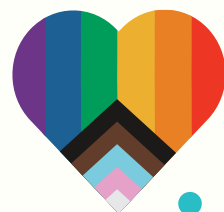


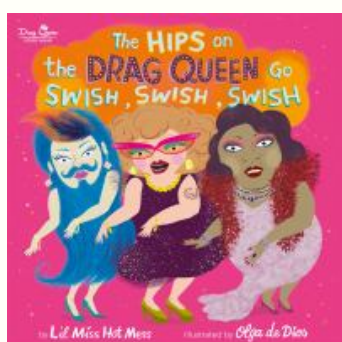


Preschool Pages: Pride Edition



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

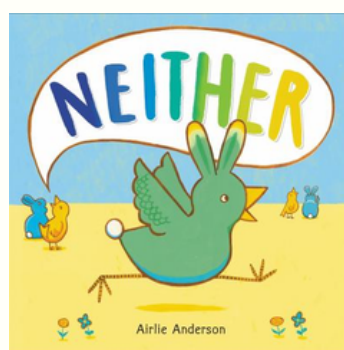
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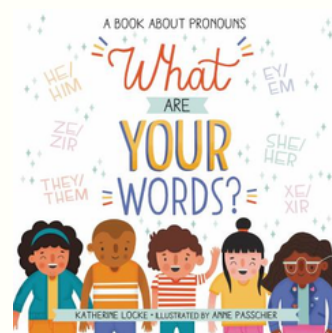
The well-known song, "The Wheels on the Bus" gets a glamorous make-over in this fun picture book. Sing-along as you swish your hips, flip your hair, and shimmy all through the town. You and your kids can even put on your own show and express yourself by dressing up, too! A celebratory book that illustrates the playfulness and creativity of drag performers.



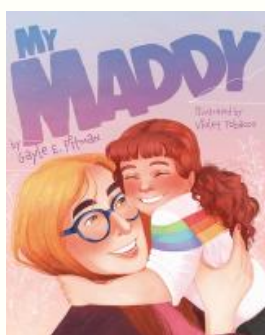
This book is a great starting point in having a conversation about love and relationships with children. With relevant and age appropriate examples, kids can learn about healthy relationships. The authors include questions to develop conversations between children and their caregivers as they discuss this topic together.



Neither, a bird-rabbit creature, lives in the Land of This or That but doesn't fit in because Neither is both! When Neither is banished from the community, Neither finds The Land of All. Completely relatable with expressive, colorful illustrations, this is a wonderful message of acceptance and belonging.



Ari's Uncle Lior has taught Ari a lot, including the idea that people can be described by more than what they look like...AND that those words can change! Sometimes Ari prefers she/her or he/him or ey/em, but today Ari can't decide which words to use. This is a great book for an older preschooler, as it is on the longer side.



This book illustrates the love between a girl and her parent, her Maddy, who is neither a mom nor a dad. The two of them express their love for each other and for other in-between things, like sporks and sunrises!

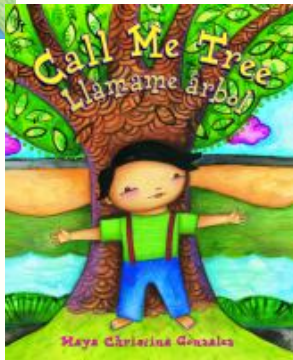
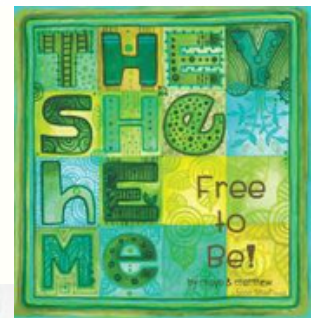
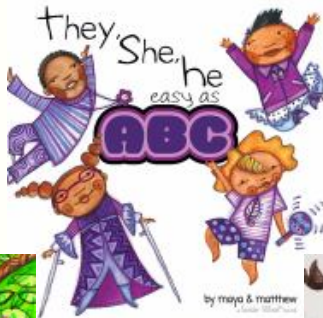
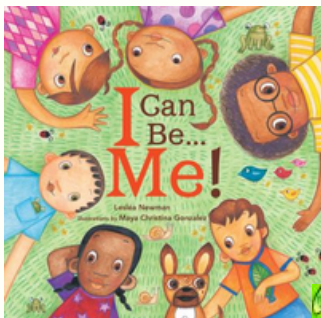


Bold and bright illustrations accompany the simple but powerful message that LOVE is ultimately what makes a family, no matter who is in that family. This board book is perfect for your young preschoolers. Have fun coming up with your own definitions of what love is!

Author/Illustrator Spotlight

MAYA CHRISTINA GONZALEZ

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 Maya Christina Gonzalez, whose titles include tales of embracing oneself and being outside the gender binary. She also has works that are bilingual, in English and Spanish.



Early Literacy Tips

It can feel daunting to know what is an age-appropriate way to discuss love and adult relationships to a child. But children experience love and see the world around them! Providing them with language can help children understand themselves and others better as they grow older. We have lots of great resources to get your family started! The titles shared in this newsletter are a few examples of jumping off points. Ask us for more resources!



As children interact with books and notice differences, it is a perfect time for adults to frame things in a positive light. These affirmations celebrate differences: "Look, this character has two dads, but this one has a mom and a dad! Isn't it neat that families can look different but can love each other the same?" or "See how he wears pretty nail polish just like Grandma does? I wonder what his favorite color is?"

