



2025 Summer Library Program Early Literacy Program Ideas Color Our World

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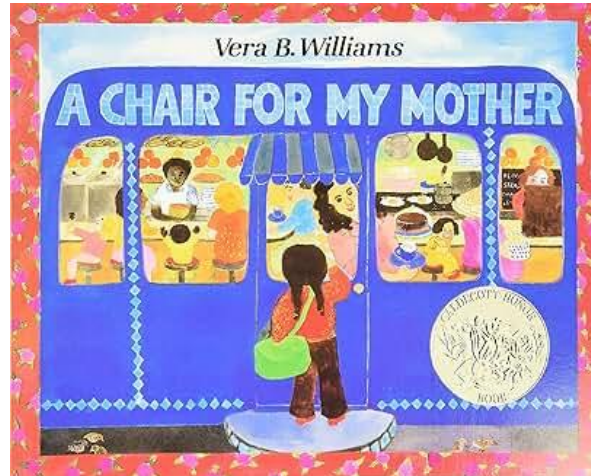
About the books included here: classics considerations

Why to use them

- Engages parents & caregivers
- Highlights library's collection
- Cultural call-in
- For you!

Why classics need to retire

- Racist depictions of characters
- Gender stereotypes
- Outdated cultural norms/behaviors
- Exclusive



An artists' pantry: some of Shawn's favorite go-to & sustainable materials

Tempera sticks

Chunky crayons

Stabilo Woody colored pencils - water soluble

Beeswax block crayons

Wooden blocks

Colorful square bandanas/scarves

Homemade play dough

Rocks

Box of dress up clothes

Wallpaper samples

Construction paper and paper on rolls

Blank kraft notebooks

Jingle bells, drums, keyboard, etc.

iPad or tablet with photo app

Safety mirrors

Pretend microphone

Yarn & wool roving



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Shawn's most favorite art supply:

Sketchbooks!

- Inexpensive is perfect!
- Available in bulk (Kraft paper)
- Keeps art projects in one place
- Personal and private
- Great keepsake

(treat yourself: Talens Art Creations
Sketchbooks, different sizes - Blick has
best prices)



Check out these places for supplies:

Thrift shops

Your child's art supplies brought home at the end of the school year

E-bay

Blick Art Materials: www.dickblick.com (best prices, fast shipping, regional business)

Jack Richeson supplies: <https://richesonart.com/> (WI company - great for pigments & casein (milk) paint making supplies. Treat yourself!

Montessori and Waldorf school supply vendors

- www.bellalunatoys.com
- www.montessoriservices.com

Volunteer ideas

Do you work with teen or adult library volunteers who have offered their time? Here are a few ideas to try:

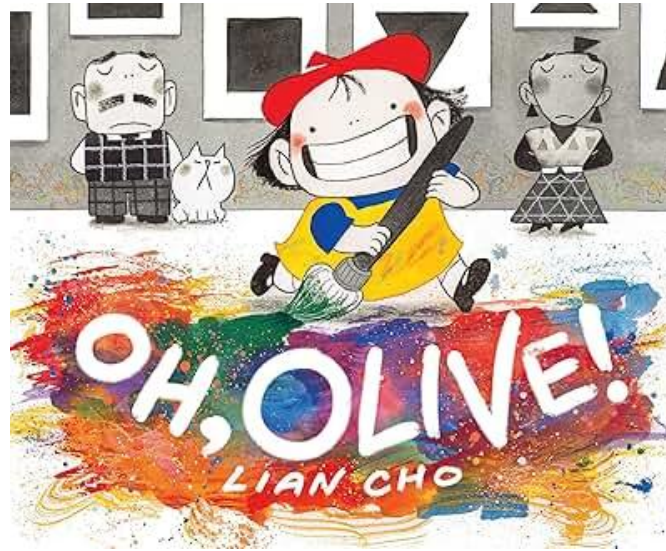
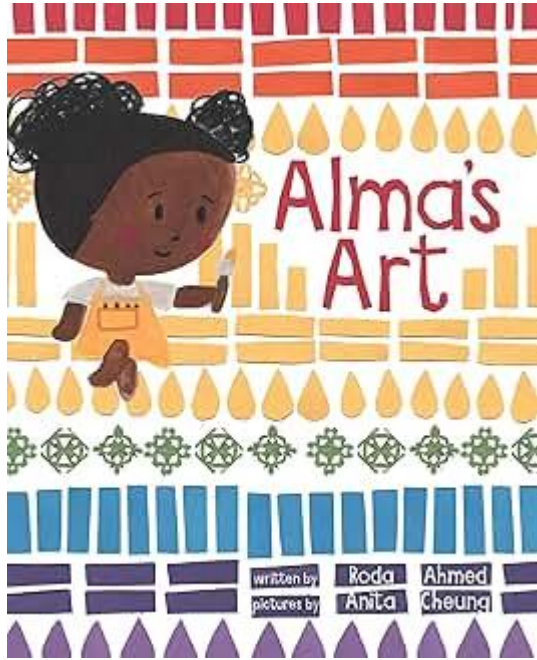
- Sewists: make art aprons, smocks, and crayon/pencil rolls.
- Photographers: take photos of community buildings to display in a library “art gallery.”
- Musicians: play music at the end of programs.
- Crafters: help out at a program, donate supplies no longer used.

- Dancers: lead a child-appropriate and inclusive movement activity.
- Painters: help out with a (tempera or other washable paint) activity.
- Scientists: make casein (milk) paint for future projects

<https://naturalearthpaint.com/blogs/blog/re-cipe-natural-casein-paint>



Drawing & Painting: Books to Try

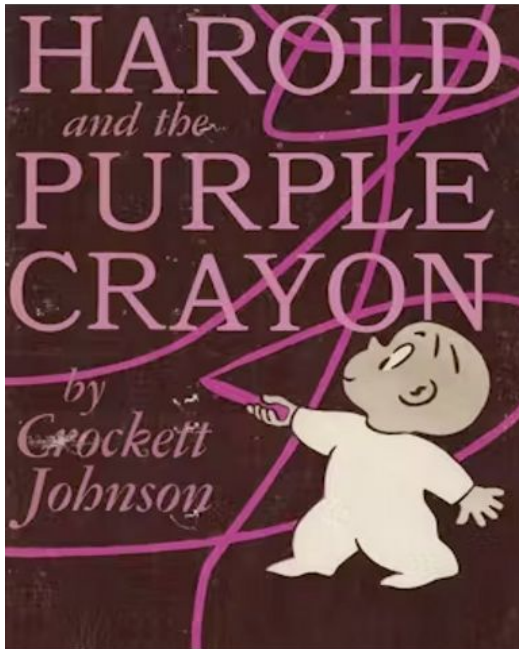


Thoughts on Harold and the Purple Crayon

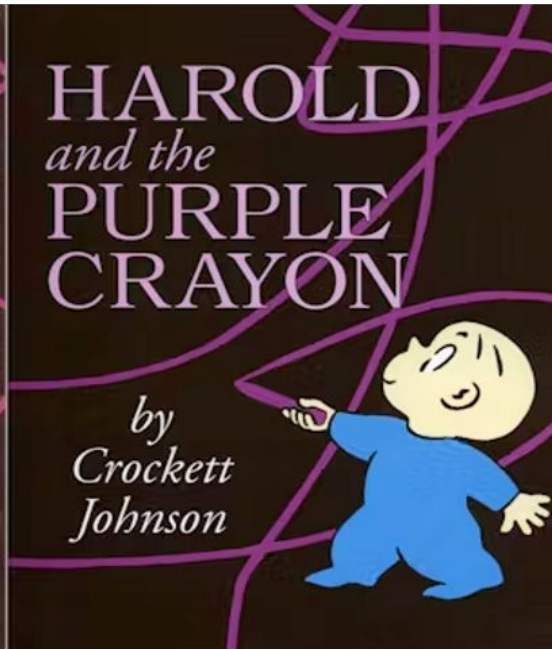
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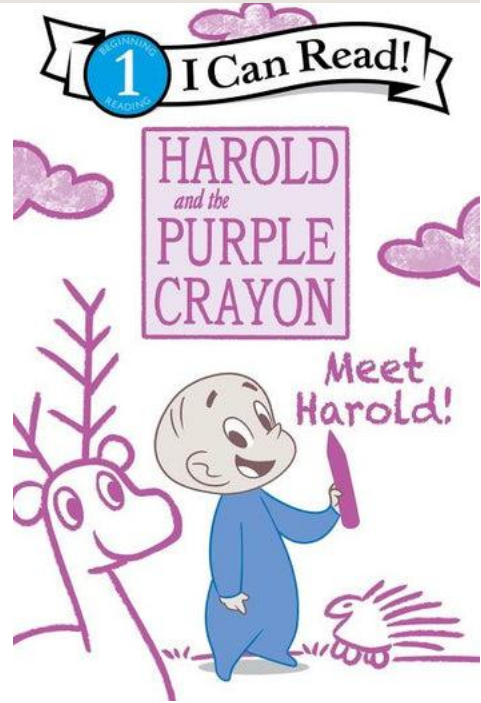
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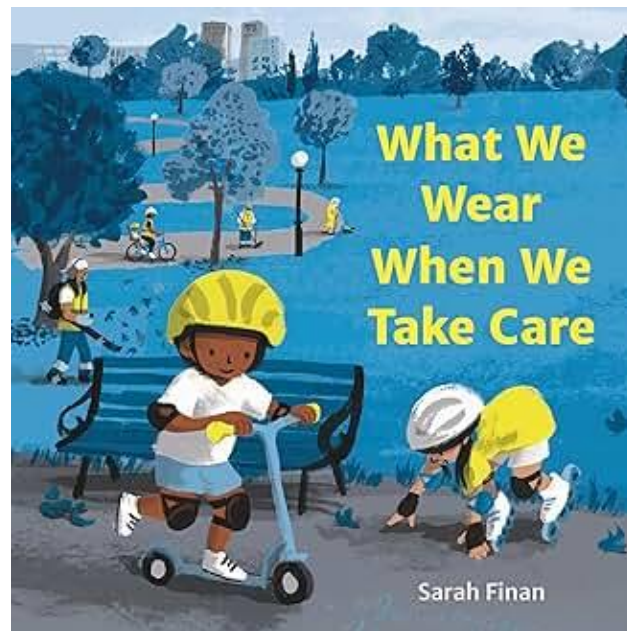
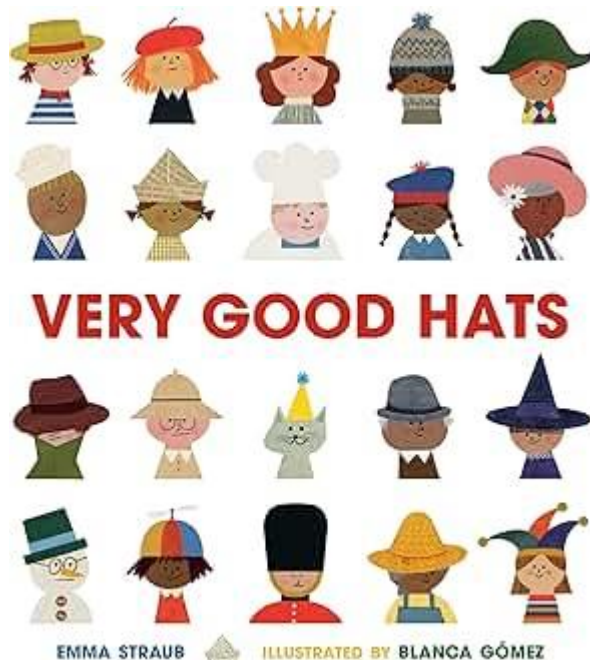
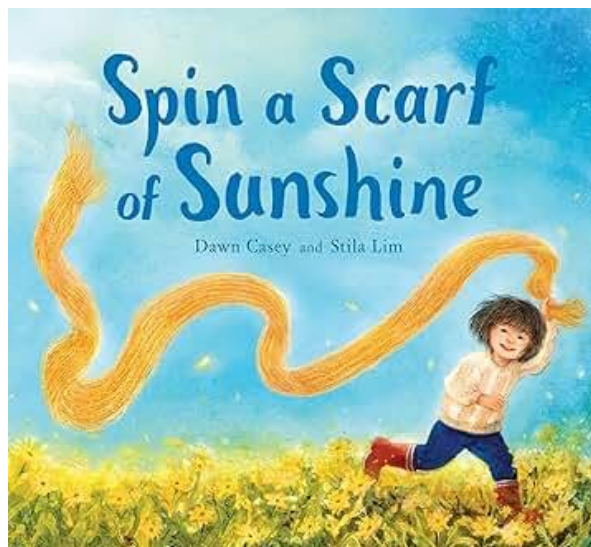


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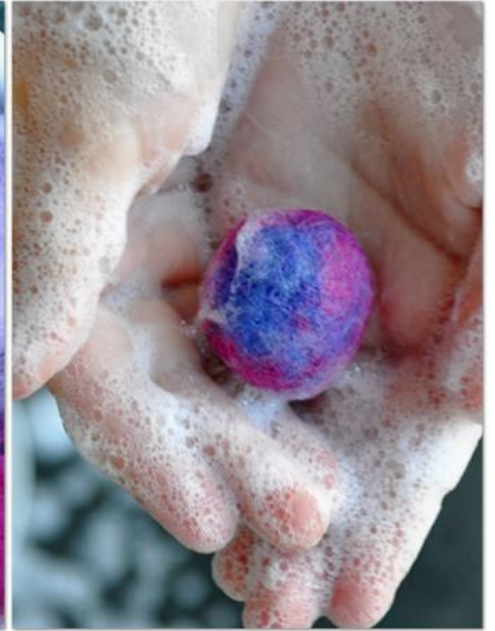
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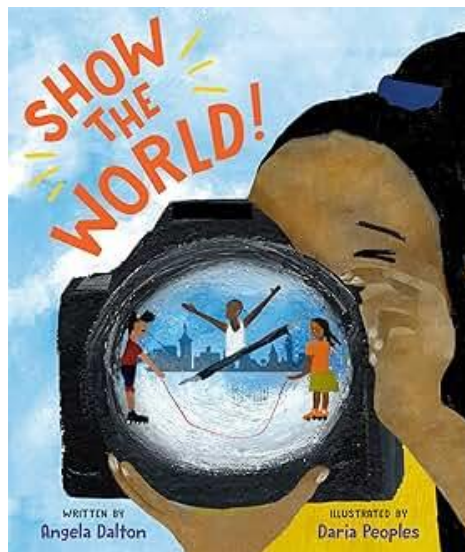
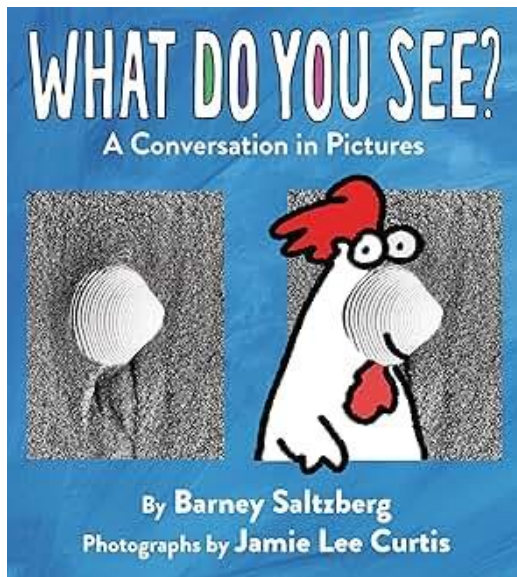
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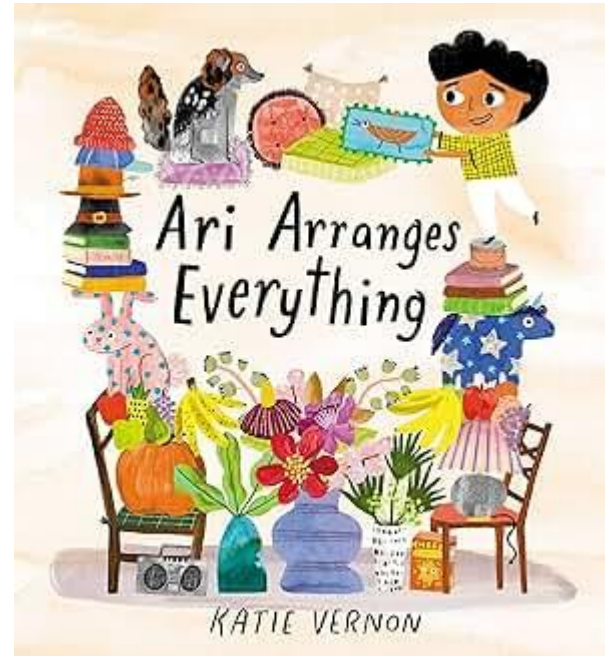
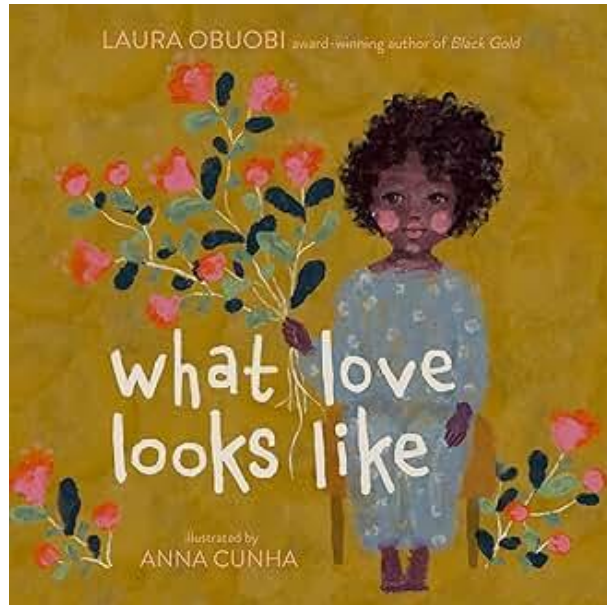
Photography: Books to Try



Photography: Activities to Try - Picture Day!



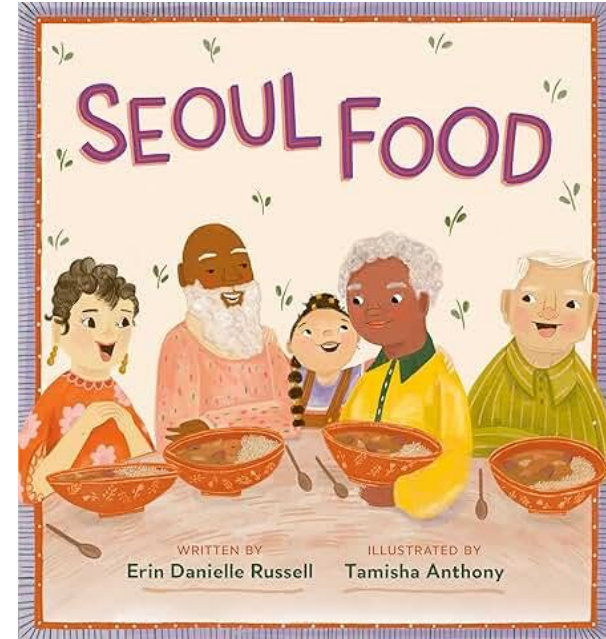
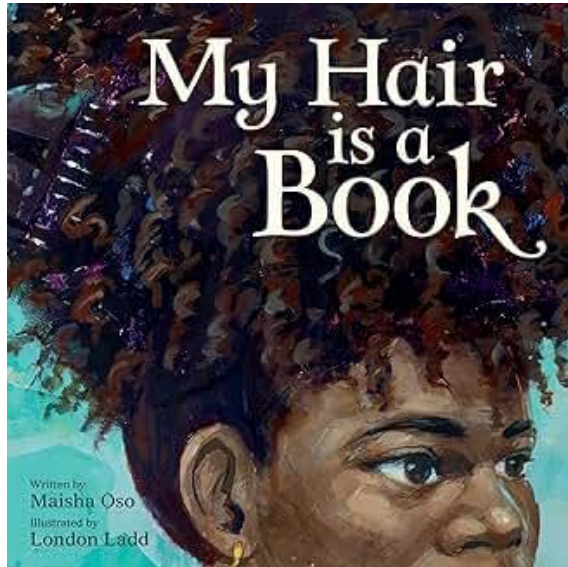
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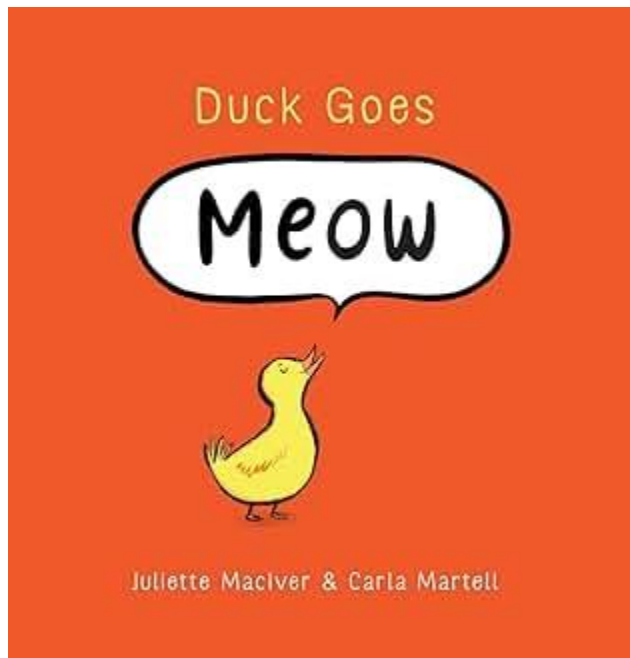
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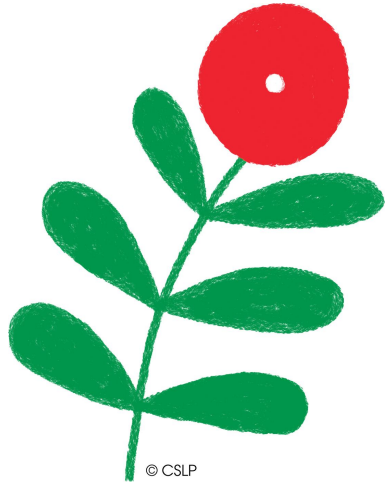


Performing Arts: Books to Try



Performing Arts: Activities to Try





Thank you!

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