family, friends, & community

NEW MIDDLE GRADE TITLES

Rising Tide Charter Public School Library 2020
Prairie Lotus by Linda Sue Park
Hanna lives with her father in 1880 in the Dakota Territory working in her family's dry goods store. Since Hanna is half Chinese, her pioneer experience is not typical, and she faces prejudice in her town and at school. Hanna tells her story with humor, courage, and ambition.

Black Brother, Black Brother by Jewell Parker Rhodes
Donte and his brother Trey have a black mother and white father. Trey is the family's golden boy: light skinned and popular. Donte always felt invisible until he gets in serious trouble unjustly. Now it's Donte's time to stand up, embrace his identity, and be a leader.

Ghost Squad by Claribel A. Ortega
Most of Lucely's family are friendly ghosts who live in a big tree as fireflies. In Dominican folklore, fireflies are the souls of the dead watching over their loved ones. In the days leading up to Halloween, strange supernatural things start happening, and it's up to Lucely and her best friend Syd to protect their town and families - with a little help from Syd's witchy grandmother, some uncanny cats, and of course, the fireflies.

The List of Things That Will Not Change by Rebecca Stead
Bea has been keeping a list since her parents' divorce of the important things that have stayed the same. She also reflects on the things that are changing. One of the biggest changes is that her father is getting remarried, so Bea will have a new stepfather and stepsister. Although Bea deals with anxiety and eczema, her life is full of love and joy.

Birdie and Me by J. M. M. Nuanez
It's been a year since Jack and Birdie's mother died. They left all they knew in Portland for the small town where their uncles live. One uncle is an easygoing veteran who has trouble adulting, the other is practical but distant. Birdie is bullied, because he doesn't conform to gender norms, and Jack thinks running away is the only answer. In the midst of grief, the family has to learn to come together instead of fall apart.

From the Desk of Zoe Washington by Janae Marks
Zoe is a talented baker hoping to compete in a kids cooking show. She plans to spend her summer baking and hanging out with friends. But, her summer gets much busier after she gets a letter from her father who has been in prison since before she was born. Now she wants to know: "What is her father like?" and "Could he be innocent?" Zoe secretly begins her own investigation.