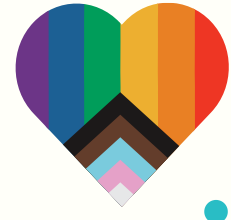


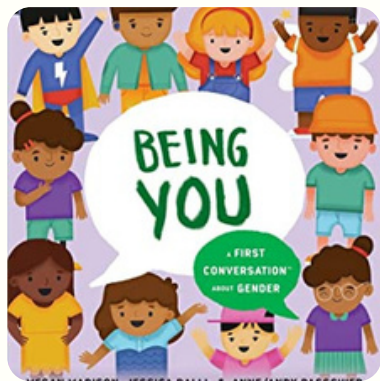


Preschool Pages: Pride Edition



*Book Recommendations, Early Literacy Tips, and More
from the Deerfield Public Library Youth Services Department*

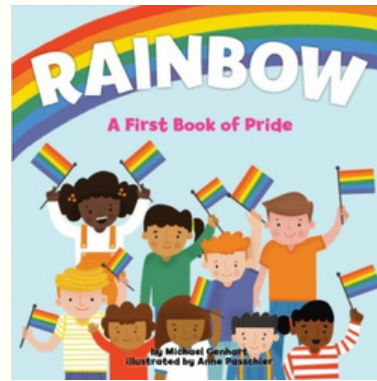
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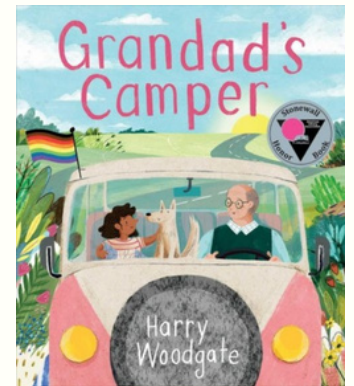
This board book is a great way to talk about gender with young children for the first time. It introduces a variety of topics like gender assignment, pronouns, and stereotypes in a way kids can understand. Each spread includes a question to further the conversation. Most importantly, the authors emphasize that everyone should feel happy and at home in their body!



Violet wants to go on adventures with Mira, a girl in her class, but always becomes shy when Mira talks to her. On Valentine's Day, Violet decides to give Mira a special card to show her feelings. But will Violet have the courage to give it to Mira? This book is full of heart and a great cowgirl hat!



The short sentences and graphic illustrations make this a perfect introduction to the beautiful meanings behind the Pride flag colors. From red for life to violet for spirit, this book encourages everyone, from all kinds of families, to "be happy. Be love. Be proud."



The unnamed main character loves to visit her grandad's house. It's full of interesting things, but Grandad's stories of his travels with Gramps are even more interesting! Even though Gramps is no longer with them, when they dust off the camper van, it's time for a new adventure. A sweet story of love, loss, and traveling off the beaten path.

News You Can Use

Our Summer Reading Program began on June 4th, but you can still sign up! Encourage a habit of reading with your little one and earn the chance for fabulous prizes. You can also still register for our Drag Queen Story Time, and all of the books read during that storytime will count toward your Summer Reading goal!

June 4 - July 30



Drag Queen
Story Time with
Coco Sho-Nell

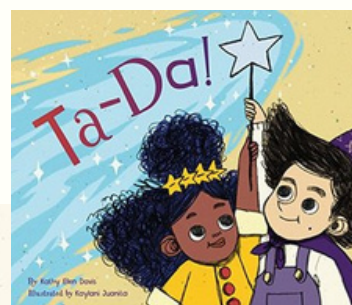
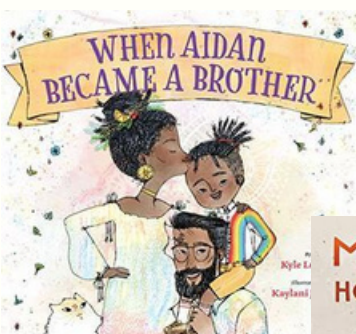
Author/Illustrator Spotlight

KAYLANI JUANITA

Sometimes an author or illustrator has so many great titles, we wish we could name them all! This month, we want to highlight the work of Kaylani Juanita. Her beautiful illustrations have brightened the pages of authors such as Kyle Lukoff, Nina LaCour, and many more!

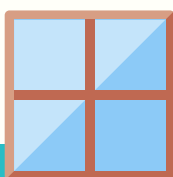


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Early Literacy Tips

Dr. Rudine Sims Bishop, author and Professor Emerita at Ohio State University, is well known for her theory that children need books that are **mirrors, windows, and sliding glass doors**. **Mirrors** allow children to see themselves in books; **windows** allow children to see others, and **sliding glass doors** allow children to enter into worlds that aren't their own. *Reading diverse picture books is an important early literacy practice and will build empathy and awareness.*



Some picture books don't include pronouns for characters. This is a great time to practice using the pronouns they/them for individual characters and to help introduce this concept to young children.

