NEW BOOKS @ YOUR LIBRARY: CHILDREN’S LITERATURE AND TEACHING MATERIALS

Even though the 4th of July celebration has come and gone, the month of July is still an excellent time to introduce children to American history. The children’s books below are just a few of the titles that we have in the library. The suggested teaching materials have craft and activity ideas, and they can be borrowed from the library too. Please ask one of the librarians if you need any help in finding one of these items. We will be glad to assist you.

CHILDREN’S BOOKS

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<th>America the Beautiful</th>
<th>Dave the Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave</th>
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<td>By Katherine Lee Bates; illus. by Neil Waldman</td>
<td>By Laban Carrick Hill; illus. by Bryan Collier</td>
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<td>PUBLISHER: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 1993</td>
<td>PUBLISHER: Little, Brown, 2010</td>
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The patriotic song about the United States is beautifully illustrated. Children can hear about the wonders of our country through the lyrics and they can see the wonders of the United States through Mr. Waldman’s illustrations. The National Parks Service has a website for teachers that links to images from the National Parks, activity ideas, and history information.

In this Coretta Scott King honor book, students learn about the life of a slave named Dave who was a talented artist and poet. Read the an interview with the author on this site to learn more about Dave.
| ![Fireboat](image1) | **Fireboat: The Heroic Adventures of the John J. Harvey**  
Written and illus. by Maira Kalman  
PUBLISHER: G.P. Putnam’s Sons, 2002  
Ms. Kalman tells the story of a fireboat that was used to put out fires for several years during the 20th century. It went into retirement, but when the tragedy of September 11, 2001 occurred it went back to work and helped the people of New York City. Pair this book with the Caldecott-winning *The Man Who Walked Between the Towers* to help children understand the events of that day. |
| ![Looking at Lincoln](image2) | **Looking at Lincoln**  
Written and illus. by Maira Kalman  
President Lincoln’s life story is told by author Maira Kalman. She includes details of Mr. Lincoln’s life that children will likely find funny. Ms. Kalman, reads her book on YouTube. |
| ![Our White House](image3) | **Our White House**  
Written and illus. by over 100 authors and illustrators  
PUBLISHER: Candlewick, 2008  
Well-known authors and illustrators like, Jane Yolen and Steven Kellogg, recreate life in the White House for young people. There are stories from the earliest days of the White House up to the time of President George W. Bush. Click on this site to learn more about the presidents of the United States. |

Read about the book’s illustrator and his work on the book [here](#).
Sequoyah
Written and illus. by James Rumford

PUBLISHER: Houghton Mifflin, 2004
Call #: JF R

This is a biography of Sequoyah, the Native American man who created a language for his people, the Cherokee. Learn more about Sequoyah at this site.

Walt Whitman: Words for America
Written by Barbara Kerley; illus. by Brian Selznick

PUBLISHER: Scholastic, 2004
Call #: JF K

In this biography, children can learn about an American soldier who became a poet and memorialized President Lincoln after he was assassinated.

TEACHING RESOURCES

Hands on Art Activities for the Elementary Classroom: Seasonal, Holiday, and Design Activities for Grades K-5
By Jude Cataldo

Call #: 372.5044 C352h

Do you need ideas for how to celebrate Columbus Day, the Fourth of July, or Thanksgiving? If so, this book has ideas for those holidays and many more.
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<td>Lessons from Turtle Island: Native Curriculum in Early Childhood Classrooms</td>
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<td>In this book written by a Native American and a white person, teachers can learn of appropriate methods and activities to teach young children about Native Americans and their history.</td>
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<td>Little Hands Celebrate America: Learning about the USA through Crafts and Activities</td>
<td>372.21 H376</td>
<td>Easy crafts and activities like making crowns, Navajo bracelets, and a patchwork quilt, help introduce America's history, geography, symbols, and people. <em>Summary provided by the publisher.</em></td>
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<td>Social Studies and Me: Using Children’s Books to Learn about Our World</td>
<td>372.83 A549</td>
<td>The author pairs children’s fiction and nonfiction picture books with curriculum standards and provides extension lessons and a list of additional picture books for teachers to use.</td>
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