

Foster Care

Books available at the Columbus Metropolitan Library

PICTURE BOOKS

Zahra's Blessing: a Ramadan Story by Shirin Shamsi, 2022. Picture Book SHAMSI
Zahra wishes for a sister, never dreaming that volunteering with her mother at a refugee shelter might make her wish come true. (Grades K-3)

A Family Is a Family Is a Family by Sara O'Leary, 2016. Picture Book O'LEARY
What is a family? When a teacher asks the children in her class to think about what makes their families special, the answers are all different in many ways -- but the same in one way that matters most of all. (Grades PreK-2)

When the Babies Came to Stay by Christine McDonnell, 2020. Picture Book MCDONNELL
A librarian finds four babies with a note pinned to them and decides they should stay. Camila learns how to be brave in the face of worries when a class visit to an aquarium brings anxiety and fear. (Grades PreK-2)

Just Like a Mama by Alice Faye Duncan, 2020. Picture Book DUNCAN
Carol Olivia Clementine wishes her parents did not live so far away, but Mama Rose provides a home, loves her, and cares for her just like a mother would. (Grades PreK-2)

JUVENILE FICTION

One for the Murphys by Lynda Mullaly Hunt, 2012. Fiction HUNT
Twelve-year-old Carly unexpectedly ends up in foster care and faces tough realities. She's placed with the Murphy family and their three lively boys. Has she finally found a happy home? (Grades 5-8)

The Unforgettable Logan Foster by Shawn Peters, 2022. Fiction PETERS
Logan, an undersized twelve-year-old orphan with a photographic memory and no filter, discovers that his foster parents are superheroes in grave danger and only Logan's highly logical mind can save them. (Grades 4-6)

Mostly the Honest Truth by Jody J. Little, 2019. Fiction LITTLE
Sent to another foster home when her father returns to rehab, Jane discovers that family is more than just relatives and that home can be found in unlikely places. (Grades 3-7)

The Way to Rio Luna by Zoraida Cordova, 2020. Fiction CORDOVA
Eleven-year-old Danny Monteverde believes in magic, he believes that the enchanted land of Rio Luna in his older sister's favorite book is real, and most of all he believes that if he can find the way to Rio Luna he will find his sister Pili there. He doesn't believe she would run away from the foster group. (Grades 4-7)

Anne of West Philly: A Modern Graphic Retelling of Anne of Green Gables by Ivy Noelle Weir, 2022.
Children's Graphic Novel J 741.5 M787 W425a

In this modern retelling, Anne is fostered into the West Philly home of siblings Marilla and Matthew, and while she initially has a hard time at school, she ends up joining the robotics team and competes for a spot in an elite STEM program. (Grades 4-7)

TEEN FICTION

The Name She Gave Me by Betty Culley, 2022. Fiction CULLEY

When Ryan begins to experience difficulties with her adoptive parents, she begins the search for her birth mother. She only has a name to start with, and eventually discovers she has a sister living in foster care. Will the search for her biological family shatter her adoptive family? (Grades 9-12)

Watch Over Me by Nina LaCour, 2020. Fiction LACOUR

A newly graduated Mila emerges from foster care to accept a job on an isolated Northern California Coast farm where she confronts haunting memories and the traumas of her fellow residents. (Grades 9-12)

In Another Life by C.C. Hunter, 2019. Fiction HUNTER

Told in two voices, high school seniors Chloe Holden and Cash Colton try to determine if she is his foster mother's daughter, Emily, who was kidnapped at age three. (Grades 9-12)

NON-FICTION

Locomotion by Jacqueline Woodson, 2003. J 811 W8981L

In a series of poems, eleven-year-old Lonnie writes about his life, after the death of his parents, separated from his younger sister, living in a foster home, and finding his poetic voice at school. (Grades 4-6)

Kids Need to Be Safe by Julie Nelson, 2007. J 362.733 N427f

Written to help children understand why some kids get new foster parents or new adopted moms and dads; with resources for adults. (Grades K-2)

Maybe Days: A Book for Children in Foster Care by Jennifer Wilgocki and Marcia K. Wright, 2002. J 362.733 W677m

Answers the questions of many children in foster care: "When am I going home?" "will I stay with my foster parents forever?" (Grades PreK-2)

