Everyday Diversity: What New in Children’s Picture Books

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Library Books Mentioned in Presentation

All Kinds of Friends by Shelley Rotner and Sheila M. Kelly
Photographs and simple text explore the many kinds of friends children have in their lives.

Blocks by Irene Dickson
Ruby has red blocks, and Benji has blue blocks. They learn how to share.

Blue Sky White Stars by Sarvinder Naberhaus
A stirring poetic tribute to the beauty and wonder of America’s symbols, history and landscapes.

Brave by Stacy McAnulty
Every kid faces unique challenges, fears and pressures. This book encourages kids to be brave in all the ways they can: trying new things, speaking their mind, confronting bullies and more.

The Colors of Us by Karen Katz
Seven-year-old Lena and her mother observe the variations in the color of their friends' skin, viewed in terms of foods and things found in nature.

Even Superheroes Have Bad Days by Shelly Becker
A group of superheroes are having a bad day and learn to cope with their emotions.

Families by Shelley Rotner
Celebrate diversity with a picture book for very young children about the many faces of contemporary families.

Foxy! by Jessica Souhami
Crafty Foxy tricks into his sack a fine rooster, a fat pig and even a little boy. The trick works until he meets his match.

Goodbye Summer, Hello Autumn by Kenard Pak
In a simple, evocative conversation with nature, a young girl witnesses how the season changes from summer to autumn.

Hey Black Child by Useni Eugene Perkins
A lyrical, empowering poem that celebrates black children and seeks to inspire all young ones to dream big and achieve their goals.
**How to Find a Fox** by Nilah Magruder
Equipped with a camera and determination, an adventurous little girl tries to track down an elusive red fox, which proves more difficult than she thought.

**Leo Can Swim** by Anna McQuinn
Baby Leo loves the water, so his father takes him to swim class with the other toddlers.

**Lola Gets a Cat** by Anna McQuinn
More than anything Lola would like a cat, but first she must learn how to care for it.

**Lola Loves Stories** by Anna McQuinn
Lola loves to hear Daddy read a new library book each night, an activity that spurs her imagination and results in inventive play the next day.

**Lola Plants a Garden** by Anna McQuinn
Lola plants a flower garden with her parent's help and watches it grow.

**Lovely** by Jess Hong
Big, small, curly, straight, loud, quiet, smooth, wrinkly. Lovely explores a world of differences that all add up to the same thing: we are all lovely.

**Maria Had a Little Llama/María Tenía Una Llamita** by Angela Dominguez
In this bilingual version of the classic rhyme, Maria takes her llama to school one day.

**Max Speed** by Stephen Shaskan
Tiny speed car racer, Max, goes on the imagined adventure after cleaning his room until he finds his way back home.

**Ming Goes to School** by Deirdre Sullivan
Ming goes to preschool, where she bravely plays all kinds of games with new friends and old, but she is still not quite ready for the big red slide.

**One Family** by George Shannon
In this story that introduces numbered groups from one to ten, we realize that families can be many things.

**Say Hello!** by Rachel Isadora
A little girl greets people in her neighborhood in many different languages.

**Shades of People** by Shelley Rotner
Explores the many different shades of human skin, and points out that skin is just a covering that does not reveal what someone is like inside.

**Up! How Families Around the World Carry Their Little Ones** by Susan Hughes
Around the world, little ones are carried in many different ways.

**Water is Water: A Book About the Water Cycle** by Miranda Paul
A spare, poetic picture book exploring the different phases of the water cycle in surprising and engaging ways.
The Wheels on the Tuk Tuk by Sabir Sehgal
The wheels on the tuk tuk go round and round all over the city in India.

Who Likes Rain? by Wong Herbert Yee
As a young girl splashes in the rain, she plays a guessing game with the reader about other living things that enjoy a cloudburst.

Yum! Yuck! by Linda Sue Park
Look at faces for a hint of the sounds people use to express different feelings.

Websites Mentioned in Presentation

Friendship Color Mixing
thesimplicityoflearning2013.blogspot.com/2014/02/friendship-color-mixing.html

Martin Luther King, Jr Lesson: Same Color Crayon, Same Color Paper
herdingkats.blogspot.com/2013/01/martin-luther-king-jr-lesson.html

Rain Stick Craft
www.giftofcuriosity.com/diy-rain-stick-craft

Early Literacy Library Resources

Early Literacy Library Book Bags
Book bag kits with 10-20 books on a variety of school-related themes.

Fun With Reading!
This publication highlights library books for toddlers and preschoolers and includes an assortment of early literacy extension activities for each book.

Ready to Read Resources
Library books, songs, fingerplays and websites on a variety of school-related themes.

Read, Write, Talk, Sing and Play Poster Series
Early literacy posters designed to help caregivers read, talk, sing, write and play with young children.

Go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library and select “Early Literacy” for more early literacy resources.

Songs and Rhymes Used in Presentation

Hello Song
Everybody wave and say “Hello!”
Everybody wave and say “Hola!”
Everybody wave and say “Ni-Hao!”
“Jambo!”
“Bonjour!”
“Hello!”

Goodbye Song
Everybody wave and say “Goodbye!”
Everybody wave and say “Adios!”
Everybody wave and say “Bye Nzuri!”
“Addio!”
“Sayonara!”
“Goodbye!”
Wouldn’t It Be Terrible?
Wouldn’t it be terrible?
Wouldn’t it be sad?
If just one single color, was the color that we had?
If everything was purple?
Or red? Or blue? Or green?
If yellow, pink or orange was all that could be seen?
Can you imagine how dull the world would be?
If just one single color was all we got to see?

Five Fast Cars
Five fast cars speeding round the track.
The first car said, “I can’t look back!”
The second car said, “Oh no! I’m out of gas!”
The third car said, “Beep! Beep! I’m fast!”
The fourth car said, “Vroom, vroom. I win!”
The fifth car said, “Vroom, vroom. I win!”
Then beep went a horn and flash went the lights.
And five fast race cars sped out of sight.

Zim-bam, Zim-bam
Zim-bam, zim-bam, zim-bam-bee,
Rain is falling on the tree.
Zim-bam, zim-bam, zim-bam-by,
Rain is falling from the sky.
Zim-bam, zim-bam, zim-bam-boo,
Rain is falling on us too.

Close Your Eyes
Close your eyes,
And count to three –
1, 2, 3.
Tell me what the difference would be?

Singing in the Rain
Use rain sticks as you sing the song.
I’m singing in the rain,
Just singing in the rain.
What a glo-ri-ous feeling,
I’m happy again!

Shake it in the front
Shake it down low
Shake it in a circle
There you go!
Shake it all around
Shake it up and down
Twirl and turn around!