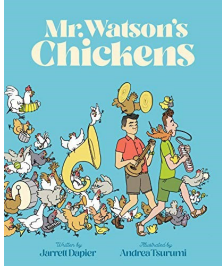


2023 Rainbow List for Children

The 2023 Rainbow List is selected by the committee of the Rainbow Project, a joint task force of the Social Responsibilities Round Table and the Gay, Lesbian, Transgender, and Queer Round Table of the American Library Association. This booklist includes selected titles for children available in HSPLS. Books with an *asterisk are "Top Ten Titles." For the complete 2023 Rainbow List, visit [2023 Rainbow Books List](#). Some titles may be available in e-formats. Check the catalog or ask a librarian for assistance.

Preschool



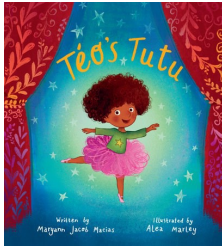
Dapier, Jarrett and Andrea Tsurumi (illustrator)

Mr. Watson's Chickens

E Dapier, Ages 3-4

Picture Book, Fiction

Mr. Watson's chicken family has grown exponentially! When his partner, Mr. Nelson, threatens to leave him, he must figure out how to find them new homes. With one accident, the chickens escape and must be found. With detailed illustrations, and almost too many chickens to count, readers will be taken on a wacky, feather-filled adventure of love.



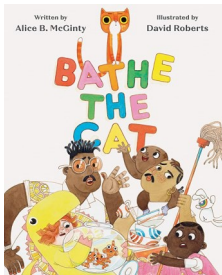
Macias, Maryann Jacob and Alea

Marley Téó's Tutu

E Macias, Ages 3-5

Picture Book, Fiction

Teo must decide between silver pants or a tutu for his big dance recital.



McGinty, Alice B., and David Roberts

***Bathe the Cat**

E McGinty, Ages 2-6

Picture Book, Fiction Grandma's coming for a visit, so everyone needs to pitch in. But somehow, the list of chores keeps getting mixed up in ridiculous combinations. A silly rhyming read featuring a mixed family with two dads.



Membrino, Anna and Joy Hwang Ruiz (illustrator)

My Moms Love Me

E Membrino, Ages 3-5

Picture Book, Fiction

A rhythmic rhyming read aloud perfect for storytime from the perspective of a young kid sharing the day with their mom and mama.



Neilson, Emily

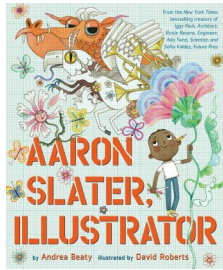
The Rainbow Parade

E Neilson, Ages 3-4

Picture Book, Fiction

Emily attends her first Pride Parade, but gets nervous when her mom suggests joining it.

Early Elementary



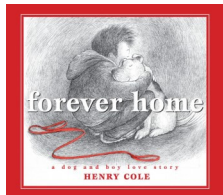
Beaty, Andrea and David Roberts (illustrator)

Aaron Slater, Illustrator

E Beaty, Ages 4-7

Picture Book, Fiction

A young boy dreams of being a writer, despite his struggles with dyslexia. With the help of his moms and teacher, his dream is well within reach.



Cole, Henry

Forever Home

E Cole, Ages 4-8

Picture Book, Fiction-Wordless

A little boy wants to show his dads that he is ready for the responsibility of owning a dog. An abandoned dog is lonely and looking for a home. Will they both find who they are looking for?



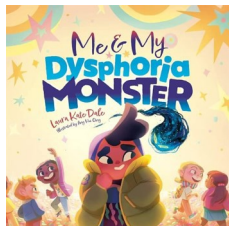
Cornwall, Gaia

The Best Bed For Me

E Cornwall, Ages 3-7

Picture Book, Fiction

Mama tells Sweet Pea that it is bedtime, but Sweet Pea isn't ready yet. Ignoring Mama's attempts to get them to sleep, Sweet Pea is busy imagining themselves sleeping like various animals. In the end, Sweet Pea knows that their bed is the best way for them to sleep.



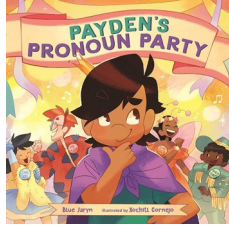
Dale, Laura Kate and Ang Hui Qing (illustrator)

Me & My Dysphoria Monster

E Dale, Ages 5-8

Picture Book, Fiction

Nisha's Dysphoria Monster was small, but whenever she is referred to as a boy or has to hide her true self, the monster grows larger and larger. Soon the monster is like a dark cloud over Nisha. Her parents introduce her to Jack, a trans man with a dysphoria monster of his own, who teaches Nisha how to shrink her own monster to a more manageable size.



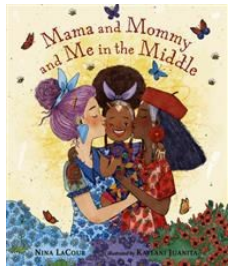
Jaryn, Blue and Xochitl Cornejo (illustrator)

Payden's Pronoun Party

E Jaryn, Ages 4-8

Picture Book, Fiction

Payden isn't so sure about using he/him anymore and wants to find pro-nouns that are a better fit. Payden's journey leads to asking different friends about their pronouns and ends in a party to celebrate whatever pro-nouns Payden chooses.



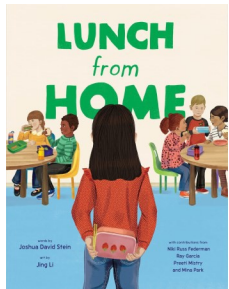
LaCour, Nina and Kaylani Juanita (illustrator)

***Mama and Mommy and Me in the Middle**

E LaCour, Ages 3-7

Picture Book, Fiction

A little girl has to deal with the loneliness she feels when her Mommy goes away on a trip. No matter what fun things she and Mama do, the wait for Mommy to come back feels like forever.



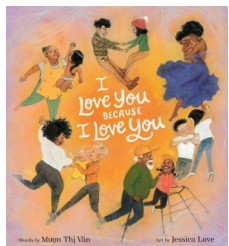
Stein, Joshua David and Jing Li (illustrator)

Lunch From Home

E Stein, Ages 3-6

Picture Book, Fiction

When Preeti brings dhokla cake topped with vagar for lunch, they're made fun of for their food choices. Mina is also bullied for bringing her gimbap for lunch, as is Niki for her lox bagel, and Ray for his burrito. By Friday, everyone at school is eating sandwiches. But eating only sandwiches can get boring, so soon Preeti, Mina, Niki, and Ray are bringing back their favorite foods and standing up to their classmates.



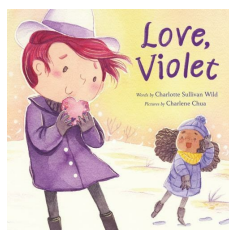
Văn, Muộn Thị, and Jessica Love (illustrator)

I Love You Because I Love You

E Văn, Ages 4-8

Picture Book, Fiction

Love is powerful but not always easy to describe. This picture book shows diverse families expressing the many reasons they love each other.



Wild, Charlotte Sullivan and Charlene Chau (illustrator)

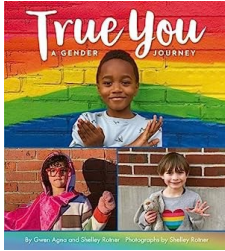
Love, Violet

E Wild, Ages 4-8

Picture Book, Fiction

Mira is the only person in school who makes Violet shy and nervous. But when Valentine's Day rolls around, she works up the courage to take the opportunity to make her feelings known.

Non Fiction



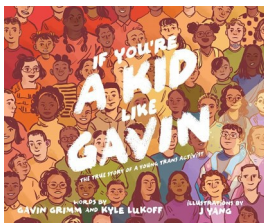
Agna, Gwen and Shelley Rotner

True You: A Gender Journey

J 306.768 Ag, Ages 4-8

Picture Book, Nonfiction

This photographic picture book shows a variety of kids and their gender identities.



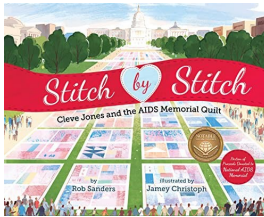
Grimm, Gavin, Kyle Lukoff, and J. Yang (illustrator)

If You're a Kid Like Gavin

J B Grimm Gr, Ages 4-8

Picture Book, Nonfiction

When Gavin's school takes away his right to use the bathroom of his choice, he takes a stand.



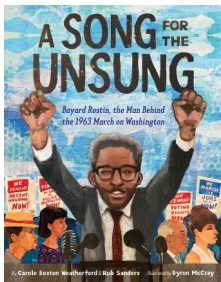
Sanders, Rob and Jamey Christoph (illustrator)

Stitch by Stitch: Cleve Jones and the AIDS Memorial Quilt

J B Jones Sa, Ages 4-8

Picture Book, Nonfiction

Learn about Cleve Jones and his creation of the AIDS Memorial Quilt in 1987.



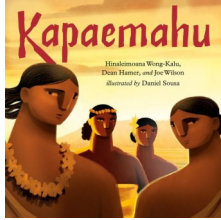
Weatherford, Carole Boston, Rob Sanders, and Byron McCray (illustrator)

***A Song for the Unsung: Bayard Rustin, the Man Behind the 1963 March on Washington**

J B Rustin We, Ages 6-10

Picture book, Nonfiction

A biography about Bayard Rustin, the gay Black man who organized the March on Washington in 1963.



Wong-Kalu, Hinalaimoana, Dean Hamer, Joe Wilson, and Daniel Sousa (illustrator)

Kapaemahu

J H 398.20996 Wo, Ages 4-8

Picture Book, Nonfiction

A dual-language story in both Olelo Niihau and English about the Mahu, healers from Tahiti who were neither male nor female. They settled in Waikiki to teach the native Hawaiians their healing wisdom. Their history has since been nearly erased.

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