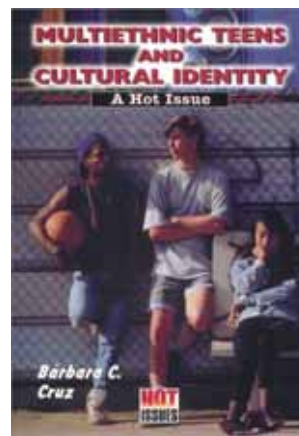
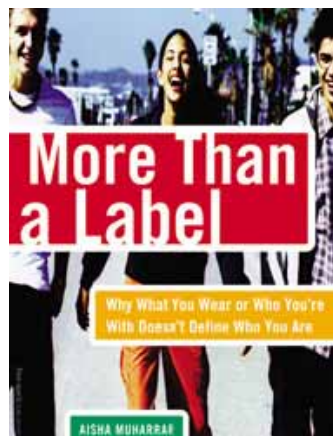


Multicultural Books in the MS LMTC

Below is a list of fiction and non-fiction books we have in the Waunakee Middle School LMTC that reflect the experiences and concerns of Americans of many backgrounds, ethnicities, and cultures. I created these lists by going through various lists of award-winning books, and by examining our own collection. This list is not exhaustive by any means, but may serve as a starting point for finding some of our multicultural materials. Updated May 2009.

General Works Not Focusing on Any One Ethnicity, Culture, Background, etc.

- **Face Relations: 11 Stories About Seeing Beyond Color** (808.8 FAC)
- **Jefferson's children : the Story of One American Family** (920 LAN)
 - *Shannon Lanier traces his family's relationship to Thomas Jefferson and discusses how his African-American ancestors learned they were related to Jefferson.*
- **What are you?: Voices of mixed-race young people** (973 WHA)
 - *Many young people of racially mixed backgrounds discuss their feelings about family relationships, prejudice, dating, personal identity, and other issues.*
- **Multiethnic teens and cultural identity** (305.23 CRU)
 - *Discusses the many issues facing teens of multiethnic descent, including discrimination and the search for ethnic identity in an unsympathetic culture.*
- **More than a Label: why what you wear or who you're with doesn't define who you are** (305.235 MUH)
 - *Drawn from a survey of more than one thousand teenagers, first-person stories help to address the problems inherent in labeling people.*



Coretta Scott King Award/Honor Winners: “...given to an African American author and an African American illustrator for an outstandingly inspirational and educational contribution.”

	<p><i>We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball, by Kadir Nelson</i></p> <p><i>Explores the history of Negro League baseball teams, discussing owners, players, hardships, wins, and losses; and including illustrations.</i></p>	<p>796.357 NEL</p>
	<p><i>Keeping the Night Watch, by Hope Anita Smith</i></p> <p><i>A thirteen-year-old African American boy chronicles what happens to his family when his father, who temporarily left, returns home and they all must deal with their feelings of anger, hope, abandonment, and fear.</i></p>	<p>FIC SMI</p>
	<p><i>Elijah of Buxton, by Christopher Paul Curtis</i></p> <p><i>Eleven-year-old Elijah Freeman, the first free-born child in Buxton, Canada, which is a haven for slaves fleeing the American South in 1859, uses his wits and skills to try to bring to justice the lying preacher who has stolen money that was to be used to buy a family's freedom.</i></p>	<p>FIC CUR</p>
	<p><i>November Blues, by Sharon M. Draper</i></p> <p><i>Shortly after her boyfriend Josh is killed in a pledging accident, November Nelson learns she is pregnant and fears she has no one to turn to, until she finds solace in the arms of Josh's cousin Jericho.</i></p>	<p>FIC DRA</p>
	<p><i>Twelve Rounds to Glory: The Story of Muhammad Ali, by Charles R. Smith Jr.</i></p> <p><i>Rap-inspired verse and illustrations describe the life of Muhammad Ali, discussing his bouts, struggles with societal prejudice, Islamic faith, Olympic glory, and more.</i></p>	<p>921 ALI</p>
	<p><i>Copper Sun, by Sharon M. Draper</i></p> <p><i>Two fifteen-year-old girls--one a slave and the other an indentured servant--escape their Carolina plantation and try to make their way to Fort Moses, Florida, a Spanish colony that gives sanctuary to slaves.</i></p>	<p>FIC DRA</p>

	<p><i>The Road to Paris</i>, by Nikki Grimes</p> <p><i>Inconsolable at being separated from her older brother, eight-year-old Paris is apprehensive about her new foster family but just as she learns to trust them, she faces a life-changing decision.</i></p>	<p>FIC GRI</p>
	<p><i>Jazz</i>, by Walter Dean Myers and Christopher Myers</p> <p><i>A collection of illustrated poems that celebrate the roots and various styles of jazz music, such as ragtime, bebop, and swing.</i></p>	<p>811 MYE</p>
	<p><i>Day of Tears: A Novel in Dialogue</i>, by Julius Lester</p> <p><i>Presents an historical fiction written in first-person format that follows Emma, the slave of Pierce Butler, through a series of events in her life as her master hosts the largest slave auction in American history in Savannah, Georgia in 1859 in order to pay off his mounting gambling debts.</i></p>	<p>FIC LES</p>
	<p><i>Maritcha: A Nineteenth-Century American Girl</i>, by Tonya Bolden</p> <p><i>The personal memoirs of Maritcha Remond Lyons who was born in nineteenth-century New York City. Describes how she and her family escaped to Rhode Island during the 1863 Draft riots and how she overcame prejudice to become the first African-American person to graduate from Providence High School</i></p>	<p>921 LYO</p>
	<p><i>Who Am I Without Him?: Short Stories about Girls and the Boys in Their Lives</i>, By Sharon G. Flake</p> <p><i>Presents ten short stories about teenage girls struggling with issues of self-worth.</i></p>	<p>FIC FLA</p>

	<p><i>The First Part Last</i>, by Angela Johnson</p> <p><i>Bobby's carefree teenage life changes forever when he becomes a father and must care for his adored baby daughter.</i></p>	<p>FIC JOH</p>
	<p><i>Days of Jubilee: The End of Slavery in the United States</i>, by Patricia C. and Fredrick L. McKissack</p> <p><i>Uses slave narratives, letters, diaries, military orders, and other documents to chronicle the various stages leading to the emancipation of slaves in the United States.</i></p>	<p>973.7 MCK</p>
	<p><i>The Legend of Buddy Bush</i>, by Shelia P. Moses</p> <p><i>In 1947, twelve-year-old Pattie Mae is sustained by her dreams of escaping Rich Square, North Carolina, and moving to Harlem when her Uncle Buddy is under arrest for attempted rape of a white woman and her grandfather is diagnosed with a terminal brain tumor.</i></p>	<p>FIC MOS</p>
	<p><i>Bronx Masquerade</i> by Nikki Grimes</p> <p><i>While studying the Harlem Renaissance, students at a Bronx high school read aloud poems they've written, revealing their innermost thoughts and fears to their formerly clueless classmates.</i></p>	<p>FIC GRI</p>
	<p><i>The Land</i> by Mildred Taylor</p> <p><i>Paul-Edward, the son of a part-Indian, part-African slave mother and a White plantation owner father, finds himself caught between the two worlds of his parents as he pursues his dream of owning land in the aftermath of the Civil War.</i></p>	<p>FIC TAY</p>
	<p><i>Money-Hungry</i> by Sharon G. Flake</p> <p><i>All thirteen-year-old Raspberry can think of is making money so that she and her mother never have to worry about living on the streets again.</i></p>	<p>FIC FLA</p>

	<p>Carver: A Life in Poems by Marilyn Nelson</p> <p><i>A collection of poems that combine to provide a portrait of the life of nineteenth-century African-American botanist and inventor George Washington Carver.</i></p>	<p>811 NEL</p>
	<p>Miracle's Boys by Jacqueline Woodson</p> <p><i>Twelve-year-old Lafayette's close relationship with his older brother Charlie changes after Charlie is released from a detention home and blames Lafayette for the death of their mother.</i></p>	<p>FIC WOO</p>
	<p>Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis</p> <p><i>Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father--the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids.</i></p>	<p>FIC CUR</p>
	<p>Monster by Walter Dean Myers</p> <p><i>While on trial as an accomplice to a murder, sixteen-year-old Steve Harmon records his experiences in prison and in the courtroom in the form of a film script as he tries to come to terms with the course his life has taken.</i></p>	<p>FIC MYE</p>


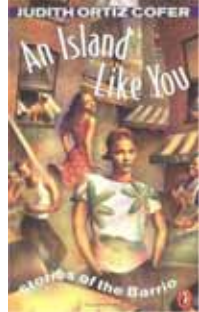

More books from African-American authors, African-American biographies, and books with civil rights themes:

- **The Skin I'm In, by Sharon G. Flake (FIC FLA)**
 - *Thirteen-year-old Maleeka, uncomfortable because her skin is extremely dark, meets a new teacher with a birthmark on her face and makes some discoveries about how to love who she is and what she looks like.*
- **A Dream of Freedom: the Civil Rights Movement from 1954 to 1968 (323.1196 MCW)**
- **Harlem Stomp: a cultural history of the Harlem Renaissance (974.7 HIL)**
- **Maritcha: a nineteenth-century American girl (921 LYO)**
 - *The memoirs of Maritcha Remond Lyons who was born in nineteenth-century New York City and describes how she and her family escaped to Rhode Island during the 1863 Draft riots and how she overcame prejudice to become the first African-American person to graduate from Providence High School.*
- **The Power of One: Daisy Bates & the Little Rock Nine (921 BAT)**

- ***Powerful words: more than 200 years of extraordinary writing by African Americans*** (081 HUD)
- ***Shaky Bones: a story of the Harlem Renaissance*** (974.7 DEL)
- ***The Voice that Challenged a Nation: Marian Anderson and the struggle for equal rights*** (921 AND)
- ***Wake up our souls: a celebration of Black American artists*** (704.03 BOL)

Pura Belpré Award/Honor Winners: “...presented to a Latino/Latina writer and illustrator whose work best portrays, affirms, and celebrates the Latino cultural experience in an outstanding work of literature for children and youth.”

	<p>Margarita Engle, with art by Sean Qualls. <i>The poet slave of Cuba : a biography of Juan Francisco Manzano</i></p> <p><i>A portrait in poems of Juan Francisco Manzano, the poet who was born a slave in Cuba in 1797.</i></p>	<p>861 ENG</p>
	<p>Ryan, Pam Munoz. <i>Becoming Naomi León</i> (we carry both English and Spanish versions)</p> <p><i>When Naomi's absent mother resurfaces to claim her, Naomi runs away to Mexico with her great-grandmother and younger brother in search of her father.</i></p>	<p>FIC RYA</p>
	<p>Julia Alvarez. <i>Before We Were Free</i> (we carry both English and Spanish versions)</p> <p><i>In the early 1960s in the Dominican Republic, twelve-year-old Anita learns that her family is involved in the underground movement to end the bloody rule of the dictator, General Trujillo.</i></p>	<p>FIC ALV</p>
	<p>Nancy Osa. <i>Cuba 15</i></p> <p><i>Violet Paz, a Chicago high school student, reluctantly prepares for her upcoming "quince," a Spanish nickname for the celebration of a Hispanic girl's fifteenth birthday.</i></p>	<p>FIC OSA</p>
	<p>Pam Munoz Ryan. <i>Esperanza Rising</i></p> <p><i>Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their life of wealth and privilege in Mexico to go work in the labor camps of Southern California, where they must adapt to the harsh circumstances facing Mexican farm workers on the eve of the Great Depression.</i></p>	<p>FIC RYA</p>



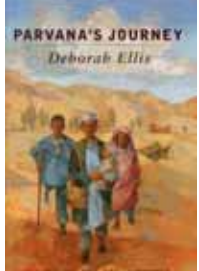
	<p>Martinez, Victor. <i>Parrot in the Oven: mi vida</i></p> <p><i>Manny relates his coming of age experiences as a member of a poor Mexican American family in which the alcoholic father only adds to everyone's struggle.</i></p>	<p>FIC MAR</p>
	<p>Cofer, Judith Ortiz. <i>An Island Like You: Stories of the Barrio</i></p> <p><i>Twelve stories about young people caught between their Puerto Rican heritage and their American surroundings.</i></p>	<p>808.8 ORT</p>
	<p>Lomas Garza, Carmen. <i>Family Pictures / Cuadros de Familia</i></p> <p><i>The author describes, in Spanish and English, her experiences growing up in a Hispanic community in Texas.</i></p>	<p>306.85 GAR</p>

Other books by Hispanic authors or with Hispanic, Mexican American, or Latino/a themes:


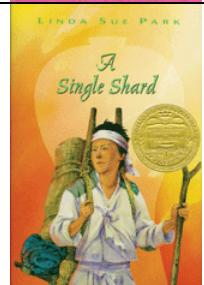
- **100 Hispanic Americans who changed American history** (FIC 920 LAE)
- **The Story of Latino Civil Rights: Fighting for Justice** (323.1 HUN)
- **Latino Folklore and Customs: Stories of Family, Traditions and Pride** (398 SAN)
- **Buried Onions, by Gary Soto** (FIC SOT)
 - *When nineteen-year-old Eddie drops out of college, he struggles to find a place for himself as a Mexican American living in a violence-infested neighborhood of Fresno, California.*
 - *We have several other books by Gary Soto as well.*
- **Calling the Doves / El canto de las palomas** (921 HER)
 - *A bilingual story in English and Spanish in which the author recalls his childhood in the mountains and valleys of California with his Mexican-American migrant farmworker parents who inspired him with poetry and song.*
- **Cool Salsa: bilingual poems on growing up Latino in the United States** (811 COO)
- **Cuentos: tales from the Hispanic Southwest** (398.2 GRI)
- **Estrella's Quinceañera, by Malín Alegría** (FIC ALE)
 - *Estrella's mother and aunt are planning a gaudy, traditional quinceañera for her, even though it is the last thing she wants.*
- **The Jumping Tree, by René Saldaña, Jr.** (FIC SAL)
 - *Rey, a Mexican American living with his close-knit family in a Texas town near the Mexican border, describes his transition from boy to young man.*
- **Red hot salsa: bilingual poems on being young and Latino in the United States** (811.008 RED)
- **Vaqueros: America's First Cowmen** (973 SAN)

Jane Addams Children’s Book Awards: “...given annually to the children's books published the preceding year that effectively promote the cause of peace, social justice, world community, and the equality of the sexes and all races as well as meeting conventional standards for excellence.”

	<p><i>Ain't nothing but a man : my quest to find the real John Henry,</i> by Scott Reynolds Nelson with Marc Aronson</p> <p><i>Historian Scott Nelson introduces children to the life of the real John Henry, drawing on songs, poems, and stories to describe the man behind the legendary African-American hero.</i></p>	<p>921 HEN</p>
	<p><i>The Shepherd's Granddaughter,</i> by Anne Laurel Carter</p> <p><i>Amani's lifelong dream to be a shepherd like her beloved grandfather, Seedo, is devastated to discover the Israelis are going to build a settlement on the family homestead in Palestine, and while her uncle and brother prepare to take a militant stance, help comes from unexpected quarters.</i></p>	<p>FIC CAR</p>
	<p><i>Freedom Walkers: the Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott,</i> by Russell Freedman</p> <p><i>Presents the story of the Montgomery bus boycott and the key persons and events that contributed to the year-long struggle for equal rights on Montgomery's city buses.</i></p>	<p>323.1196 FRE</p>
	<p><i>The Heaven Shop,</i> by Deborah Ellis</p> <p><i>Binti and her siblings are orphaned when their father dies of AIDS. Split up and sent to relatives all over Malawi, they suffer increasing hardship until they are reunited through the influence of their formidable grandmother.</i></p>	<p>FIC ELL</p>
	<p><i>Out of Bounds: Seven Stories of Conflict and Hope,</i> by Beverley Naidoo</p> <p><i>Seven stories, spanning the time period from 1948 to 2000, chronicle the experiences of young people from different races and ethnic groups as they try to cope with the restrictions placed on their lives by South Africa's apartheid laws.</i></p>	<p>808.8 NAI</p>
	<p><i>Getting Away with Murder: The True Story of the Emmett Till Case,</i> by Chris Crowe</p> <p><i>Presents a true account of the murder of fourteen-year-old, Emmett Till, in Mississippi, in 1955.</i></p>	<p>364.15 CRO</p>

	<p><i>Shutting Out the Sky: Life in the Tenements of New York 1880-1924, by Deborah Hopkinson</i></p> <p><i>Photographs and text document the experiences of five individuals who came to live in the Lower East Side of New York City as children or young adults from Belarus, Italy, Lithuania, and Romania at the turn of the twentieth century.</i></p>	<p>307.76 HOP</p>
	<p><i>When My Name Was Keoko, by Linda Sue Park</i></p> <p><i>With national pride and occasional fear, a brother and sister face the increasingly oppressive occupation of Korea by Japan during World War II, which threatens to suppress Korean culture entirely</i></p>	<p>FIC PAR</p>
	<p><i>Parvana's Journey, by Deborah Ellis</i></p> <p><i>Sequel to The Breadwinner. With Kabul in ruins from the Taliban's control, Parvana dresses as a boy and sets out to leave Afghanistan in search of her family.</i></p>	<p>FIC ELL</p>

Asian/Pacific American Award for Literature: "...books ... by or about Asian Pacific Americans..."


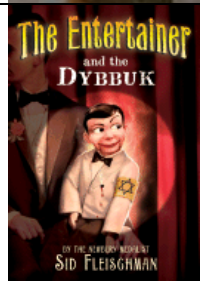


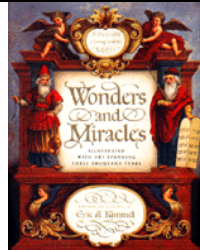
	<p><i>Kira, Kira</i>, by Cynthia Kadohata</p> <p><i>Chronicles the close friendship between two Japanese-American sisters growing up in rural Georgia during the late 1950s and early 1960s, and the despair when one sister becomes terminally ill.</i></p>	<p>FIC KAD</p>
	<p><i>A Step From Heaven</i>, by An Na</p> <p><i>A young Korean girl and her family find it difficult to learn English and adjust to life in America.</i></p>	<p>FIC NA</p>
	<p><i>Born Confused</i>, by Tanuja Desai Hidier</p> <p><i>As Dimple Lala turns seventeen, she realizes that life is about to become more complex as her best friend starts pulling away and her parents try to find a suitable boyfriend for Dimple, despite the fact that she is not interested.</i></p>	<p>FIC DES</p>
	<p><i>A Single Shard</i>, by Linda Sue Park</p> <p><i>Tree-ear, a thirteen-year-old orphan in medieval Korea, lives under a bridge in a potters' village, and longs to learn how to throw the delicate celadon ceramics himself.</i></p>	<p>FIC PAR</p>

Other books by Asian American authors or with Asian American characters or themes:

- ***American Born Chinese*** (FIC YAN)
 - *A graphic novel featuring three interrelated stories about the problems of young Chinese Americans trying to participate in the popular culture.*
- ***American eyes: new Asian-American short stories for young adults*** (FIC AME)
- ***Tangled threads: a Hmong girls' story*** (FIC SHE)
 - *After ten years in a refugee camp in Thailand, thirteen-year-old Mai Yang travels to Providence, Rhode Island, where her Americanized cousins introduce her to pizza, shopping, and beer, while her grandmother and new friends keep her connected to her Hmong heritage.*
- ***Dragonwings, Child of the Owl, Angelfish*** and many other books by **Lawrence Yep**

- ***Journey to Topaz : a story of the Japanese-American evacuation*** (FIC UCH)
 - *Eleven-year-old Yuki and her Japanese American family are uprooted from their home and put in a concentration camp called Topaz.*
- ***Blue Jasmine*** (FIC SHE)
 - *When twelve-year-old Seema moves to Iowa City with her parents and younger sister, she leaves friends and family behind in her native India but gradually begins to feel at home in her new country.*
- ***Necessary Roughness*** (FIC LEE)
 - *Sixteen-year-old Korean American Chan moves from Los Angeles to a small town in Minnesota, where he must cope not only with racism on the football team but also with the tensions in his relationship with his strict father.*
- ***Folk stories of the Hmong : peoples of Laos, Thailand, and Vietnam*** (398.2 FOL)
 - *Interpretations of the oral folk stories of the Hmong people, with photos of the native dress and the story depicted on the pa ndau story cloth.*

Sydney Taylor Book Award Winners & Notables, and Association of Jewish Libraries Honor Award Winners: “...the most distinguished contributions to Jewish children’s literature.”

	<p><i>Brooklyn Bridge</i>, by Karen Hesse</p> <p><i>Fourteen-year-old Joseph Michtom's life takes a dramatic turn when, in 1903 Brooklyn, his parents turn their apartment into a factory for making teddy bears; and Joseph wonders whether he will ever see the glitter of Coney Island.</i></p>	<p>FIC HES</p>
	<p><i>The Entertainer and the Dybbuk</i>, by Sid Fleischman</p> <p><i>A struggling American ventriloquist in post-World War II Europe is possessed by the mischievous spirit of a young Jewish boy killed in the Holocaust. Includes author's note which details the murder of over one million children by the Nazis during the 1930s and 1940s.</i></p>	<p>FIC FLE</p>
	<p><i>The Book Thief</i>, by Markus Zusak</p> <p><i>Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death relates the story of Liesel--a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors.</i></p>	<p>FIC ZUS</p>
	<p><i>Incantation</i>, by Alice Hoffman</p> <p><i>During the Spanish Inquisition, sixteen-year-old Estrella, brought up a Catholic, discovers her family's true Jewish identity, and when their secret is betrayed by Estrella's best friend, the consequences are tragic.</i></p>	<p>FIC HOF</p>
	<p><i>Wonders & Miracles: A Passover Companion</i>, by Eric Kimmel</p> <p><i>Describes the steps performed in a traditional Passover Seder, and includes stories, songs, poems, and commentary that celebrate the historical significance of the Jewish holiday; illustrated with art from throughout three thousand years and four continents.</i></p>	<p>296.4 WON</p>

	<p><i>Journeys with Elijah: Eight Tales of the Prophet, retold by Barbara Diamond Goldin</i></p> <p><i>Presents eight stories about the Old Testament prophet Elijah, set in a variety of time periods and in places all over the world where Jews have lived.</i></p>	<p>224 GOL</p>
	<p><i>Stones in water, by Donna Jo Napoli</i></p> <p><i>After being taken by German soldiers from a local movie theater along with other Italian boys including his Jewish friend, Roberto is forced to work in Germany, escapes into the Ukrainian winter, before desperately trying to make his way back home to Venice.</i></p>	<p>PM 800 NAP</p>
	<p><i>No Pretty Pictures: A Child of War, by Anita Lobel</i></p> <p><i>The author, known as an illustrator of children's books, describes her experiences as a Polish Jew during World War II and for years in Sweden afterwards.</i></p>	<p>921 LOB</p>
	<p><i>I Have Lived a Thousand Years: Growing Up in the Holocaust, by Livia E. Bitton-Jackson</i></p> <p><i>A memoir of Elli Friedmann in which she tells about her experiences at Auschwitz concentration camp where she was taken at the age of thirteen in 1944 when the Nazis invaded her native Hungary.</i></p>	<p>921 JAC</p>
	<p><i>Dancing on the bridge of Avignon, by Ida Vos</i></p> <p><i>Relates the experiences of a young Jewish girl and her family during the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands.</i></p>	<p>FIC VOS</p>

Other books by Jewish authors; Jewish biographies; and Holocaust-themed books:

- ***Milkweed*, by Jerry Spinelli (FIC SPI)**
 - *A street child, known to himself only as Stopthief, finds community when he is taken in by a band of orphans in Warsaw ghetto which helps him weather the horrors of the Nazi regime.*
- ***Golem, story and pictures* by David Wisniewski (398.21 WIS)**
 - *A saintly rabbi miraculously brings to life a clay giant who helps him watch over the Jews of sixteenth-century Prague.*
- ***The children of Willesden Lane: beyond the Kindertransport; a memoir of music, love, and survival*, by Mona Golabek and Lee Cohen (940.53 GOL)**
 - *World-renowned concert pianist Mona Golabek shares her mother's journey through World War II and of the extraordinary gift that became her enduring legacy to her daughter, the gift of music.*
- ***A Stone in My Hand*, by Cathryn Clinton (FIC CLI)**
 - *Eleven-year-old Malaak and her family are touched by the violence in Gaza between Jews and Palestinians when first her father disappears and then her older brother is drawn to the Islamic Jihad.*
- ***Number the Stars*, by Lois Lowry (FIC LOW)**
 - *In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.*
- Many other Holocaust-themed books (look up HOLOCAUST or HOLOCAUST FICTION as appropriate in our library catalog)

