

# Inclusive Collections: A Frank Conversation about Diversity in Library Resources

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## Resources & Links

**Presentation Slides** [bit.ly/SLCinclusive](https://bit.ly/SLCinclusive)

**From the Webinar** (in order of appearance)

- “Picture This: Diversity in Children’s Books 2018 Infographic”  
<https://readingspark.wordpress.com/2019/06/19/picture-this-diversity-in-childrens-books-2018-infographic/>
- “Where is the Diversity in Publishing? The 2019 Diversity Baseline Survey Results”  
<https://blog.leeandlow.com/2020/01/28/2019diversitybaselinesurvey/>
- Project READY <https://ready.web.unc.edu/>
- Pollyanna Racial Literacy Curriculum & Parent/Guardian Companion Guide  
<https://pollyannaincrlc.org/>
- “Diversity Auditing 101: How to Evaluate Your Collection”  
<https://www.slj.com/?detailStory=diversity-auditing-101-how-to-evaluate-collection>
- We Need Diverse Books <https://diversebooks.org/>
- “How to Build a More Diverse Classroom Library”  
<https://blog.leeandlow.com/2019/01/08/how-to-build-a-more-diverse-classroom-library>
- Reedy High School Diversity Audit Form  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSda3-XFle64ZCj\\_OyhUWZDcdwLjw6yxsWG9fK7O7Pu39GH-Xg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSda3-XFle64ZCj_OyhUWZDcdwLjw6yxsWG9fK7O7Pu39GH-Xg/viewform)
- Diversity Audit Form to Copy  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1NVxkVRkJU\\_mzCvAW44cnhjyyycsFAZn56awe](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1NVxkVRkJU_mzCvAW44cnhjyyycsFAZn56awe)

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- Diversity Audit Instructions  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/13YbXfyZmKkZRkldgU9msjG-GiYvC2x\\_CLAal86zj-h4/template/preview](https://docs.google.com/document/d/13YbXfyZmKkZRkldgU9msjG-GiYvC2x_CLAal86zj-h4/template/preview)
- Frisco ISD Ethnicity Breakdown  
[https://www.friscoisd.org/docs/default-source/facts/ethnicity\\_report.pdf?sfvrsn=8](https://www.friscoisd.org/docs/default-source/facts/ethnicity_report.pdf?sfvrsn=8)
- Welcome Sign  
[https://docs.google.com/drawings/d/1GDyveiuu\\_RqQ6VsJ4vLexag-YGMg3Ydt487x2scmKGs/template/preview](https://docs.google.com/drawings/d/1GDyveiuu_RqQ6VsJ4vLexag-YGMg3Ydt487x2scmKGs/template/preview)
- National Education Association: “Why Cultural Competence?”  
<http://www.nea.org/home/39783.htm>
- Project Lit <http://bit.ly/projectlitcomm>
- Read Woke <https://cicelythegreat.wordpress.com/>
- Cicely Lewis on Twitter <https://twitter.com/cicelythegreat>
- “Texas School Librarians, Whiteness, & Showing Up for the Work”  
<http://tasltalks.blogspot.com/2020/07/texas-school-librarians-whiteness.html>
- “Cultivating Genius: An Equity Framework for Culturally and Historically Responsive Literacy”  
<http://teacher.scholastic.com/education/webinars.htm?webinar=6176632353001>
- “Designing School Accountability to Drive Equity”  
<http://teacher.scholastic.com/education/webinars.htm?webinar=6177027793001>
- Diverse Reading Collections from OverDrive  
<https://resources.overdrive.com/k-12-schools/collection-development/diverse-reading/>

## Books and Resources Shared by Attendees

### Books

- *A Blade So Black* by L.L. McKinney
- *A Song Below Water* by Bethany C. Morrow
- *Bone Witch* series by Rin Chupeco
- *Little & Lion* by Brandy Colbert
- *Not your All-American Girl* by Wendy Wan-Long Shang and Madelyn Rosenberg
- *The Belles* by Dhonielle Clayton
- *The Dread Nation* series by Justina Ireland

- *When Life Gives You O.J.* by Erica S. Perl

### Other Resources

- Presentation of books that feature children from the Caribbean by Shaunterria Owens <https://prezi.com/view/t715V1LwVhlzvvg1aQV/>
- Reading Without Walls <https://read.macmillan.com/mcpg/reading-without-walls/>
- The Global Read Aloud <https://theglobalreadaloud.com/2020/03/30/global-read-aloud-choices-2020-gra20/>

### Chat Discussion Highlights

“Having a clear selection policy is so important—and that it specifically calls out the value of diversity... And important that folks understand the difference between just not being a racist and being anti-racist...yes—representation matters #BlackJoy.”

Christy James, District Library and Media Services Coordinator, Charleston County School District, Charleston, SC

“Thank you for sharing display ideas; controversial issues such as rape are especially difficult to have discussions about. So helpful—you never know the impact these books can have.”

Mary Kramer, IBDP Librarian, Windermere Preparatory School, Windermere, FL

“I wouldn't label books as diverse because it centers whiteness as normal, and everything else as non-normal....I think you should talk about it. For example, ‘In this book, a young boy named Marcos realizes he might be developing romantic feelings for his friend, Jamal.’ In that way, you are making it clear that there's a gay lead, but you're not labeling it....Display and promote a representative collection! Center your diversity, don't label it.”

Gabriel Graña, Librarian, RD & Euzelle Smith Middle School, Chapel Hill, NC

### More from School Library Connection and ABC-CLIO

ABC-CLIO for Libraries <https://www.abc-clio.com/libraries/>  
ABC-CLIO Databases <https://www.abc-clio.com/databases/>  
School Library Connection <https://schoollibraryconnection.com>

## More from the Presenters

Lambert, Nancy Jo. "Equity, Race, and Reflection." School Library Connection, March 2020, <https://schoollibraryconnection.com/Home/Display/2233141>.

## More from SLC

Cellucci, Anita M. "Full Voice. Underserved Populations: We have the Power to Imagine Better ." School Library Connection, February 2020, [schoollibraryconnection.com/Home/Display/2234913](https://schoollibraryconnection.com/Home/Display/2234913).

Fort, Valerie Byrd. "Programming with Diversity in Mind: Conducting a Diversity Audit." School Library Connection, September 2019, [schoollibraryconnection.com/Home/Display/2208182](https://schoollibraryconnection.com/Home/Display/2208182).

Shaffer, Sylvie. "Do I See Me? Learning with Diversity Audits ." School Library Connection, May 2020, [schoollibraryconnection.com/Home/Display/2209717](https://schoollibraryconnection.com/Home/Display/2209717).

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