

Mounds View Public Schools
Service Learning Resource Library

These books are helpful for introduction and pre-reflection for many kinds of service learning activities.

If you want to borrow any of these books, please contact Mindy Handberg at ext. 7445

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1. Conflict Resolution/Bullying

Book Title: The Bully Blockers Club

Lotty Raccoon is very excited about her first day of school, until she has to sit next to Grant Grizzly. Lotty is not the only one Grant picks on. Soon, Lotty and her classmates form the Bully Blockers Club by standing together, they won't be bullied anymore.

Author: Teresa Bateman

Topics: Bullying (Elementary)

Book Title: Farmer Duck

Martin Waddell says that Farmer Duck is about justice, a concept that he believes is as important to children as it is to adults. "Children say 'It isn't fair!' and they mean it."

Author: Martin Waddell & Helen Oxenbury

Topics: Very funny book that can spark discussions about teamwork and justice. (Elementary)

Conflict Resolution/Bullying (continued)

Book Title: Hoot

Roy Eberhardt is the new kid--again. This time around it's Trace Middle School in humid Coconut Grove, Florida. But it's still the same old routine: table by himself at lunch, no real friends, and thick-headed bullies like Dana Matherson pushing him around. But if it wasn't for Dana Matherson mashing his face against the school bus window that one day, he might never have seen the tow-headed running boy. And if he had never seen the running boy, he might never have met tall, tough, bully-beating Beatrice. And if he had never met Beatrice, he might never have discovered the burrowing owls living in the lot on the corner of East Oriole Avenue. And if he had never discovered the owls, he probably would have missed out on the adventure of a lifetime. Apparently, bullies do serve a greater purpose in the scope of the universe. Because if it wasn't for Dana Matherson... 292 pp.

Author: Carl Hiaasen

Topics: Bullying, Environment. (Elementary read aloud/ Secondary)

Book Title: How Humans Make Friends

An alien came down to earth to answer the question How do Humans Make Friends? He shares his discoveries to his Alien friends. 29pp.

Author: Loreen Leedy

Topics: Friendships, Positive Conflict Resolution. (Elementary)

Book Title: Toestomper and the Caterpillars

Toestomper and his group of Rowdy Ruffians are mean and they like it that way. Once he begins to care for a family of fuzzy caterpillars, he becomes caring and kind. A hilarious story with wonderful illustrations.

Author: Sharleen Collicott

Topics: Bullying, Conflict Resolution. (Elementary)

Book Title: The Misfits

Two seventh-graders who have always been misfits decide to do something about it with the approach of the student council elections. When they team up to form a new political party, their platform bans name calling--and the impact on the school and their own lives is a surprise to all. 274 pp.

Author: James Howe

Topics: Bullying, Conflict Resolution. (Upper Elementary/ Middle)

Conflict Resolution/Bullying (continued)

Book Title: Totally Joe

A companion book to *The Misfits*, Joe, one of the characters in *The Misfits* (2001), has his say, in a voice uniquely his own. Twelve-year-old Joe knows he is gay. He played with Barbies as a young child, prefers cooking to sports, and has a crush on a male classmate. 189 pp.

Author: James Howe

Topics: Bullying, Homosexuality. (Secondary)

Book Title: Your Move

When James wants to prove he can be part of a gang, he places himself and his younger brother at risk, but being strong can mean having the courage to say, “No.” 16 pp.

Author: Eve Bunting

Topics: Conflict Resolution, Graffiti cleanup, Vandalism cleanup. Gangs. (Elementary/Middle)

2. Environmental/Gardening & Animal Protection

Book Title: Down to Earth

“A garden plot is more than just a piece of land. It’s a story.” So begins this extraordinary compilation of poetry, stories, artwork, and recipes for successful and creative gardens. Along with Michael Rosen, 41 children’s book authors and illustrators contributed their work so that proceeds from the book can directly support Share Our Strength, a leading anti-hunger organization. 63 pp.

Author: Michael J. Rosen

Topics: Environmental, Beautification, Peace Gardens. (Elementary/Secondary)

Book Title: Bud

Bud Sweet-William, a young rhinoceros, has a passion for gardening that mystifies his parents. To their surprise, his grandfather also likes to garden. Soon, all are knee deep in dirt and celebration.

Author: Kevin O’Malley

Topics: Gardening, elderly

Book Title: Chalk Box Kid

A new neighborhood, a new school and an unhappy birthday make life hard for nine-year-old Gregory. After he discovers an abandoned chalk factory behind his house, his school assignment of planting a garden develops in a most unusual and creative way.

Author: Clyde Robert Bulla

Topics: Gardening, grades 2-4

Book Title: Compost Critters

Text and close up photography give an inside picture of a compost heap and how creatures, from bacteria and mites to millipedes and earthworms, aid in turning compost into humus.

Author: Bianca Lavies

Topic: Gardening

2. Environmental/Gardening & Animal Protection (continued)

Book Title: **The Down to Earth Guide to Global Warming**

Comprehensive resource readers can look to for understanding why global warming happens and the ways it impacts our planet, and how we can work together to stop it. 112 pp.

Author: Laurie David and Cambria Gordon

Topics: Global Warming and Activities. (Elementary/Secondary)

Book Title: **Intimate Nature, The Bond Between Women and Animals**

In this collection of stories, poetry, and essays, women scientists and writers speak out about their experiences that create kinship with animals. The readings are simultaneously a celebration and a wake-up call to this “ancient . . . dialogue between species.”

The seventy contributors include Barbara Kingsolver, Jane Goodall, Diane Fossey, and Marge Piercy. 441pp.

Author: Linda Hogan, Deena Metzger, Brenda Peterson

Topics: Environmental, nature, animal shelters & preservation. (Secondary)

Book Title: **Nights of the Pufflings**

Travel to Heimaey Island, Iceland, where children stay up all night when the pufflings are ready to take flight for the first time. Many birds, confused by the village lights, head toward town instead of the open sea. The children rescue the birds from the dangers of cats and cars, and set them on their proper course. 32 pp.

Author: Bruce McMillan

Topics: Environmental, animal shelter, animal preservation. (Elementary)

Book Title: **Seedfolks**

This well-written series of short stories introduce you to the people in a diverse Cleveland neighborhood who live near a lot filled with garbage. One by one, people of varying ages and backgrounds transform this inner city lot into a productive and beautiful garden. In the process, they are transformed. 69 pp.

Author: Paul Fleischman

Topics: Peace gardens, beautification projects. (Elementary/ Secondary)

Book Title: **Recycle Everyday**

Minna decides to enter a poster contest for the Community Recycling Calendar. If her poster is picked, it will be printed in the calendar. She is so excited! She wants to come up with a really different idea.

Author: Nancy Elizabeth Wallace

Topics: Recycling (Elementary)

2. Environmental/Gardening & Animal Protection (continued)

Book Title: Wanda's Roses

When Wanda discovers a thorn bush growing in an empty lot, she's quite sure it's a rosebush ready to bloom. So she clears away the trash, checks on it every day, and brings water from the butcher shop across the street. But no roses appear. Wanda's neighbors and friends are all doubtful, but when she invites them to a tea party in her "rose garden" one day in June, they're in for a big surprise.

Author: Pat Brisson

Topics: A good book for beautification projects, cleaning up litter, how everyone in a community can help. Environmental, beautification. (Elementary)

Book Title: The Wartville Wizard

A man turns "wizard" to fight a town of litterbugs by making litter stick to the person who dropped it! A memorable and colorful tale of how people learn about the consequences of their actions. Easily adapted to an amusing play with an important message.

Author: Don Madden

Topics: Recycling project, environmental project dealing with littering. (Elementary)

Book Title: Wiggling Worms at Work

Crawling through the dirt, worms are hard at work helping plants to grow. Worms can help the fruit and vegetables we eat by loosening the soil and feeding the plants.

Author: Wendy Pfeffer

Topics: Composting, gardening (elementary)

Book Title: The Garden of Happiness

On Marisol's block near East Houston Street there was an empty lot filled with garbage and broken tired things. One day her neighbors join together to clean up the lot and transform it into a community garden.

Author: Erika Tamar

Topics: Gardening

3. Intergenerational/Elderly

Book Title: A Window of Time

Grandpa's time machine is "on the fritz." Sometimes he confuses reality with the past – imagining himself riding horses on his farm rather than remembering his current life in the city. His grandson, Shawn, recognizes how Grandpa may forget what he did in the morning but remember an event sixty-five years ago. A sensitive telling of Alzheimer's.

Author: Audrey O. Leighton

Topics: Intergenerational activities with senior citizens, some examples of Alzheimer's. (Elementary)

Book Title: The Hundred Penny Box

Michael's great-great aunt Dew was a hundred years old and she kept an old box filled with pennies, one for each birthday. Michael loved to sit at her feet and count out the pennies while Aunt Dew told the story behind each one.

Author: Sharon bell Mathis

Topics: Intergenerational activities with senior citizens (Elementary/Middle)

Book Title: Makeovers By Marcia

Grade 5-8 - Marcia Faitak enters eighth grade with pimples and five extra pounds, the latter due to her immobility over the summer from a broken ankle. Her immediate goal is to improve her self-image and make Alex Ryan invite her to the October school dance. While her friend Lizzie records the residents' histories, Marcia offers the ladies makeovers and learns that beauty has more to do with personality and outlook than with physical appearance. This lesson carries over into her own life and helps her to become a better artist, more comfortable with herself, and more empathetic. 149 pp.

Author: Claudia Mills

Topics: Intergenerational Learning, Self-esteem. (Upper Elementary/Middle)

Book Title: Mrs. Katz and Tush

A young boy gets to know his elderly Jewish neighbor and they become friends.

Author: Patricia Polacco

Topics: Very good for intergenerational projects with senior adults, nursing homes, Meals on Wheels, diversity. (Elementary)

3. Intergenerational/Elderly (continued)

Book Title: Pink and Say

The author's great-grandfather Sheldon "Say" Curtis met Pinkus "Pink" Aylee during the Civil War. Pink, a black Union soldier, brings Say, a wounded white Union soldier, to his mother. Once healed, the boys must return to their units, only to be confronted by Confederate troops. A tribute to telling stories about the people we meet who touch our lives.

Author: Patricia Polacco

Topics: History. Great story about very young soldiers in the Civil War. Great precursor for oral histories and how stories are handed down. (Elementary/ Middle)

Book Title: Sachiko Means Happiness

Set within a Japanese-American family, this deftly crafted tale shows how Sachiko's initial irritation with her grandmother's erratic behavior changes to compassion and tact.

Author: Kimiko Sakai

Topics: Good book for intergenerational projects, working with senior adults, nursing homes, Meals on Wheels, diversity, English as a second language. (Elementary)

Book Title: Somebody Loves You, Mr. Hatch

One wintry day, a postman delivers a mysterious package with a big pink bow to a lonely man named Mr. Hatch. "Somebody loves you," the note says. The wonderful package changes his life. After some time and a major disappointment, Mr. Hatch finally discovers who his secret admirers really are.

Author: Eileen Spinelli

Topics: Intergenerational, senior adults. (Elementary)

Book Title: Stranger in the Mirror 2 copies

Sam, an Asian-American boy, does not want to get old like his Grandpa, but one morning he awakens with the face of an old man. His family, teacher, and friends treat him as if he is not the same person on the inside. "Who cares what I look like? I am Sam. Nobody can change that." A subtle and perceptive look at societal views on aging.

Author: Allen Say

Topics: Intergenerational activities with senior adults, empathy with how we treat seniors who still have abilities. (Elementary)

4. Food Shelf, Hunger, Homelessness

Book Title: The Adventurous Chef: Alexis Soyer

Alexis Soyer, a chef with a social conscience, combined with good cooking with good works. Soyer was practical and large-hearted, cooking for the starving populace as well as the aristocracy. Tells the story of a remarkable man who was determined to revolutionize the culinary world and who remains one of the greatest cooks of the nineteenth century.

Author: Ann Arnold

Topics: Hunger, History of Soup Kitchens. (Elementary/Middle)

Book Title: The Can-Do Thanksgiving

When Dee brings a can of peas to school for the canned food drive, she keeps asking, “Where do my peas go?” Her persistent questioning results in a class project to prepare and serve food for people in need at Thanksgiving. An excellent resource for transforming the traditional canned food drive into a service learning project.

Author: Marion Hess Pomeranc

Topics: Food shelf, hunger. (Elementary)

Book Title: Can’t Get There From Here

Her street name is Maybe. She lives with a tribe of homeless teens--runaways and throwaways, kids who have no place to go other than the cold city streets, and no family except for one another. Abused, abandoned, and forgotten, they struggle against the cold, hunger, and constant danger. 198 pp.

Author: Todd Strasser

Topics: Homelessness, Hunger, Child Abuse (Secondary)

Book Title: Sam and the Lucky Money:

For Chinese New Year, Sam receives lucky money in traditional leisees - decorated red envelopes. Sam can buy either sweets or a toy. Near the open market, before the festival lion dances through the street, Sam sees a man who is homeless and barefoot. On this wintry day, Sam considers the best use for his money.

Author: Karen Chinn

Topics: Homelessness (elementary)

4. Food Shelf, Hunger, Homelessness (continued)

Book Title: Changing Places. A Kid's view of shelter living

Eight children arrive at a shelter each with a different story. The first person narratives help the reader understand the complex situations that arise in families that affect these young people.

Author: Marie Chalofsky, Glen Finland, Judy Wallace

Topics: Homelessness, grades 4-8

Book Title: Fly Away Home

A boy who lives in an airport with his father gains hope when he watches a trapped bird find freedom. A moving story told with dignity. 32 pp.

Author: Eve Bunting

Topics: Homelessness. (Elementary)

Book Title: Greatest Table, A Banquet to Fight Against Hunger

A 12 foot long accordion book with artwork contributed by 16 illustrators. At this great table there is room for all people who come and plenty of food to share.

Author: Michael Rosen

Topics: Hunger

Book Title: Home is where we live. Life at a shelter through a young girl's eyes.

“We moved to a shelter this year – Mamma, me, William and our baby sister La Tasha.: So begins this photo essay about how a young girl acclimates to shelter life and come to accept the people who help her.

Author: Bonnie Lee Groth

Topic: Homelessness, grades 4-8

Book Title: The Hundred Dresses

Wanda Petronski is teased by classmates for living in a poor part of town and wearing the same dress every day. One girl Maddie is confused by the taunting and by Wanda's insistence that she has “one hundred dresses at home.”

Author: Eleanor Estes

Topics: Poverty, elementary

4. Food Shelf, Hunger, Homelessness (continued)

Book Title: **Hungry Planet: What the World Eats**

30 families, 24 countries, 600 meals. Presents a photographic study of families from around the world, revealing what people eat during the course of one week. Each family's profile includes a detailed description of their weekly food purchases; photographs of the family at home, at market, and in their community; and a portrait of the entire family surrounded by a week's worth of groceries with what they each spent for one week. 287 pp.

Author: Peter Menzel and Faith D'aluisio

Topics: Global Issues, Diversity, Hunger. (Elementary/ Secondary)

Book Title: **The Magic Beads**

When seven-year-old Lily has to do Show and Tell at her new school, her tummy fills with everything from butterflies to buffalos. She has just moved into a family shelter with her mother, and feels she has nothing to show.

Author: Susin Nielsen-Fernlund

Topics: Homelessness. (Elementary)

Book Title: **My Own Little House** (Not a new book)

A child who likes to draw creates simple pictures of houses with many variations.

Author: Merriman B. Kaune

Topics: Homelessness, Shelter. (Elementary)

Book Title: **One Grain of Rice**

Rani, a village girl in India, devises a clever plan for dealing with the raja, which controls the rice supply.

With the help of mathematical knowledge, Rani manages to supply rice to all the village people during a time of famine.

Author: Demi

Topics: Food, Hunger, Math. (Elementary)

Book Title: **One Thousand Tracings: Healing the Wounds of World War II**

Judge bases this quiet, moving story of kindness and healing on her own family's history. After World War II, her grandparents organized a relief effort from their Midwest farm and sent care packages to more than 3,000 desperate people in Europe.

Author: Lita Judge

Topics: Homelessness, Hunger, Holocaust. (Upper Elementary/ Middle)

4. Food Shelf, Hunger, Homelessness (continued)

Book Title: **Our Story of the Food Pantry: How the Hubert Kindergarten Center Students Helped Their Community**

Book written about the service learning project between a Kindergarten class and a local food pantry. They decided to write their own book because they could not find a piece of literature to introduce the topic of hunger. 34 pp.

Author: The Hubert Kindergarten Center Class of 2004-2005

Topics: Hunger, Literacy (Elementary)

Book Title: **Soul Moon Soup**

Grade 6-9-When Phoebe Rose's father leaves, the child and her mother find themselves on the streets, struggling to make it through each day. Phoebe tells her story in poems that offer snapshots of the sorrow and emptiness of homeless life. She shares her realization that she is a burden, and begins to shut down emotionally as she relinquishes her art and her hope. 134 pp.

Author: Lindsay Lee Johnson

Topics: Homelessness (Secondary)

Book Title: **Train to Somewhere**

In the 1800s, a young girl rides the orphan train out west hoping to somehow find her mother who abandoned her years ago. With each stop she watches the other children being adopted, and yet she continues riding the train. At the last stop, in the town of Somewhere, Marianne finds a home. 32 pp.

Author: Eve Bunting

Topics: Homelessness (Elementary)

Book Title: **Uncle Willie and the Soup Kitchen**

When Willie's nephew works at the neighborhood soup kitchen preparing and serving food, he gains admiration for people who lend a hand.

Author: Dyanne Disalvo-Ryan

Topics: Food shelf, hunger. (Elementary)

5. Special Needs/Disabilities

Book Title: The Boy Who Ate Stars

Wholly unusual story of one girl's experiences with an autistic little boy. 107 pp.

Author: Kochka

Topics: Autism, Special Needs. (Upper Elementary read aloud/ Middle)

Book Title: Freak the Mighty

An unlikely friendship between Kevin, a brilliant 12 year old whose birth defect prevents growth, and Max, a large boy with learning disabilities, leads to adventure, risk, and ultimately, a shared wisdom. 160 pp.

Author: Rodman Philbrick

Topics: Diversity, special needs, disabilities. (Upper Elementary read aloud/Secondary)

Book Title: Just Kids

Second-grader Cindy is assigned to spend time in a class for children with special needs. Over the two-week period, she gains valuable information about autism, Down syndrome, ADHD, learning disabilities, and epilepsy and recognizes how each child learns. She also realizes how they are all "just kids." An exceptional resource for teachers and students. 40 pp.

Author: Ellen B. Senisi

Topics: Special Needs, diversity. (Elementary/Secondary)

Book Title: Owning It: Stories About Teens With Disabilities

The teens in these ten stories deal with all of the "normal" issues of being a teenager and the challenges of having a disability.

Author: Donald R. Gallo

Topics: Special needs, Adolescence. (Secondary)

6. Literacy/Tutoring

Book Title: Conversation Starters As Easy As ABC, 123

This pamphlet is written by eighth-grade students and uses an ABC coloring book approach to provide a friendly guide for young people who are interacting with adults who have memory loss.

Author: Devora Kaye & Gabi Roussos

Topics: Literacy, Cross-age Tutoring (K/Primary)

Book Title: Edward and the Pirates

Now that Edward is reading, he's devouring the words everywhere – on cereal boxes, in catalogs, and in books. One night he falls asleep while reading a book about buried treasure and wakes up to find himself surrounded by pirates! Instead of walking the plank, Edward ends up reading to the pirates who do not know how to read.

Author: David Mc Phail

Topics: Cross-age tutoring and the importance of reading. (Elementary)

Book Title: Just Juice

Fourth-grader Juice just doesn't like going to school. Reading and math are too hard, and she would rather be with her unemployed Pa in his makeshift metal shop. When the family has one last chance to pay back taxes or lose their home, Juice realizes that knowing how to read is more important – it will help them survive. 138 pp.

Author: Karen Hesse

Topics: Literacy, reading buddies. A chapter book. (Elementary/Middle)

Book Title: La Mariposa

This moving story of a Spanish-speaking child surviving his first year in school touches the heart. It also dramatically reminds us that if we are to save the children, the schools must nurture the child's language.

Author: Francisco Jimenez

Topics: Perfect book for those working with kids learning English as a Second Language, literacy, diversity. (Elementary)

Book Title: The Librarian of Basra: A True Story from Iraq

Alia Muhammad Baker is the librarian in Basra, Iraq. In a war-stricken country where civilians-especially women- have little power, this true story about a librarian's struggle to save community's priceless collection. 26 pp.

Author: Jeanette Winter

Topics: Literacy, Global Awareness (Elementary)

6. Literacy/Tutoring (continued)

Book Title: **My Librarian Is a Camel: How Books are Brought to Children Around the World**

When we think of a library, we picture a building on a street or perhaps a room in a school. But some libraries aren't kept behind four walls. Some move from place to place in the most remarkable ways: by bus, by boat, by elephant, by donkey, by train, even by wheelbarrow. 32 pp.

Author: Margriet Ruurs

Topics: Literacy, Global Awareness (Elementary)

Book Title: **Stella Louella's Runaway Book**

Stella cannot find her library book, and it is due at five o'clock today. In her search, she finds that her book has been read and enjoyed by everyone: her brother, the postal carrier, Officer Tim, Sal who mends chairs and more. Each person has a different favorite part of the story.

Author: Lisa Campbell Ernst

Topics: Literacy (elementary)

Book Title: **The Strength of Saints**

Fourteen year old Nissa Bergen has a mind and will of her own. As the librarian in a small town with narrow ideas about integration, she has created a separate-but-equal libraries. Still she is plagued with a conscience that wants to unite the community.

Author: Alexandria LaFaye

Topics: Literacy, diversity (secondary)

Book Title: **Thank You, Mr. Falker**

At first Trisha loves school, but her difficulty in learning to read makes her feel stupid, until in the fifth grade her teacher helps her understand and overcome her problem. The rest of her odyssey became a learning adventure, until she grew up to write her own books for children. This semi-autobiographical tale inspires learners, teachers, and tutors!

Author: Patricia Polacco

Topics: Cross-age tutoring, importance of reading, understanding and empathy for people with learning disabilities or who are academically behind. (Elementary)

6. Literacy/Tutoring (continued)

Book Title: Tomas and the Library Lady

It's not easy moving time and again, but Tomas and his family are migrant workers who travel from state to state, helping farmers harvest their crops. When they arrive in Iowa for the summer, Tomas finds an escape from the scorching heat at the town library. And once inside, he also discovers a surprising world filled with dinosaurs, tigers, and a great new friend.

Author: Pat Mora

Topics: Good for working with kids learning English as a Second Language, Cross-age Tutoring, Teaching children to read.

7. Diversity/Tolerance/ESL/Immigration

Book Title: And Tango Makes Three

The book is based on the true story of Roy and Silo, two male Chinstrap Penguins in New York's Central Park Zoo who for a time formed a couple. The book follows part of this time in the penguins' lives. This book aims to send the reader the message that it is okay to be in, or know someone who has a "non-traditional" family.

Author: Kath

Topics: Tolerance, Understanding, Civil Rights (Elementary)

Book Title: Any Small Goodness: A Novel of the Barrio

Los Angeles is a place of movie stars and fast cars and people who are too rich and people who are too poor. An area of freeway chases and drive-bys and death. But there's another L.A., one where warmth and humor and humanity pervade. 125 pp.

Author: Tony Johnston

Topics: Tolerance, Latino Urban Culture, ESL (Upper Elementary/Middle)

Book Title: The Blue Mirror

Maggy, a gifted artist, keeps a sketchbook called "The Blue Mirror" that shares its name with the coffeehouse where she regularly nurses a cappuccino for hours and draws what she sees. Tourists, bicycle cops, and especially the homeless kids or "skwatters" are her regular subjects. The 16-year-old crosses this metaphorical mirror (just like Alice in *Through the Looking Glass*) when she meets an attractive skwatter who takes a keen interest in her. Staring into the deep dark eyes of Cole, Mags forgets about her disastrous home life and feels as if she has finally met someone who understands her. She soon learns, however, that Cole is no Prince Charming, and she must find the strength to escape from his clutches. 119 pp.

Author: Kathe Koja

Topics: Relationships, Diversity, Alcoholism (High School)

Book Title: Building Bridges: A Peace Corps Classroom Guide to Cross-Cultural Understanding

This lesson book will help students understand their own culture, understand the perspectives of other cultures, and provide an increased awareness of the value and practicality of social service within and beyond the classroom. 47 pp.

Author: Paul D. Coverdell

Topics: Cross-Cultural Understanding, Diversity, Global Awareness. (Secondary)

7. Diversity/Tolerance/ESL/Immigration (continued)

Book Title: Buddha Boy

The kids at Edward Rucher High School call Jinsen “Buddha Boy” He’s clearly a freak. Then Justin is paired with him for a class project. All Justin wants to do is get it over with and go back to hanging out with his friends... until he discovers Jinsen’s incredible artistic talent. What matters more: the high school social order or getting to know someone extraordinary? 117 pp.

Author: Kathe Koja

Topics: Tolerance, Diversity, Social Pressure. (Secondary)

Book Title: Crossing Cultures With the Peace Corps

Peace Corps letters from the field. 134 pp.

Author: Paul D. Coverdell

Topics: Cross-Cultural Understanding, Diversity (Secondary)

Book Title: Dear Whiskers

Jenny hates pretending to be a mouse, but that’s exactly what she has to do for her school project. Every fourth grader is writing letters to a second grader--in mouse character. When Jenny fails to get a letter from her second grader, Sameera, Jenny is embarrassed and angry. Soon Jenny discovers the reason behind Sameera’s silence: she doesn’t speak English. 76 pp.

Author: Ann Whitehead Nagda

Topics: Tolerance, ESL, Cross-age tutoring (Elementary)

Book Title: First Crossing: Stories About Teen Immigrants

It’s hard enough to be a teenager, trying to fit in, trying to get along with your parents, trying to figure out how the world works. Being from a different country makes everything that much harder. Here are ten unforgettable short stories that reflect this stunning diversity. 224 pp.

Author: Donald R. Gallo

Topics: Immigration, Diversity, ESL (Secondary)

7. Diversity/Tolerance/ESL/Immigration (continued)

Book Title: The Gospel According to Larry

Josh Swensen is not your average 17-year-old. At the age of two, he was figuring out algebraic equations with colored magnetic numbers. He is a prodigy who only wants to make the world a better place. Josh's wish comes true when his virtual alter ego, Larry, becomes a huge media sensation. Larry has his own Web site where he posts sermons on anti-consumerism and has a large following of adults and teens. 227 pp.

Author: Janet Tashjian

Topics: Self-Awareness, Diversity, Tolerance, Consumerism (Secondary)

Book Title: Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez

Cesar Chavez was one of America's most inspiring civil rights leaders. When he led a 340-mile peaceful protest march through California, he ignited a cause and improved the lives of thousands of migrant farm workers.

Author: Kathleen Krull

Topics: Tolerance, Understanding, Civil Rights (Elementary)

Book Title: Hey, Little Ant

What would you do if the ant you were about to step on looked up and started talking? Originally a song by a father and daughter team, this conversation between two creatures, large and small, is bound to inspire important discussions.

Author: Phillip and Hanna Hoose

Topics: Tolerance, Understanding (Elementary)

Book Title: If You Come Softly

Teenagers Jeremiah and Ellie, an interracial couple, confront prejudice head-on from family and strangers, and the societal events occurring in the past and present. In chapters that alternate between first and third person, we get to know these smart and sensitive characters, and experience the shocking conclusion.

Author: Jacqueline Woodson

Topics: Racism, diversity. (High School)

7. Diversity/Tolerance/ESL/Immigration (continued)

Book Title: Increase the Peace: The ABC's of Tolerance

In this alphabetical journey through Tolerance, Find out about Action, Respect, and Making a Difference. 27 pp.

Author: Devora Kaye

Topics: Tolerance, Peace. (Elementary)

Book Title: Paths to Peace: People Who Changed the World

The sixteen people profiled in this book come from different times, different countries, and different walks of life, but all of them were brave enough to try to make the world a better place.

Author: Jane Breskin Zalben

Topics: Tolerance and Peace (Upper Elementary/Secondary)

Book Title: Mr. Williams

When Mr. Williams was a boy growing up in Arcadia, Louisiana, Calvin Coolidge was president, Martin Luther King Jr., had just been born, and children worked hard in the fields for most of the year. The story of Mr. Williams evokes a specific time and place in American history in a way that is immediate, personal and relevant.

Author: Karen Barbour

Topics: American History, Perfect for doing oral histories with seniors. (Elementary)

Book Title: Multiple Choice

For as long as Monica Devon can remember, she has been two things: a whiz at making anagrams, and a perfectionist who spends most of her time obsessing about saying and doing the right thing. Her compulsive habits have spiraled out of control. Seeing no other way out, she creates Multiple Choice, a game that will force spontaneity into her life, and she hopes, free her from her obsession. 186 pp.

Author: Janet Tashjian

Topics: Obsessive Compulsive Behaviors, Tolerance (Secondary)

7. Diversity/Tolerance/ESL/Immigration (continued)

Book Title: Six Million Paper Clips- The Making of a Children's Holocaust Memorial

The Paper Clip Project began in a class geared toward teaching tolerance. To understand the enormity of the Nazis' extermination of the Jews, students began collecting paper clips, a symbol used by the Norwegians to show solidarity with their Jewish neighbors during WWII. 57 pp.

Author: Peter Schroeder & Dagmar Schroeder-Hildebrand

Topics: Diversity, Tolerance, Holocaust. Incredible true story of power of a school project. (Upper Elementary/Secondary)

Book Title: Something Beautiful

When a little girl searches in her neighborhood for "something beautiful," she finds that through her actions and sense of community, "something beautiful" can happen.

Author: Sharon Dennis Wyeth

Topics: Diversity, Self-esteem, Recycling, Anti-graffiti, Beautification Projects. (Elementary)

Book Title: Straydog

"What do you do when you're too smart for the freaks, but too much of a freak for the smart kids?" This is the question Rachel asks herself daily as she walks down the halls of her high school observing the strange rituals of the "TV Girls," "People from Planet Mensa," and the "Net Jockeys." Rachel couldn't care less that she doesn't fit in. As far as she's concerned, the only things she needs to survive are her volunteer work at the local animal shelter and her writing. Until she meets the feral collie she christens Grrl. To others at the shelter, Grrl seems completely untamable. But Rachel sees her own fury and frustration mirrored in the dog's deep brown eyes, and she is determined to domesticate Grrl. 105 pp.

Author: Kathe Koja

Topics: Social Pressure, Writing, Animals (Secondary)

Book Title: Tae's Sonata

It's bad enough that Taeyoung was assigned to do a report on her native country, South Korea, for an eighth-grade project, but Josh Morgan, the most popular boy in class, is her partner. Insecure with her American peers and feeling embarrassed about her lifestyle, Tae must reconcile her past with her present. Josh, to Tae's surprise, helps her in the process. 123 pp.

Author: Haemi Balgassi

Topics: Immigrant, English as a Second Language, Refugees, Diversity. (Secondary)

7. Diversity/Tolerance/ESL/Immigration (continued)

Book Title: Talk

Gr. 8-11. Other people may be surprised when Kit, who has never acted before, wins the lead in the high-school play. But *he* isn't. He knows the truth: he's been acting all his life, pretending to be straight. Things become increasingly complicated for the closeted teen when his difficult costar, Lindsay, falls in love with him, and their play, *Talk*, a hard-hitting drama about political repression, excites controversy and parental attempts at censorship. 134 pp.

Author: Kathe Koja

Topics: Tolerance, Diversity, Social Pressure, Homosexuality. (High School)

Book Title: Tangled Threads: A Hmong Girl's Story

The crowded refugee camp in Thailand is the only life that thirteen-year-old Mai Yang has ever known. Then word finally comes that Mai and Grandma can join their family in Providence, Rhode Island. She soon discovers that adjusting to a new life isn't easy. Mai had always relied upon Grandma for guidance. But now, Grandma-unhappy and unwilling to adjust to American life-is leaning on Mai. She wonders if she will ever find a way to untangle the threads of her life and weave them into her own story. 236 pp.

Author: Pegi Deitz Shea

Topics: Immigration, ESL, Diversity (Secondary)

Book Title: Vote For Larry

Josh (aka Larry) is back-and so is Beth, Peter, Mom's spirit at Bloomingdale's, and even his old nemesis, betagold. This time, the topic de jour is politics-the electoral game, campaign financing, crooked politicians, and the power of the vote. This is the sequel to *The Gospel According to Larry*. 222 pp.

Author: Janet Tashjian

Topics: Self-Awareness, Youth Voice. (High School)

8. Health/AIDS/Death & Grief/Safety/Violence Prevention

Book Title: **Making Up Megaboy**

What provoked 13-year-old Robbie Jones to shoot an old man in the neighborhood store? He isn't talking, but through the voices of people who know Robbie, we may gain insight into this tragic event. 62 pp.

Author: Virginia Walter & Katrina Roeckelein

Topics: Violence prevention. (Upper Elementary/Secondary)

Book Title: **Our Stories, Our Songs: African Children Talk About AIDS**

You will meet children who have been bounced from home to home and children who live on the street. Interspersed with facts about AIDS and quotes from authors and public figures, this book is about the power of the human spirit to endure and hope for a better tomorrow. 104 pp.

Author: Deborah Ellis

Topics: AIDS, Global Issues (Secondary)

Book Title: **The Next Place**

An inspirational journey of light and hope to a place where earthly hurts are left behind. a celebration of life. Hear the music. Feel the warmth. And be carried away along life's everlasting flight.

Author: Warren Hanson

Topics: Very good for projects with the terminally ill. Death and dying. (Elementary/Secondary)

Book Title: **Too Far Away to Touch**

Little Zoe and her Uncle Leonard enjoy adventures together. While at the planetarium, Zoe asks, "How far away are the stars?" "Too far away to touch, close enough to see," her uncle answers. When Leonard becomes weaker due to AIDS, the message from the planetarium has special meaning.

Author: Leslea Newman

Topics: AIDS.

8. Health/AIDS/Death & Grief/Safety/Violence Prevention (continued)

Book Title: When Plague Strikes, The Black Death, Smallpox, AIDS

This compelling study of three deadly epidemics demonstrates that, though separated by centuries, the similarity in social, political, and cultural reactions are noteworthy. While each disease brought medical advances, each disease caused blame to be placed on people where none was deserved. The insights into the human condition are as provocative as the studies of history and medical advances. 196 pp.

Author: James Cross Giblin

Topics: AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases. (Secondary)

9. Global Awareness

Book Title: **A Life Inspired: Tales of Peace Corps Service**

Thirty stories of Peace Corps volunteers serving around the world. 182 pp.

Author: Paul D. Coverdell

Topics: Service, Diversity (Secondary)

Book Title: **A Life Like Mine – How Children Live Around the World**

All over the world children are leading their lives in completely different and fascinating ways. Faced with many challenges, they all have one thing in common- a passion for life. 127 pp.

Author: In association with UNICEF

Topics: Diversity, Global Awareness, Survival, Development, Protection, Participation (Elementary/Secondary)

Book Title: **A Material World: A Global Family Portrait**

16 of the world's foremost photographers traveled to 30 nations around the globe to live for a week with families that are statistically average for that nation. Vividly portraying the look and feel of the human condition everywhere on Earth like nothing before. Puts a human face on issues of population, environment, social justice, and consumption. Asks "Can all 6 billion of us have all the things we want?" 255 pp.

Author: Peter Menzel

Topics: Global Issues, Diversity. (Elementary/ Secondary)

Book Title: **Beatrice's Goat**

Brings alive the realities of daily life in an eastern African village and the enormous impact of small gifts. A gift of a small goat provided Beatrice and her family nutrition, but also an education.

Author: Page McBrier

Topics: Diversity, Education, Poverty, Similar to Heiffer Project. (Elementary)

Book Title: **The Carpet Boy's Gift**

Yearning for freedom and schooling for himself and the other children who toil in a carpet factory in Pakistan to repay loans from the factory owner to their parents, Nadeem is inspired by a former carpet boy named Iqbal to lead the way.

Author: Pegi Deitz Shea

Topics: Child Labor (Elementary)

9. Global Awareness (continued)

Book Title: **If the World Were a Village**

At this moment, there are more than 6.6 billion people on the planet! It's hard to picture so many people at one time—but what if we imagine the whole world as a village of just 100 people? This book tells us who we are, where we live, how fast we are growing, what languages we speak, what religions we practice and more. Come and learn about our global village. 32 pp.

Author: David J. Smith

Topics: Global Issues, Diversity. (Elementary/Secondary)

Book Title: **In Our Village- Kambi ya Simba Through the Eyes of Its Youth**

A project of Awet Secondary School, Tanzania, East Africa and What Kids Can Do, Inc. Story of what is like living “In our Village.” 70 pp.

Author: Edited by Barbra Cervone

Topics: Diversity, Water, Poverty, Global (Elementary/Secondary)

Book Title: **Our Time is Now: Young People Changing the World**

Tells the stories of more than thirty young people in over twenty countries who are taking action to contribute to their local and global communities. 174 pp.

Author: Sheila Kinkade/ Christiana Macy (Fwd By Archbishop Desmond Tutu)

Topics: Inspirational, Global issues, Leadership (Secondary)

Book Title: **We Need to Go to School: Voices of the Rugmark Children**

In their words, Nepalese children talk about their early years in poverty-stricken villages, their work as virtual slaves in carpet factories, and how they felt when they were given a chance to attend school and pursue their dreams for the future. 46 pp.

Author: Tanya Roberts-Davis

Topics: Child Labor, Diversity (Upper Elementary/Secondary)

10. Other topics

Book Title: Adventures of Rufus: In a Hurricane

Written from a dog's perspective about what happened to him during hurricane Katrina. For a primary audience.

Author: Ella Kate Wagner Illustrated by Mrs. Gillespie's Kindergarten Class (2006-2007)

Topics: Natural Disasters, Good for working with animals. (Elementary)

Book Title: Click, Clack, Moo -- Cows that Type

When Farmer Brown's cows find a typewriter in the barn, they start making demands and go "on strike" when the farmer refuses to give them what they want. As the other animals join in, what will the farmer do?

Author: Doreen Cronin

Topics: Very funny book that will support discussions about standing up for what you want. (Elementary)

Book Title: Mama Loves Me from Away

A heart-breaking, yet loving, story about a mother and child separated by a prison sentence and about how they try to stay in touch despite the physical distance between them.

Author: Pat Brisson

Topics: Parental Incarceration. (Elementary)

Book Title: Mole Music

When Mole hears the beautiful music a violin makes, he decides to get one for himself. He practices every day and learns to make beautiful music too. Alone in his hole, Mole imagines the effect his music might have on the world. As he plays, his music has an effect even more wonderful than he could imagine.

Author: David McPhail

Topics: Music can change the world. (Elementary)

Book Title: Ordinary Resurrections, Children in the Years of Hope

A fascinating narrative of daily urban life seen through the eyes of children in the South Bronx. Provides a stirring testimony to the courage and resilience of the young. 375 pp.

Author: Jonathan Kozol

Topics: Inspirational, poverty. (High School)

10. Other topics (continued)

Book Title: Side Effects

In her own authentic voice, fifteen-year-old Izz tells of the pain, fear, and unlikely comedy of her descent into hell-and safe return from cancer. 143 pp.

Author: Amy Goldman Koss

Topics: Teen Cancer (Secondary)

Book Title: Twist of Fate: Personal Accounts of the March 29, 1998 St. Peter Tornado

Compilation of stories told by members of the St. Peter community after the tornado hit. This book is the result of a Service Learning project by the St. Peter Kiwanis. 229 pp.

Author: St. Peter Kiwanis

Topics: Natural Disasters, Community (Elementary/Secondary)

Book Title: We Were There, Too! Young People in U.S. History

This unique book is the first to tell the story of the role of young people have played in the making of our nation. It brings to life their contributions throughout American history-from the boys who sailed with Columbus to today's young activists. 256 pp.

Author: Phillip Hoose

Topics: American History, Youth Activism, Making a Difference. (Upper Elementary/Secondary)

Book Title: You Forgot Your Skirt, Amelia Bloomer!

Would you DARE to bare your underwear? If you like CLOTHES and people with the courage to SKIRT conventions and address injustice then Amelia Bloomer and her unfitting ideas will charm the PANTS off you!

Author: Shana Corey

Topics: Women's Rights, Activism. Good for oral histories too. (Elementary)

Resources

Book Title: **A Complete Guide to Service Learning**

Proven, practical ways to engage students in civic responsibility, academic curriculum, and social action. Includes and expanded service learning bookshelf, curriculum connections, strategies and activities, and real-life examples. Also has a CD-ROM. 228 pp.

Author: Catheryn Berger Kaye

Topics: Service Learning Implementation. A very good and popular resource. (Elementary/Secondary)

Book Title: **A Kids' Guide to Helping Others Read & Succeed**

Tutoring, Math games, Bookmaking, Libraries, Book Buddies, Computer Training, Pen Pals and more...44 pp.

Author: Catheryn Berger Kaye

Topics: Taking action through literacy. (Elementary/Secondary)

Book Title: **A Kids' Guide to Hunger & Homelessness**

Gardens, Hunger banquets, Clothing Banks, Art with children, Emergency kits, Building projects, Food pantries, and more...44 pp.

Author: Catheryn Berger Kaye

Topics: Hunger and Homelessness. (Elementary/Secondary)

Book Title: **An Asset Builder's Guide to Service Learning**

2000, 129 pp., soft cover.

Author: Search Institute

Topics: Loads of Service Learning project ideas. (Elementary/Secondary)

Book Title: **Athletes Off the Field**

A model for team building and leadership development through service learning for athletic teams. 30 pp.

Author: Laurie Haughey

Topics: A how to book to link athletics and service learning. Good for coaches! (Secondary)

Resources(continued)

Book Title: **Bring Learning To Life: An Introduction To Service-Learning**

DVD that offers insights from teachers, principals, and students who have experienced the benefits of service-learning, and provides introduction to service-learning as an effective strategy.

Author: Learn and Serve

Topics: Academic Achievement, Social Behavior, Increase Student Engagement. (Elementary/Secondary)

Book Title: **Building Bridges: Connecting Classroom and Community through Service Learning in Social Studies** From the National Council for the Social Studies. 2000, 116 pp., soft cover.

Author: Rahima C. Wade, Editor

Topics: Service Learning ideas for Social Studies. (Secondary)

Book Title: **The Busy Family's Guide to Volunteering**

Offers the guidance you need to find just the right opportunity for your particular family and to resolve any doubts or hesitations you may feel. It's the perfect book for families who want to do good things for their community, spend quality time together, and have fun doing it!

Author: Jenny Friedman

Topics: Environment, Poverty, Community, Social Action, etc.

Book Title: **Connecting Service Learning and School-to-Career Initiatives**

1997, 44 pp., soft cover.

Author: Council of Chief State School Officers

Book Title: **Draft Instructional Framework in Service Learning for Middle School**

Fall 1992, 238 pp, soft cover.

Author: Maryland Student Service Alliance

Topics: Loads of Service Learning ideas. (Middle School)

Resources(continued)

Book Title: Education for Civic Engagement in Democracy

Service Learning and other promising practices. A compellation of essays around civic engagement and service learning. 175 pp.

Author: Sheilah Mann and John Patrick

Topics: Civic Engagement (Secondary)

Book Title: Getting Started in Service-Learning: An Elementary through High School Handbook

A how to guide for implementing service learning and best practices.

Author: NYLC

Topics: Service Learning Implementation. (Elementary/Secondary)

Book Title: Growing Hope: A Sourcebook on Integrating Youth Service into the School Curriculum

April 1991, 256 pp., soft cover.

Author: Rich Willits Cairn and Dr. James C. Kielsmeier, Editors

Topics: Many Service Learning ideas (Elementary/Secondary)

Book Title: Growing to Greatness: The State of Service-Learning

Makes clear the case for service-learning by demonstrating how quality service-learning experiences can broaden and deepen schooling's impact by providing descriptions of initiatives that work. Annual reports of 2006, 2007, 2008.

Author: NYLC

Topics: Data that supports service learning success. (Elementary/Secondary)

Book Title: High School Service Learning Guide

May 1993. 384 pp., three-ring binder

Author: Maryland Student Service Alliance

Topics: Service Learning Project Ideas (High School)

Resources(continued)

Book Title: **The Kid's Guide To Service Projects**

Over 500 service ideas for young people who want to make a difference. 172 pp.

Author: Barbara A. Lewis

Topics: Animals, Community Development and Beautification, Crime Fighting, Environment, Homeless, Hunger, Literacy, Safety, Senior Citizens. (Elementary/Secondary)

Book Title: **Learning by Giving: K-8 Service Learning Curriculum Guide**

1993, 270 pp., three-ring binder.

Author: Rich Cairn, National Youth Leadership Council

Topics:

Book Title: **Off Their Rockers Into Service**

Connecting the Generations Through Service Learning. 30 pp.

Author: Beverly Brandes and Rebecca Green

Topics: Good book for intergenerational projects as a vehicle to “get back to the basics”...caring relationships, character education, and an ethic of service. Good resource to help with specifics of how to organize intergenerational projects with all of the components.

Book Title: **Pocket Guide to Service Learning**

Provides the basic information needed to gain an understanding of what service learning is. 14 pp.

Author: National Dropout Prevention Center/Network

Topics: Definition of Service Learning.

Book Title: **Pondering Learning: Connecting Multiple Intelligences and Service Learning**

A great resource for forming service learning projects around multiple intelligences. 32 pp.

Author: Carole Klopp, Pamela Toole, and James Toole

Topics: Multiple Intelligences (Elementary/Secondary)

Resources(continued)

Book Title: Oral Histories: Let Their Voices Be Heard

A how-to guide to do successful Oral Histories. 28 pp.

Author: Patricia M. Haggerty

Topics: Intergenerational, Oral Histories. (Elementary/Secondary)

Book Title: Reflection-A Guide to Effective Service-Learning

A great resource for ideas to help facilitate reflection of your service learning project. 18pp.

Author: Ande England and John Spence

Topics: Reflection Ideas

Book Title: Service-Learning A to Z –Dictionary and Resource Guide for Kids!

Great definitions of terms surrounding service-learning projects. 27 pp.

Author: Kathryn Barnes

Topics: Service Learning words are defined. (Elementary/Middle)

Book Title: Service Learning Professional Inquiry Kit

1999. Video and six folders of information.

Author: Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development

Topics: Using Service Learning as a teaching methodology.

Book Title: Service-Learning and School-to-Work: A Partnership Strategy for Education Renewal

Highlights strategies in how to integrate service learning into school-to-work programs. 24 pp.

Author: Ande England and John Spence

Topics: Service Learning and School-Work programs. (High School)

Book Title: Service Learning Student's Guide & Journal For Elementary School

2003, 34 pp., soft cover.

Author: Robert Schoenfeld

Topics: Good format for reflection. (Elementary)

Resources(continued)

Book Title: Service Learning Student's Guide & Journal for Middle School and High School

2003, 43 pp., soft cover.

Author: Robert Schoenfeld

Topics: Good format for reflection. (Secondary)

Book Title: Soaring to New Heights with Service Learning

A compilation of Service Learning projects throughout Valdosta city schools. 140 pp., soft cover.

Author: Valdosta City Schools, Valdosta, Georgia

Topics: Loads of project ideas. (Elementary/Secondary)

Book Title: Start Something: You Can Make a Difference

Curriculum published by the Earl Woods and the Tiger Woods Foundation. Encourages kids to make a difference in their world and to start something.

Author: Tiger Woods Foundation

Topics: Friendship, Family, School, Teamwork, Community Life. (Elementary/Secondary)

Book Title: Sweat for Nets: Getting Active in the Fight Against Malaria

DVD organizational tool kit.

Author: Children for Children

Topics: Malaria

Book Title: Uncommon Journeys: Peace Corps Adventures Across Cultures

offers 11 essays by returned Peace Corps Volunteers, providing readers an insider's grasp of what it's like to serve as a Volunteer, including the challenges, the rewards, the humor, and, most important, lessons about life in other cultures. Ten of the selections are accompanied by lessons that can be employed in 6th through 12th grade classrooms. 190 pp.

Author: Paul D. Coverdell

Topics: Cross-Culture Interactions, Diversity, Global Awareness. (Secondary)

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