



## Children and Young Adult Literature Suggestions

**“The whole world opened up to me when I learned to read” – Mary McCleod Bethune**

Amongst the many names of family members, children’s authors and illustrators are just as inspirational as the everyday elements to black children and progressing young adults. The Auburn Avenue Research library welcomes all readers and little minds. AARL’s Children’s collection extends to young adult titles, graphic novels, large print and biographical illustration and books.

These colorful illustrations of the black experience embody more than representation on the shelves; yet, also empowers black children and parents. *Black Joy*, and *Black Boy Joy*, *Black Lives Matter* and similar cultural narratives and movements are included, as they continuously redefine the black experience and expressions.

This listing provides children’s non-fiction and fiction, large-print and biographical books that illustrate historical figures. The Coretta Scott King Book Awards authors are also included.

AARL maintains non-circulating policies of its collection; however, patrons are able to utilize materials in-house. Call numbers are provided, to easily inquire and obtain resources.

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### **Audio/Visual Collection:**

**Shelley Duvall’s Tall Tales and Legends: John Henry**

Author: Danton, Ray

Pub Date: 2005

Call #: DVD 398.2 SHELLEY

**Dreadlocks and the Three Bears**

Author: Larkin, Alile Sharon

Pub Date: 1991

Call #: VHS 398.2

**Ghana**

Author: Ernst, Patti	Pub Date:1996	Call #: VHS 916.67 GHANA
<b>Tales from the Land of Gullah -- for Kids</b>		
Author: Singleton-Prather, Anita	Pub Date:1999	Call #: VHS 398.2 TALES
<b>Lift Every Voice</b>		
Author: Turnbull, Walter J.	Pub Date:1995	Call #: CAS 782.7 TURNBULL
<b>Ramadan</b>		
Author: Schlessinger Video Pro.	Pub Date: 1996	Call #: VHS 297.362 RAMADAN VHS 299.36 RAMADAN
<b>March on! The Day My Brother Martin Changed the World-- and More Stories about African American History</b>		
Author: Whitfield, Lynn	Pub Date: 2010	Call #: DVD 323.092 MARC
<b>Garrett's Gift</b>		
Author: Parsons, Karyn	Pub Date:	Call #: DVD B MORGAN
<b>Akeelah and the Bee</b>		
Author: Atchison, Doug	Pub Date:1996	Call #: DVD 791.43 AKEELAH
<b>Kirkou et Les Betes Sauvages Kirkou and the Wild Beasts</b>		
Author: Ocelot, Michel	Pub Date:2008	Call #: F DVD 791.43 KIRIKOU
<b>Ruby Bridges</b>		
Author: Hopkins, Anne	Pub Date:2004	Call #: DVD 791.43 RUBY
<b>Kwanzaa</b>		
Author: Schlessinger Video Pro.	Pub Date: 1994	Call #: WR 784.7 TRENT-JOHNS
<b>Stories from the Black Tradition</b>		
Author: Children's Circle	Pub Date: 1993	Call #: VHS 398.2 STORIES
<b>How the Leopard Got His Spots</b>		
Author: Glover, Danny	Pub Date:1989	Call #: VHS 398.2 HOW
<b>The Boys of Baraka</b>		
Author: Ewing, Heidi E.	Pub Date:2005	Call #: DVD 365.42 BOYS
<b>Lone Star Kid</b>		

Author: Jones, James Earl                      Pub Date:1986                      **Call #:** VHS 398.2 KUUMBA

**Kummba**

Author: Lawrence, Carol Munday              Pub Date:1978                      **Call #:** VHS 398.2 KUUMBA

**When the Animals Talked**

Author: Faulkner, William J.                      Pub Date: 1982                      **Call #:** VHS 398.2

**Children's Stories from Africa**

Author: Nyembe, Nandi                      Pub Date:1997                      **Call #:** J VHS 398.2 CHILDREN'S  
V.1-4

**Sing Along with Binyah Binyah**

Author: Daise, Natalie                      Pub Date:1997                      **Call #:** VHS 791.45 SING

**Books:**

**Bronzeville Boys and Girls**

**Author:** Brooks, Gwendolyn  
**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** 811.54 BROOKS

**We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League baseball**

**Author:** Nelson, Kadir                      **Pub Date:** 2008  
**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** 796.35764 NELSON

**Patina**

**Author:** Reynolds, Jason  
**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** J 813.54 REYNOLDS

**A Poem for Peter: The Story of Ezra Jack Keats and the Creation of The Snowy Day**

**Author:** Pinkney, Andrea Davis  
**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** B KEATS

**The Great Migration: Journey to the North**

**Author:** Greenfield, Eloise                      **Pub Date:** 2011  
**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** 811.54 GREENFIELD

**Preaching to the Chickens**

**Author:** Asim, Jabari

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** B LEWIS

**Under the Freedom Tree**

**Author:** VanHecke, Susan

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** 811.54 VANHECKE

**Sunny**

**Author:** Reynolds, Jason

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** J 813.54 REYNOLDS

**Mama Africa!: How Miriam Makeba Spread Hope with Her Song**

**Author:** Erskine, Kathryn

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** J B MAKEBA

**Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut**

**Author:** Barnes, Derrick D.

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** J PICTURE BARNES

**Muddy: The Story of Blues Legend Muddy Waters**

**Author:** Mahin, Michael James

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** J B MUDDY WATERS

**Schomburg: The Man Who Built A Library**

**Author:** Weatherford, Carole Boston

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** J B SCHOMBURG

**Before She Was Harriet**

**Author:** Cline-Ransome, Lesa

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** J B TUBMAN

**A Ring of Tricksters: Animal Tales from America, the West Indies, and Africa**

**Author:** Hamilton, Virginia

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** J 398.2 HAMILTON

**In the Shadow of Liberty: The Hidden History of Slavery, Four Presidents, and Five Black Lives**

**Author:** Davis, Kenneth C.

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** 920.009296 DAVIS

**Same, Same, but Different**

**Author:** KostECKI-Shaw, Jenny Sue

**Pub Date:** 2011

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** J PICTURE KOSTECKI-SHAW

**Rain!**

**Author:** Ashman, Linda

**Pub Date:** 2013

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** J PICTURE ASHMAN

**Tiny Stitches: The Life of Medical Pioneer Vivien Thomas**

**Author:** Brooks, Gwendolyn

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** B THOMAS

**Poet: The Remarkable Story of George Moses Horton**

**Author:** Tate, Don

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** B HORTON

J B HORTON

**Sonya's Chickens**

**Author:** Wahl, Phoebe

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** J PICTURE WAHL

**Momma Says!**

**Author:** Beek, Rosheena

**Pub Date:** 2013

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** 813.6 BEEK

**The Freedom Ship of Robert Smalls**

**Author:** Meriwether, Louise

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** J B SMALLS

**Tuskegee Airmen**

**Author:** Gagne, Tammy

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** 940.544973 GAGNE

**Life a Bird: The Art of the American Slave Song**

**Author:** Grady, Cynthia

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** 940.544973 GAGNE

**Whoosh!: Lonnie Johnson's Super-soaking Stream of Inventions**

**Author:** Barton, Chris

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** B JOHNSON

**The First Step: How One Girl put Segregation on Trial**

**Author:** Goodman, Susan E.

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** 344.744079 GOODMAN

**Freedom in Congo Square**

**Author:** Weatherford, Carole Boston

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** 976.335 WEATHERFORD

**My Name is Truth: The Life of Sojourner Truth**

**Author:** Turner, Ann

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** B TRUTH

**Voice of Freedom: Fannie Lou Hamer, Spirit of the Civil Rights Movement**

**Author:** Weatherford, Carole Boston

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** B HAMER

**Josephine: The Dazzling Life of Josephine Baker**

**Author:** Powell, Patricia Hruby

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** B BAKER

**Separate is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez & Her Family's Fight for Desegregation**

**Author:** Tonatiuh, Duncan

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** 379.263 TONATIUH

**My Name is Truth: The Life of Sojourner Truth**

**Author:** Turner, Ann

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** B TRUTH

**Brick by Brick**

**Author:** Smith, Charles Jr.

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** 975.302 SMITH

**Nelson Mandela**

**Author:** Nelson, Kadir

**Pub Date:** 2013

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** B MANDELA

**Freedom's A-calling Me**

**Author:** Shange, Ntozake

**Pub Date:** 2012

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** 811.54 SHANGE

**Twice as Good: The Story of William Powell and Clearview, the Only Golf Course Designed, Built, and Owned by An African American**

**Author:** Michelson, Richard

**Pub Date:** 2012

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** B POWELL

**Roots and Blues: A Celebrations**

**Author:** Adoff, Arnold

**Auburn Avenue Research Library: 811.54 ADOFF**

**The Gullahs of South Carolina**

**Author:** Hammond, Pearce W.

**Auburn Avenue Research Library: 975.799 HAMMOND**

**Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans**

**Author:** Nelson, Kadir

**Auburn Avenue Research Library: 973.049607 NELSON**

**Underground**

**Author:** Evans, Shane

**Auburn Avenue Research Library: 973.7115 EVANS**

**Ben and the Emancipation Proclamation**

**Author:** Sherman, Patrice

**Pub Date: 2010**

**Auburn Avenue Research Library: 973.714 SHERMAN**

**Jimi: Sounds like A Rainbow: A Story of the Young Jimi Hendrix**

**Author:** Golis, Gary

**Pub Date: 2010**

**Auburn Avenue Research Library: B HENDRIX**

**Dave, the Potter**

**Author:** Hill, Laban Carrick

**Pub Date: 2010**

**Auburn Avenue Research Library: B DAVE**

**Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt**

**Author:** Hopkinson, Deborah

**Pub Date: 1993**

**Auburn Avenue Research Library: 813.54 HOPKINSON**

**Peter's Chair**

**Author:** Keats, Ezra Jack

**Pub Date: 1967**

**Auburn Avenue Research Library: WR 813.54 KEATS**

**Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain: A Nandi Tale**

**Author:** Aarema, Verna

**Pub Date: 1981**

**Auburn Avenue Research Library: 398 AARDEMA**

**Hey, Charleston!: The True Story of the Jenkins Orphanage Band**

**Author:** Rockwell, Anne F.

**Pub Date: 2013**

**Auburn Avenue Research Library: 784.440607 ROCKWELL**

## **Young Adult Suggestions:**

### **Children of Blood and Bone**

**Author:** Adeyemi, Tomi

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** 813.54 ADEYEMI

### **Black Lives Matter**

**Author:** Brooks, Gwendolyn

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** Y 305.896073 EDWARDS

### **The Sun is Also A Star**

**Author:** Yoon, Nicola

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** 813.54 YOON

### **The Hate U Give**

**Author:** Thomas, Angie

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** Y FICTION THOMAS

### **Long Way Down**

**Author:** Reynolds, Jason

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** Y 813.54 REYNOLDS

### **Solo**

**Author:** Alexander, Kwame

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** Y 813.54 ALEXANDER

### **As Brave as You**

**Author:** Brooks, Gwendolyn

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** 813.54 J REYNOLDS

### **For Every One**

**Author:** Reynolds, Jason

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** Y 811.6 REYNOLDS

### **Out of Wonder: Poems Celebrating Poets**

**Author:** Alexander, Kwame

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** J 808.1 ALEXANDER

### **I, Too Am America**

**Author:** Langston, Hughes

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** 811.52 HUGHES

**Pub Date:** 2012



**He Said, She Said: A Novel**

**Author:** Alexander, Kwama

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** Y 813.54 ALEXANDER

**Plunking Reggie Jackson**

**Author:** Bennett, James W.

**Pub Date:** 2001

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** 813.54 BENNETT

**Stranger Fruit: Billie Holiday and the Power of A Protest Song**

**Author:** Bryan, Ashley

**Pub Date:** 2017

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** 782.42165 GOLIO

**March Forward, Girl: From Young Warrior to Little Rock Nine**

**Author:** Beals, Melba

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** B BEALS

**Freedom Riders: A Primary Source Exploration of the Struggle for Racial Justice**

**Author:** Schwartz, Heather E.

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** J 323.119 SCHWARTZ

**One Crazy Summer**

**Author:** Williams-Garcia, Rita

**Pub Date:** 2010

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** 813.54 WILLIAMS-GARCIA

**Same but Different: Teen Life on the Autism Express**

**Author:** Peete, Holly Robinson

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** 618.928588 PEETE

**Brown Girl Dreaming**

**Author:** Woodson, Jacqueline

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** B WOODSON

**Michelle Obama: From Chicago's South Side to the White House**

**Author:** Brill, Marlene

**Pub Date:** 2010

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** B OBAMA

## **Juvenile Graphic Novels:**

### **Black Panther Adventures**

**Author:** Parker, Jeff

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** J 741.5973 PARKER

### **Ghost**

**Author:** Reynolds, Jason

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** Y 813.54 REYNOLDS

### **Moon Girl and Devil Dinosaur. Vol. 5, Fantastic Three**

**Author:** Montclare, Brandon

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** J 741.5973 MONTCLARE V.5

### **Moon girl and Devil Dinosaur. Vol. 3, The smartest there is!**

**Author:** Montclare, Brandon

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** J 741.5973 MONTCLARE V.3

### **Moon Girl and Devil Dinosaur. Vol. 2, Cosmic cooties**

**Author:** Montclare, Brandon

**Pub Date:** 2016

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** J 741.5973 MONTCLARE V. 2

### **Moon Girl and Devil Dinosaur: Vol. I, Fantastic Three**

**Author:** Montclare, Brandon

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** J 741.5973 MONTCLARE V.5

### **Moon Girl and Devil Dinosaur: Vol. I, BFF**

**Author:** Montclare, Brandon

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** 741.5973 MONTCLARE V.1

### **The Young Prince**

**Author:** Smith, Ronald L.

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** J 813.54 SMITH

### **Rise of the Black Panther**

**Author:** Narcisse, Evan

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** Y 741.5973 NARCISSE

### **Black Panther: World of Wakanda**

**Author:** GAY, Roxana

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** Y 741.597 GAY

**Captain America, Black Panther. Flags of Our Fathers**

**Author:** Hudlin, Reginald

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** 741.597 COATES V.3

**March**

**Author:** Lewis, John

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** 328.73092 LEWIS V.3

**March Book II**

**Author:** Lewis, John

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** 328.73092 LEWIS V.2

**Black Lighting, Vol. II**

**Author:** O'Neil, Dennis

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** Y 741.5973 NARCISSE

**Black Dynamite**

**Author:** Ash, Brian

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** 741.5 ASH

**War Brothers: The Graphic Novel**

**Author:** McKay, Sharon E.

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** 741.5 MCKAY

**The Hammer and The Anvil: Frederick Douglass, Abraham Lincoln, and the End of Slavery in America**

**Author:** Zimmerman, Dwight Jon

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** 973.70922 ZIMMERMAN

**The Pothole at the End of the Rainbow**

**Author:** Francis, Stephen

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** 741.5 FRANCIS

**Ash Saves Obama**

**Author:** Narcisse, Evan

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** 741.5 SERRANO

**Yummy: The Last Days of a Southside Shorty**

**Author:** Neri, Greg

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** 305.896073 NERI

**Fist, Stick, Knife, Gun: A Personal History of Violence**

**Author:** Nicholas, Jamar

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** 303.6083 NICHOLAS

**The Hole: Consumer Culture: A Graphic Novel**

**Author:** Duffy, Damian

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** 741.5 DUFFY

**Malcolm X: A Graphic Biography**

**Author:** Helfer, Andrew

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** B X

**Scream Queen**

**Author:** Anderson, Ho Che

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** 741.5 ANDERSON

**Yellow Rose of Texas: The Myth of Emily Morgan**

**Author:** Brode, Douglas

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** 976.405 BRODE

**King 3**

**Author:** Anderson, Ho Che

**Auburn Avenue Research Library:** 741.5 ANDERSON

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