

Families

Books available at the Columbus Metropolitan Library

PICTURE BOOKS

Hair, it's a Family Affair! By Mylo Freeman, 2019

Picture Book FREEMAN

When Macy's teacher asks her to tell the class about her family, she can't wait to tell them all about her family's hair! From big afros to colorful hair that changes every week to no hair at all, *Hair, it's a Family Affair!* is a celebration of Black hair and Black families. (Grades K-3)

I Promise by Catherine Hernandez, 2019

Picture Book HERNANDEZ

As a mother gets her child ready for bed, they talk about all the different kinds of families the child's friends have—one mama, two dads, many parents all working together—and realize that even though all of these families are different, they all come from a promise to love and care for a child. (Grades Pre-K-2)

My Grandma and Me by Mina Javaherbin, 2019

Picture Book JAVAHERBIN

In this autobiographical story, Javaherbin remembers growing up with her grandmother in Iran. Her grandmother plays with her, prays with her and knits blankets with her friend that will be donated to her mosque and her friend's church. (Grades Pre-K-2)

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)

Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story

by Kevin Noble Maillard, 2019

Picture Book MAILLARD

In this simple story of cooking and eating together with friends and family, Maillard explores fry bread—from the way it smells, feels, and tastes to the way it connects to the history and culture of Mekusukey Seminole families. (Grades K-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 Pre-K-2)

Who Will You Be? by Andrea Pippins, 2020.

Picture Book PIPPINS

A mother wonders what her child will be like when he grows up. Will he be kind like his father? Adventurous like his auntie? *Who Will You Be?* explores all the ways family and community shape children as they grow. (Grades Pre-K-1)

A Different Pond by Bao Phi, 2017.

Picture Book PHI

In a pond near their house, a father and son fish for that night's supper, and as they fish they talk about a different pond in the father's home country of Vietnam. When they get home with their bucket of fish, the child is sad that both of his parents have to work, but looks forward to eating dinner as a family that evening. (Grades K-2)

JUVENILE FICTION

I Can Make this Promise by Christine Day, 2019.

J Fiction DAY

All 12-year-old Edie knows about her Native American mother's past is that she was adopted and raised by a white family, but after finding a box of old letters and photographs in her family's attic one summer day, Edie realizes that this may not be the whole truth. Drawing on real events such as the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 that are still affecting Native families like the author's today, Day explores themes such as cultural identity and family history. (Grades 4-7)

The List of Things that Will Not Change by Rebecca Stead, 2020

J Fiction STEAD

Bea, 12, reflects on her parents' divorce and grapples with her changing family as her father prepares to marry his new partner, Jesse, who has a daughter Bea's age. Stead explores difficult topics like divorce, mental health and therapy in a graceful and age-appropriate way. (Grades 5-8)

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

All Kinds of Families by Norma, Simon, 2016

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Illustrations feature multicultural and multigenerational families and demonstrates that, while families can look different, each offer support and love. (Grades Pre-K-3)

I Remember: Poems and Pictures of Heritage

compiled by Lee Bennett Hopkins, 2019

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Featuring poems from children's authors like Kwame Alexander, Cynthia Leitich Smith and Margarita Engle, as well as colorful full-page illustrations by illustrators like Insoo Kim and Rafael López, this poetry collection explores family, heritage and childhood memories. (Grades 3-5)