Children and Young Adult Literature Suggestions

“The whole world opened up to me when I learned to read” – Mary McLeod Bethune

Amongst the many names of family members, children’s authors and illustrators are just as inspirational as the everyday elements to black children and progressing young adults. The Auburn Avenue Research library welcomes all readers and little minds. AARL’s Children’s collection extends to young adult titles, graphic novels, large print and biographical illustration and books.

These colorful illustrations of the black experience embody more than representation on the shelves; yet, also empowers black children and parents. Black Joy, and Black Boy Joy, Black Lives Matter and similar cultural narratives and movements are includes, as they continuously redefine the black experience and expressions.

This listing provides children’s non-fiction and fiction, large-print and biographical books that illustrate historical figures. The Coretta Scoot King Book Awards authors are also included.

AARL maintains non-circulating policies of its collection; however, patrons are able to utilize materials in-house. Call numbers are provided, to easily inquire and obtain resources.

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Audio/Visual Collection:
Shelley Duvall’s Tall Tales and Legends: John Henry
Author: Danton, Ray  Pub Date: 2005  Call #: DVD 398.2 SHELLEY

Dreadlocks and the Three Bears
Author: Larkin, Alile Sharon  Pub Date:1991  Call #: VHS 398.2

Ghana
Tales from the Land of Gullah -- for Kids
Author: Singleton-Prather, Anita   Pub Date:1999   Call #: VHS 398.2 TALES

Lift Every Voice
Author: Turnbull, Walter J.   Pub Date:1995   Call #: CAS 782.7 TURNBULL

Ramadan
Author: Schlessinger Video Pro.   Pub Date: 1996   Call #: VHS 297.362 RAMADAN
VHS 299.36 RAMADAN

March on! The Day My Brother Martin Changed the World-- and More Stories about African American History
Author: Whitfield, Lynn   Pub Date: 2010   Call #: DVD 323.092 MARC

Garrett’s Gift
Author: Parsons, Karyn   Pub Date:   Call #: DVD B MORGAN

Akeelah and the Bee
Author: Atchison, Doug   Pub Date:1996   Call #: DVD 791.43 AKEELAH

Kirkou et Les Betes Sauvages Kirkou and the Wild Beasts
Author: Ocelot, Michel   Pub Date:2008   Call #: F DVD 791.43 KIRIKOU

Ruby Bridges
Author: Hopkins, Anne   Pub Date:2004   Call #: DVD 791.43 RUBY

Kwanzaa
Author: Schlessinger Video Pro.   Pub Date: 1994   Call #: WR 784.7 TRENT-JOHNS

Stories from the Black Tradition
Author: Children’s Circle   Pub Date: 1993   Call #: VHS 398.2 STORIES

How the Leopard Got His Spots
Author: Glover, Danny   Pub Date:1989   Call #: VHS 398.2 HOW

The Boys of Baraka
Author: Ewing, Heidi E.   Pub Date:2005   Call #: DVD 365.42 BOYS

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<td>Lawrence, Carol Munday</td>
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<td>We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League baseball</td>
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<td>Patina</td>
<td>Reynolds, Jason</td>
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<td>Greenfield, Eloise</td>
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Auburn Avenue Research Library: B LEWIS
Under the Freedom Tree
Author: VanHecke, Susan
Auburn Avenue Research Library: 811.54 VANHECKE

Sunny
Author: Reynolds, Jason
Auburn Avenue Research Library: J 813.54 REYNOLDS

Mama Africa!: How Miriam Makeba Spread Hope with Her Song
Author: Erskine, Kathryn
Auburn Avenue Research Library: J B MAKEBA

Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut
Author: Barnes, Derrick D.
Auburn Avenue Research Library: J PICTURE BARNES

Muddy: The Story of Blues Legend Muddy Waters
Author: Mahin, Michael James
Auburn Avenue Research Library: J B MUDDY WATERS

Schomburg: The Man Who Built A Library
Author: Weatherford, Carole Boston
Auburn Avenue Research Library: J B SCHOMBURG

Before She Was Harriet
Author: Cline-Ransome, Lesa
Auburn Avenue Research Library: J B TUBMAN

A Ring of Tricksters: Animal Tales from America, the West Indies, and Africa
Author: Hamilton, Virginia
Auburn Avenue Research Library: J 398.2 HAMILTON

In the Shadow of Liberty: The Hidden History of Slavery, Four Presidents, and Five Black Lives
Author: Davis, Kenneth C.
Auburn Avenue Research Library: 920.009296 DAVIS

Same, Same, but Different
Author: Kostecki-Shaw, Jenny Sue
Pub Date: 2011
Auburn Avenue Research Library: J PICTURE KOSTECKI-SHAW
Rain!
Author: Ashman, Linda          Pub Date: 2013
Auburn Avenue Research Library: J PICTURE ASHMAN

Tiny Stitches: The Life of Medical Pioneer Vivien Thomas
Author: Brooks, Gwendolyn
Auburn Avenue Research Library: B THOMAS

Poet: The Remarkable Story of George Moses Horton
Author: Tate, Don
Auburn Avenue Research Library: B HORTON
                   J B HORTON

Sonya’s Chickens
Author: Wahl, Phoebe
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Momma Says!
Author: Beek, Rosheena          Pub Date: 2013
Auburn Avenue Research Library: 813.6 BEEK

The Freedom Ship of Robert Smalls
Author: Meriwether, Louise
Auburn Avenue Research Library: J B SMALLS

Tuskegee Airmen
Author: Gagne, Tammy
Auburn Avenue Research Library: 940.544973 GAGNE

Life a Bird: The Art of the American Slave Song
Author: Grady, Cynthia
Auburn Avenue Research Library: 940.544973 GAGNE

Whoosh!: Lonnie Johnson’s Super-soaking Stream of Inventions
Author: Barton, Chris
Auburn Avenue Research Library: B JOHNSON

The First Step: How One Girl put Segregation on Trial
Author: Goodman, Susan E.
Auburn Avenue Research Library: 344.744079 GOODMAN
Freedom in Congo Square
Author: Weatherford, Carole Boston
Auburn Avenue Research Library: 976.335 WEATHERFORD

My Name is Truth: The Life of Sojourner Truth
Author: Turner, Ann
Auburn Avenue Research Library: B TRUTH

Voice of Freedom: Fannie Lou Hamer, Spirit of the Civil Rights Movement
Author: Weatherford, Carole Boston
Auburn Avenue Research Library: B HAMER

Josephine: The Dazzling Life of Josephine Baker
Author: Powell, Patricia Hruby
Auburn Avenue Research Library: B BAKER

Separate is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez & Her Family's Fight for Desegregation
Author: Tonatiuh, Duncan
Auburn Avenue Research Library: 379.263 TONATIUH

My Name is Truth: The Life of Sojourner Truth
Author: Turner, Ann
Auburn Avenue Research Library: B TRUTH

Brick by Brick
Author: Smith, Charles Jr.
Auburn Avenue Research Library: 975.302 SMITH

Nelson Mandela
Author: Nelson, Kadir
Pub Date: 2013
Auburn Avenue Research Library: B MANDELA

Freedom's A-calling Me
Author: Shange, Ntozake
Pub Date: 2012
Auburn Avenue Research Library: 811.54 SHANGE

Twice as Good: The Story of William Powell and Clearview, the Only Golf Course Designed, Built, and Owned by An African American
Author: Michelson, Richard
Pub Date: 2012
Auburn Avenue Research Library: B POWELL

Roots and Blues: A Celebrations
Author: Adoff, Arnold
The Gullahs of South Carolina  
**Author:** Hammond, Pearce W.  
**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** 975.799 HAMMOND

Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans  
**Author:** Nelson, Kadir  
**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** 973.049607 NELSON

Underground  
**Author:** Evans, Shane  
**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** 973.7115 EVANS

Ben and the Emancipation Proclamation  
**Author:** Sherman, Patrice  
**Pub Date:** 2010  
**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** 973.714 SHERMAN

Jimi: Sounds like A Rainbow: A Story of the Young Jimi Hendrix  
**Author:** Golis, Gary  
**Pub Date:** 2010  
**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** B HENDRIX

Dave, the Potter  
**Author:** Hill, Laban Carrick  
**Pub Date:** 2010  
**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** B DAVE

Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt  
**Author:** Hopkinson, Deborah  
**Pub Date:** 1993  
**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** 813.54 HOPKINSON

Peter’s Chair  
**Author:** Keats, Ezra Jack  
**Pub Date:** 1967  
**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** WR 813.54 KEATS

Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain: A Nandi Tale  
**Author:** Aarema, Verna  
**Pub Date:** 1981  
**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** 398 AARDEMA

Hey, Charleston!: The True Story of the Jenkins Orphanage Band  
**Author:** Rockwell, Anne F.  
**Pub Date:** 2013  
**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** 784.440607 ROCKWELL
Young Adult Suggestions:

Children of Blood and Bone
Author: Adeyemi, Tomi
Auburn Avenue Research Library: 813.54 ADEYEMI

Black Lives Matter
Author: Brooks, Gwendolyn
Auburn Avenue Research Library: Y 305.896073 EDWARDS

The Sun is Also A Star
Author: Yoon, Nicola
Auburn Avenue Research Library: 813.54 YOON

The Hate U Give
Author: Thomas, Angie
Auburn Avenue Research Library: Y FICTION THOMAS

Long Way Down
Author: Reynolds, Jason
Auburn Avenue Research Library: Y 813.54 REYNOLDS

Solo
Author: Alexander, Kwame
Auburn Avenue Research Library: Y 813.54 ALEXANDER

As Brave as You
Author: Brooks, Gwendolyn
Auburn Avenue Research Library: 813.54 J REYNOLDS

For Every One
Author: Reynolds, Jason
Auburn Avenue Research Library: Y 811.6 REYNOLDS

Out of Wonder: Poems Celebrating Poets
Author: Alexander, Kwame
Auburn Avenue Research Library: J 808.1 ALEXANDER

I, Too Am America
Author: Langston, Hughes
Auburn Avenue Research Library: 811.52 HUGHES

Pub Date: 2012
He Said, She Said: A Novel
Author: Alexander, Kwama
Auburn Avenue Research Library: Y 813.54 ALEXANDER

Plunking Reggie Jackson
Author: Bennett, James W. Pub Date: 2001
Auburn Avenue Research Library: 813.54 BENNETT

Stranger Fruit: Billie Holiday and the Power of A Protest Song
Author: Bryan, Ashley Pub Date: 2017
Auburn Avenue Research Library: 782.42165 GOLIO

March Forward, Girl: From Young Warrior to Little Rock Nine
Author: Beals, Melba
Auburn Avenue Research Library: B BEALS

Freedom Riders: A Primary Source Exploration of the Struggle for Racial Justice
Author: Schwartz, Heather E.
Auburn Avenue Research Library: J 323.119 SCHWARTZ

One Crazy Summer
Author: Williams-Garcia, Rita Pub Date: 2010
Auburn Avenue Research Library: 813.54 WILLIAMS-GARCIA

Same but Different: Teen Life on the Autism Express
Author: Peete, Holly Robinson
Auburn Avenue Research Library: 618.928588 PEETE

Brown Girl Dreaming
Author: Woodson, Jacqueline
Auburn Avenue Research Library: B WOODSON

Michelle Obama: From Chicago’s South Side to the White House
Author: Brill, Marlene Pub Date: 2010
Auburn Avenue Research Library: B OBAMA
Juvenile Graphic Novels:

**Black Panther Adventures**
**Author:** Parker, Jeff  
**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** J 741.5973 PARKER

**Ghost**  
**Author:** Reynolds, Jason  
**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** Y 813.54 REYNOLDS

**Moon Girl and Devil Dinosaur. Vol. 5, Fantastic Three**
**Author:** Montclare, Brandon  
**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** J 741.5973 MONTCLARE V.5

**Moon Girl and Devil Dinosaur. Vol. 3, The smartest there is!**
**Author:** Montclare, Brandon  
**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** J 741.5973 MONTCLARE V.3

**Moon Girl and Devil Dinosaur. Vol. 2, Cosmic cooties**
**Author:** Montclare, Brandon  
**Pub Date:** 2016  
**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** J 741.5973 MONTCLARE V.2

**Moon Girl and Devil Dinosaur: Vol. I, Fantastic Three**
**Author:** Montclare, Brandon  
**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** J 741.5973 MONTCLARE V.5

**Moon Girl and Devil Dinosaur: Vol. I, BFF**
**Author:** Montclare, Brandon  
**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** 741.5973 MONTCLARE V.1

**The Young Prince**
**Author:** Smith, Ronald L.  
**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** J 813.54 SMITH

**Rise of the Black Panther**
**Author:** Narcisse, Evan  
**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** Y 741.5973 NARCISSE

**Black Panther: World of Wakanda**
**Author:** GAY, Roxana  
**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** Y 741.597 GAY
Captain America, Black Panther. Flags of Our Fathers
Author: Hudlin, Reginald
Auburn Avenue Research Library: 741.597 COATES V.3

March
Author: Lewis, John
Auburn Avenue Research Library: 328.73092 LEWIS V.3

March Book II
Author: Lewis, John
Auburn Avenue Research Library: 328.73092 LEWIS V.2

Black Lighting, Vol. II
Author: O’Neil, Dennis
Auburn Avenue Research Library: Y 741.5973 NARCISSE

Black Dynamite
Author: Ash, Brian
Auburn Avenue Research Library: 741.5 ASH

War Brothers: The Graphic Novel
Author: McKay, Sharon E.
Auburn Avenue Research Library: 741.5 MCKAY

The Hammer and The Anvil: Frederick Douglass, Abraham Lincoln, and the End of Slavery in America
Author: Zimmerman, Dwight Jon
Auburn Avenue Research Library: 973.70922 ZIMMERMAN

The Pothole at the End of the Rainbow
Author: Francis, Stephen
Auburn Avenue Research Library: 741.5 FRANCIS

Ash Saves Obama
Author: Narcisse, Evan
Auburn Avenue Research Library: 741.5 SERRANO

Yummy: The Last Days of a Southside Shorty
Author: Neri, Greg
Auburn Avenue Research Library: 305.896073 NERI
Fist, Stick, Knife, Gun: A Personal History of Violence
Author: Nicholas, Jamar
Auburn Avenue Research Library: 303.6083 NICHOLAS

The Hole: Consumer Culture: A Graphic Novel
Author: Duffy, Damian
Auburn Avenue Research Library: 741.5 DUFFY

Malcolm X: A Graphic Biography
Author: Helfer, Andrew
Auburn Avenue Research Library: B X

Scream Queen
Author: Anderson, Ho Che
Auburn Avenue Research Library: 741.5 ANDERSON

Yellow Rose of Texas: The Myth of Emily Morgan
Author: Brode, Douglas
Auburn Avenue Research Library: 976.405 BRODE

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Author: Anderson, Ho Che
Auburn Avenue Research Library: 741.5 ANDERSON

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