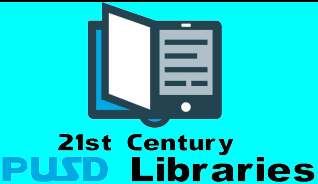

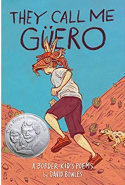
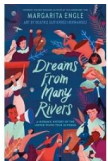
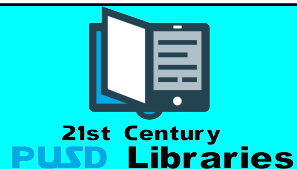

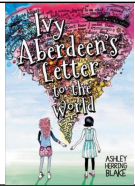
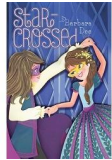




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	Lety Out Loud	Angela Cervantes	Pura Belpré Author Award 2020. Lety Out Loud introduces readers to a variety of immigrant experiences through Lety Muñoz, an English language learner who spends the summer volunteering at an animal shelter. Although initially hesitant to speak out, Lety learns to use her voice to stand up for others.	Hispanic Heritage Month	6-8	4.5	978-1338159349
	My Family Divided	Diane Guerrero	Diane Guerrero, the star of <i>Orange is the New Black</i> and <i>Jane the Virgin</i> , presents her personal story in this middle-grade memoir about her parents' deportation and the nightmarish struggles of undocumented immigrants and their American children.	Hispanic Heritage Month	6-8	5.4	978-1250308788
	They Call Me Güero: A Border Kid's Poems	David Bowles	Pura Belpré 2019 Winner. Güero is a Mexican-American border kid with nerdy tastes, pale skin, and red hair. Wishing he had been born with a darker complexion so no one would question his Mexican American heritage, Güero's family tell him to be grateful for the advantages his lighter hair and skin afford him and to use it to open doors for the rest of his family.	Hispanic Heritage Month	6-8	5.1	978-1947627079
	Dreams from Many Rivers: A Hispanic History of the United States Told In Poems	Margarita Engle (author), Beatriz Gutierrez Hernandez (illustrator)	A middle grade verse history of Latinos in the United States, told through the voices of many and varied individuals ranging from Juan Ponce de León to modern-day sixth graders. Some voices are composite characters, not historical figures.	Hispanic Heritage Month	6-8, 9-12	7.2*	978-1627795319
	The Other Half of Happy	Rebecca Balcarcel	As Quijana enters seventh grade, she feels in between, grappling with a new school, new friends, and her half-Guatemalan heritage. She struggles to find her place within her friendships and family, stumbling and succeeding on her path to discovering her authentic self.	Hispanic Heritage Month	6-8, 9-12	3.8	978-1452169989



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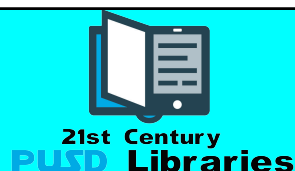
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	Lumberjanes #1: Beware the Kitten Holy	Noelle Stevenson	Friendship to the max! Jo, April, Mal, Molly and Ripley are five best pals determined to have an awesome summer together...and they're not gonna let any insane quest or an array of supernatural critters get in their way! LUMBERJANES is one of those punk rock, love-everything-about-it stories that appeals to fans of basically all excellent things.	LGBTQ+ History Month	6-8	3.5	978-1608866878
	Ivy Aberdeen's Letter to the World	Ashley Blake	Stonewall Children's & Young Adult Honor Book 2019! When a tornado rips through town, twelve-year-old Ivy Aberdeen's house is destroyed and her family of five is displaced. Ivy feels invisible and ignored in the aftermath of the storm--and what's worse, her notebook filled with secret drawings of girls holding hands has gone missing.	LGBTQ+ History Month	6-8	4.9	978-0316515474
	Star-Crossed	Barbara Dee	Mattie is chosen to play Romeo opposite her crush in the eighth grade production of Shakespeare's most beloved play. As the cast prepares for opening night, Mattie finds herself growing increasingly attracted to Gemma and confused, since, just days before, she had found herself crushing on a boy named Elijah. Is it possible to have a crush on both boys AND girls?	LGBTQ+ History Month	6-8	4.3	978-1481478489
	Magnus Chase and the Gods of Asgard	Rick Riordan	Stonewall Book Awards-Mike Morgan & Larry Romans Children's Award Book. In Magnus's second adventure, Rick Riordan introduces readers to Alex Fierro, a gender fluid teen who has "startling eyes, an impressive sweater-vest, and a tendency to hit people" (54). Alex is a hero and represents the expansive possibilities of gender for future generations.	LGBTQ+ History Month	6-8, 9-12	4.5	978-1368024440
	They Both Die at the End	Adam Silvera	Mateo and Rufus are total strangers, but, for different reasons, they're both looking to make a new friend on their End Day. The good news is, there's an app for that. It's called the Last Friend, and through it, Rufus and Mateo are about to meet up for one last great adventure--an unforgettable day that will change both their lives forever.	LGBTQ+ History Month	6-8, 9-12	5.5	978-0062457806



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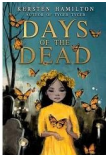
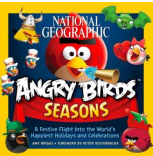
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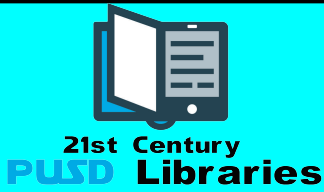


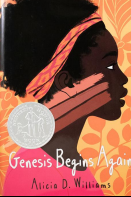
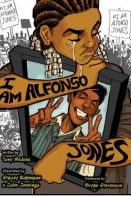
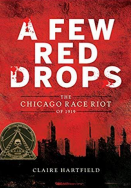
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	Race to the Sun	Rebecca Roanhorse	Lately, seventh grader Nizhoni Begay has been able to detect monsters, like that man in the fancy suit who was in the bleachers at her basketball game. Turns out he's Mr. Charles, her dad's new boss at the oil and gas company, and he's alarmingly interested in Nizhoni and her brother, Mac, their Navajo heritage, and the legend of the Hero Twins.	Native American Heritage Month	6-8	4.8*	978-1368024662
	Storm Runner	J.C. Cervantes	What Zane doesn't know is that the volcano is a gateway to another world and he is at the center of a powerful prophecy. A new girl at school, Brooks, informs him that he's destined to release an evil god from the ancient Maya relic he is imprisoned in-- unless she can find and remove it first.	Native American Heritage Month	6-8	4.4	978-1368023603
	Indian No More	Charlene Willing McManis (Umpqua/Confederated Tribes of Grande Ronde) with Traci Sorell (Cherokee)	Charlene Willing McManis (Umpqua/Confederated Tribes of Grande Ronde) with Traci Sorell (Cherokee) cover art by Marlena Myles (Spirit Lake Dakota, Mohegan, Muscogee Creek)	Native American Heritage Month	6-8	5*	978-1620148396
	Tales of the Mighty Code Talkers, Volume 1	Theo Tso (Paiute), Jonathon Nelson (Diné), Kristina Bad Hand (Sičhąŋŋu Lakota/ Cherokee), Roy Boney Jr. (Cherokee), Lee Francis IV (Laguna Pueblo), Johnnie Diacon (Mvskoke/Creek),	Based on the true stories of the Native American Code Talkers this incredible graphic novel features nine original stories by Native American artists and writers documenting the heroic tales of Code Talkers from World War I through Korea. The graphic novel also features a history of the Code Talkers and a lesson plan for teachers who wish to use the book to teach students about the struggle and accomplishments of these Native American heroes.	Native American Heritage Month	6-8, 9-12	NA	978-0990694755
	Hearts Unbroken	Cynthia Letich Smith	Winner of an American Indian Youth Literature Award. Realistic fiction with the thoughtful story of a Native teen navigating the complicated, confusing waters of high school — and first love. When Louise Wolfe's first real boyfriend mocks and disrespects Native people in front of her, she breaks things off and dumps him over e-mail. It's her senior year, anyway, and she'd rather spend her time with her family and friends and working on the school newspaper.	Native American Heritage Month	6-8, 9-12	NA	978-0763681142

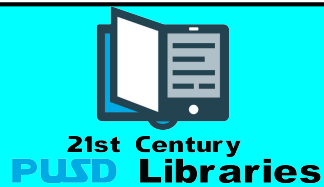


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	Karma Khullar's Mustache	Kristi Wientge	Karma Khullar is about to start middle school and she is super nervous. She's just realized that she has seventeen hairs on her upper lip. Debut author Kristi Wientge tackles the uncomfortable—but all too relatable—subject of female body hair and self-esteem.	World Holidays/ Cultures Month	3-6, 6-8	5.2	978-1481477710
	Days of the Dead	Kersten Hamilton	If everything about Glorieto's life is going to change, then she wants one thing to go her way: She wants to hear stories about her mamá when the family gathers on the last night of los Días de los Muertos. And that can only happen if Tia Diosonita will allow Mamá to be buried with the Espinosas in holy ground. If she will allow people to speak Mamá's name.	World Holidays/ Cultures Month	3-6, 6-8	NA	978-1481477710
	Holidays Around the World: Celebrate Kwanzaa: With Candles, Community, and the Fruits of the Harvest	Carolyn B. Otto	Celebrate Kwanzaa continues the spectacular Holidays Around the World series. With succinct, lively text and beautiful photographs, the book celebrates African-American culture and helps us to understand and appreciate this special holiday.	World Holidays/ Cultures Month	3-6, 6-8	4.2	978-1426303197
	A Year Full of Stories: 52 classic stories from all around the world	Angela McAllister (Author), Christopher Corr (Illustrator)	This treasury of 52 stories collects together a rich resource of myths, fairy tales and legends from around the world, with a story for every week of the year. The book is broken into 12 chapters, for each of the 12 months of the year, and throughout, stories are matched to internationally celebrated dates, including Valentines Day and the International Day of Friendship, as well as seasonal events and festivals.	World Holidays/ Cultures Month	3-6, 6-8	2.8*	978-1847808684
	National Geographic Angry Birds seasons : a festive flight into the world's hoppiest holidays and celebrations	Amy Briggs	Circle the globe with National Geographic and the Angry Birds as the lovable characters discover and partake in the world's greatest holidays, festivals, and celebrations. The birds will celebrate the Chinese New Year in Beijing before traveling to Venice, Italy for Carnival. The Angry Birds--and readers--will learn all about cultural traditions around the world and come to understand the rituals and customs that go along with celebrating the biggest events of the year.	World Holidays/ Cultures Month	6-8, 9-12	7.7	978-1-42621-181-2






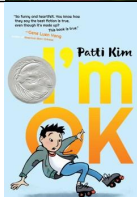
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	Ghost (Track Series Book 1)	Jason Reynolds	Castle "Ghost" Cranshaw feels like he's been running ever since his dad pulled that gun on him and his mom—and used it. His dad's been in jail three years now, but Ghost still feels the trauma. When he inserts himself into a practice for a local elite track team, the Defenders, he's fast enough that the hard-as-nails coach decides to put him on the team.	Black History Month	6-8	4.6	978-1481450157
	New Kid	Jerry Craft (Author, Illustrator)	Winner of the Newbery Medal, Coretta Scott King Author Award. Seventh grader Jordan Banks loves nothing more than drawing cartoons about his life. But instead of sending him to the art school of his dreams, his parents enroll him in a prestigious private school known for its academics, where Jordan is one of the few kids of color in his entire grade.	Black History Month	6-8	2.9	978-0062691200
	Genesis Begins Again	Alicia D. Williams	A Newbery Honor Book. Winner of the Coretta Scott King. This deeply sensitive and powerful debut novel tells the story of a thirteen-year-old who must overcome internalized racism and a verbally abusive family to finally learn to love herself. There are ninety-six things Genesis hates about herself. She knows the exact number because she keeps a list.	Black History Month	6-8	4.5	978-1481465809
	I Am Alfonso Jones	Tony Medina (Author), Stacey Robi (Illustrator), John Jennings (Illustrator)	Alfonso can't wait to play the role of Hamlet in his school's hip-hop rendition of the classic play. But as he is buying his first suit, an off-duty police officer mistakes a clothes hanger for a gun and shoots Alfonso. When Alfonso wakes up in the afterlife, he's on a ghost train guided by well-known victims of police shootings, who teach him what he needs to know about this subterranean spiritual world.	Black History Month	6-8, 9-12	4.2	978-0606403948
	A Few Red Drops: The Chicago Race Riot of 1919	Claire Hartfield	On a hot day in July 1919, five black youths went swimming in Lake Michigan, unintentionally floating close to the "white" beach. An angry white man began throwing stones at the boys, striking and killing one. Racial conflict on the beach erupted into days of urban violence that shook the city of Chicago to its foundations.	Black History Month	6-8, 9-12	7.9	978-0544785137

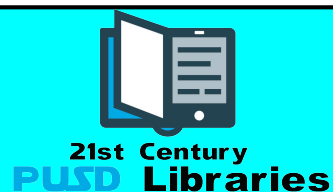


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	Someone Like Me	Julissa Arce	Born in Taxco, Mexico, Julissa Arce was left behind for months at a time with her two sisters, a nanny, and her grandma while her parents worked tirelessly in America in hopes of building a home and providing a better life for their children. Julissa secretly lived as an undocumented immigrant, went on to become a scholarship winner and an honors college graduate, and climbed the ladder to become a vice president at Goldman Sachs.	Women's History Month	6-8	5.4	978-0316481700
	Notorious RBG Young Readers' Edition: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg	Irin Carmon (Author), Shana Knizhnik (Author)	Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg has become an icon to millions. Her tireless fight for equality and women's rights has inspired not only great strides in the workforce but has impacted the law of the land. An accessible biography of this fierce woman, detailing her searing dissents and powerful jurisprudence.	Women's History Month	6-8, 9-12	7.6	978-0062748539
	Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart	Candace Fleming	This impressive non-fiction book tells the history of Amelia Earhart, from birth up until her plane disappeared. With notes, maps, and memorabilia sprinkled throughout, readers will be immersed in the story of one of history's most respected pilots. It's a thrilling look at the life of a thrilling and memorable woman.	Women's History Month	6-8	6.6	978-0375945984
	Rad American Women A-Z: Rebels, Trailblazers, and Visionaries who Shaped Our History... and Our Future! (City Lights/Sister Spit)	Kate Schatz (Author), Miriam Klein Stahl (Illustrator)	Colorful and hip potraits create a visual sensation that immediately draws in readers. Profiled are 26 American women from the 18th through 21st centuries, who have made—or are still making—history as artists, writers, teachers, lawyers, or athletes. The women come from a variety of economic and ethnic backgrounds and many had to overcome extreme hardships.	Women's History Month	6-8	6.7	978-0872866836
	Herstory: 50 Women and Girls Who Shook Up the World	Katherine Halligan (Author), Sarah Walsh (Illustrator)	Move aside history—it's time for herstory. Celebrate fifty inspiring and powerful women who changed the world and left their mark in this lavishly illustrated biography compilation that's perfect for fans of Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls and She Persisted. Throughout history, girls have often been discussed in terms of what they couldn't or shouldn't do. Not anymore. It's time for herstory.	Women's History Month	6-8	6.2*	978-1534436640

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	Front Desk	Kelly Yang	Set in the 90s, readers experience firsthand the hardships of the immigrant experience – long working hours, toiling in menial work, institutional and outright racism, in-group oppression of newer immigrants, and the need to bite back one's tongue.	Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month	3-6, 6-8	4.5	978-1338157796
	The House That Lou Built	Mae Respicio	Inspired by the emerging tiny house movement, Mae Respicio's The House That Lou Built depicts a biracial protagonist who follows her dreams of building a small home on her father's land. Respicio's debut novel portrays Filipino culture with authenticity from personal recollections.	Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month	3-6, 6-8	4.2	978-1524717940
	Dragon Pearl	Yoon Ha Lee	Rick Riordan Presents Yoon Ha Lee's space opera about thirteen-year-old Min, who comes from a long line of fox spirits. But you'd never know it by looking at her. To keep the family safe, Min's mother insists that none of them use any fox-magic, such as Charm or shape-shifting. They must appear human at all times.	Asian Heritage Month	3-6, 6-8	5.9	978-1368013352
	The Bridge Home	Padma Venkatraman	Very quickly, eleven-year-old Viji discovers how vulnerable they are in this uncaring, dangerous world. Fortunately, the girls find shelter--and friendship--on an abandoned bridge. And while making a living scavenging the city's trash heaps is the pits, the kids find plenty to laugh about and take pride in too. After all, they are now the bosses of themselves and no longer dependent on untrustworthy adults.	Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month	6-8	4.4	978-1524738112
	I'm Ok	Patti Kim	Ok, a Korean American boy, tries a get rich quick scheme of starting a hair braiding business and winning the school talent competition to hide the fact that he is struggling with the loss of his father and the financial hardships he and his mother must now bear.	Asian Heritage Month	6-8	4.4	978-1534419292



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	Song for a Whale	Lynne Kelly	From fixing the class computer to repairing old radios, twelve-year-old Iris is a tech genius. But she's the only deaf person in her school, so people often treat her like she's not very smart. If you've ever felt like no one was listening to you, then you know how hard that can be.	Disability Inclusion Awareness Month	3-6, 6-8	5.3	978-1524770235
	Each Tiny Spark	Pablo Cartaya	Emilia Torres has a wandering mind. It's hard for her to follow along at school, and sometimes she forgets to do what her mom or abuela asks. But she remembers what matters: a time when her family was whole and home made sense. When Dad returns from deployment, Emilia expects that her life will get back to normal. Instead, it unravels.	Disability Inclusion Awareness Month, Hispanic Heritage Month	6-8	4.4	978-0451479723
	As Brave As You Are	Jason Reynolds	Genie's summer is full of surprises. He and his big brother, Ernie, are leaving Brooklyn for the very first time to spend the summer with their grandparents all the way in Virginia! The second surprise comes when Genie figures out that their grandfather is blind. Thunderstruck, Genie peppers Grandpop with questions about how he hides it so well.	Disability Inclusion Awareness Month, Black History Month	6-8	4.8	978-1481415910
	Firegirl	Tony Abbott	Life is never quite the same for Tom and his seventh-grade classmates. They learn that Jessica has been in a fire and was badly burned, and will be attending St. Catherine's while getting medical treatments. Despite her horrifying appearance and the fear she evokes in him and most of the class, Tom slowly develops a tentative friendship with Jessica that changes his life.	Disability Inclusion Awareness Month	6-8	4.1	978-0316011709
	Sunnyside Plaza	Scott Simon	Sally Miyake can't read, but she learns lots of things. Like bricks are made of clay and Vitamin D comes from the sun. Sally is happy working in the kitchen at Sunnyside Plaza, the community center she lives in with other adults with developmental disabilities. The suspicious deaths spur the residents into taking the investigation into their own hands. But are people willing to listen?	Disability Inclusion Awareness Month	6-8	4.7*	978-0316531207

*No AR level - General Reading Level