



Families

Books available at the Columbus Metropolitan Library

PICTURE BOOKS

The Family Book by Todd Parr, 2020

Picture Book PARR

Todd Parr includes adopted families, step-families, one-parent families, and families with two parents of the same sex, as well as the traditional nuclear family. His quirky humor and bright, childlike illustrations will make children feel good about their families. (PreK-2)

How We Say I Love You by Nicole Chen, 2022

Picture Book CHEN

In this heartwarming picture book, an Asian American girl shares how her family expresses their love for one another through actions rather than words. (PreK-1)

The Little House of Hope by Terry Catusus Jennings, 2022

Picture Book JENNINGS

When Esperanza and her family arrive in the United States from Cuba, they buy a little house, una casita. It may be small, but they soon prove that there's room enough to share with a whole community. (PreK-2)

Maisie's Scrapbook by Samuel Narh, 2019

Picture Book NARH

Maisie's two parents are different in many ways—Mama cooks risotto, while Dada cooks jollof rice; Mama wears linen, and Dada wears kente cloth—but both of them love Maisie just the same. (Grades PreK-2)

Mama's Home by Shay Youngblood, 2022

Picture Book YOUNGBLOOD

A gorgeously illustrated picture book that is a powerful love letter to chosen families and the village that raises us. A young girl basks in the love of her community—which includes not only her mother but the many different women who make up her world. (PreK-2)

JUVENILE FICTION

All My Rage by Sabaa Tahir, 2022

Teen Fiction TAHIR

This brilliant, unforgettable, and heart-wrenching contemporary novel is about family and forgiveness, love and loss, in a sweeping story that crosses generations and continents. Winner of the 2022 National Book Award for Young People's Literature. (Grades 9-12)

Genesis Begins Again by Alicia Williams, 2020

J Fiction WILLIAMS

Genesis is determined to fix her family, and she's willing to try anything to do so...even if it means harming herself in the process. But when Genesis starts to find a thing or two she actually *likes* about herself, she discovers that changing her own attitude is the first step in helping change others. (Grades 4-8)

In the Beautiful Country by Jane Kuo, 2022

J Fiction KUO

Arriving in America, the so-called beautiful country, Anna, a young Taiwanese girl, finds it anything but beautiful as she and her family struggle to make a place for themselves in this world and learn the true meaning of home. (Grades 4-8)

**Maizy Chen's Last Chance** by Lisa Yee, 2022

J Fiction LEE

Twelve-year-old Maizy discovers her family's Chinese restaurant is full of secrets in this irresistible novel that celebrates food, fortune, and family. (Grades 4-8)

Sisters of the Neversea by Lisa Leitich Smith, 2021

J Fiction SMITH

In this magical, modern twist on Peter Pan, Lily and Wendy have been best friends since they became stepsisters. But with their feuding parents planning to spend the summer apart, what will become of their family—and their friendship? (Grades 4-8)

Ways to Make Sunshine by Renee Watson, 2020

J Fiction WATSON

Drawing comparisons to the likes of the *Ramona Quimby* series, *Ways to Make Sunshine* follows Ryan Hart as she strives to keep her and her family's spirits up after her father loses his job and the family has to move into a much smaller house. (Grades 3-5)

NON-FICTION**Born Ready: The True Story of a Boy Named Penelope** by Jodie Patterson, 2021

J 306.768 P317b

Jodie Patterson, activist and Chair of the Human Rights Campaign Foundation Board, shares her transgender son's experience in this important picture book about identity and acceptance. (PreK-1)

My Skin, Your Skin: Where Do Genes Begin? by Devon Scott, 2021

J 612.79 S425m

Devon wants to know why his skin looks different from his sister's. But when he asks, he gets more of an answer than he bargained for! With the help of his parents, Devon learns about how genes impact the way we look—and that family is more than skin-deep! (PreK-2)

See Where We Come From: A First Book of Family Heritage by Scot Ritchie, 2021

J 306.85 R611s

In this perfect, kid-friendly introduction to the concept of family heritage, the five friends participate in a Heritage Festival at their school. They learn about their heritage featuring many different traditional foods, music, clothing and crafts. (PreK-2)

You Be You! The Kid's Guide to Gender, Sexuality, and Family by Jonathan Branfman, 2019

J 305.3 B821y

Throughout the book kids learn that there are many kinds of people in the world and that diversity is something to be celebrated. It covers gender, romantic orientation, discrimination, intersectionality, privilege, and how to stand up for what's right. (Grades 2-5)

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