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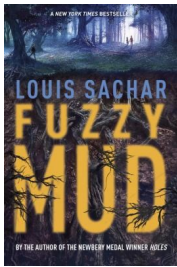
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Fuzzy Mud

by Louis Sachar. 2015.

Two kids take a shortcut home from school and discover what looks like fuzzy mud but is actually a substance with the potential to wreak havoc on the entire world. An excellent synergy of masterful storytelling, social-emotional learning, science, and social studies.

JUNIOR FICTION SACHAR

Resources:

STEM Read—http://www.stemread.com/fuzzy_mud/ - The collaborative work of faculty at Northern Illinois University, STEM reads connects popular reading selections for kids with science and problem-solving based activities. Lesson plans are available on their website, but they are also enthusiastic outreach partners, in person or online. Contact information is available on their website.

Science Online—This online resource available through the library's web page is directed more at high school students, but the multimedia resources are very accessible and great for putting up for the whole class to see. Videos, diagrams, interactive experiments, and lesson plans, are all facets of this resource that are easy to access and add to your lessons.

Issues and Controversies—This online resource available through the library's website provides everything a student needs to start exploring current and controversial topics. The reading level is a bit high as its main focus is high school students, but the way the topics are broken down in each report provide an excellent overview for students who lack context. The rich information and multiple perspectives provided are worth the extra support needed to help students understand the text. Each topic is broken down into overviews, pros and cons, timelines, statistics, discussion questions, and source material, all covering both sides of the issue.

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Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering: Are biotechnology and genetic engineering positive advances?

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Introduction

SUPPORTERS ARGUE

Any new technology will have some risks, but the potential benefits of genetic engineering far outweigh the possible dangers. Genetically modified plants and animals are safe and could help end world hunger, and researchers will eventually be able to cure a variety of diseases and disabilities through gene therapy.

OPPONENTS ARGUE

Genetic engineering and synthetic biology may provide some benefits, but they are so new and untested that they pose unacceptable risks both to humans and the environment. Fields like synthetic biology raise ethical quandaries and present real dangers to patients, and genetically modified food poses health risks to consumers and may inadvertently harm the

Nine, Ten : A September 11 Story

by Nora Raleigh Baskin. 2016.

Relates how the lives of four children living in different parts of the country intersect and are affected by the events of September 11, 2001.

JUNIOR FICTION BASKIN



Resources:

World News Digest—This online resource is available through the library's web page. Featuring news sources from around the world, this database is the perfect place to find information and primary sources for current news and historical events dating back to 1940.

The search function works well and has good limiters, but for many major events, they have already gathered many of the important documents and supporting materials together. In addition to the news articles, they have profiles for important places and people, links to related events, historical documents, editorials, cartoons, special reports, and much more.

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9/11 Terrorist Attack

KEY NEWS EVENTS

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Immigration: INS Chief Announces Restructuring Plan

August 21, 2001

James Ziglar, the commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), August 21 said he would begin by early fall a major restructuring of the agency. Ziglar had taken over the INS...

Hijacked Jets Destroy World Trade Center, Hit Pentagon...NYC Paralyzed; Nations Condemn Terrorism; Other Developments

September 11, 2001

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Hijacked Jets Destroy World Trade Center, Hit Pentagon: Terrorist Acts Against U.S. Targets, 1983-2001

September 11, 2001

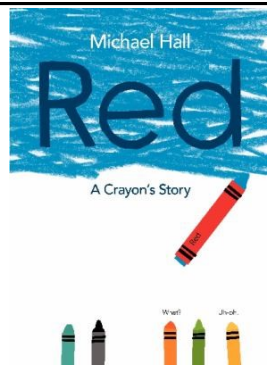
Terrorist Acts Against U.S. Targets, 1983-2001 Following are some of the major serious terrorist bombing attacks against U.S. targets since 1983: April 18, 1983 Car bomb blows up U.S. embassy in Beirut

BACKGROUND



9/11 Terrorist Attack

Hijackers belonging to the international terrorist network Al Qaeda commandeered four commercial planes, crashing two into New York City's World Trade Center and one into the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia. The fourth hijacked plane, presumably headed for the U.S. Capitol building in Washington, D.C., crashed into a Pennsylvania field. In all, nearly 3,000 people died in the attacks, making them the deadliest terrorist strike against the U.S. In the immediate aftermath of the attacks, the U.S., under the leadership of President George W. Bush, led several allies into a war against

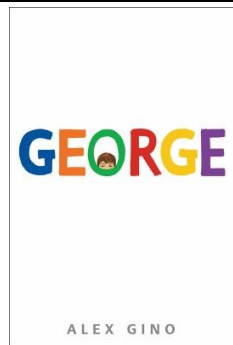


Red

by Michael Hall. 2015.

Red's factory-applied label clearly says that he is red, but despite the best efforts of his teacher, fellow crayons and art supplies, and family members, he cannot seem to do anything right until a new friend offers a fresh perspective. A great way to start a discussion about labels and appreciating yourself and other people for who they really are.

PICTURE BOOK HALL



George

by Alex Gino. 2015.

When people look at George, they think they see a boy. But she knows she's not a boy. She knows she's a girl. George thinks she'll have to keep this a secret forever. With the help of her best friend, Kelly, George comes up with a plan so everyone can know who she is, once and for all.

JUNIOR FICTION GINO

Resources:

Being Transgender by Robert Rodi and Laura Ross. 2017.

What are your options when you feel like your physical sex is out of sync with who you are? Rodi provides an in-depth look at what it means to be transgender.

YA 306.768 RODI

Feeling Wrong in Your Own Body : Understanding What it Means to be Transgender by Jaime A. Seba. 2011

Explores what it means to be transgender, based on the personal experiences of the men and women who've taken steps to transition.

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Transgender Children and Youth : Cultivating Pride and Joy with Families in Transition.

Elijah C. Nealy. 2017

A comprehensive guide to the medical, emotional and social issues of trans children. Covering everything from family life to school and mental health issues, as well as the physical, social and emotional aspects of transition, this book is full of best practices to support trans kids.

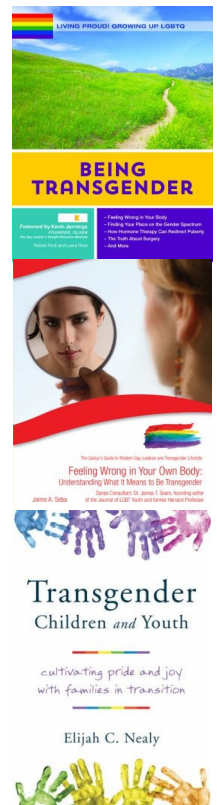
PARENT TEACHER 306.768 NEALY

United States Transgender Advocacy - Crystal Ann Gray

<http://www.ustransgenderadvocacy.org/>

cgray@ustransgenderadvocacy.org

This non-profit advocacy is run by a Woodstock resident, though the organization takes on cases all over the US. Their mission is to provide to help and advocacy to transgendered people in situations of prejudice, human rights violations, or hate crimes. Crystal Ann or her staff are happy to answer questions, train staff, or speak to students individually or as a group.

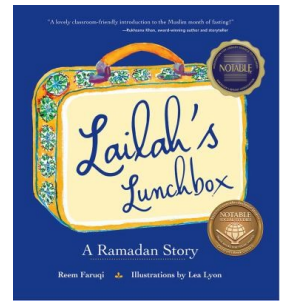


Lilah's Lunchbox: A Ramadan Story

by Reem Faruqi. 2015.

Now that she is ten, Lailah is delighted that she can fast during the month of Ramadan like her family and her friends, but finding a way to explain to her teacher and classmates is a challenge until she gets some good advice from the librarian.

HOLIDAY PICTURE BOOK REEM

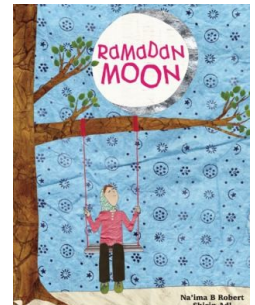


Resources:

Ramadan Moon by Na'ima bint Robert. 2009.

A description of the celebration of the Islamic holiday of Ramadan with its concluding celebration of Eid-ul-Fitr from the perspective of children and their family.

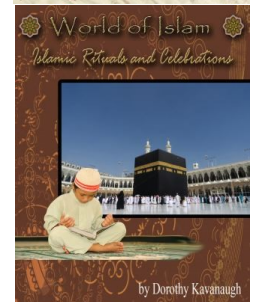
HOLIDAY PICTURE BOOK ROBERT



Islamic Festivals and Celebrations by Dorothy Kavanaugh. 2010.

Provides information about major festivals and important religious events. Also provides information about daily prayers, celebrations for special occasions like births and weddings and the observance of other festivals in the Islamic world.

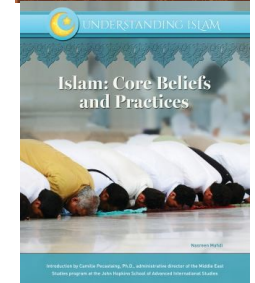
JUNIOR 297.36 KAVANAUGH



Islam: Core Beliefs and Practices by Nasreen Mahdi. 2017.

Provides the historical background of Islam's emergence during the seventh century and traces the spread of the faith throughout the world during the centuries that followed, along with information about the major Islamic sects, an explanation of Islamic laws and practices, details of important Islamic celebrations and festivals, and a discussion of important issues that Muslims face today.

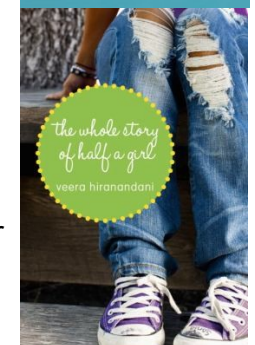
JUNIOR 297 MAHDI



The Whole Story of Half a Girl by Veera Hiranandani. 2012.

When Sonia's father loses his job and she must move from her small, supportive private school to a public middle school, the half-Jewish half-Indian sixth-grader experiences culture shock as she tries to navigate the school's unfamiliar social scene, and after her father is diagnosed with clinical depression, she finds herself becoming even more confused about herself and her family.

JUNIOR FICTION HIRANANDANI

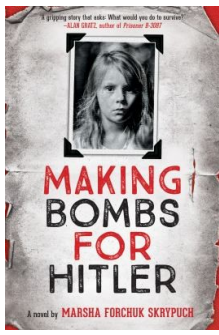


The Truth About my Bat Mitzvah by Nora Raleigh Baskin. 2009.

After her beloved grandmother dies, non-religious twelve-year-old Caroline becomes curious about her mother's Jewish ancestry.

JUNIOR FICTION BASKIN





Making Bombs for Hitler

by Marsha Forchuk Skrypuch . 2017.

In 1943 ten-year-old Lida is torn away from her home in the Ukraine, separated from her little sister Larissa, and sent to a slave labor camp in Germany, but when she is moved and set to making bombs she sees a way to strike back at the Nazis.

JUNIOR FICTION SKRYPUCH

Resources:

History Online—This online resource available through the library’s web page is directed more at high school students, but the multimedia resources are very accessible and great for putting up for the whole class to see. Maps, charts, timelines, biographies, videos, pictures, interviews, and many kinds of primary sources are all available through the site.

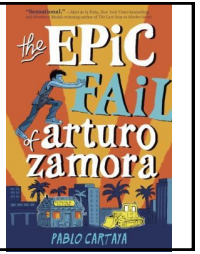
History Online is subdivided into five sections—**Ancient and Medieval History**, **Modern World History**, **American History**, **American Indian History**, and **African American History**. You can search just one Section, all of them, or any combination of them. All of the sections have the same layout and types of content.

The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora

by Pablo Cartaya. 2017.

Middle-schooler Arturo tries to save his family's Cuban restaurant from a developer; tie-ins to Cuba, poetry, activism, Jose Martí and Cuban history.

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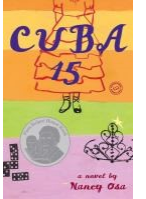
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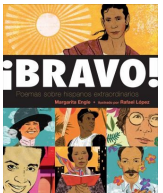
Cuba by Deborah Kent. 2016.
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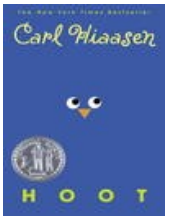
Cuba 15 by Nancy Osa. 2005. Mixed-race Chicago High School student Violet Paz reluctantly prepares for the "quince" her Cuban grandmother insists she have.
YOUNG ADULT OSA



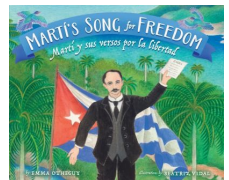
¡*Bravo! Poemas sobre hispanos extraordinarios* by Margarita Engle. 2017. Beautiful poems present famous and lesser-known Latinos from varied backgrounds
SPA JUNIOR 920.0092 ENGLE



Hoot by Carl Hiaasen. 2002. Roy, new to his small Florida town, becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site.
JUNIOR FICTION HIAASEN



Martí's song for freedom/Martí y sus versos por la independencia by Emma Otheguy. 2017. Bilingual biography in verse of José Martí containing excerpts from his *Versos Sencillos*.
SPANISH JR 921 MARTI



Audiovisual Materials

Cuba. 2013. This DVD focuses on the topography, history, health care, religious practices, cuisine and education of Cuba.
DVD JUNIOR 917.291 WOR



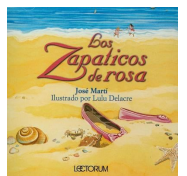
Playing for change. 3, Songs around the world. 2014. Guantanamera, song # 8 is performed by 75 Cubans from around the world, from countries such as Japan, Spain, and Cuba. The Playing For Change movement was created to inspire and connect the world through music.

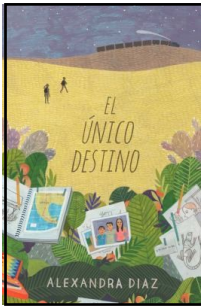
CD INTERNATIONAL PLA



Los zapaticos de rosa by José Martí. 2000. This CD audiobook version of one of Martí's poems from *La edad de oro* is about a girl that loses her beautiful pink shoes, only to find them with a sick girl who really needs them.

SPA CD JUNIOR FICTION MARTI





El único destino

By Alexandra Diaz. 2016.

This 2017 Pura Belpré award-winner about unaccompanied minors traveling by train from Guatemala to New Mexico lends itself to studies on Central America, immigration, and socioemotional learning.
SPA JUNIOR FICTION DIAZ

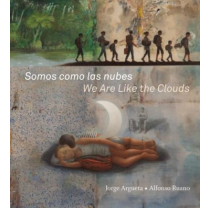
Resources:

Books

Somos como las nubes/We Are Like the Clouds by Jorge Argueta. 2016.

Well-known Salvadoran poet Argueta compares the movement of unaccompanied minors across borders to the movement of clouds.

SPA JUNIOR 861.64 ARGUETA



El mosaico estadounidense: La inmigración hoy en día series by Sara Howell. 2015.

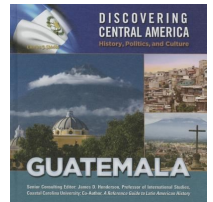
Select titles from the series.

SPA JUNIOR 325.XX HOWELL



Guatemala by Charles J. Shields. 2016. From the Discovering Central America series, this title discusses Guatemala's economy, civil war, indigenous population, and festivals.

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Online Resources Available Through McHenry Public Library District

Scholastic Go! Use Scholastic Go!, one of the Library's online databases, to view current editions of newspapers from various countries and much more.

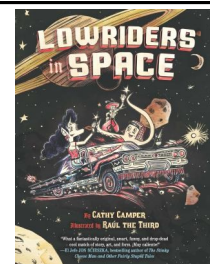


Lowriders in space

by Cathy Camper. 2014.

This Latino-interest graphic novel was a Pura Belpré 2017 winner and can be easily tied into to science, Mexican-American culture, and Aztec folklore.

JUNIOR GRAPHIC CAMPER



Resources:

Books:

Cómo se construye un auto by Sam Aloian. 2016.

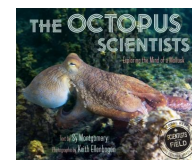
SPA JUNIOR 629.23 ALOIAN



The octopus scientists: Exploring the mind of a mollusk by Sy Montgomery. 2015.

Learn more about this blue-blooded animal in this title from the well-reviewed Scientists in the Field series.

JUNIOR 594.56 MONTGOMERY



Los planetas by Penelope Arlon. 2012.

SPA JUNIOR 523.4 ARLON



Viaje a través de la vía láctea by Heather Moore Niver. 2015.

SPA JUNIOR 523.113 NIVER



Los pájaros no tienen fronteras: leyendas y mitos de América Latina by Edna Iturralde.

2013. A collection of 40 myths and legends from diverse Latin American countries, from *La Llorona* to lesser known myths.

SPA JUNIOR 398.20972 ITURRALDE



Audiovisual Materials

Cantinflas. 2014. A biography of the late Mexican comedic actor and Mario Moreno, better known as "Cantinflas".

DVD FOREIGN CAN



El chavo del ocho. 2015. The popular 1970s Mexican sitcom about an orphan boy who lives in a barrel and his colorful neighbors in a poor housing complex in Mexico.

SPA DVD JUNIOR CHA



Remembering automobiles. 2008. A great resource about the history of automobiles in our country, including a manual, DVD, CD, scripts, and booklets, as well as tactile learning opportunities.

BI-FOLKAL AUTOMOBILES



Other

El coyote y el conejo. A Spanish-language tale from Veracruz, Mexico which can be turned into readers theater.

<http://bibliotecadigital.ilce.edu.mx/Colecciones/index.php?clave=huasteca&pag=7>