

February 2018

Spread the Love!



Save the Day: February 28, Advocacy Day

Every year means a new opportunity to explain to lawmakers in Albany just how important libraries are to the community! The year, Advocacy Day will fall on Wednesday, February 28. The meetings with each representative are:

- Senator Little - 8:45 AM at 310 in the Legislative Office Building (We understand if this is too early, and will welcome anyone who wants to join only the later two meetings.)
- Assemblyman Dan Stec - 11:30 AM at 940 in the Legislative Office Building
- Assemblyman Jones - 12:00 PM at 534 in the Legislative Office Building

Let [Dawn](#) know if you're interested in sharing why libraries matter and we can see if there is a way to facilitate carpooling interested parties!



Webinars to Watch

EveryLibrary is hosting "[Libraries, Social Media, and Politics: Do You Know What to Post?](#)" on February 15, 2018 at 2:00 PM.

Most library professionals feel like they have little direction regarding politics and social media, unnecessarily censoring themselves on topics that they should be discussing. This webinar will discuss the survey research that The Political Librarian did and give practical advice for removing some of the ambiguity. The presenters will also consider the repercussions from library professionals not engaging appropriately in political topics because of artificial hurdles.

The ALA and the PLA are hosting an "[Introduction to Dialogue & Deliberation for Public Libraries Serving Small, Mid-sized and/or Rural Communities](#)" on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at 2:00 PM.

In small, mid-sized and/or rural communities, the public library often becomes a de facto town hall. Through this important social position, libraries have the potential to make the most impactful change in their communities. This webinar will go over a range of models in dialogue and deliberation available to public libraries serving small, mid-sized and/or rural communities.

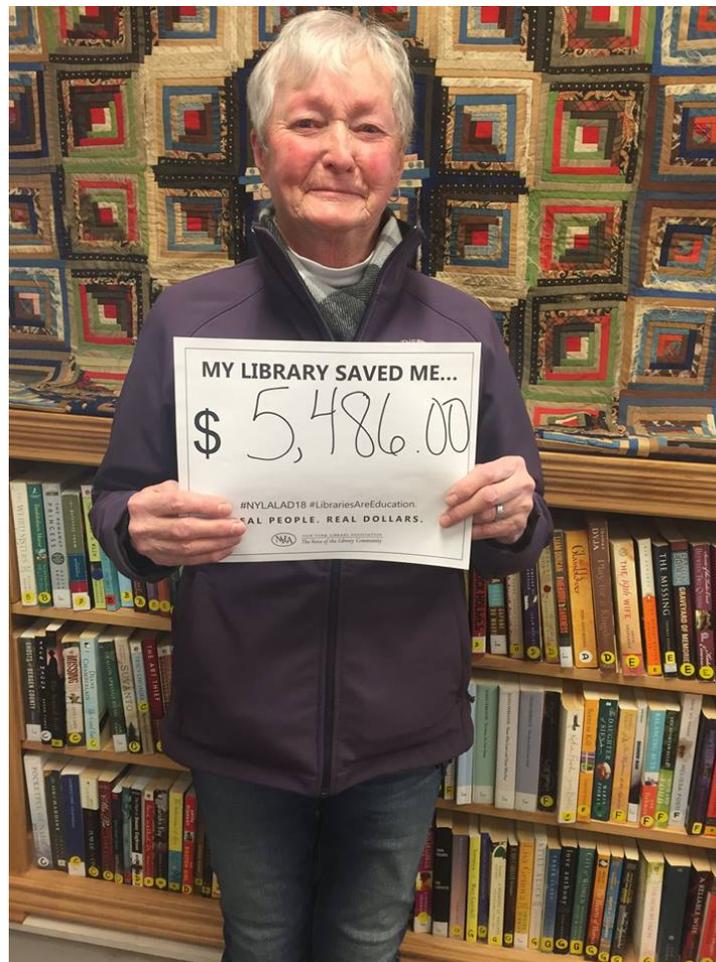
The ALA and the PLA are hosting "[Conversation Café](#)" on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at 2:00 PM. Conversation Cafés are great for helping community members learn more about themselves,

their community or an issue, and the process is easily adaptable and requires minimal resources. This webinar will emphasize how to organize and facilitate these "cafés," shifting from small talk to *big* talk in conversations that matter.

Each of the sessions are free. Feel free to view them at any location, register to access the archived version at a date of your choosing, or stop by CEFLS headquarters to join us as we view it.



Tell the Story of Library Savings Through Pictures



Check out [Peru Free Library's Facebook](#) for an excellent example of this initiative from NYLA!

From Kelsey Dorado of NYLA:

Real People. Real Dollars is an effort to drive more library advocates to the [NYLA Online Advocacy Center](#) and increase awareness of Library Advocacy Day. This effort was originally started by the [Mid-Hudson Library System in 2016](#) and is now going statewide!

We're calling on libraries from across the state to participate in the 2018 Real People. Real Dollars. campaign. Investing in libraries has a big return on investment for the communities they serve, help us **tell that story in pictures** as we prepare for [Library Advocacy Day](#) on February 28!

How To Participate:

1. Work with an avid library user or family of avid library users to calculate how much they save in a year using the [NYLA Library Use Value Calculator](#).
2. Once the annual figure is calculated:
 1. take a screen shot of the calculation to have on hand and
 2. use the **sign template for either an [individual](#) or [family](#)** and fill in the dollar figure they have calculated
 3. snap a photo of the person or family holding up this sign, like the one to the right (*don't forget to use your photo release form!*).
 4. have your patron sign up to be a library champion using the [NYLA Online Advocacy Center](#).
3. Post this to your Facebook page (and Twitter and Instagram...) with a message telling the story of the picture and pushing your followers to use the [NYLA Online Advocacy Center](#) to reach out to their legislators. Feel free to tag your legislators in your post and be sure to use the hashtags: **#NYLALAD18 #LibrariesAreEducation**

4. Upload your photos to the [Google Drive Folder](#).

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Spread the Love

We wanted to take a moment to thank both Akwesasne Library and Cultural Center and Belden Noble Memorial Library for sending us very generous donations for the Give the Gift of Reading promotion we have going on. And, of course, thank you to all who have already donated to the cause.

There's still time to donate help to purchase ebook and e-audiobook titles for all ages to enjoy and read or listen to together during the holiday season. Your gifts help us increase our offerings to the public.

Give the Gift of Reading



Summer Reading Workshop

Want some tips and ideas for your next batch of Summer Reading events revolving around the next theme, Libraries Rock? CEFLS will be hosting a Summer Reading Workshop on March 8, 2018 from

9:30 AM to 3:00 PM. You'll meet presenters, get hands-on with some crafts, and get programming ideas. Lunch will be provided for those who attend. [Contact Karen](#) to RSVP for the workshop.

Email Karen



New Kits

Big ideas still come in small packages! We've been having a great time sending out our kits to libraries and correctional facilities. We've made it a priority to add unique bags that bring new learning opportunities to patrons, and we want to bring them to you and your community.

Sensory Kits

We've created 6 sensory kits that contain resources such as books, games, and toys. It's our hope that they will provide education, support and activity ideas for both children who are on the Autism Spectrum or who have sensory processing disorders as well as their parents and/or caregivers. Each kit has a specific focus and is designed to address some of the particular issues related to that topic. The kits also offer an opportunity to "try before you buy" which will be beneficial for parents since many of these items can be quite costly to purchase. Finally, having these kits available in and through our public libraries will hopefully make parents aware of the other resources that are available to them in our public libraries that they and their children can take advantage of and enjoy for free, with a library card.

- **For Siblings:**
2 clear bags, 5 books (The Survival Guide for Kids with Autism Spectrum Disorders, Ten Things Every Child with Autism Wishes You Knew, What About Me?, Sometimes My Brother, My Brother Charlie), CD (Greg & Steve: We All Live Together, vol 2), The Sneaky Snacky Squirrel Game, Let's Talk Conversation Starters, Lights & Sound Touch Circuit, Zip Ball, 1 washable sensory ball, and sheets with instructions and activity ideas.
- **Communication Skills:**
Clear bag, 6 books (The Conversation Train, The Autism Activities Handbook, Where is it?, Why is it?, Who is it?, What is it?), DVD (Baby Babble), Family Talk Cards, Learn to Respond Appropriately Cards, Microphone Recorder, Hear Myself Sound Phone, Find It! game, Hoot Owl Hoot cooperative game, Tactile Alphabet Match-Ups, and sheets with instructions and activity ideas.
- **Medical Visits:**
Clear bag, 4 books (I Can See Just Fine, Harry Goes to the Hospital, Chicken Boy: a superhero with autism deals with doctors & dentists, Managing Anxiety in People with Autism), 3 PECS Books (Trip to the ER, Let's Got to the Dentist, Let's Go to the Doctor), DVD (Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood: Daniel Goes to the Doctor), Ha-Choo Game, Pretend Play Doctor Kit, fidget chain, fidget cube, mesh & marble, twisted fidget toy, stretchy string, 2 washable sensory balls, and sheets with instructions and activity ideas.
- **Exploring the Senses:**
Clear bag, 3 books (Waddle: A Scanimation Picture Book, Yoga Therapy for Children with Autism & Special Needs, Raising Kids with Sensory Processing Disorders), CD (Greg & Steve: We All Live Together, volume 1), 1 washable sensory ball, Melissa & Doug Primary Lacing Beads, Melissa & Doug Musical Instruments Sound Puzzle, Wobble Bobble Ball, 1 yellow resistance band, and sheets with instructions and activity ideas.

- **Thinking About the Senses:**

Clear bag, 3 books (101 Games & Activities for Children with Autism, Asperger's & Sensory Processing Disorders, Sensitive Sam, Why Does Lizzy Cover Her Ears?), CD (Ocean Waves: calming sounds of the sea), 1 set of Kids' Ear Defenders headphones, light-up aquarium, Soundtracks listening game, Silly Shapes Sensory Shapes - set of 10, 2 resistance bands, Magic Ball, 2 mesh & marbles, twisted fidget toy, stretchy string, and sheets with instructions and activity ideas.

- **Learning About Emotions:**

Clear bag, 9 books (How Do Dinosaurs Say I'm Mad?, Uniquely Human: a different way of seeing autism, The Kids' Guide to Staying Awesome and In Control, Moods & Emotions book set - 6), Understanding Emotions Cards, Bubble Timer, Mood & Emotions Mirrors (6), Emotion-oes game, twisted fidget toy, stretchy string, 2 washable sensory balls, and sheets with instructions and activity ideas.



Senior Planet

Senior Planet's North Country Initiative is a project of Older Adults Technology Services (OATS), a not-for-profit organization designed to empower older adults to live well and *age with attitude*. Senior Planet creates connected communities of technology access and education.

The three major components of the Senior Planet North Country Initiative are:

Senior Planet Exploration Center - Plattsburgh, NY

A technology access and education destination providing members with a full schedule of classes and events

TechSpot at the Malone Adult Center - Malone, NY

A first-of-its-kind solution, with a vision to expand the program to other areas of the North Country and beyond

Senior Planet at Home - Clinton and Franklin Counties, NY

Bringing in-person training to those unable to access onsite programs

Made possible by the New York State Office for the Aging and through the support of Assemblyman Billy Jones

Senior Planet



Great Ideas in Tupper Lake

Have you started following [Goff-Nelson Memorial Library's Facebook page](#) yet? If you haven't, you've been missing out on seeing some excellent programs that they've been having at the library.

From Peg Mauer:

Tech Help @ the Library

Now you can get Tech Help @ the Library! Do you need help with your smart phone, laptop, tablet, email, or social media? Tupper Lake Honor Society students will be in the library every Wednesday from 3:00 – 5:00 pm to answer all of

your questions! Starting December 6th, stop into the library during that time and make sure to bring your device and questions to ask our tech helpers!

Boys' after school Book Club

This is our 4th year of holding an after-school book club for boys, and it get more popular each year. This year, the boys are reading, "The Chronicles of Narnia" with 4th grade teacher Mr. Chris Savage, and Ben Gocker. I think it's important to have positive male role models for these boys, and to show them that reading is cool. We currently have about 17 4th, 5th, and 6th grade boys participating, and they read a book and meet to discuss it once a month. They'll meet at our library three more times before the end of the school year.

Girls' after school Book Club

Last year the 4th, 5th, and 6th grade girls demanded their own book club! So this is our 2nd year of holding an after-school book club for girls, and it 's getting more popular too. This year, the girls are also reading, "The Chronicles of Narnia". The format is similar to the boys' group; they meet once a month to discuss a book.

[Goff-Nelson Memorial Library on Facebook](#)



Teen Video Challenge

There's still time to enter the Teen Video Challenge in which young adults get a chance to win a \$100 cash prize (and the library will receive \$50 worth of gifts from the Collaborative Summer Library

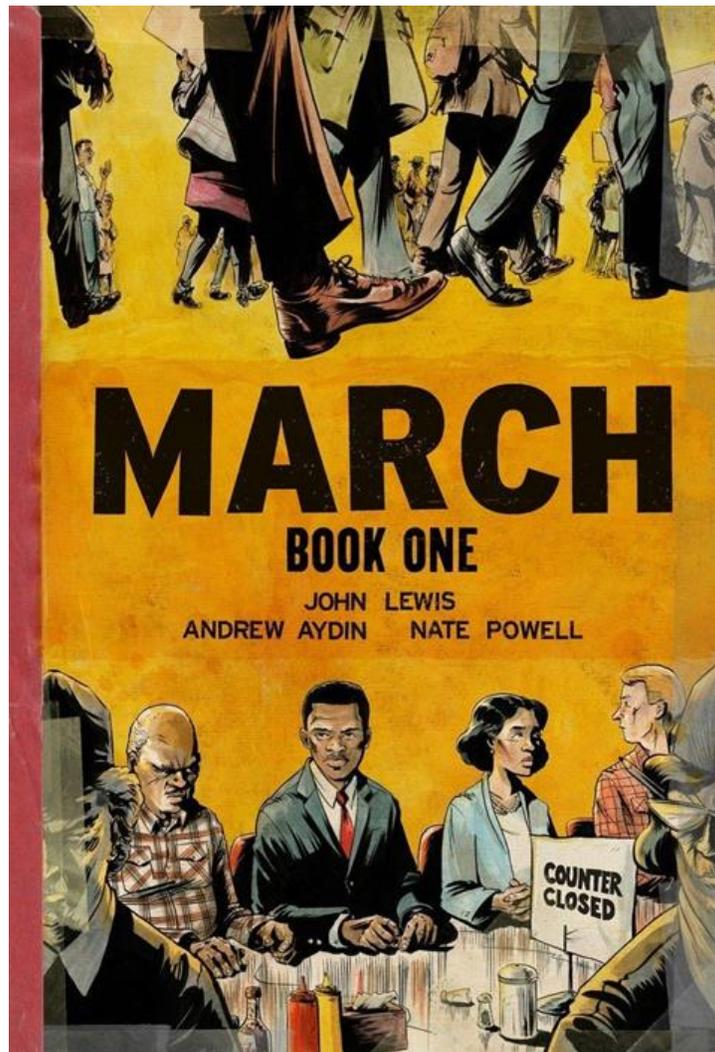
Program). The entry deadline for creating a summer reading video is February 21, 2018. Visit the [CSLP website](#) for details and entry forms.

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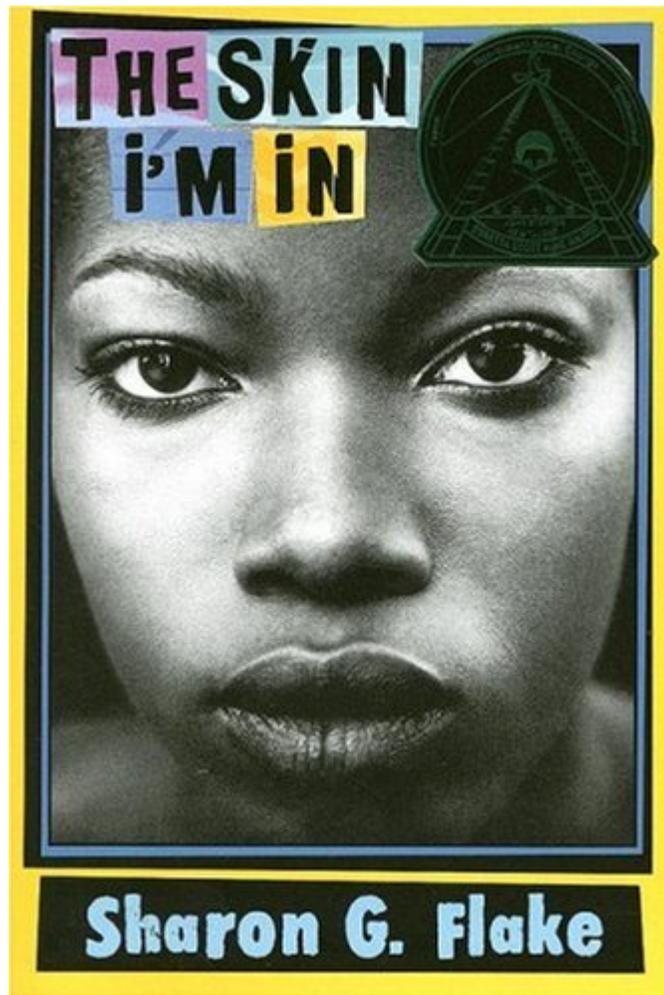
Suggested Reading for Black History Month

February is Black History Month! Check out some of the great titles below that highlight civil rights, famous African-Americans over the years, the social movements and issues of today, and titles with African-American protagonists.



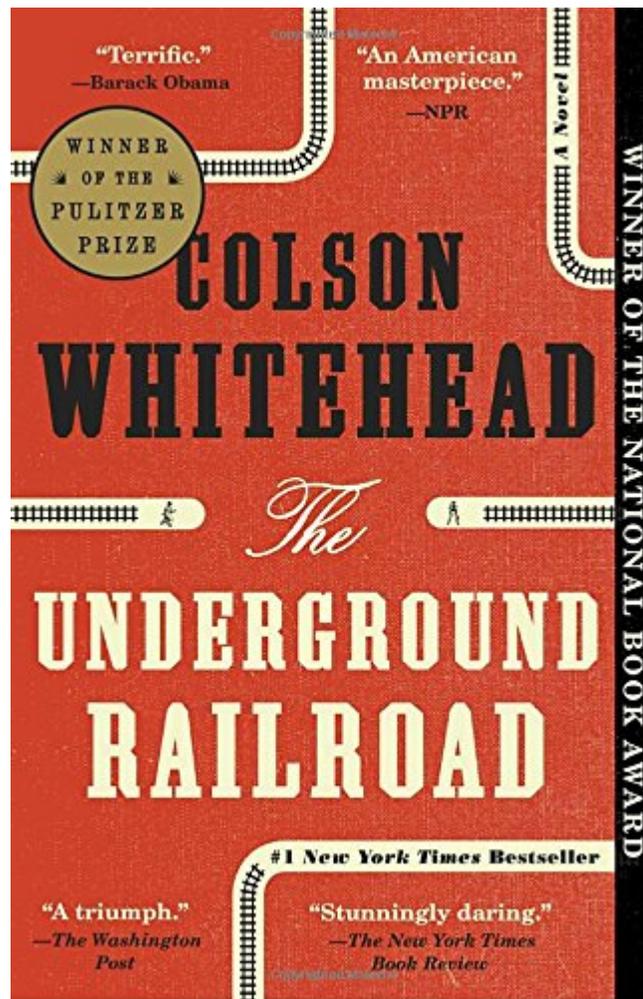
[The March: Book 1](#)

John Lewis



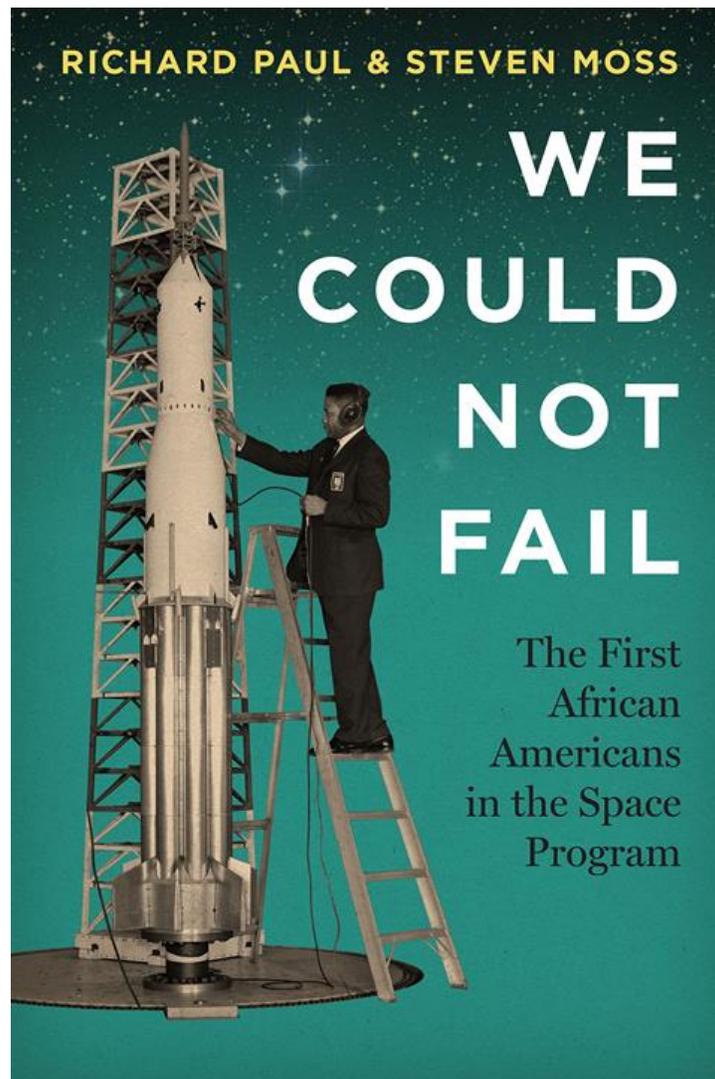
[The Skin I'm In](#)

Sharon Flake



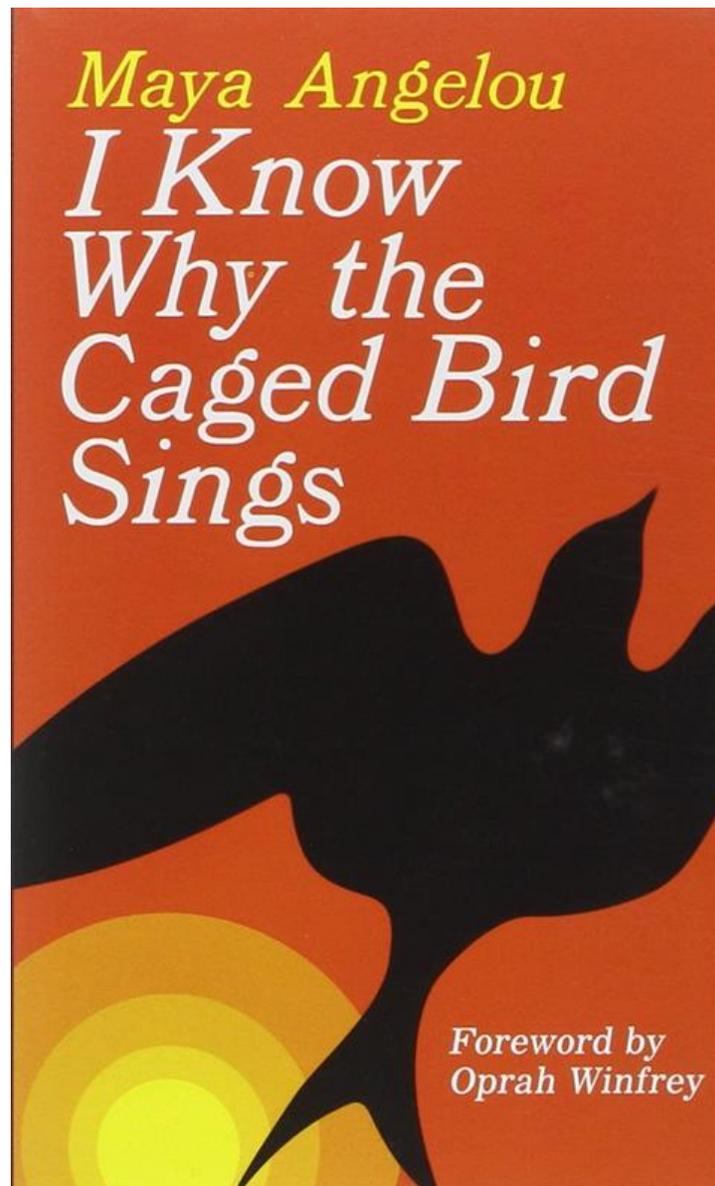
[The Underground Railroad](#)

Colson Whitehead



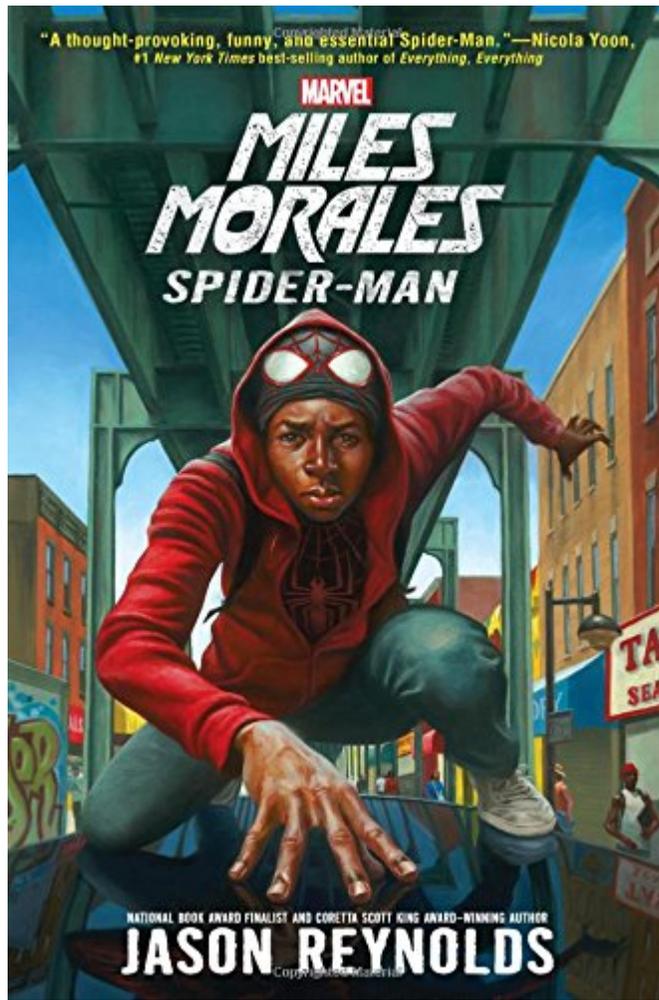
[We Could Not Fail](#)

Richard Paul and Steven Moss



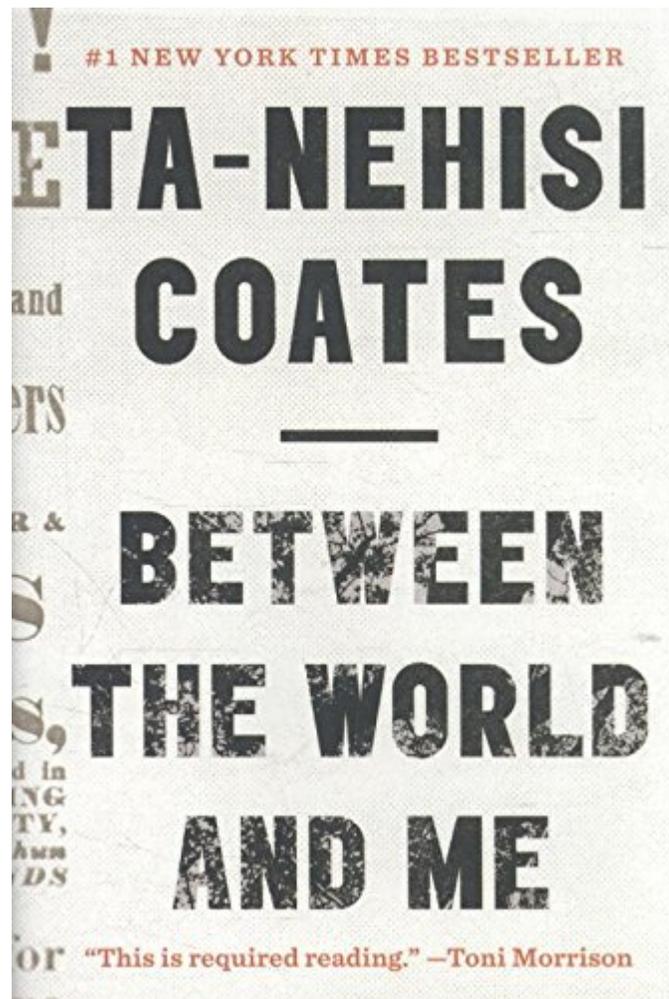
[I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings](#)

Maya Angelou



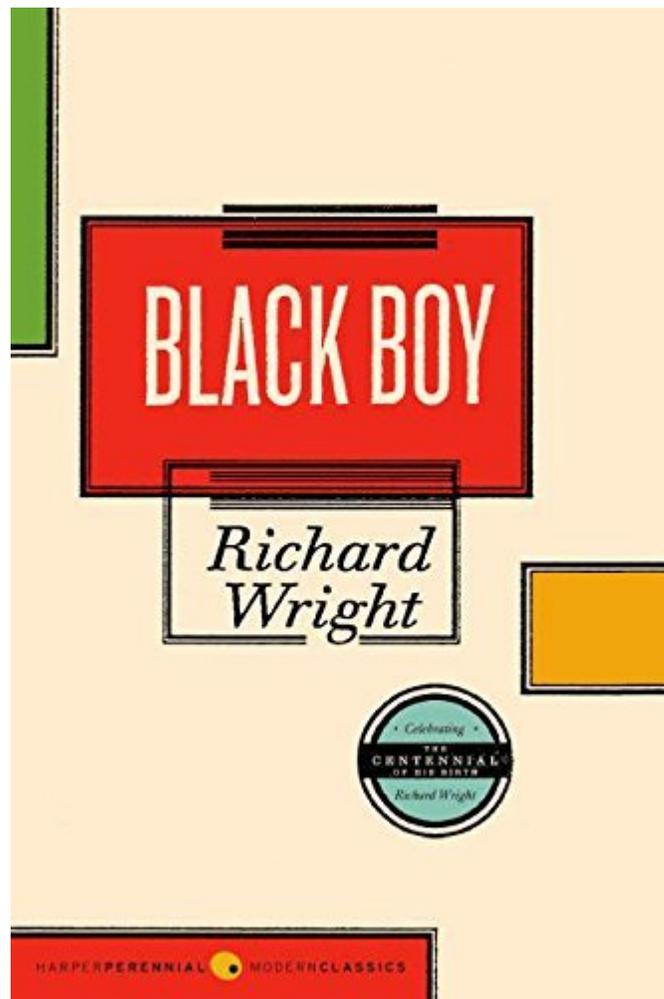
[Miles Morales: Spider-Man](#)

Jason Reynolds



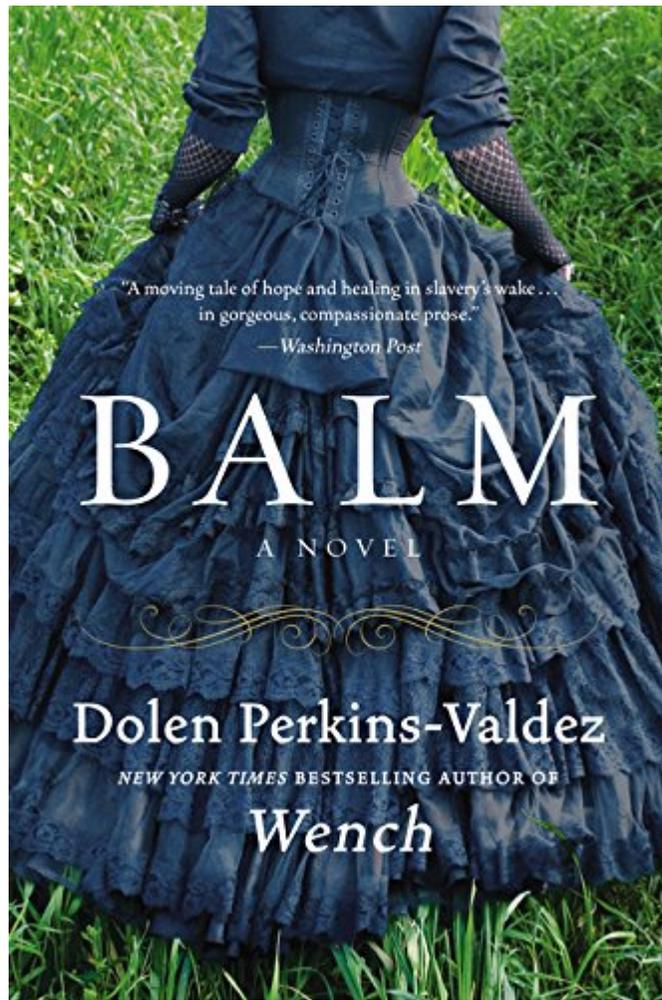
[Between the World and Me](#)

Ta-Nehisi Coates



[Black Boy](#)

Richard Wright



[Balm](#)

Dolen Perkins-Valdez

Want some more titles or perhaps some DVDs from around the system? Or perhaps you want to know more about the local resources regarding Black History? Take a look at our updated [Black History resources guide](#).

Black History

“Won't it be wonderful when black history and native American history and Jewish

history and all of U.S. history is taught from one book. Just U.S. history.”

- Maya Angelou

Share Something

Don't be shy! The Pathfinder is meant to share useful information across member libraries in a timely and condensed manner, but doesn't replace the Trailblazer, which is meant to share stories from around the System. Do you have something to contribute to the Pathfinder? Contact [David Fuller](#) and it could be in our next issue.



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