

## Brazos Valley African American Museum

### Family Library Collection

#### Family Library “Wish” list for books for Pre-K – 12<sup>th</sup> graders

This suggested list of appropriate books will enhance our current family library holdings. The library books will be useful for families to share for enhancing knowledge and reading literacy. They may be used for reading aloud or for oral storytelling resources for school groups who visit the Museum .

New or gently used books either from this list or your own personal choice will be greatly appreciated. The books are listed in subject categories. Friends and families might chose to make a book donation to the Museum in honor of someone’s birthday or accomplishment. Thank you for your consideration of this service to our Museum and community. This list will also appear on the Museum website: [www.bvaam.org](http://www.bvaam.org)

<b>Folk Tales</b>		
<b>Author</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Grade level</b>
• Eric Kimmel	Anansi and the Talking Melon	K-5
• Gerald McDermott	Anansi the Spider	K-5
• Gerald McDermott	Zomo the Rabbit	K-3
• Bobby and Sherry Norfolk	Anansi Goes to Lunch	K-5
• Bobby and Sherry Norfolk	Anansi and the Tug O’War	K-3
• Eric Kimmel	Anansi and the Magic Stick	K-5
• Eric Kimmel	Anansi and the Moss Covered Rock	K-5
• Eric Kimmel	Anansi Goes Fishing	K-5
• Gail Haley	A Story, A Story	3-6
• Nelson Mandela	Favorite African Folktales	K-8
• Susan Kantor	African American Read Aloud Stories	K-6
• Virginia Hamilton	The People Could Fly	3-12
• Pete Seeger	Abiyoyo	K-5
• Verna Ardema	Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain	2-4
• Verna Ardema	Traveling to Tondo	2-4
• Martha Hamilton and Mitch Weiss	The well of Truth	2-5
• Angela Shelf Medearis	Too Much Talk	K-4
<b>Underground Railroad</b>		
• Sharon Shavers Gayle	Escape	3-6
• Ellen Levine	If You Traveled on the Underground Railroad	3-6
• Ellen Levine	Henry’s Freedom Box	2-5
• Jeanette Winter	Follow the Drinking Gourd	2-6
• Faith Ringgold	Aunt Harriet’s Underground Railroad in the Sky	2-4

• Catherine Nichols	Harriet Tubman	2-4
• Monica Kulling	Escape North: The Story of Harriet Tubman	2-4
• Vaunda Nelson	Almost to Freedom	3-6
• Catherine Nichols	Harriet Tubman	2-4
• Florence Freedman	Two Tickets to Freedom	4-8
• David Adler	A Picture Book of Harriet Tubman	2-4
• Jim Haskins	Get on Board: The Story of the Underground Railroad	6-12
<b>Depression Era</b>		
• Angela Shelf Medearis	Picking Peas for a Penny	K-3
• Barbara H. Cole	Wash Day	K-3
• Polly Greenburg	O Lord, I Wish I Was a Buzzard	K-2
• Jacqueline Woodson	Coming on Home Soon	2-4
• Margaret King Mitchell	Uncle Jed's Barbershop	3-5
<b>Civil Rights Era</b>		
• Robert Coles	The Story of Ruby Bridges	3-5
• Faith Ringgold	If a Bus Could Talk	3-5
• Ruby Bridges	Ruby Bridges Goes to School	1-3
• Courtney Baker	Let's read about Rosa Parks	2-4
• Richard Kelso	Walking for Freedom	4-6
• Rosa Parks with Jim Haskins	Rosa Parks: My Story	6-12
<b>George Washington Carver</b>		
• Eva Moore	The Story of George Washington Carver	3-5
• Tonya Bolden	George Washington Carver	4-8
• Jim Gigliotti	Who Was George Washington Carver?	3-8
• Elizabeth MacLeod	George Washington Carver	5-12
<b>Martin Luther King</b>		
• Garret Jackson	Martin Luther King, Jr: A Man of Peace	2-5
• Margaret Davidson	I Have a Dream	4-6
• Ellen Levine	If You Lived in the Time of Martin Luther King	4-8
• Jim Haskins	The Day Martin Luther King Was Shot	6-12
• Jean Marzollo	Happy Birthday, Martin Luther King	2-4
• David Adler	A Picture Book of Martin Luther King, Jr.	2-4
• Alyse Sweeney	Martin Luther King, Jr.: A Man with a Dream	K-2
• Doreen Rappaport	Martin's Big Words	K-3
<b>Discrimination</b>		
• Desmond Tutu	Desmond and the Very Mean Word	K-4
• Margaret Mason	These Hands	2-4
• Patricia Polacco	Mr. Lincoln's Way	3-6
• Rose Blue	Ron's Big Mission	3-6
• Patricia McKissack	Going Some Place Special	3-6
• William Miller	Richard Wright and the Library Card	3-6
<b>Black Leaders</b>		
• Margaret Davidson	Frederick Douglas Fights for Freedom	4-8

• Beatrice Gormley	Barack Obama: Our 44 <sup>th</sup> President	4-12
• Roberta Edwards	Who Is Barack Obama	4-9
• Megan Stine	Who Is Michelle Obama	4-9
• Wade Hudson	Five Brave Explorers	4-6
• Toyomi Igus	Great Women in the Struggle	6-12
• Wade Hudson	Book of Black Heroes from A-Z	4-12
• Jim Haskins	One More River to Cross	6-12
• Faith Ringgold	Dinner at Aunt Connie's House	3-6
• Marie Bradby	More Than Anything Else	3-5
<b>Life in Africa</b>		
• Katie Smith Milway	One Hen	3-6
• Page McBrier	Beatrice's Goat	1-4
• Jane Cowen Fletcher	It Takes a Village	K-3
• Barbara Margolies	Rehema's Journey	3-5
<b>Black Inventors</b>		
• Wendy Towle	The Real McCoy: The Life of African American Inventor	4-8
• Kareen Abdul Jabbar	What Color Is My World?	4-12
• Louis Haber	Black Pioneers of Science and Invention	6-12
• Jeri Ferris	What Are You Figuring Now: A Story about Benjamin Banneker	3-8
<b>Black Musicians</b>		
• Pam Munoz Ryan	When Marian Sang	4-8
• Yona Zeidos	Who Was Louis Armstrong	4-6
• Terry Teachout	Pops: Life of Louis Armstrong	8-12
• David Francis and Bob Reiser	David Gets His Drum	2-4
• Jim Haskins	Black Dance in America	4-6
• Jim Haskins	Black Music in America	4-8
• Jim Haskins	Scott Joplin: The Man Who Made Ragtime	6-12
<b>Black Athletes</b>		
• David Adler	A Picture Book of Jesse Owens	2-4
• Eloise Greenfield	For the Love of the Game: Michael Jordan and Me	2-4
<b>Black Authors</b>		
• Mildred D. Taylor	Let the Circle be Unbroken	4-9
• Mildred D. Taylor	The Road to Memphis	4-9
• Mildred D. Taylor	The Friendship	3-5
• Mildred D. Taylor	The Gold Cadillac	3-5
• Mildred Pitts Walter	Justin and the best Biscuits in the World	3-5
• Mildred Pitts Walter	My Mama Needs Me	K-2
• Patricia McKissack	Run Away Home	3-6
• Patricia McKissack	Can You Imagine?	3-6
• Angela Shelf Medearis	Dancing with the Indians	K-3
• Christopher Paul Curtis	Bud, Not Buddy	5-9
• John Steptoe	Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters	2-5

<b>Black Poets</b>		
• Wade Hudson	Pass it On: African American Poetry for Children	3-8
• James Weldon Johnson	Lift Every Voice and Sing	4-8
• Ellen Labrecque	Who Was Maya Angelou	4-8
• Langston Hughes	My People	K-4
•		
<b>Black Artists</b>		
• Jacob Lawrence	The Great Migration	4-8
• John Duggleby	Story Painter: The Life of Jacob Lawrence	4-12
• Faith Ringgold	(Any of her books)	
• Kathy Whitehead and Shane Evans	Art From Her Heart: Clementine Hunter	3-8
• Jerry Pinkney	Home Place	3-6
<b>Modern Day Life</b>		
• Juanita Harill	Jamaica Tag Along	K-3
• Juanita Harill	Jamaica's Find	K-3
• Dolores Johnson	What Kind of Babysitter Is This?	1-4
• Mary Hoffman	Boundless Grace	2-5
• Mary Hoffman	Amazing Grace	K-3
• Kimberly Willis Holt	Mister and Me	4-6
• Will Smith	Just the Two of Us	K-3
• Gwendolyn Hooks	Three's a Crowd	K-3
• Ezra Jack Keats	Whistle for Willie	K-2
• Ezra Jack Keats	Pete's Chair	K-2
• Dolores Johnson	My Mom Is My Show and Tell	K-1
• Alice Mead	Junebug	2-5
<b>Inspiration</b>		
• Desmond Tutu	God's Dream	K-3
• Leo and Diane Dillon	If Kids Ran the World	K-3
• Michelle Cook	Our Children Can Soar	K-3
• Leo and Diane Dillon	To Everything there is a Season	K-3
• Barack Obama	Of Thee I Sing: A Letter to My Daughters	K-3
• Bryan Collier	Lift Every Voice and Sing	