KidCitizen Engagement: Selected Books for K-5 about Community, Conflict Resolution and Voting

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This bibliography has been developed for Teaching about the 2016 Elections: Preparing Students for Political Engagement, a daylong conference hosted by the Education Outreach and Partnerships of the UW-Madison School of Education on September 24, 2016.

Books on this list offer examples of literature that can encourage K-5 students to reflect on what it means to be a member of a community (Community Engagement), as well as how they relate to and engage with others (Civil--and Not-so-Civil--Discourse). Additional books look at the history and importance of voting and voting rights. You can find CCBC descriptions of most of these books by using the Quick Search box on the CCBC web site at http://ccbc.education.wisc.edu/

Community Engagement

**Picture Book Stories**


Williams, Vera B. *A Chair for My Mother*. Greenwillow, 1982. Ages 3-8

**Chapter Books**


**Informational Books**


**Civil (and Not-So-Civil) Discourse**

**Picture Book Stories**


**Chapter Books**


Informational Books


Elections and Voting Rights

Picture Book Stories


Chapter Books

Draper, Sharon M. *Stella By Starlight.* Atheneum, 2015. 320 pages. Ages 8-11


Informational Books


Rockliff, Mara. *Around America to Win the Vote: Two Suffragists, a Kitten, and 10,000 Miles.* Illustrated by Hadley Hooper. Candlewick Press, 2016. 40 pages. Ages 6-9


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Among the specific lists we drew from in compiling this bibliography are:

- Civic Engagement: Selected K-5 Books for Reflecting on One’s Place in the World
- Images of Community: Selected Books for Children and Young Adults
- Marching On: Selected Books about the Civil Rights Movement for Children and Teens
- Thick-skinned, Thin-skinned, The Skin I’m In: Books about Bullying, Teasing, Relational Aggression and School Violence

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