

# Equality and Diversity

*Books available at the Columbus Metropolitan Library*

## PICTURE BOOKS

**Bird Hugs** by Ged Adamson, 2020.

Picture Book ADAMSON

Bernard's wings are impossibly long, and he just can't seem to fly, but a wild chance encounter with a dejected orangutan leads Bernard to a surprising discovery. (Grades Pre-K-2)

**Worm Loves Worm** by J.J. Austrian, 2016.

Picture Book AUSTRIAN

Two worms in love decide to get married, and with help from Cricket, Beetle, Spider and the Bees they have everything they need and more, but which one will be the bride and which the groom? (Grades Pre-K-3)

**Hair Love** by Matthew A Cherry, 2019.

Picture Book CHERRY

A little girl's daddy steps in to arrange her curly, coiling, wild hair into styles that allow her to be her natural, beautiful self. (Grades Pre-K-3)

**This Beach is Loud!** by Samantha Cotterill, 2019.

Picture Book COTTERILL

A sensitive boy gets overwhelmed by all the sights, sound, and sensations at the beach, but his dad has a trick to help his son face these unexpected obstacles. (Grades Pre-K-2)

**Islandborn** by Junot Díaz

Picture Book DIAZ

Lola was just a baby when her family left the island, so when she has to draw it for a school assignment she asks her family, friends and neighbors about their memories of her homeland, and in the process, comes up with a new way of understanding her own heritage. (Grades K-3)

**Intersection Allies** by Chelsea Johnson, 2019.

Picture Book JOHNSON

Nine interconnected characters proudly describe themselves and their backgrounds, involving topics that range from a physical disability to language brokering. (Grades Pre-K-3)

**Julián Is a Mermaid** by Jessica Love

Picture Book LOVE

While riding the subway with his abuela, Julián notices three spectacularly dressed women. When Julián gets home, all he can think about is dressing up like one of the ladies. (Grades Pre-K-3)

**When Aidan Became a Brother** by Kyle Lukoff, 2019.

Picture Book LUKOFF

Aidan, a transgender boy, experiences complicated emotions as he and his parents prepare for the arrival of a new baby. (Grades Pre-K-3)

**Sulwe** by Lupita Nyong'o, 2019

Picture Book NYONGO

When five-year-old Sulwe's classmates make fun of her dark skin, she tries lightening herself to no avail, but her encounter with a shooting star helps her understand there is beauty in every shade. (Grades Pre-K-3)

**I'm New Here** by Anne Sibley O'Brien, 2015. Picture Book O'BRIEN  
Three students from Guatemala, Korea and Somalia have trouble sharing ideas in English. Through self-determination and encouragement from others, the students learn to feel confident at their new school without losing a sense of their home country, language and identity. (Grades K-3)

**The Day You Begin** by Jacqueline Woodson, 2018. Picture Book WOODSON  
Other students laugh when Rigoberto, an immigrant from Venezuela, introduces himself. Later, he meets Angelina and discovers that he is not the only one who feels like an outsider. (Grades K-3)

## JUVENILE FICTION

**The Pants Project** by Cat Clarke, 2017. J Fiction CLARKE  
Eleven-year-old Liv fights to change the middle school dress code requiring girls to wear a skirt and, along the way, finds the courage to tell his mom he is meant to be a boy. (Grades 4-9)

**Out of my Mind** by Sharon M. Draper, 2018. J Fiction DRAPER  
A brilliant, impatient fifth-grader with cerebral palsy discovers a technological device that will allow her to speak for the first time. (Grades 5-6)

**You Don't Know Everything, Jilly P!** by Alex Gino, 2018. J Fiction GINO  
When her new baby sister is born deaf, Jilly makes an online connection with a fellow fantasy fan, who happens to be black and deaf, and begins to learn about the many obstacles that exist in the world for people who are different from her. (Grades 3-7)

**Other Words for Home** by Jasmine Warga, 2019. J Fiction WARGA  
Sent with her mother to the safety of a relative's home in Cincinnati when her Syrian hometown is overshadowed by violence, Jude worries for the family members who were left behind as she adjusts to a new life with unexpected surprises. (Grades 3-7)

## NON-FICTION

**It Feels Good to Be Yourself** by Theresa Thorn, 2019. J 306.76 T511i  
Some people are boys. Some people are girls. Some people are both, neither, or somewhere in between. Provides the vocabulary to discuss this important topic. (Grades Pre-K-3)

**Just Ask!** by Sonia Sotomayor, 2019. J 362.4 S718j  
Sonia and her friends plant a garden, and each one contributes in his or her own special way, in a book that celebrates the many differences among humans. (Grades Pre-K-3)

**Her Right Foot** by Dave Eggers, 2017. J 974.71 E29h  
Upon investigating a small trait of America's most emblematic statue, authors Dave Eggers and Shawn Harris discover the Statue of Liberty's right foot to be a powerful message of acceptance. (Grades K-3)