

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)

Colors of Us by Karen Katz, 2007. Picture Book KATZ
Seven-year-old Lena and her mother observe the variations in the color of their friends' skin, viewed in terms of foods and things found in nature. Katz wrote and illustrated the story in affirmation of her adopted Guatemalan daughter. (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, 2003. 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)

And Tango Makes Three by Peter Parnell and Justin Richardson, 2005. Picture Book RICHARDSON
The true story of two male penguins from Central Park Zoo who hatched an egg and raised it together. (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

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 6-9)

NON-FICTION

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)