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1	Traditional Literature	Tonatiuh, Duncan. (2016). <i>The princess and the warrior</i> . Abrams Books for Young Readers. 32 p.	LIBS 642 Pinterest Board
	Annotation: A mexican legend explaining the creation of two great volcanoes is the inspiration for this award winning picture book. Using dramatic contrasts of earthy light and dark colors, the illustrations are based on several ancient Mixtec codices. This myth centers on the love of a great warrior and a beautiful princess. The deceit that leads to tragedy highlights that faith and love still conquer all. Tonatiuh's author note, glossary and bibliography adds historical and cultural references for readers of this traditional literature picture book.		
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	Traditional Literature	Lindstrom, Carole. (2020). <i>We are water protectors</i> . Illus. by Michaela Goade. Roaring Book Press. 40 p.	LIBS 642 Pinterest Board
	Annotation: The 2021 Caldecott winner not only inspires readers to be stewards of the Earth, it also educates them on the present day threats of oil pipelines being built on native lands. Goade's watercolor illustrations of blue water, starry skies and lush landscapes compliment Lindstrom's rhythmic text and adds emphasis when the alarming red color alerts readers to the black snake that threatens the native people. This powerful traditional literature picture book includes an author's note, glossary, illustrator's note and a Water Protector pledge.		
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	Poetry	Reynolds, Jason. (2019) <i>Long way down</i> . Atheneum/Caitlyn Dlouhy Books. 336 p.	Newbery Honor Book
	Annotation: Reynolds' free verse fantasy highlights a 15-year-old African American youth's dilemma over whether to avenge his brother's murder. During a 60 second elevator ride, Will meets figures from his past who have been slain by gun violence. A Newbery Honor Book, Coretta Scott King Honor Book and Winner of the Walter Dean Myers Award, this novel leaves readers with questions regarding the code of honor and conduct of life.		

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	Poetry	Green, Shari. (2017) <i>Macy McMillian and the rainbow goddess</i> . Pajama Press. 240 p.	Virginia Reader's Choice 2019-2020
	Annotation: Using poetic verse, Green stretches readers to process language differently in the same way the main character, 11-year-old Macy, must change her own communication style due to her deafness. A realistic fiction novel based on an unlikely friendship with the edery neighbor tackles the themes of step-families and dementia in a genuine and impactful way. Characters appear to be white by default.		
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	Transitional Reader	McDonald, Megan. (2013). <i>Stink: the incredible shrinking kid</i> . Illus. by Peter H. Reynolds. Candlewick.	LIBS 642 Pinterest Board
	Annotation: Judy Moody's second grade brother, Stink, shares his struggles as the shortest kid in class. This humorous chapter book for transitional readers is filled with descriptive language, black and white cartoons, and large type on small pages. The writing strengthens visualizing skills as kids imagine Stink's antics and support connections to those with big, bossy types in their young lives.		
6	Category/Title	APA Citation	Recommendation Source
	Beginning Reader (Geisel Award)	Keller, Laurie. (2016) <i>We are growing!</i> Hyperion Books for Children. 64 p.	Geisel Award
	Annotation: Mo Willems' Elephant and Piggy Like Reading series, introduces beginning readers to a blade of grass named Walt. Walt and his seven grass friends are growing and categorizing themselves from the funniest to the tallest to the crunchiest, but Walt struggles to determine who he is. Green, purple, and yellow dominate colored illustrations with easy to read font against white speech bubbles which make the text accessible for young readers. Onomatopoeia adds to the humor and fun of the book.		
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	Beginning Reader (Geisel Award)	Willems, Mo. (2010). <i>We are in a book!</i> Hyperion Book for Children. 64 p.	2011 Geisel Award Honor Title
	Annotation: When Elephant and Piggy discover they are in a book, they cleverly find ways to engage the reader to say silly words. The laughter turns to worry, when they wonder what happens when the book ends. Willems' use of body language in		

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	his illustrations engages beginning readers to participate in not only reading the story but connects them to the characters. Early readers will delight in saving Elephant and Piggie from the book's end, by reading the story again.		
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	Graphic Novel (Book Club #2) <i>Snapdragon</i>	Leyh, Kat. (2020). <i>Snapdragon</i> . First Second. 240 p.	Book Club
8	Annotation: Leyh's middle-grade fantasy graphic novel goes beyond creepy magical undertones of a local "roadkill witch" with a dense plot line of friendship, sexual orientation, acceptance, bullying, racism and true love. Young Snap's big heart connects to something that rings familiar to the one-eyed witch Jack which later reveals family secrets. The illustrations provide a second layer to the story with changes in color to represent shifts in time, perspectives and motion. Snap and her family and friends are written and drawn as realistic black characters that deal with the issues in an honest and genuine manner.		
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	Graphic Novel	Craft, Jerry. (2019). <i>New kid</i> . Quill Tree Books. 256 p.	Newberry Medal
9	Annotation: Seventh grade African American Jordan Banks struggles to fit in at the upscale Riverdale Academy Day School without losing his identity and friends from his Washington Heights neighborhood. The illustrations are a mix of Jordan's black and white sketch art and the author's narrative in full-color panels. Craft's semi-autobiographical graphic novel won the 2020 Newbery Medal and Coretta Scott King Author Award.		
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	Picture Book - Caldecott Award	Alexander, Kwame. (2019) <i>The undefeated</i> . Illus. by Kadir Nelson. Versify. 40 p.	
10	Annotation: Recognized as the outstanding picture book in 2020 winning the Caldecott Medal and numerous other honors, Nelson's oil painted illustrations have the realism of photographs. Combined with Alexander's poetry, this book highlights black America's triumphs and challenges in the past and present in a sophisticated and almost haunting manner. The afterward and glossary of individuals showcased in the story lend to further research. A bonus downloadable audio version read by the author encourages read-alouds and multiple viewings of this inspiring ode to African American heroes.		
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	Picture Book - Caldecott Award	Stephoe, Javaka. (2016). <i>Radiant child: the story of young artist Jean-Michel Basquiat</i> . Little Brown Books for Young Readers. 40 p.	
	Annotation: This biographical picture book introduces young readers to the life of African American artist, Jean-Michel Basquiat. 2017 Caldecott and Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award winner Stepkoe mirrors Basquiat's style with his own bright colored and multimedia collages set in New York City. Steptoe uses Baskuiat's recurring motifs throughout the book of the crown, eyes, and cars reflecting Basquiat's themes of strength, seeing the past, and a nod to his childhood car accident.		
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	Picture Book – Caldecott Honor Award	de la Pena, Matt. (2015). <i>Last stop on market street</i> . Illus. by Christian Robinson. G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers. 32 p.	
12	Annotation: Young CJ and his nana's bus ride across town offer the opportunity to embrace the diversity, kindness and beauty in everyday life. Robinson's vibrant color palette, boxy bodies, and friendly expressions reflect the charm and warmth of CJ's community. De la Pena's text invokes all the senses to experience the delights of an urban neighborhood. 2016 Newbery Medal winner, a Correta Scottt King Illustrator Honor and a Caldecott Honor were justly awarded to a children's picture book that can capture the hearts of both young and adult readers.		
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	Picture Book – Notable	Keracoet. (2018). <i>I walk with vanessa: a picture book about a simple act of kindness</i> . Illus. by author. Schwartz & Wade. 40 p.	ALSC 2019 Notable Children's Book
13	Annotation: Keracoet's wordless picture book teaches readers that a small act of kindness and friendship can overcome the pain of bullying. The watercolor and ink drawings depict the setting in muted colors with the main character of Vanessa and another girl illustrated with a brighter more saturated color to draw focus as they move through the story. Nominees and recipients of multiple literary prizes, this book could be used as a conversation starter for all ages.		
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14	Picture Book – Notable (picture book analysis and review)	Pumphrey, Jarrett and Jerome Pumphrey. (2020). <i>The old truck</i> . Illus. by authors. Norton Young Readers. 48 p.	Kirkus Review starred

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	Annotation: Perseverance, hard work and the power of family are at the heart of this seemingly retro but refreshingly modern farm tale. The Pumphrey brothers wrote and illustrated this acclaimed picture book of a black woman's care and determination to keep the old truck and her farm going. Created with over 250 unique stamps and a six color palette, the illustrations add a folk-lore feel and create interest in a simple but timeless story.		
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	Realistic Fiction (Book Club #3) <i>Efren Divided</i>	Cisneros, Ernesto. (2020). <i>Efren divided</i> . Quill Tree Books. 272 p.	Book Club
15	Annotation: Efren, a young Mexican-American boy, struggles to support his family after the deportation of his mother. Cisneros writing tackles the complexity of immigration issues while also touching on the subject of empathy, activism, friendship and kindness. A glossary of Spanish words is included in the back of the book. This realistic fiction middle grade novel is the winner of the 2021 Pura Belpré Children's Author Award.		
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	Historical Fiction	Gratz, Alan. (2017). <i>Refugee</i> . Scholastic Press. 352 p.	2019-2020 Virginia Reader's Choice Award
16	Annotation: Three middle school age children: Josef from Nazi Germany in 1938, Isabel from 1994 Cuba, and Mahmoud from 2015 Aleppo, share a similar story of seeking refuge from the turmoil of their homeland. Woven across time and place, the universal themes of fear, hope and empathy are revealed in each character's journey. Gratz includes maps and author's notes to add to the historical authenticity of this historical fiction novel.		
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	Magical Realism	Kelly, Erin Entrada. (2020). <i>Hello, universe</i> . Illus. by Isabel Roxas. Greenwillow Books. 352 p.	LIBS 642 Pinterest Board
17	Annotation: 2018 Newbery Medal recipient, Kelly created a page-turning suspenseful middle grade novel infused with magical and realistic elements. The thoughts and actions of four misfits are shared in alternating chapters and as their lives intertwine the story weaves Filipino folklore as the motivation for an unexpected act of courage. Showing strength can come from unlikely places, that life is interconnected, and the importance of friendship are themes revealed in this book.		

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18	Fantasy or Science Fiction	Adeyemi, Tomi. (2016) <i>Children of blood and bone</i> . Henry Holt and Co. 544 p.	New York Times Notable Children's Books 2018
	Annotation: The all black cast of characters set in a fantasy world reminiscent of Africa along with an intense plot line of fighting for justice and the importance of ancestry elevates this story from a tried and true format to something captivating. Seventeen-year-old Zelig's quest to reignite magic while navigating who to trust and how to stay alive offers readers a refreshing and complex heroine. Appropriate for upper middle school students, Adeyemi ends the book with a cliffhanger setting up a hunger for the next installment of the trilogy.		
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19	Fantasy or Science Fiction	Hernandez, Carlos. (2020) <i>Sal and Gabi break the universe</i> . Rick Riordan Presents. 416 p.	Pura Belpre Award Winner
	Annotation: A bully, a magician, and a dead chicken kick off Hernandez's book one of two for upper elementary and middle grade readers. Set in Miami, this humorous tale of Sal and his ability to open portals and bring people and objects from a tear in the universe mixes Cuban-American culture, folklore and science-fiction into a Pura Belpre Award winner. The serious topic of Sal's grief over the death of his mother is balanced with the laugh-out-loud antics of his adventures with his classmates Gabi and Yasmany.		
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20	Narrative Nonfiction	Nobelman, Marc Tyler. (2018). <i>Thirty minutes over Oregon: A Japanese pilot's World War II story</i> . Illus. by Melissa Iwai. Clarion Books. 40 p.	2019 Orbis Pictus Honor
	Annotation: A true story of a Japanese pilot, Nobuo Fujita, who bombed the United States during World War II and then later returned to the U.S. with a guilty conscience. Drawn in watercolors and ink pen, Iwai's illustrations reflect the intensity and moving journey of Nobuo's reconciliation with the small town of Brookings, Oregon. Rare to read a narrative nonfiction picture book that handles the atrocity of war and the importance of cultures in a delicate and thoughtful manner. Winner of the 2019 Orbis Pictus Honor Book for Outstanding Nonfiction.		
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	Narrative Nonfiction	Stelson, Caren. (2016). <i>Sachiko: a Nagasaki bomb survivor's story</i> . Carolrhoda Books. 144 p.	2016 National Book Award, Longlist
	Annotation: Stelson recounts six-year-old Sachiko's experience of surviving the atomic bombing of Nagasaki on August 9, 1945. Photos, maps, glossary, source notes, bibliography and further reading are all provided to give the reader tools to understand the historical significance of this event. Sachiko's own words spark a quest for further understanding the necessity for atomic bombings and the controversial justification for the attack. Middle grade readers will benefit from Sachiko's perspective on war and peace in this narrative nonfiction. Winner of the 2016 National Book Award, Longlist.		
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	Information – Social Studies (Book Club #1) <i>Twelve Days in May</i>	Brimner, Larry Dane. (2017). <i>Twelve days in May: freedom ride 1961</i> . Calkins Creek. 112 p.	Book Club
22	Annotation: Stark black and white photographs, fonts and backgrounds strengthen the theme of separation in this young adult nonfiction text. In 1961, thirteen black and white Freedom Riders peacefully protested Jim Crow laws by riding Greyhound buses and using station facilities from Washington, D.C, to the segregated southern destination of New Orleans, Louisiana. Written like journal entries, the reader gets a sense of the danger and the historical importance of the Freedom Ride.		
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	Fantasy Fiction (Book Club #1) <i>Ghost boys</i>	Rhodes, Jewell Parker. (2019). <i>Ghost boys</i> . Little Brown Books for Young Readers. 240 p.	Book Club
23	Annotation: Twelve-year-old Jerome is shot by a white Chicago police officer who mistakes a toy gun for a real one. Rhodes's fantasy novel uses the ghost of civil rights icon Emmet Till to teach Jerome about the systematic racism that led to both of their deaths and that of many other young African- Americans. Jerome reveals himself to Sarah, the daughter of the police officer who shot him, and guides her through her struggle with understanding both the truth of the situation and the actions needed for reform.		
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	Information Book: Science	Mosca, Julia Finley. (2018) <i>The girl with a mind for math: the story of Raye Monague</i> . Illus. by Daniel Rieley. The Innovation Press. 40 p.	2019 NTSA Outstanding Science Trade Book
	Annotation: This biographical picture book tells the true story of an African-American woman, Raye Montague, who overcame racism and sexism to become the first female engineer to design ships for the U.S.Navy. The digital full-color simple illustrations which give perspective paired with the rhyming text introduce younger readers (Grades K-3) to an important historical scientific figure. A timeline, biographical notes and a bibliography increase the validity and impact of this first title in The Amazing Scientist series.		
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	Information Book: (Scientists in the Field – your choice)	Tuner, Pamela S. (2016). <i>Crow smarts: inside the brain of the world's brightest bird. (scientists in the field)</i> . Photography by Andy Comins. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. 73 p.	Scientists in the Field Series
25	Annotation: One of the 58 books in the long-running Scientists in the Field series, this title addresses the genius of tool producing New Caledonia crows in the South Pacific. Color nature photographs on every page in collaboration with realistic sketches capture the crows and scientists at work. The author's personalization of the crows and humorous accounts of the scientists give middle grade readers an informative book that entertains. Bibliography, index, and Ask the Author sections are included in this entry.		
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	Information Book: Early Concept	Barnett, Mac. (2013). <i>Count the monkeys</i> . Illus. by Kevin Cornell. Scholastic. 32 p.	LIBS 642 Pinterest Board
26	Annotation: Young readers search for monkeys while counting down from 10 to 0. Shouting, shooing, and other fun interactions fill the pages. Cornell's full-page color illustrations give readers the opportunity to find something new every time they read the story, all while reinforcing the mathematical concept of numbers.		
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	Information Book: Social Studies	Tonatiuh, Duncan. (2014). <i>Separate is never equal: Sylvia Mendez and her family's fight for desegregation</i> . Illus. by the author. Abrams Books for Young Readers. 40 p.	2015 Pura Belpre Award Winner
	Annotation: Based on the 1947 California desegregation case brought forward by eight-year-old Sylvia Mendez of Mexican and Puerto Rican ancestry, Pura Belpre Award winning author and illustrator, Tonatiuh, uses folk-art to enhance the informative text of this picture book. The subtle use of the browns and earth-tones for the Mendez family and Mexican school settings contrast with the glaring white background for the school illuminating the division between them. The endnotes include an essay with photos of Sylvia and her schools, a glossary, a bibliography and an index for further research.		
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	Information Book: Math	Adler, David A. (2017). <i>Place value</i> . Illus. by Edward Miller. Holiday House. 32 p.	LIBS 643 Pinterest Board
	Annotation: Using brightly colored-cartoon monkeys, Adler writes a clear, instructional, and informative math picture book that brings fun to a complex concept of place value. The digital illustrations are humorous but not distracting from the place value charts on almost every page that cover number system history, decimals, money and how to read numbers. Don't let the cute cupcakes fool you, this book is for upper primary and middle grade students with assistance from an educator.		
29	<i>Category/Title</i>	<i>APA Citation</i>	<i>Recommendation Source</i>
	Information Book: Biography	Bryant, Jen. (2014). <i>The right word: Roget and his thesaurus</i> . Illus. by Melissa Sweet. Eerdmans Books for Young Readers. 42 p.	2015 Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Medal
	Annotation: An intricate collage of archival snippets of graph paper, maps, flowers, and other everyday objects add texture and layer to the handwritten fonts and water-color illustration of this biographical picture book about Peter Mark Roget. Roget's passion for lists and words is chronicled throughout his 18th century dramatic life culminating with his historical invention of the thesaurus. The 2015 Robert F. Sibert Informational Book Medal winner includes author's and illustrator's notes, a selected bibliography, suggested reading, quotation sources, a photograph of the manuscript page and a timeline included for upper primary and middle grade readers who wish to learn more.		
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	Information Book: Biography	Krosoczka, Jarret J. (2018) <i>Hey kiddo</i> . Graphix. 320 p.	YALSA 2019 Finalist
	<p>Annotation: A 2018 graphic memoir that received praise and recognition for its honest portrayal of growing up in a family with abuse and addiction issues. Krosoczka's moody illustrations dominated by greys and burnt orange reflect the darkness in his life growing up with an unknown father, a mother addicted to heroin and the dysfunctional relationship with his grandparents as his acting guardian. Appropriate for upper middle grade readers, due to mature themes. Chapters are titled with images of real artifacts in his life, some are original or hand-drawn replicas. End notes include an author's note, a note on the art, and an acknowledgement section.</p>		