

# Diversity

## Why Diversity?

A diverse library collection broadens people's understanding of the world. It also offers the opportunity for patrons to see themselves in books. Diversity can include race and ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability and religion. The following bibliography is a place to start.

### Children's and Teen Book Awards

- American Indian Youth Literature Award (AILA)
- American Indians in Children's Literature (AICL)
- Americas Award - Latinx
- Asian Pacific American Libraries Association Awards
- Belpre- Latinx author
- Coretta Scott King- African American authors and illustrators
- Ezra Jack Keats Award
- In the Margins- BIPOC Injustice
- Over the Rainbow- LGBTQ- children's and adult books
- Schneider Family- Disability
- Stonewall- LGBTQ
- Walter Dean Myers Award for Outstanding Children's Literature
- We Need Diverse Books

### Adult Awards for Diversity

(You can search and find many more awards for both children and adults)

- Arab American Book Awards
- Association for Asian Studies Prize
- Jewish Book Council
- Lambda Literary Award
- Modern Language Association Prizes
- Ruth Benedict Prize LGBTQ

Some sources of diverse book lists as the bibliography becomes dated:

- A Room Of One's Own Books - follow this bookstore on any social media for great diverse book lists
- adlit.org diverse books project
- BookRiot.com
- Diversebookfinder.org for BIPOC titles
- Lakotabooks.com
- NPR's Books We Love
- Read Across America
- Readingmiddlegrade.com
- Small presses owned by Black, Indigenous and People of Color (link on University of Wisconsin-Madison website)
- Tribal websites