



## Inclusive Literature Lists

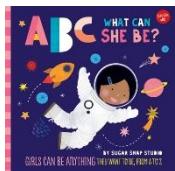
The Billings Public Library supports and values and celebrates diversity and inclusion.

We strive to curate a collection of resources that represents all demographics in our community's tapestry. We believe an inclusive and welcoming community is a stronger community.

This list of inclusive and diverse literature that the youth of our community can see themselves in as well as use as a conduit to build compassion for others is brought to you on behalf of collaboration between the Human Relations Commission of the City of Billings, the Billings Public Library, and a children's literature assistant professor from Montana State University Billings.

This list is not intended to be exhaustive. We welcome your feedback, suggestions, and any recommendations for this list. We will take these into consideration as we continue to develop these lists.

### March 2020: Women's History Month



#### **ABC for Me: ABC What Can She Be?: Girls Can Be Anything They Want to Be, from A to Z**

By [Walter Foster Jr Creative Team](#)

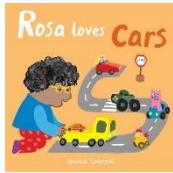
Author [Ford, Jessie](#)

2018-10 - Walter Foster Jr

9781633226241 [Check Our Catalog](#)

***ABC What Can She Be?*** presents a world of possibilities--from astronaut to zoologist and everything in between--for all little girls with big dreams.

Not even the sky is the limit with this fun approach to **learning the alphabet**! In this board book from Walter Foster Jr, *ABC What Can She Be?* encourages **young girls** by presenting a colorful variety of [...More](#)



## Rosa Loves Cars

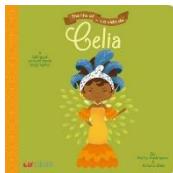
By [Spanyol, Jessica](#)

Illustrator [Spanyol, Jessica](#)

2018-10 - Child's Play International

9781786281258 [Check Our Catalog](#)

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## The Life Of/La Vida de Celia: A Bilingual Picture Book Biography

By [Rodriguez, Patty](#)

Author [Stein, Ariana](#)

Illustrator [Reyes, Citlali](#)

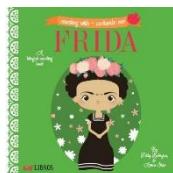
2017-03 - Lil' Libros

9780986109959 [Check Our Catalog](#)

*A Lil' Libros Bilingual Biography*

Known for her powerful voice and eccentric style, Celia Cruz has become one of the most popular singers in the world. In this book you'll introduce little ones to her remarkable life. Known as the "Queen of Salsa", the incomparable music of Celia Cruz continues to be sugar to our ears.

Unable to find bilingual first concept books she could [...More](#)



## Counting with Frida/Contando Con Frida: A Bilingual Counting Book

By [Rodriguez, Patty](#)

Author [Stein, Ariana](#)

Illustrator [Reyes, Citlali](#)

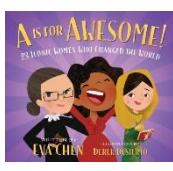
2015-03 - Lil' Libros

9781495126567 [Check Our Catalog](#)

*A Lil' Libros Bilingual Counting Book*

Introduce your little one to the life of one of Mexico's most iconic painters, Frida Kahlo, while teaching them their numbers, 1 to 10, in English and Spanish. Count *una casa azul* (one blue house), *tres flores* (three flowers), and *cinco retratos* (five portraits).

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## A is for AWESOME!: 25 Iconic Women Who Changed the World

By [Chen, Eva](#)

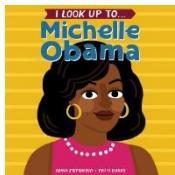
Illustrator [Desierto, Derek](#)

2019-02 - Feiwel & Friends

9781250215994 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Why stick with plain old **A, B, C** when you can have **Amelia** (Earhart), **Malala**, **Tina** (Turner), **Ruth** (Bader Ginsburg), all the way to **eXtraordinary You**--and the **Zillion** of adventures you will go on?

Instagram superstar Eva Chen, author of *Juno Valentine and the Magical Shoes*, is back with an alphabet board book depicting [...More](#)



## I Look Up To... Michelle Obama

By [Membrino, Anna](#)

Illustrator [Burke, Fatti](#)

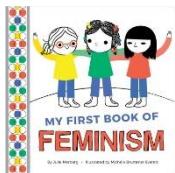
2018-10 - Random House Books for Young Readers

9780525579540 [Check Our Catalog](#)

**If you can see it, you can be it** Introduce your child to your role models with this series of inspirational board books.

It's never too early to introduce your child to the people you admire. This board book distills Michelle Obama's excellent qualities into deliciously illustrated little baby-sized bites, with text designed to share and read aloud.

Each spread highlights an [...More](#)



## My First Book of Feminism

By [Merberg, Julie](#)

Illustrator [Brummer Everett, Michéle](#)

2019-10 - Downtown Bookworks

9781941367940 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Equality starts early, and it begins at home.

As soon as girls are big enough to flip through a board book, they can understand the concept that girls are equal to boys. This book underscores that important idea with clear, simple illustrations and clever rhyming text. From encouraging girls to use their voice and to support other girls to showing them that beauty is on the inside to reminding [...More](#)



## Think Big, Little One

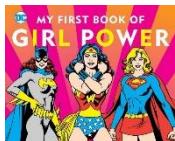
By [Harrison, Vashti](#)

2019-10 - LB Kids

9780316475136 [Check Our Catalog](#)

This board book edition of *Little Dreamers: Visionary Women Around the World* by *New York Times* bestselling author Vashti Harrison is a beautiful first book to teach your little dreamers to follow all their biggest ideas.

Featuring eighteen women creators, ranging from writers to inventors, artists to scientists, this board book adaptation of *Little Dreamers*: [...More](#)



## DC Super Heroes: My First Book of Girl Power

By [Downtown Books](#)

2014-10 - Downtown Bookworks

9781941367032 [Check Our Catalog](#)

A celebration of girl power for budding super heroines featuring beloved DC characters from Wonder Woman to Batgirl.

Exploring attributes from physical strength to intuition, this introduction to DC's super heroines is also a catalog of role models for little girls. From Wonder Woman's ability to find the truth to Black Canary's powerful voice to Batgirl's keen mind, readers will find much to [...More](#)



## Ella Fitzgerald

By [Sanchez Vegara, Isabel](#)

Author [Alca, Bárbara](#)

2019-02 - Frances Lincoln Ltd

9781786032577 [Check Our Catalog](#)

This board book version of *Ella Fitzgerald*--an international bestseller in the beloved Little People, BIG DREAMS series--introduces the youngest dreamers to the First Lady of Song, from her early singing days on the streets of Harlem to her success as a jazz legend.

Ella Fitzgerald grew up near Harlem, in New York, where she was surrounded by music and dance. After winning [...More](#)



## Mina vs. the Monsoon

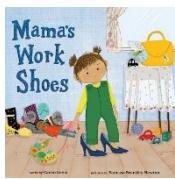
By [Guidroz, Rukhsanna](#)

Illustrator [Dasgupta, Debasmita](#)

2018-12 - Yali Publishing LLC

9781949528992 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Mina loves to play soccer all year round. Nothing comes close to it. But when the monsoon arrives, Mina is stuck indoors and she can't help feeling restless and bored. Her *ammi* doesn't understand. The *doodhwalla* doesn't understand. That's when Mina decides she'll find ways of chasing away the clouds herself. In doing so, she makes an unexpected discovery. Soccer will never be [...More](#)



## Mama's Work Shoes

By [Levis, Caron](#)

Illustrator [Brantley-Newton, Vanessa](#)

2019-09 - Harry N. Abrams

9781419725548 [Check Our Catalog](#)

All about the adjustment a toddler makes when her mother returns to work, this humorous picture book takes on a big emotional milestone with a light hand.

Perry knows all of Mama's shoes. She knows that the zip-up shoes are for

skipping and swinging in the park. She knows that the pat-put shoes are for splishing and splashing in the rain. And she knows that no-shoes are for bath  
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## Tallulah the Tooth Fairy CEO

By [Pizzoli, Tamara](#)

Illustrator [Fabiani, Federico](#)

2019-07 - Farrar, Straus and Giroux (Byr)

9780374309190 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Hilarious and smart, *Tallulah the Tooth Fairy CEO* is a modern take on the classic tooth fairy story by Tamara Pizzoli with illustrations by Federico Fabiani that is perfect for powerful little leaders ready to take on the world--one tooth at a time.

Meet Tallulah. She's the Tooth Fairy CEO. Tallulah knows practically everything about being a tooth fairy. How to collect [...More](#)



## Sulwe

By [Nyong'o, Lupita](#)

Illustrator [Harrison, Vashti](#)

2019-10 - Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers

9781534425361 [Check Our Catalog](#)

### Awards:

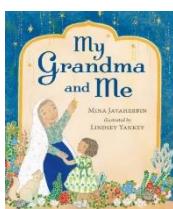
Coretta Scott King Award (2020)

A *New York Times* bestseller

Recipient of a Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor Award

From Academy Award-winning actress Lupita Nyong'o comes a powerful, moving picture book about colorism, self-esteem, and learning that true beauty comes from within.

Sulwe has skin the color of midnight. She is darker than everyone in her family. She is darker than [...More](#)



## My Grandma and Me

By [Javaherbin, Mina](#)

Illustrator [Yankey, Lindsey](#)

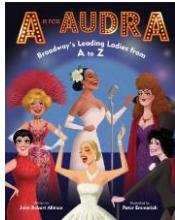
2019-08 - Candlewick Press (MA)

9780763694944 [Check Our Catalog](#)

In a true tale of a young girl in Iran and her grandmother, this beautiful ode to family celebrates small moments of love that become lifelong memories.

*In this big universe full of many moons, I have traveled and seen many wonders, but I have never loved anything or anyone the way I love my grandma.*

While Mina is growing up in Iran, the center of her world is her [...More](#)



## **A is for Audra: Broadway's Leading Ladies from A to Z**

By [Allman, John Robert](#)

Illustrator [Emmerich, Peter](#)

2019-11 - Doubleday Books for Young Readers

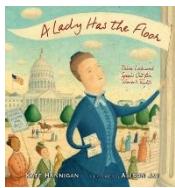
9780525645405 [Check Our Catalog](#)

***"It's an incredible honor to be included in this amazing book of the greatest talent the Broadway stage has ever known "***

**--AUDRA McDONALD, six-time Tony Award-winning actress**

**From Audra McDonald to Liza with a "Z," here is a showstopping alphabet book featuring your favorite leading ladies of the Broadway stage**

Step into the spotlight and [...More](#)



## **A Lady Has the Floor: Belva Lockwood Speaks Out for Women's Rights**

By [Hannigan, Kate](#)

Illustrator [Jay, Alison](#)

2018-01 - Calkins Creek Books

9781629794532 [Check Our Catalog](#)

**Written in the same vein as the recent best-selling titles I DISSENT and SHE PERSISTED, here is a nonfiction picture book biography of Belva Lockwood, a lawyer, activist and presidential candidate who devoted her life to overcoming obstacles and demanding equality for women.**

Activist Belva Lockwood never stopped asking herself the question *Are women not worth the same as men?* She [...More](#)



## **Ada Byron Lovelace and the Thinking Machine**

By [Wallmark, Laurie](#)

Illustrator [Chu, April](#)

2015-10 - Creston Books

9781939547200 [Check Our Catalog](#)

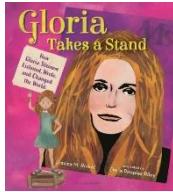
### **Awards:**

Cook Prize (2016)

Ada Lovelace, the daughter of the famous romantic poet, Lord Byron, develops her creativity through science and math. When she meets Charles Babbage, the inventor of the first mechanical computer, Ada understands the machine better

than anyone else and writes the world's first computer program in order to demonstrate its capabilities.

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## **Gloria Takes a Stand: How Gloria Steinem Listened, Wrote, and Changed the World**

By [Rinker, Jessica M.](#)

Illustrator [Peoples-Riley, Daria](#)

2019-03 - Bloomsbury Publishing PLC

9781681196763 [Check Our Catalog](#)

**Perfect for fans of *I Dissent* comes an inspirational and empowering account of the life of women's rights icon Gloria Steinem.**

As a young girl, Gloria Steinem thought for herself and spoke her mind. She read many books by her favorite authors and imagined herself as the heroine of the story.

Gloria wished. She read. And imagined.

But Gloria grew up during a time [...More](#)



## **Juno Valentine and the Magical Wardrobe**

By [Desierto, Derek](#)

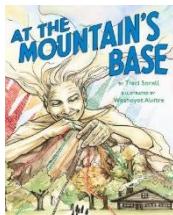
Illustrator [Desierto, Derek](#)

2019-10 - Feiwel & Friends

9781250297303 [Check Our Catalog](#)

**Instagram superstar Eva Chen is back with *Juno Valentine and the Fantastic Fashion Adventure*, featuring illustrations by Derek Desierto in a story that's equal parts fashion fairy tale and guide to girl power.**

It's school picture day and Juno Valentine is having a fashion emergency. Her mom wants her to wear fabulous florals, her dad wants her to wear rainbow ruffles, but [...More](#)



## **At the Mountain's Base**

By [Sorell, Traci](#)

Illustrator [Alvitre, Weshoyot](#)

2019-09 - Kokila

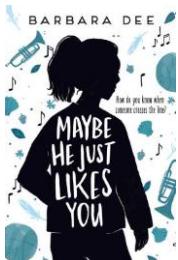
9780735230606 [Check Our Catalog](#)

### **Awards:**

American Indian Youth Literature Award (2020)

**A family, separated by duty and distance, waits for a loved one to return home in this lyrical picture book celebrating the bonds of a Cherokee family and the bravery of history-making women pilots.**

At the mountain's base sits a cabin under an old hickory tree. And in that cabin lives a family -- loving, weaving, cooking, and singing. The strength in their song sustains them through [...More](#)



## Maybe He Just Likes You

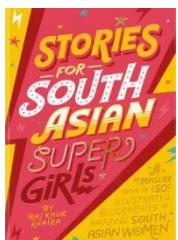
By [Dee, Barbara](#)

2019-10 - Aladdin Paperbacks

9781534432376 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Barbara Dee explores the subject of #MeToo for the middle grade audience in this heart-wrenching--and ultimately uplifting--novel about experiencing harassment and unwanted attention from classmates.

For seventh-grader Mila, it starts with some boys giving her an unwanted hug on the school blacktop. A few days later, at recess, one of the boys (and fellow trumpet player) Callum tells [...More](#)



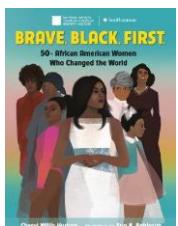
## Stories for South Asian Supergirls

By [Khaira, Raj Kaur](#)

2019-05 - Kashi House

9781911271222 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Through the inspirational stories of 50 famous and under-celebrated women from Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka, South Asian girls will have a chance to dream about lives for themselves that radically differ from the limited narratives and stereotypes written for them by their culture, wider society and the mainstream media. Bringing together illustrious entertainers [...More](#)



## Brave. Black. First.: 50 African American Women Who Led the Way

By [Hudson, Cheryl](#)

Illustrator [Robinson, Erin K.](#)

2020-01 - Crown Books for Young Readers

9780525645818 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Published in collaboration with the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, discover over fifty remarkable African American women whose unique skills and contributions paved the way for the next generation of young people. Perfect for fans of *Rad Women Worldwide*, *Women in Science*, and *Girls Think of Everything*.

[...More](#)



## Her Fearless Run: Kathrine Switzer's Historic Boston Marathon

By [Chaffee, Kim](#)

Illustrator [Rooney, Ellen](#)

2019-04 - Page Street Kids

9781624146541 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Kathrine Switzer changed the world of running. This narrative biography follows Kathrine from running laps as a girl in her backyard to becoming the first woman to run the Boston Marathon with official race numbers in 1967. Her inspirational true story is for anyone willing to challenge the rules.

The compelling collage art adds to the kinetic action of the story. With tension and heart, [...More](#)



## **Greta's Story: The Schoolgirl Who Went on Strike to Save the Planet**

By [Camerini, Valentina](#)

Illustrator [Carratello, Veronica](#)

Translator [Giovannoni, Moreno](#)

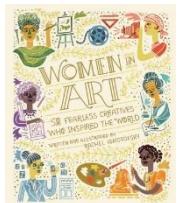
2019-11 - Aladdin Paperbacks

9781534468771 [Check Our Catalog](#)

**The inspiring true story of Greta Thunberg, a young eco-activist whose persistence sparked a global movement.**

You are never too young to make a difference.

Ever since she learned about climate change, Greta Thunberg couldn't understand why politicians weren't treating it as an emergency. In August 2018, temperatures in Sweden reached record highs, fires raged across the country, and [...More](#)



## **Women in Art: 50 Fearless Creatives Who Inspired the World**

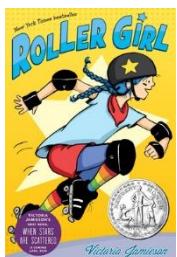
By [Ignotofsky, Rachel](#)

2019-09 - Ten Speed Press

9780399580437 [Check Our Catalog](#)

**Illustrated profiles of 50 pioneering female artists--from the 11th century to today--from the author of the *New York Times* bestseller *Women in Science*.**

A charmingly illustrated and inspiring book, *Women in Art* highlights the achievements and stories of 50 notable women in the arts--from well-known figures like painters Frida Kahlo and Georgia O'Keeffe, to [...More](#)



## **Roller Girl**

By [Jamieson, Victoria](#)

2015-03 - Dial Books

9780803740167 [Check Our Catalog](#)

**The Newbery Honor Award Winner and *New York Times* bestseller *Roller Girl* is a heartwarming graphic novel about friendship and surviving junior high through the power of roller derby--perfect for fans of Raina Telgemeier's *Smile***

For most of her twelve years, Astrid has done everything with her best friend Nicole. But after Astrid falls in [...More](#)



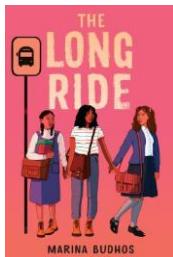
## Kazu Jones and the Denver Dognappers

By [Holyoak, Shauna M.](#)

2019-04 - Little, Brown Books for Young Readers  
9781368022408 [Check Our Catalog](#)

**Packed with high stakes mystery and tons of heart, this first installment in a new series introduces Kazu Jones—a spunky, scrappy detective who's this generation's Harriet the Spy.**

When a string of dognappings grips her Denver neighborhood, Kazu Jones vows to track down the culprits. She can't stand to see more dogs go missing—especially once her neighbors' beloved pet is taken [...More](#)



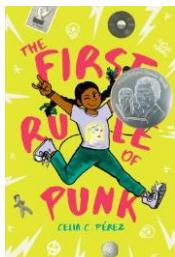
## The Long Ride

By [Budhos, Marina](#)

2019-09 - Wendy Lamb Books  
9780553534221 [Check Our Catalog](#)

**In the tumult of 1970s New York City, seventh graders are bussed from their neighborhood in Queens to integrate a new school in South Jamaica.**

Jamila Clarke. Josie Rivera. Francesca George. Three mixed-race girls, close friends whose immigrant parents worked hard to settle their families in a neighborhood with the best schools. The three girls are outsiders there, but they have each [...More](#)



## The First Rule of Punk

By [Perez, Celia C.](#)

2017-08 - Viking Books for Young Readers  
9780425290408 [Check Our Catalog](#)

### Awards:

Pura Belpre Award (2018)

"Roller Girl" meets "School of Rock" in this illustrated novel about identity, friendship, and riot-grrrl power by librarian and debut author Prez. [...More](#)