Families

Books available at the Columbus Metropolitan Library

PICTURE BOOKS

A Native American boy wants a normal name that is all his own. Dad is known as Big Thunder and Little Thunder doesn’t want to share. (Grades Pre-K-3)

This unforgettable book is a tear-inducing love song to babies and how quickly they grow up. It is filled with a heart-tugging rhyme and gorgeous, dimple-cheeked, multicultural babies. (Grades Pre-K-2)

Life with My Family by Renee Hooker, 2018.
Join in the fun as a young girl imagines her family as a pandemonium of parrots, a swarm of bees, a smack of jellyfish, a wisdom of wombats, and more! (Grades Pre-K-3)

A story presented as a series of framed portraits features animals in dozens of combinations that represent and celebrate all kinds of non-traditional families. (Grades Pre-K-3)

Marvelous Maravilloso by Carrie Lara, 2018.
Marvelous Maravilloso is a story from the point of view of a young interracial child about what color means within the dynamics of race, ethnicity, and culture. (Grades Pre-K-3)

Heather Has Two Mommies by Leslea Newman 2015.
When a classmate asks Heather about her daddy, she feels different and separate from the children in her class. Later, the class draw family portraits and Heather realizes that not one family looks the same: “the most important thing about a family is that all the people in it love one another”. (Grades K-3)

A Family is a Family is a Family by Sara O’Leary, 2016.
When a teacher asks the children in her class to think about what makes their families special, the answers are in many ways but same in the way that matters most of all. (Grades K-3)

Two is Enough by Janna Matthies, 2015.
Presented in gentle rhyme, this story describes diverse family pairs. Whether a father and daughter, mother and son, or grandparent and grandchild, little ones will be encouraged to feel a sense of security, love, and acceptance. (Grades Pre-K-3)
Mango, Abuela, and Me by Meg Medina, 2015. Picture Book MEDINA
Abuela moves from her home in the country into the city to live with Mia and her family. Spending time together, Mia teaches her grandmother English while Abuela passes on Spanish to her granddaughter. (Grades K-3)

One Family by George Shannon, 2015. Picture Book SHANNON
A family can be many things in this story that introduces numbered groups from one to ten. (Grades Pre-K-3)

A child friendly story about the trials and triumphs of a Korean family starting over in a new place while keeping family and traditions close. (Grades K-3)

JUVENILE FICTION

Blended by Sharon Draper, 2018. Fiction DRAPER
Piano-prodigy Isabella, eleven, whose black father and white mother struggle to share custody, never feels whole, especially as racial tensions affect her school, her parents both become engaged, and she and her stepbrother are stopped by police. (Grades 3-6)

NONFICTION

My Family, Your Family by Lisa Bullard, 2015. j306.85 B935m Makayla is visiting friends in her neighborhood and see how each family is different. She wonders how her own family is like the others and what makes each one great. (Grades PreK-3)

Families by Shelley Rotner, 2015. j306.85 R848f Features photographs and descriptions of different types of families and how their lives are similar and different. (Grades Pre- K-3)

Families Around the World by Margriet Ruurs, 2014. j306.85 R982f This book allows young readers to visit with fourteen children, each from a different country, to learn about their families. (Grades Pre-K-3)

All Kinds of Families by Norma, Simon, 1976. j306.85 S595a Illustrations feature multicultural and multigenerational families and demonstrates that while families can look different each offer support and love. (Grades Pre-K-3)