provides advice for having healthy relationships and questions to think about. (Grades 2-5)

Families by Shelley Rotner and Sheila M. Kelly, 2015.

J 306.85 R848f

Numerous photographs and simple text describe all different types of families – what is different, and what they have in common. (Grades PreK-2)

I'm Adopted! by Shelley Rotner, 2011

J 362.734 R848i

Photographs and simple text provide a safe space for adoptive parents and their children to discuss the story behind their adoption. (Grades K-3)