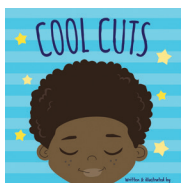
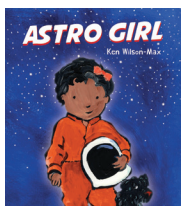
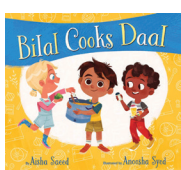
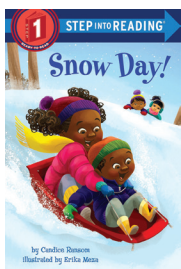
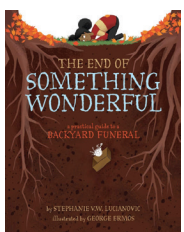
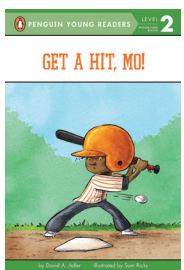
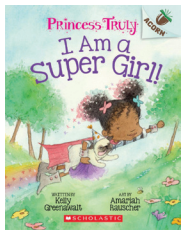
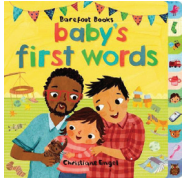


Book Recommendations for Young Learners from Dayton Metro Library

Books featuring African American lead characters and/or focused on diversity and social-emotional health
(alphabetical by title)



Board Books

[Baby Botanist](#) by Laura Gehl (2019)

[Baby's First Words](#) by Stella Blackstone (2017)

[Bath! Bath! Bath!](#) by Douglas Florian (2018)

[Bitty Brown Babe](#) by Deborah Lefalle (2019)

[Dream Big, Little One](#) by Vashti Harrison (2018)

[Global Baby Boys](#) by Maya Ajmera (2014)

[I Can Dream](#) by Betsy Snyder (2018)

[I Love Science](#) by Allison Wortche (2019)

[Leo Gets a Checkup](#) by Anna McQuinn (2018)

[Love Makes a Family](#) by Sophie Beer (2018)

[Rosa Loves Dinosaurs](#) by Jessica Spanyol (2018)

[Rosa Plays Ball](#) by Jessica Spanyol (2018)

[Rosa Rides Her Scooter](#) by Jessica Spanyol (2018)

[Toesies Toes](#) by Sarah Yi-Mei Tsiang (2018)

[What Do I Feel? / ¿Que siento?](#) by Annie Kubler (2015), bilingual: Spanish and English

[Where Do Pants Go?](#) by Rebecca Van Slyke (2019)

[Whose Knees are These?](#) by Jabari Asim (2019)

Early Readers

[Apple Picking Day!](#) by Candice Ransom (2016)

[Garden Day!](#) by Candice Ransom (2019)

[Get a Hit, Mo! \(Mo Jackson\)](#) by David A. Adler (2016)

[I Am a Super Girl!](#) by Kelly Greenawalt (2019)

[Kick It, Mo!](#) by David A. Adler (2018)

[Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse: Passport to Reading](#) by Rory Keane (2018)

[Snow Day!](#) by Candice Ransom (2018)

Picture Books

[A Beach Tail](#) by Karen Lynn Williams (2010) (PreK-1st)

[A Boy Like You](#) by Frank Murphy (2019) (K-2nd)

[All Are Welcome](#) by Alexandra Penfold (2018) (PreK-2nd)

[All Different Now: Juneteenth, the First Day of Freedom](#) by Angela Johnson (2014) (2nd-3rd)

[Around the Table that Grandad Built](#) by Melanie Heuwer Hill (2019) (PreK-2nd)

[Astro Girl](#) by Ken Wilson-Max (2017) (PreK-K)

[B is for Baby](#) by Atinuke (2019) (PreK-K)

[Be a Maker](#) by Katey Howes (2019) (PreK-1st)

[Bea's Bees](#) by Katherine Pryor (2019) (1st-3rd)

[Bilal Cooks Daal](#) by Aisha Saeed (2019) (PreK)

[Brave Ballerina: The Story of Janet Collins](#) by Michelle Meadows (2019) (PreK-2nd)

[Carmela Full of Wishes](#) by Matt de la Peña (2018) (PreK-2nd)

[Cece Loves Science](#) by Kimberly Derting (2018) (K-3rd)

[Common Threads: Adam's Day at the Market](#) by Huda Essa (2019) (PreK)

[Cool Cuts](#) by Mechal Renee Roe (2020) (PreK-1st)

[Daniel's Good Day](#) by Micha Archer (2019) (PreK-K)

[Fairy Science](#) by Ashley Spires (2019) (K-2nd)

[Fearless Mary: Mary Fields, American Stagecoach Driver](#) by Tami Charles (2019) (PreK-3rd)

[The Best Kind of Bear](#) by Greg Gormley (2019) (PreK)

[The Big Bed](#) by Bunmi Laditan (2018) (PreK-K)

[The Big Five](#) by Bella Makatini (2019) (PreK-K)

[The End of Something Wonderful](#) by Stephanie Lucianovic (2019) (1st-3rd)



Picture Books (continued)

[*Five Minutes: \(That's a Lot of Time\) \(No, It's Not\) \(Yes, It Is\)*](#) by Liz Garton Scanlon (2019) (PreK-1st)

[*Georgia's Terrific, Colorific Experiment*](#) by Zoe Persico (2019) (K-3rd)

[*Going Down Home with Daddy*](#) by Kelly Starling Lyons (2019) (PreK-2nd)

[*Granddaddy's Turn: A Journey to the Ballot Box*](#) by Michael S. Bandy (2019) (2nd -3rd)

[*Grandpa's Stories*](#) by Joseph Coelho (2019) (PreK-3rd)

[*Hair, It's a Family Affair!*](#) by Mylo Freeman (2019) (PreK-2nd)

[*Hair Love*](#) by Matthew Cherry (2019) (PreK-3rd)

[*Hammering for Freedom*](#) by Rita Lorraine Hubbard (2018) (1st-3rd)

[*Hands Up!*](#) by Breanna J. McDaniel (2019) (PreK-3rd)

[*Harriet Gets Carried Away*](#) by Jessie Sima (2019) (PreK)

[*Henry's Freedom Box: A True Story from the Underground Railroad*](#) by Ellen Levine (2007) (2nd-3rd)

[*Hey, Wall: A Story of Art and Community*](#) by Susan Verde (2018) (K-3)

[*Hide and Seek*](#) by Polly Noakes (2019) (PreK-K)

[*The Hike*](#) by Alison Farrell (2019) (PreK-K)

[*Home is a Window*](#) by Stephanie Parsley Ledyard (2019) (PreK-3rd)

[*How to Read a Book*](#) by Kwame Alexander (2019) (K-3rd)

[*How to Take Care of Your Dinosaur*](#) by Jason Cockcroft (2019) (PreK-1st)

[*I Am Perfectly Designed*](#) by Karamo Brown (2019) (PreK-2nd)

[*I Can Write the World*](#) by Joshunda Sanders (2019) (K-3rd)

[*I Used To Be Famous*](#) by Tara Luebbe and Becky Cattie (2019) (PreK-1st)

[*Ice Breaker*](#) by Rose Viña (2019) (PreK-2nd)

[*I'm a Brilliant Little Black Boy!*](#) by Joshua Drummond (2016) (PreK-2nd)

[*If Sharks Disappeared*](#) by Lily Williams (2017) (K-2nd)

[*Izzy Gizmo*](#) by Pip Jones (2018) (PreK-2nd)

[*The King of Kindergarten*](#) by Derrick Barnes (2019) (PreK-K)

[*The Little Red Stroller*](#) by Joshua Furst (2019) (PreK-K)

[*Lola Goes to School*](#) by Anna McQuinn (2019) (PreK)

[*Look Up With Me*](#) by Neil Degrasse Tyson (2019) (PreK-2nd)

[*Loretta's Gift*](#) by Pat Zietlow Miller (2018) (PreK-1st)

[*Love You Head to Toe*](#) by Ashley Barron (2019) (PreK)

[*Lovely*](#) by Jess Hong (2017) (PreK-2nd)

[*M is for Melanin*](#) by Tiffany Rose (2019) (PreK-K)

[*Max Speed*](#) by Stephen Shaskan (2019) (PreK-K)

[*Mira's Curly Hair*](#) by Maryam Al Serkal (2019) (PreK-1st)

[*Missing Daddy*](#) by Mariame Kaba (2019) (PreK-1st)

[*My Hair*](#) by Hannah Lee (2019) (PreK-1st)

[*My Mama is a Mechanic*](#) by Doug Cenko (2019) (PreK)

[*My Mommy Medicine*](#) by Edwidge Danticat (2019) (PreK)

[*The Night is Yours*](#) by Abdul-Razak Zachariah (2019) (PreK-2nd)

[*Nighttime Symphony*](#) by Timbaland (2019) (PreK)

[*Not Quite Snow White*](#) by Ashley Franklin (2019) (1st-2nd)

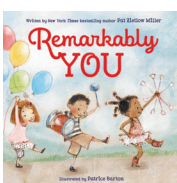
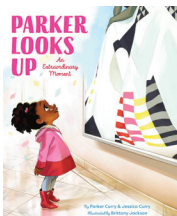
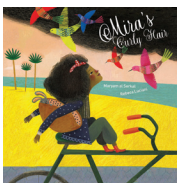
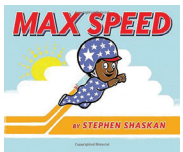
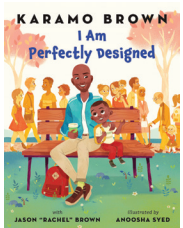
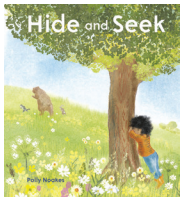
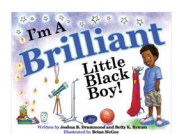
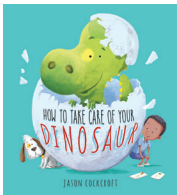
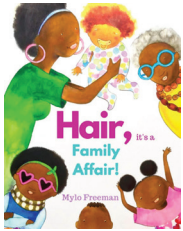
[*Octopus Stew*](#) by Eric Velasquez (2019) (K-2nd)

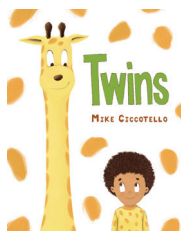
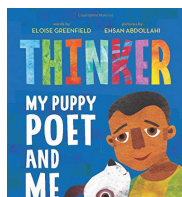
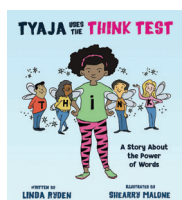
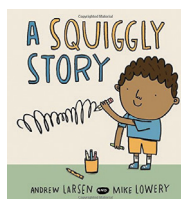
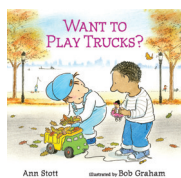
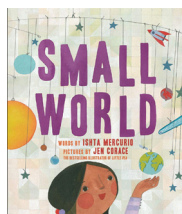
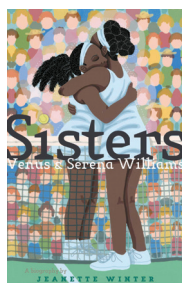
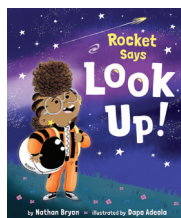
[*Off & Away*](#) by Cale Atkinson (2018) (PreK-2nd)

[*The One Day House*](#) by Julia Durango (2017) (1st-3rd)

[*Parker Looks Up*](#) by Parker Curry (2019) (PreK-1st)

[*The Proudest Blue*](#) by Ibtihaj Muhammad (2019) (K-3rd)





Picture Books (continued)

[*Remarkably You*](#) by Pat Zietlow Miller (2019) (PreK-1st)

[*Right This Very Minute*](#) by Lisl H. Detlefsen (K-1st)

[*Rocket Says Look Up!*](#) by Nathan Bryon (2019) (K-2nd)

[*Ruby Finds A Worry*](#) by Tom Percival (2019) (PreK-2nd)

[*Saturday*](#) by Oge Mora (2019) (PreK-1st)

[*Sing a Song*](#) by Kelly Starling Lyons (2019) (1st-3rd)

[*Sisters: Venus & Serena Williams*](#) by Jeanette Winter (2019) (K-3rd)

[*Small World*](#) by Ishta Mercurio (2019) (PreK-2nd)

[*Some Days*](#) by Karen Kaufman Orloff (2019) (PreK-K)

[*A Squiggly Story*](#) by Andrew Larsen (2016) (PreK-2nd)

[*Sulwe*](#) by Lupita Nyong'o (2019) (PreK-2nd)

[*Tallulah the Tooth Fairy CEO*](#) by Dr. Tamara Pizzoli (2019) (1st-3rd)

[*Thank You, Omu!*](#) by Oge Mora (2018) (PreK-2nd)

[*Thinker: My Puppy Poet and Me*](#) by Eloise Greenfield (2019) (1st-3rd)

[*Twins*](#) by Mike Ciccotello (2019) (PreK-1st)

[*Tyaja Uses the ThiNK Test*](#) by Linda Ryden (2019) (K-3rd)

[*Undefeated*](#) by Kwame Alexander (2019) (2nd - 3rd)

[*Wallpaper*](#) by Thao Lam (2018) (PreK-2nd)

[*Want to Play Trucks?*](#) by Ann Stott (2018) (PreK-K)

[*When Aidan Became a Brother*](#) by Kyle Lukoff (2019) (PreK-2nd)

[*When Grandma Gives You a Lemon Tree*](#) by Jamie L.B. Deenihan (2019) (PreK-1st)

[*You and Me and Home Sweet Home*](#) by George Ella Lyon (2009) (1st-3rd)