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Abstract

This paper will examine the Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) reading lists for the last five years, evaluating the diversity and representation within the books. An initial survey of the titles chosen for the OBOB reading list from 2016-2021 suggests that there has been more of an effort to choose diverse books in the most recent years, indicating that the titles being chosen are responding to the greater call for decentering whiteness within United States literacy programs. Literacy programs encourage students to read outside of the classroom. The competition-style program Battle of the Books offers game-based learning and allows students to opt-in and become experts on the texts they are reading. The competition starts small at the local school; if they do well, students eventually compete at a statewide competition. This paper makes a case for the importance of diversity in children's literature, as well as the idea of game-based learning as a beneficial tool for information retention.

Introduction

In the year 2020, there have been a lot of different calls to action, one of them being a call for more diverse publishing. In 2020, the world faced a global crisis during the COVID-19 pandemic, but the United States experienced a specific call-to-action in the form of protests following the murder of George Floyd, and the acknowledgment of police brutality and institutionalized racism. One way that we saw this specific to publishing was through the #publishingpaidme hashtags that circulated on Twitter; this brought unequal payment and access in the publishing industry to the forefront.

As the country and the publishing industry itself faced these harsh realities, it makes sense that there would be more of a call-to-action for the books that kids are encouraged to read. Wolk mentions in his essay, "School is the one common American experience with the hope to inspire students to participate in the ongoing pursuit of a more caring and thoughtful society and a more harmonious world" (45). One way to educate children about these problems is to introduce them to concepts, histories, and characters that show differing perspectives from their own in the books that they read.

One of the catalysts for this paper was the knowledge of how many Oregon Battle of the Books titles were being sold during quarantine; Potential OBOB titles are recommended by teachers and librarians, and then the list is chosen by a board (which also consists of teachers and librarians). Beyond its ability to challenge students to understand a book fully for the competition, the OBOB book choices also function as an easy librarian-approved reading list for gatekeepers to buy for their children.

Literature is an instrument that can inspire students, and one hopes, inspire joy. However, it is especially important to think about the role that representation plays in terms of the books that children are reading. In his essay "Reading Democracy," Steven Wolk reflects this sentiment by saying, "Good books bring purposefulness and intellectualism to civic issues, while they also bring—perhaps most importantly—good writing, creativity, and joy to reading and learning" (46). In making the choice about what students are reading or engaging with, gatekeepers—the people buying books for or introducing them to children—are also introducing the student to another avenue of understanding.

The intention of this paper is the evaluation of titles chosen for OBOB in order to assess which groups have been and are still being underrepresented in ability (both physical and mental), gender, sexuality, Black/Indigenous/Persons of Color (BIPOC) representation, as well

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as ethnic representation. This paper looks at the narratives that diverge from the strictly white, cisgendered, heterosexual, able-bodied narrative to evaluate who is being represented and how that has changed over the past five years.

Methods

The first part of this process, beyond getting the OBOB book lists, is setting up what criteria the books will be evaluated on. Using the US Census as a base structure, this paper will evaluate the OBOB book list, looking for the following criteria:

- ability representation, including physical ability representation and mental ability representation
- gender representation, including transgender representation, nonbinary representation, agender representation, and gender-fluid representation
- sexuality representation, including homosexual representation, bisexual representation, and asexual representation
- BIPOC representation, including Black, American Indian, Alaska Native, Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Other Pacific Islander as well as people of two or more races
- religious diversity
- ethnic representation, including Latino/Hispanic ethnicities

To appraise whether a title meets these criteria, there has to be an assessment of the specific title's metadata. Using Amazon and Goodreads, this evaluation looks at metadata, book descriptions, BISAC codes, and comments.

This evaluation method highlights two specific issues to consider within the datasets. The first issue results from books that can be perceived to have diversity but do not explicitly say so.

A liminal case like this would not necessarily show up in the metadata or comments of the texts; therefore, there may very well be a few instances of representation that could be missed. One example is with *Darius The Great Is Not Okay* by Adib Khorram, where the text leaves the protagonist's preferences ambiguous, so there can be multiple ways to interpret his sexuality. This method would not be aware of a liminal case like this.

The second issue arises with books that tokenize diversity. Sometimes books are marketed as being diverse to sell more copies when there is a paragraph or a few lines that explicitly mention the topic. An example of this is the fact that the metadata for *Ramona The Pest* by Beverly Cleary includes the "Children's Hispanic and Latino Books" BISAC, while *Ramona Quimby, Age 8* by Beverly Cleary does not. These books exist in the same universe with the same characters, so why is one coded as ethnically diverse and the other is not? This method would not account for tokenized cases; this is, however, a fruitful path for continued research.

Before presenting the data, it is also important to touch on, concerning tokenization, the complex ideology surrounding the idea of diversity. As this phrase becomes more frequently applied and used in common vernacular, it can lose some of its distinct meaning. In his interview with Emily Einolander on Hybrid Pubscout, agent and editor DongWon Song discussed the overuse of the term "diverse." Song points out that the term can often be overused and that the end goal, in general, should be to think less of adding in a few books that contain diversity, but more about decentralizing the colonial narrative. "I think, for me, that feels like the wrong way to think about it because it's not about adding enough black and brown people, enough queer people, enough disabled people, enough people from marginalized backgrounds into a still predominately white, cis, and straight environment. It's about how do we shift our thinking about what are the stories we're telling and how we're telling them, and who we're telling stories for."

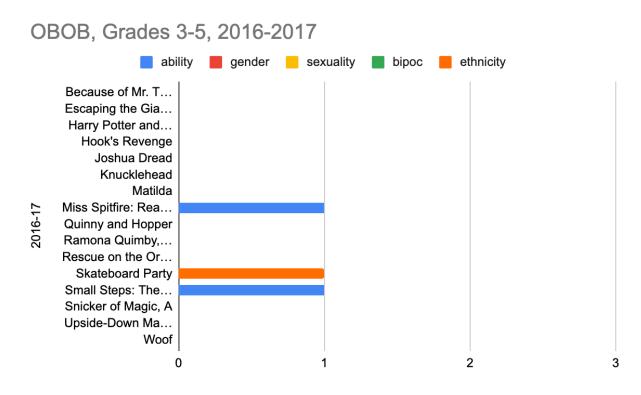
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about boosting writers who can tell those unique stories. The goal of this research is to point out cases of representation; it is not to say that by including these cases, the work of diversifying or decolonizing literature is done. Furthermore, through the presentation of data and the progress being made in choosing diverse books, this paper should function as a continuation of the call-to-action to continue decentering the white, heteronormative, cisgendered, able-bodied narrative and to think more actively about what stories are being highlighted in literacy programs like OBOB.

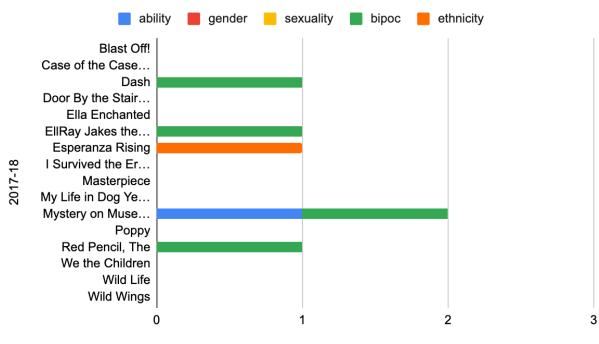
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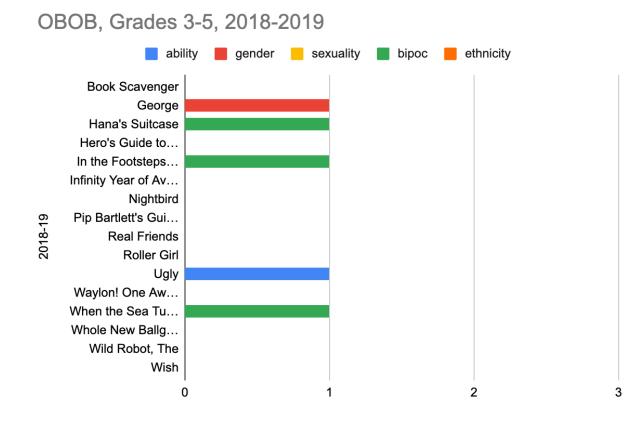
The following are the results from the evaluation of books on the Oregon Battle of the Books lists for the past five years, from 2016-2021. The data is grouped into three sections for the three different reading lists: 3rd-5th grade, 6th-8th grade, and 9th-12th grade. Within each of these sections, the data is separated by the reading lists per year; they will start with the earliest list (2016-2017) and will be color-coded. The data is shown in a stacked bar chart form, where each criterion met is given a value of 1. The maximum value met across all age groups is 3, which is represented in the charts.

OBOB List, Grades 3-5

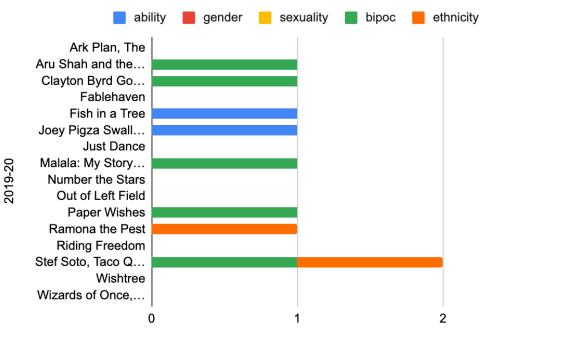


OBOB, Grades 3-5, 2017-2018

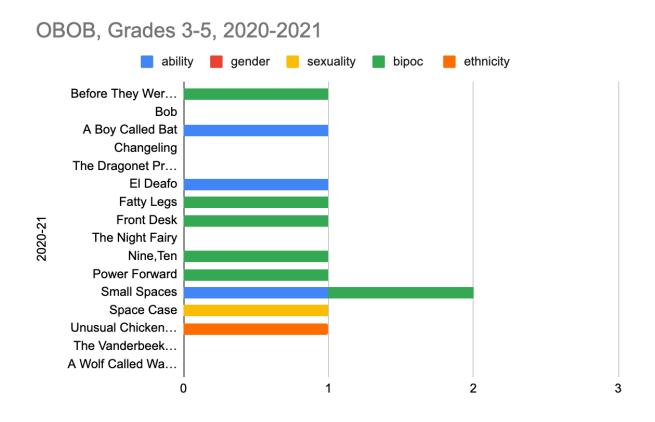




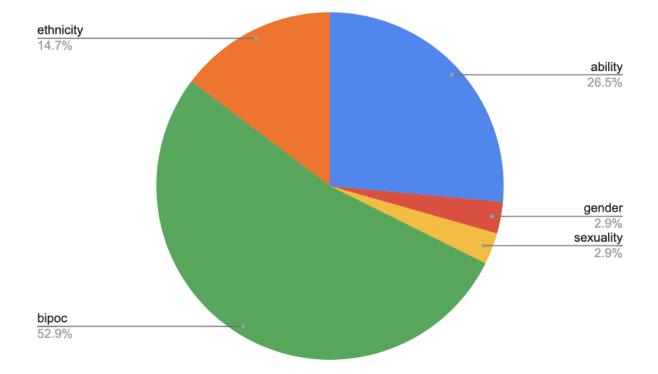
OBOB, Grades 3-5, 2019-2020



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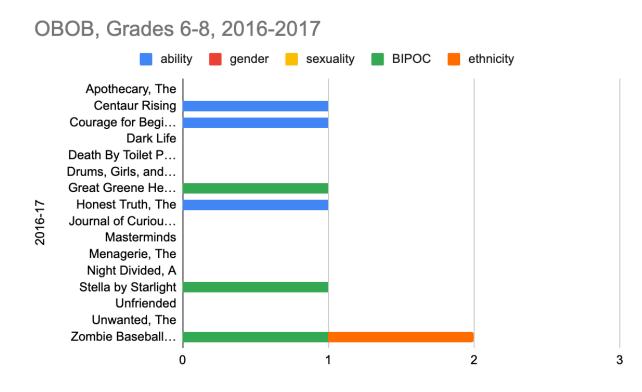


Beginning in the 2016-2017 school year, only 18% (3/16 titles) touch on any of the criteria: ability and ethnicity. In the 2017-2018 school year, there are 31% (5/16 titles) that touch on diversity, with 4 out of 5 titles showing BIPOC representation. In the 2018-2019 school year, again, 31% (5/16 titles) meet criteria, with one notably addressing gender. In 2019-2020, 50% (8/16) meet at least one of the criteria. Finally, in 2020-2021 62% (10/16 titles) meet the criteria, with one notably addressing sexuality. From 2016 to 2020, there is a 44% increase in titles showing some sort of diversity. Of the 80 total books chosen for OBOB from 2016-2020, 31 meet at least one of the diversity criteria. The breakdown of the types of diversity shown are as follows:

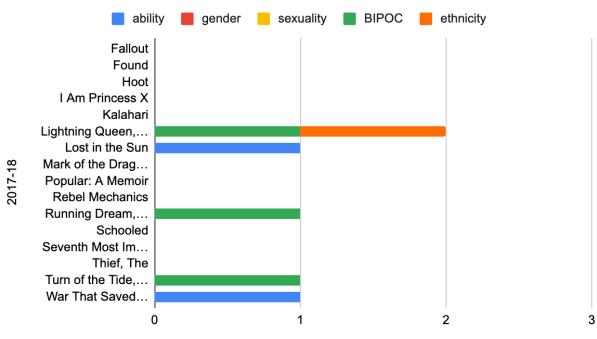


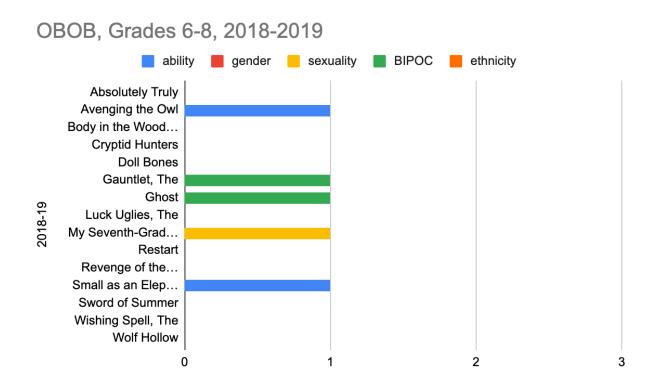
The 2.9% represented by the red and yellow colors each represent one title out of the 31 diverse titles respectively. The majority of the books that meet these criteria show BIPOC representation, with 52.9% of the 31 titles. Ability representation makes up 26.5%, ethnic representation makes up 14.7%, and finally, gender and sexuality representation each make up the last 2.9% each. All five diversity categories are met overall, but gender and sexuality are each represented only once.

OBOB List, Grades 6-8

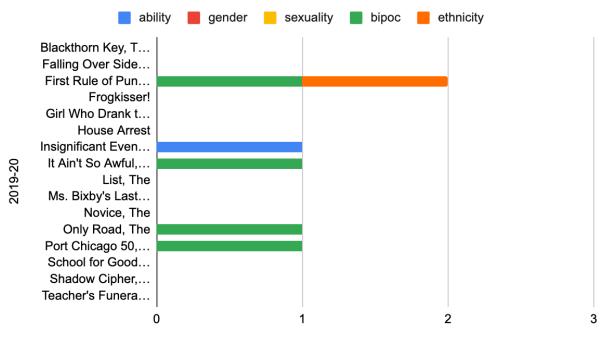


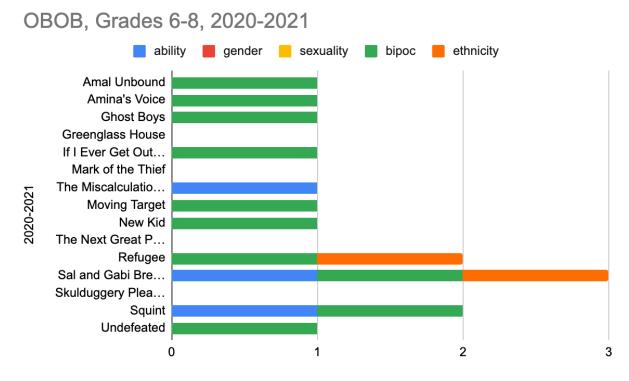
OBOB, Grades 6-8, 2017-2018



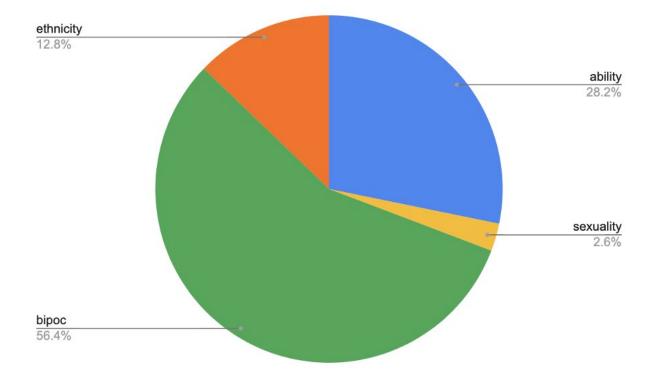


OBOB, Grades 6-8, 2019-2020





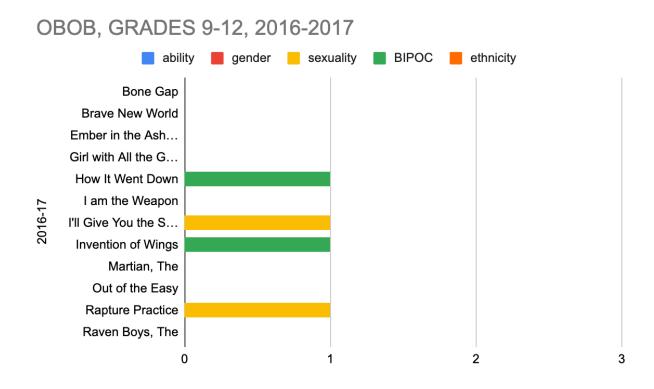
Beginning with the 2016-2017 school year, 37% (6/16 titles) met at least one of the criteria. The following three lists—2017-18, 2018-19, and 2019-20—all had 31% of their list meet criteria (5/16 titles), with 2018-2019 having one notable category representing diversity in sexuality. The 2017-18 book list covered three diverse topics: ability, BIPOC, and ethnicity representation. The 2018-19 book list also covered three topics, but in addition to BIPOC and ethnicity, there was also an instance of diverse sexuality being represented. The 2019-20 list then covers three topics, remaining consistent with the 2017-18 book list. The 2020-2021 list more than doubled those of the previous three years, with 68% of the titles (11/16) meeting at least one criteria, with one, notably, hitting three. Of the total books chosen for the 6th-8th grade lists, 32 out of 80 met at least one of these criteria. The breakdown of the types of diversity are as follows:



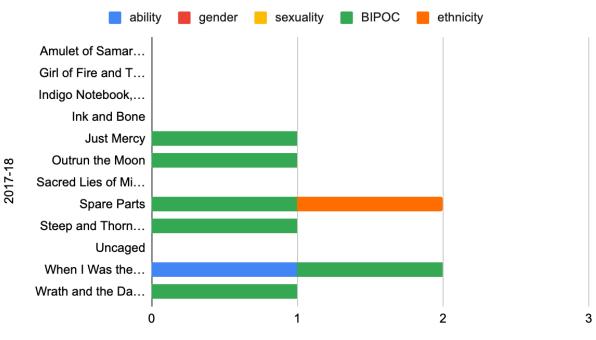
The BIPOC and ability representation remain pretty consistent with the 3rd-5th grade breakdown previously shown. Notably, there is slightly less ethnic representation in this list, and zero diverse genders are represented. Of the 32 diverse books, 56.4% show BIPOC representation, 28.2% show ability representation, 12.8% show ethnicity representation, and 2.6% show sexuality representation. There is a slight increase in BIPOC, ability, and ethnicity representation from the 3rd-5th grade age group.

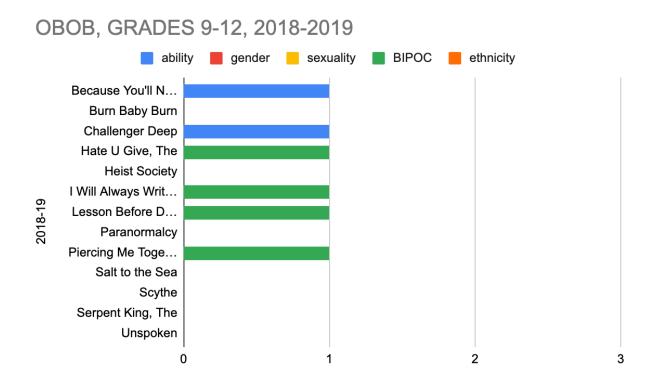
OBOB List, Grades 9-12

One thing to note about the 9th-12th grade book list right off of the bat is that there are 4 fewer titles than in the 3rd-5th and 6th-8th book lists, with one exception: the 2018-2019 9th-12th grade book list has 13 books instead of 12.

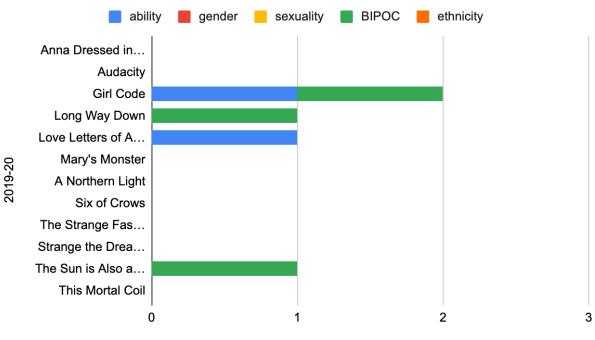


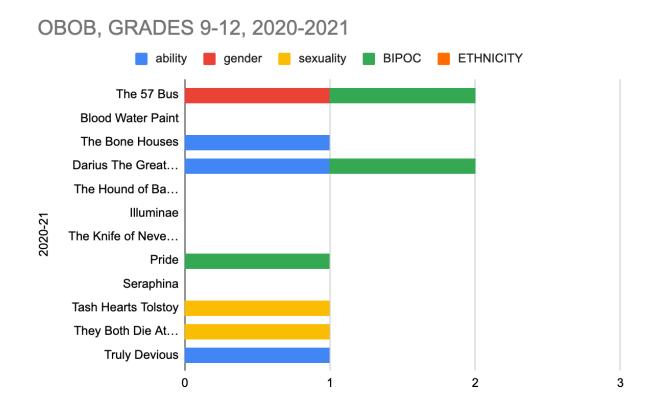
OBOB, GRADES 9-12, 2017-2018



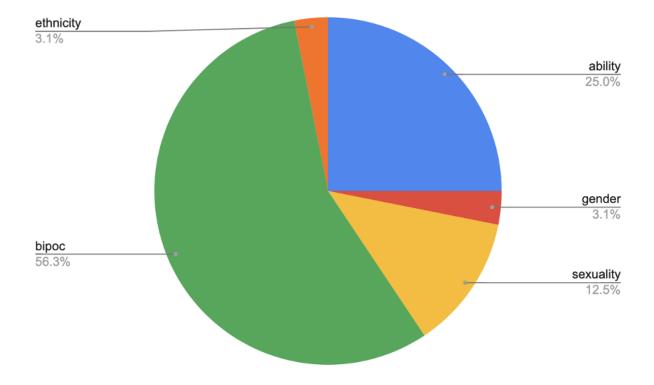


OBOB, GRADES 9-12, 2019-2020





Beginning in the 2016-2017 school year, 33% (4/12 titles) touch on diverse issues, representing BIPOC and diverse sexualities. The following year, 2017-18, 50% show diversity (6/12 titles), showing ability and ethnic representation, in addition to BIPOC representation. 2018-2019 contains the most books thus far that have diverse representation: 53% (7/13 titles) books show some sort of representation across the board. The 2019-2020 OBOB list, then, represents a discontinuation of the pattern; there are only four diverse books, bringing the percentage back down to 33%. Finally, in 2020-2021, the list reaches 58% representation (7/12 titles), but this time, it is spread across four different categories, making it the most representative in total for this age group based on the numbers. Out of the 61 books total from these lists, 27 are diverse. The breakdown for those categories is as follows:



BIPOC representation remains pretty consistent in this age group, and so does ability. One thing to highlight is that this age group has more representation of diverse sexualities, coming in at 12.5%, while gender and ethnicity are both only represented once in this data set. Ethnic representation has dramatically decreased from the 6th-8th age group, while sexuality has increased. Notably, this breakdown also features diverse genders where it was missing from the 6th-8th age group.

Results

Throughout all three of these age groups, there are more titles in the 2020-2021 books that meet the criteria for diversity than there were in the 2016-2017 age groups. In the 2016-2017 reading lists there were 13 diverse books across all age groups; in 2020-2021, there were 28 diverse books across all age groups. There were some similarities in the datasets, too: Across all age groups, BIPOC is represented the most, followed by ability; however, the breakdown for the remaining categories is different among the different age groups. That being said, gender and sexuality were always the least represented overall.

In all the lists for all of the age groups, diverse gender is represented only twice out of 221 books, while non-heteronormative sexuality is only represented six times. This is important to highlight because there is often a stigma around teaching children about diverse sexualities and genders when they are young. Four out of the six books that show diverse sexualities are from the oldest age group, which makes sense, as they are the ones most likely to question or discover their own sexualities. The two books that show representation in gender are from the 3rd-5th grade age groups and the 9th-12th grade age groups.

Another thing to point out in the vein of decolonizing the book list is how many books reach more than one criterion through this evaluation. In the 3rd-5th age group, three books hit two representative criteria. In the 6th-8th age group, three books meet two criteria, and one book meets three criteria. In the 9th-12th grade book list, five books meet two criteria. This adds to the conversation about decolonizing publishing because it highlights that there can be more diverse narratives beyond just one thing. After all, no one is ever just one thing. As the discussion around choosing diverse books continues, hopefully, it also considers the idea of representation on multiple levels across multiple narratives.

Of the 221 books represented in this survey, 90 books overall were representative of some sort of diversity; that is only 40% of titles that show some sort of divergence from the cis, straight, white, able-bodied narrative. So while these results demonstrate active choices being made to decenter the dominant narrative that also proves how much work still needs to be done to truly represent all of the children who take part in this competition, or just read these books.

Evaluation

The catalyst for researching whether the books chosen for the Oregon Battle of the Books are diverse is simple: Reading diverse books is beneficial for people of all ages. In her essay, "Mirrors, Windows, and Sliding Glass Doors," Rudine Sims Bishop writes that, "When children cannot find themselves reflected in the books they read, or when the images they see are distorted, negative, or laughable, they learn a powerful lesson about how they are devalued in the society of which they are a part" (1). Bishop defines books as windows, sliding glass doors, and mirrors; windows and doors let the reader see and step into another world, but mirrors allow the reader to see an aspect of themselves reflected back to them. Bishop's call to action for diversity in literature is to allow more mirrors in the books that children read. Part of the reason that diversity is so important is because we live in a diverse world, and the literature itself should reflect some part of the world as we know it. Bishop calls the lack of diversity in literature an "imaginary world," because by failing to acknowledge the diversity that has always been present, the texts are not rooted in the real world (1). Bishop continues, "Our classrooms need to be places where all the children from all the cultures that make up the salad bowl of American society can find their mirrors" (1). There needs to be a mixture of windows, doors, and mirrors for all children—only then will the literary landscape represent the whole of the people reading it.

Unfortunately, this train of thought has not always been at the forefront of the children's publishing scene. Tom Low, of Lee and Low Books, reflects that initially, the idea of publishing diverse books was a risk, but ultimately, the benefits outweighed the unpredictability of sales. Some of their bestselling books have been nonfiction titles, specifically biographies aimed toward children. However, when they initially started publishing this style of books, they felt like they were taking a risk because the publishing industry is so centralized around the white

narrative. Talking about the first picture book that they published in this style, called *Baseball Saved Us*, Low writes, "A 32-page book could never reveal all the underlying layers behind this complex subject, but what it could do was significant. *Baseball Saved Us* personalized the experience, letting people see the history through the eyes of a child" (1). Not only does it engage the reader and personalize the story, but the book also offers a new way of understanding history. Low continues, "It was also a dialogue starter, allowing people to discuss and understand what happened during the war and why it was wrong, and it let us see what was possible in terms of the kinds of stories that could be told in a picture book" (1). This challenge of the conventional ideas of publishing is also a call for action: Publishing books that let children see the world in a way that accurately represents what it is, even if it is unconventional. Beyond the classroom, these are the types of narratives that help children challenge their own worldview and open up an empathetic understanding of lives that are different from their own.

Bishop and Low both highlight representation and diversity as conversation starters for children, whether they are the ones being represented or not. As Bishop puts it, the books that children read should reflect the "salad bowl" that is America. When 60% of the titles chosen only show one identity, it is not a reflection of our society's makeup. As Low pointed out, the books that children read are conversation starters; that is, books can be a way to introduce children to topics that will be important later in life, and starting those dialogues early can make all the difference in helping children understand that they can be whatever they want to be.

History

The Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) was founded in 2006 and the first titles were released for the 2007-2008 school year, for the 3rd-5th and 6th-8th grade levels. In this first wave of the competition 168 schools were registered and 50 schools were provided with free OBOB books through the Library Services and Technologies Act (LSTA) Grant. By the next season, 235 different schools participated in OBOB. A few years later, the 9th-12th grade level was established, which included an adjustment to the handbook and procedures, as well as further outreach for the program.

The nature of OBOB makes it so that the children who opt-in get to become experts; they can completely dive into the books they are reading. Part of that expertise is trying to anticipate the questions that the judges will ask. Wolk writes, "The root of the word *inquiry* is *inquire*, which means to question and investigate and explore" (48). Beyond the classroom, to have space for kids to question books, to think about the books critically, and to give the kids a chance to feel like an expert in those titles allows participants to fully investigate a book.

The Oregon Battle of the Books utilizes a game-style competition, where teams opt-in, all reading some of the books on their list, and then work together in competitions to accurately answer questions about the books. What makes this style of literacy program unique is its competitive nature, which makes it more of a game than a requirement. There is a lot of different literature which focuses on the specifics of why game-based learning works. In their article, "It's All Fun and Games Until Someone Learns Something," Jennifer McCabe and Steven Wise used games in a library context and tested participants on the comprehension of a specific subject. After the initial test, they split the students up into two groups: one played games about the subject and the other used an online tutorial. Overall, their results showed that, while both groups improved after their study techniques, "the group playing the game improved, on average, by a

larger amount, and the group playing the game performed much higher at the posttest" (13). The results hint at ways that humans experience data retention; those who deviated from the normal ways of studying were ultimately more successful in this experiment.

Why would this be? One reason could be the nature of the game, argues Rieber et al. in their article, "The Value of Serious Play"—the key being that a game is voluntary, not a requirement. When defining "play," the authors write, "We have found no better word to describe that intense learning experience in which both adults and children voluntarily devote enormous amounts of time, energy, and commitment, and at the same time derive great enjoyment from experience" (30). As OBOB is a voluntary literacy program, the participants are willingly giving up their time to read these books and work together to compete—arguably, they wouldn't do so if they didn't enjoy some aspect of the program.

The benefit of OBOB, beyond having a reading list that anyone can access, is that it allows children to come together as a community and become experts on their given books. Beyond the initial reading, the competition requires practicing together, commitment to the team, and more than just a general understanding of the topic. OBOB asks that participants deep-dive into their subjects in order to fully understand what they are reading. This is hugely important because this style of learning will likely have long-lasting effects—the children who participate will likely remember the books they study for longer than they might otherwise.

As the board of OBOB chooses the book for the competition, they must weigh that choice with the knowledge that the titles they are choosing will likely stick with the children who are participating. The data shows that there is a trend toward more diverse books being chosen; however, 60% of the list remains homogeneous in the people that it represents.

Further Research

There are many more paths that could be continued down with this topic, given more time. The first, and most obvious, is to do a deeper dive into each of the books from the last five years for all of the age groups. This would require a lot of time and reading, but it would eliminate the reliance on metadata and comments, so would work against the limitations discussed previously. Another path to go down would be to expand the years chosen; OBOB started in 2006, so it would require investigation into the 15 years that this competition has been running.

Another potential avenue would be to interview participants in the competition, to talk with them more about their favorite books and their thoughts on the list as a whole. One interesting idea regarding this would be following a specific group of participants through all the stages of OBOB, beginning with the 3rd-5th list and ending with the 9th-12th list. As this paper has noted, the number of diverse books has increased over the past five years across all age groups. It would be interesting, then, to talk to someone who has participated continuously over the past five years to see if they have noticed any changes to the book lists as they have worked through them.

Conclusion

Over the past year, there has been a significant call to action within the United States for people to take a closer look at the types of institutionalized racism that are present in everyday America. In publishing, part of this work will require more careful consideration of the types of narratives that get the spotlight. As Rudine Sims Bishop states, the goal should always be to find books that represent the "salad bowl" of the United States. There is an opportunity, through the Oregon Battle of the Books program, to consciously compile a list of books that resonate with more people and expand representation in some way.

One of the goals of this paper is to examine how the Oregon Battle of the Books holds up to this idea of representation and diversity. As a statewide literacy competition, OBOB acts as both a game-based learning technique and also as an easy librarian-approved reading list for kids. This paper evaluates the titles from 2016-2021 across all three age groups; the findings were conclusive that there is more diverse representation in the 2020-2021 book lists. At peak representation, though, only 40% of the books diverged from the homogeneous white, cisgendered, heterosexual, able-bodied narrative.

Oregon Battle of the Books is a wonderful learning opportunity for participants; this program is challenging, requires dedication, and allows students to become experts in books for their teams. Within this program, there is an opportunity to not only continue highlighting underrepresented people but also to challenge the types of conventional stories that already saturate the market. The choice to represent diverse narratives, beyond decolonizing publishing, allows for more children to find themselves reflected back to them in every book they read.

Process & Acknowledgements

This research paper was inspired by working at a bookstore during the COVID-19 pandemic. With an excess of time spent at home, parents struggled with figuring out how to entertain their children; one of the easiest ways was to just select a book off the OBOB list—kidtested, librarian-approved. We were having to restock the OBOB book list more than any other in the store, which made me wonder how and why those particular books and authors were being chosen. I'd like to thank the students and professors of the Book Publishing master's program at Portland State University. Thank you to Brian Parker for your passion about creating diverse children's books and for sitting on my committee. Thank you to Robyn Crummer-Olsen and Rachel Noorda for inspiring and supporting me throughout my process. And finally, thank you to Dr. Kathi Inman Berens for the guidance and encouragement that allowed me to thrive in this program.

Appendices

Appendix 1: Grades 3-5

2020-21	ability	gender	sexuality	bipoc	ethnicity
Before They Were Authors	0	0	0	1	0
Bob	0	0	0	0	0
A Boy Called Bat	1	0	0	0	0
Changeling	0	0	0	0	0
The Dragonet Prophecy	0	0	0	0	0
El Deafo	1	0	0	0	0
Fatty Legs	0	0	0	1	0
Front Desk	0	0	0	1	0
The Night Fairy	0	0	0	0	0
Nine, Ten	0	0	0	1	0
Power Forward	0	0	0	1	0
Small Spaces	1	0	0	1	0
Space Case	0	0	1	0	0
Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer	0	0	0	0	1
The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street	0	0	0	0	0
A Wolf Called Wander	0	0	0	0	0
2019-20	ability	gender	sexuality	hinoc	ethnicity
Ark Plan, The	0	0	0	0	0
Aru Shah and the End of Time	0	0	0	1	0
Clayton Byrd Goes Underground	0	0	0	1	0
Fablehaven	0	0	0	0	0
Fish in a Tree	1	0	0	0	0
Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key	1	0	0	0	0
Just Dance	0	0	0	0	0
Malala: My Story of Standing Up for Girls' Rights	0	0	0	1	0

Number the Stars	0	0	0	0	C
Out of Left Field	0	0	0	0	(
Paper Wishes	0	0	0	1	(
Ramona the Pest	0	0	0	0	
Riding Freedom	0	0	0	0	
Stef Soto, Taco Queen	0	0	0	1	
Wishtree	0	0	0	0	
Wizards of Once, The	0	0	0	0	
2018-19	ability	gender	sexuality	bipoc	ethnicity
Book Scavenger	0	0	0	0	
George	0	1	0	0	
Hana's Suitcase	0	0	0	1	
Hero's Guide to Saving Your Kingdom, The	0	0	0	0	
In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse	0	0	0	1	
Infinity Year of Avalon James, The	0	0	0	0	
Nightbird	0	0	0	0	
Pip Bartlett's Guide to Magical Creatures	0	0	0	0	
Real Friends	0	0	0	0	
Roller Girl	0	0	0	0	
Ugly	1	0	0	0	
Waylon! One Awesome Thing	0	0	0	0	
When the Sea Turned to Silver	0	0	0	1	
Whole New Ballgame, A	0	0	0	0	
Wild Robot, The	0	0	0	0	
Wish	0	0	0	0	(
2017-18	ability	gender	sexuality	bipoc	ethnicity
Blast Off!	0	0	0	0	
Case of the Case of the Mistaken Identity, The	0	0	0	0	
Dash	0	0	0	1	

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Door By the Staircase, The	0	0	0	0	0
Ella Enchanted	0	0	0	0	0
EllRay Jakes the Recess King!	0	0	0	1	C
Esperanza Rising	0	0	0	0	1
l Survived the Eruption of Mount St. Helens, 1980	0	0	0	0	C
Masterpiece	0	0	0	0	C
My Life in Dog Years	0	0	0	0	C
Mystery on Museum Mile	1	0	0	1	C
Рорру	0	0	0	0	C
Red Pencil, The	0	0	0	1	C
We the Children	0	0	0	0	C
Wild Life	0	0	0	0	C
Wild Wings	0	0	0	0	C
2016-17	ability	gender	sexuality	bipoc	ethnicity
Because of Mr. Terrupt	0	0	0	0	C
Escaping the Giant Wave	0	0	0	0	C
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone	0	0	0	0	C
Hook's Revenge	0	0	0	0	C
Joshua Dread	0	0	0	0	C
Knucklehead	0	0	0	0	(
Matilda	0	0	0	0	(
Miss Spitfire: Reaching Helen Keller	1	0	0	0	C
Quinny and Hopper	0	0	0	0	C
Ramona Quimby, Age 8	0	0	0	0	C
Rescue on the Oregon Trail	0	0	0	0	C
Skateboard Party	0	0	0	0	1
Small Steps: The Year I Got Polio	1	0	0	0	C
Snicker of Magic, A	0	0	0	0	C
Upside-Down Magic	0	0	0	0	C
Woof	0	0	0	0	C

Appendix 2: Grades 6-8

2020-2021	ability	gender	sexuality	bipoc	ethnicity
Amal Unbound	0	0	0	1	(
Amina's Voice	0	0	0	1	(
Ghost Boys	0	0	0	1	(
Greenglass House	0	0	0	0	(
If I Ever Get Out of Here	0	0	0	1	(
Mark of the Thief	0	0	0	0	(
The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl	1	0	0	0	(
Moving Target	0	0	0	1	(
New Kid	0	0	0	1	(
The Next Great Paulie Fink	0	0	0	0	(
Refugee	0	0	0	1	
Sal and Gabi Break the Universe	1	0	0	1	
Skulduggery Pleasant	0	0	0	0	(
Squint	1	0	0	1	(
Undefeated	0	0	0	1	(
2019-20	ability	gender	sexuality	bipoc	ethnicity
Blackthorn Key, The	0	0	0	0	(
Falling Over Sideways	0	0	0	0	(
First Rule of Punk, The	0	0	0	1	
Frogkisser!	0	0	0	0	
Girl Who Drank the Moon, The	0	0	0	0	(
House Arrest	0	0	0	0	
Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus	1	0	0	0	
It Ain't So Awful, Falafel	0	0	0	1	(
List, The	0	0	0	0	
Ms. Bixby's Last Day	0	0	0	0	
Novice, The	0	0	0	0	

Only Road, The	0	0	0	1	0
Port Chicago 50, The	0	0	0	1	0
School for Good and Evil, The	0	0	0	0	0
Shadow Cipher, The	0	0	0	0	0
Teacher's Funeral, The	0	0	0	0	0
2018-19	ability	gender	sexuality	BIPOC	ethnicity
Absolutely Truly	0	0	0	0	0
Avenging the Owl	1	0	0	0	C
Body in the Woods, The	0	0	0	0	C
Cryptid Hunters	0	0	0	0	0
Doll Bones	0	0	0	0	0
Gauntlet, The	0	0	0	1	C
Ghost	0	0	0	1	C
Luck Uglies, The	0	0	0	0	C
My Seventh-Grade Life in Tights	0	0	1	0	C
Restart	0	0	0	0	0
Revenge of the Witch	0	0	0	0	0
Small as an Elephant	1	0	0	0	C
Sword of Summer	0	0	0	0	C
Wishing Spell, The	0	0	0	0	C
Wolf Hollow	0	0	0	0	C
2017-18	ability	gender	sexuality	BIPOC	ethnicity
Fallout	0	0	0	0	0
Found	0	0	0	0	C
Hoot	0	0	0	0	C
I Am Princess X	0	0	0	0	C
Kalahari	0	0	0	0	C
Lightning Queen, The	0	0	0	1	1
Lost in the Sun	1	0	0	0	C
Mark of the Dragonfly, The	0	0	0	0	C
Popular: A Memoir	0	0	0	0	C

Rebel Mechanics	0	0	0	0	0
Running Dream, The	0	0	0	1	0
Schooled	0	0	0	0	C
Seventh Most Important Thing, The	0	0	0	0	C
Thief, The	0	0	0	0	C
Turn of the Tide, The	0	0	0	1	C
War That Saved My Life, The	1	0	0	0	C
2016-17	ability	gender	sexuality	BIPOC	ethnicity
Apothecary, The	0	0	0	0	C
Centaur Rising	1	0	0	0	(
Courage for Beginners	1	0	0	0	(
Dark Life	0	0	0	0	C
Death By Toilet Paper	0	0	0	0	(
Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie	0	0	0	0	(
Great Greene Heist, The	0	0	0	1	(
Honest Truth, The	1	0	0	0	(
Journal of Curious Letters, The	0	0	0	0	(
Masterminds	0	0	0	0	(
Menagerie, The	0	0	0	0	(
Night Divided, A	0	0	0	0	(
Stella by Starlight	0	0	0	1	(
Unfriended	0	0	0	0	(
Unwanted, The	0	0	0	0	
Zombie Baseball Beatdown	0	0	0	1	

Appendix 3: Grades 9-12

2020-2021	ability	gender	sexuality	bipoc	ethnicity
The 57 Bus	0	1	0	1	C
Blood Water Paint	0	0	0	0	C
The Bone Houses	1	0	0	0	C
Darius The Great Is Not Okay	1	0	0	1	C
The Hound of Baskervilles	0	0	0	0	C
Illuminae	0	0	0	0	C
The Knife of Never Letting Go	0	0	0	0	C
Pride	0	0	0	1	C
Seraphina	0	0	0	0	C
Tash Hearts Tolstoy	0	0	1	0	C
They Both Die At The End	0	0	1	0	C
Truly Devious	1	0	0	0	C
2019-2020	ability	gender	sexuality	bipoc	ethnicity
Anna Dressed in Blood	0	0	0	0	C
Audacity	0	0	0	0	C
Girl Code	1	0	0	1	C
Long Way Down	0	0	0	1	C
Love Letters of Abelard of Lily	1	0	0	0	C
Mary's Monster	0	0	0	0	C
A Northern Light	0	0	0	0	C
Six of Crows	0	0	0	0	C
The Strange Fascinations of Noah Hypnotik	0	0	0	0	C
Strange the Dreamer	0	0	0	0	C
The Sun is Also a Star	0	0	0	1	C
This Mortal Coil	0	0	0	0	C
2018-2019	ability	gender	sexuality	bipoc	ethnicity
Because You'll Never Meet Me	1	0	0	0	C
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Challanger Deen	1	0	0	0	0
Challenger Deep	-	0	0	0	0
Hate U Give, The	0		0	1	C
Heist Society	0	0	0	0	0
I Will Always Write Back	0	0	0	1	0
Lesson Before Dying, A	0	0	0	1	0
Paranormalcy	0	0	0	0	0
Piercing Me Together	0	0	0	1	0
Salt to the Sea	0	0	0	0	0
Scythe	0	0	0	0	0
Serpent King, The	0	0	0	0	0
Unspoken	0	0	0	0	0
2017-2018	ability	gender	sexuality	bipoc	ethnicity
Amulet of Samarkand, The	0	0	0	0	0
Girl of Fire and Thorns	0	0	0	0	0
Indigo Notebook, The	0	0	0	0	0
Ink and Bone	0	0	0	0	0
Just Mercy	0	0	0	1	0
Outrun the Moon	0	0	0	1	0
Sacred Lies of Minnow Bly, The	0	0	0	0	0
Spare Parts	0	0	0	1	1
Steep and Thorny Way, The	0	0	0	1	0
Uncaged	0	0	0	0	0
When I Was the Greatest	1	0	0	1	0
Wrath and the Dawn, The	0	0	0	1	0
2016-2017	ability	gender	sexuality	bipoc	ethnicity
Bone Gap	0	0	0	0	0
Brave New World	0	0	0	0	0
Ember in the Ashes, An	0	0	0	0	C
Girl with All the Gifts, The	0	0	0	0	0

How It Went Down	0	0	0	1	0
I am the Weapon	0	0	0	0	0
I'll Give You the Sun	0	0	1	0	0
Invention of Wings	0	0	0	1	0
Martian, The	0	0	0	0	0
Out of the Easy	0	0	0	0	0
Rapture Practice	0	0	1	0	0
Raven Boys, The	0	0	0	0	0

Appendix 4: Book Lists

Year	Book	Author Last Name	Author First Year	Grade
2017	Bone Gap	Ruby	Laura	9th-12th
2017	Brave New World	Huxley	Aldous	9th-12th
2017	Ember in the Ashes, An	Tahir	Sabaa	9th-12th
2017	Girl with All the Gifts, The	Carey	M.R.	9th-12th
2017	How It Went Down	Magoon	Kekla	9th-12th
2017	I Am The Weapon	Zadoff	Allen	9th-12th
2017	I'll Give You The Sun	Nelson	Judy	9th-12th
2017	Invention of Wings	Kidd	Sue Monk	9th-12th
2017	Martian, The	Weir	Andy	9th-12th
2017	Out of the Easy	Sepetys	Ruta	9th-12th
2017	Rapture Practice	Hartzler	Aaron	9th-12th
2017	Raven Boys, The	Stiefvater	Maggie	9th-12th
2018	Amulet of Samarkand, The	Stroud	Jonathan	9th-12th
2018	Girl of Fire and Thorns	Carson	Rae	9th-12th
2018	Indigo Notebook, The	Resau	Laura	9th-12th
2018	Ink and Bone	Caine	Rachel	9th-12th
2018	Just Mercy	Stevenson	Bryan	9th-12th
2018	Outrun the Moon	Lee	Stacey	9th-12th
2018	Sacred Lies of Minnow Bly, The	Oakes	Stephanie	9th-12th
2018	Spare Parts	Davis	Joshua	9th-12th
2018	Steep and Thorny Way, The	Winters	Cat	9th-12th
2018	Uncaged	Sanford	Michele Cook & John	9th-12th
2018	When I Was the Greatest	Reynolds	Jason	9th-12th
2018	Wrath and the Dawn, The	Ahdieh	Renee	9th-12th
2019	Because You'll Never Meet Me	Thomas	Leah	9th-12th
2019	Burn Baby Burn	Medina	Meg	9th-12th
2019	Challenger Deep	Shusterman	Neal	9th-12th
2019	Hate U Give, The	Thomas	Angie	9th-12th
2019	Heist Society	Carter	Ally	9th-12th
2019	I Will Always Write Back	Alifirenka & Ganda	Caitlin & Martin	9th-12th
	Lesson Before Dying, A	Gaines	Ernest J.	9th-12th
2019	Paranormalcy	White	Kiersten	9th-12th
2019	Piercing Me Together	Watson	Renee	9th-12th
2019	Salt to the Sea	Sepetys	Ruta	9th-12th
2019	Scythe	Shusterman	Neal	9th-12th
2019	Serpent King, The	Zentner	Jeff	9th-12th
2019	Unspoken	Brennan	Sarah Rees	9th-12th
2020	Anna Dressed in Blood	Blake	Kendare	9th-12th
2020	Audacity	Crowder	Melanie	9th-12th
2020	Girl Code	Gonzales & Houser	Andrea & Sophie	9th-12th
2020	Long Way Down	Reynolds	Jason	9th-12th
2020	Love Letters of Abelard of Lily	Creedle	Lauren	9th-12th

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2020	Mary's Monster	Judge	Lita	9th-12th
2020	Northern Light, A	Donnelly	Jennifer	9th-12th
2020	Six of Crows	Bardugo	Leigh	9th-12th
2020	Strange Fascinations of Noah Hypnotik, The	Arnold	David	9th-12th
2020	Strange the Dreamer	Taylor	Laini	9th-12th
2020	Sun is Also a Star, The	Yoon	Nicola	9th-12th
2020	This Mortal Coil	Suvada	Emily	9th-12th
2021	57 Bus, The	Slater	Dashka	9th-12th
2021	Blood Water Paint	McCullough	Joy	9th-12th
2021	Bone Houses, The	Lloyd-Jones	Emily	9th-12th
2021	Darius the Great is Not Okay	Khorram	Adib	9th-12th
2021	Hound of the Baskervilles, the	Doyle	Arthur Conan	9th-12th
2021	Illuminae	Kaufman & Kristoff	Amie & Jay	9th-12th
2021	Knife of Never Letting Go, The	Ness	Patrick	9th-12th
2021	Pride	Zoboi	lbi	9th-12th
2021	Seraphina	Hartman	Rachel	9th-12th
2021	Tash Hearts Tolstoy	Ormsbee	Kathryn	9th-12th
2021	They Both Die at the End	Silvera	Adam	9th-12th
2021	Truly Devious	Johnson	Maureen	9th-12th

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2017	Apothecary, The	Meloy	Maile	6th-8th
2017	Centaur Rising	Yolen	Jane	6th-8th
2017	Courage for Beginners	Harrington	Karen	6th-8th
2017	Dark Life	Falls	Kat	6th-8th
2017	Death By Toilet Paper	Gephart	Donna	6th-8th
2017	Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie	Sonnenblick	Jodan	6th-8th
2017	Great Greene Heist, The	Johnson	Varian	6th-8th
2017	Honest Truth, The	Gemeinhart	Dan	6th-8th
2017	Journal of Curious Letters, The	Dashner	James	6th-8th
2017	Masterminds	Korman	Gordon	6th-8th
2017	Menagerie, The	Sutherland	Tui T. and Kari	6th-8th
2017	Night Divided, A	Nielsen	Jennifer A.	6th-8th
2017	Stella by Starlight	Draper	Sharon M.	6th-8th
2017	Unfriended	Vail	Rachel	6th-8th
2017	Unwanted, The	McMann	Lisa	6th-8th
2017	Zombie Baseball Beatdown	Bacigalupi	Paolo	6th-8th
2018	Fallout	Bond	Gwenda	6th-8th
2018	Found	Haddix	Margaret Peterson	6th-8th
2018	Hoot	Hiaasen	Carl	6th-8th
2018	I Am Princess X	Priest	Cherie	6th-8th
2018	Kalahari	Khoury	Jessica	6th-8th
2018	Lightning Queen, The	Resau	Laura	6th-8th
2018	Lost in the Sun	Graff	Lisa	6th-8th

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	Book Mark of the Dragonfly, The	Author Last Name Johnson	Author First Name Jaleigh	Grade 6th-8th
2018	Popular: A Memoir			
		Wegenen	Maya Van	6th-8th
	Rebel Mechanics	Swendson	Shanna	6th-8th
2018	Running Dream, The Schooled	Van Draanen	Wendelin	6th-8th
2018		Korman	Gordon	6th-8th
2018	Seventh Most Important Thing, The	Pearsall	Shelley Means Wheley	6th-8th
2018	Thief, The	Turner	Megan Whalen	6th-8th
2018	Turn of the Tide, The	Parry	Rosanne	6th-8th
2018	War That Saved My Life, The	Bradley	Kimberly Brubaker	6th-8th
2019	Absolutely Truly	Frederick	Heather Vogel	6th-8th
2019	Avenging the Owl	Hart	Melissa	6th-8th
2019	Body in the Woods, The	Henry	April	6th-8th
2019	Cryptid Hunters	Smith	Roland	6th-8th
2019	Doll Bones	Black	Holly	6th-8th
2019	Gauntlet, The	Riazi	Karuna	6th-8th
2019	Ghost	Reynolds	Jason	6th-8th
	Luck Uglies, The	Durham	Paul	6th-8th
	My Seventh-Grade Life in Tights	Benjamin	Brooks	6th-8th
2019	Restart	Korman	Gordon	6th-8th
2019	Revenge of the Witch	Delaney	Joseph	6th-8th
2019	Small as an Elephant	Jacobson	Jennifer Richard	6th-8th
2019	Sword of Summer	Riordan	Rick	6th-8th
2019	Wishing Spell, The	Colfer	Chris	6th-8th
2019	Wolf Hollow	Wolk	Lauren	6th-8th
2020	Blackthorn Key, The	Sands	Kevin	6th-8th
2020	Falling Over Sideways	Sonnenblick	Jordan	6th-8th
2020	First Rule of Punk, The	Perez	Celia C.	6th-8th
2020	Frogkisser!	Nix	Garth	6th-8th
2020	Girl Who Drank the Moon, The	Barnhill	Kelly	6th-8th
2020	House Arrest	Holt	K.A.	6th-8th
	Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus	Bowling	Dusti	6th-8th
2020	It Ain't So Awful, Falafel	Dumas	Firoozeh	6th-8th
2020	List, The	Forde	Patricia	6th-8th
2020	Ms. Bixby's Last Day	Anderson	John David	6th-8th
2020	Novice, The	Matharu	Taran	6th-8th
2020	Only Road, The	Diaz	Alexandra	6th-8th
2020	Port Chicago 50, The	Sheinkin	Steve	6th-8th
2020	School for Good and Evil, The	Chainani	Soman	6th-8th
2020	Shadow Cipher, The	Ruby	Laura	6th-8th
2020	Teacher's Funeral, The	Peck	Richard	6th-8th
2021	Amal Unbound	Saeed	Aisha	6th-8th
2021	Amina's Voice	Khan	Hena	6th-8th
2021	Ghost Boys	Rhodes	Jewell Parker	6th-8th
2021	Greenglass House	Milford	Kate	6th-8th
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2021	If I Ever Get Out of Here	Gansworth	Eric	6th-8th

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2021	Miscalculations of Lightning Girl, The	McAnulty	Stacy	6th-8th
2021	Moving Target	Gonzáles	Christina Díaz	6th-8th
2021	New Kid	Craft	Jerry	6th-8th
2021	Next Great Paulie Fink, The	Benjamin	Ali	6th-8th
2021	No Fixed Address	Nielsen	Susan	6th-8th
2021	Refugee	Gratz	Alan	6th-8th
2021	Sal and Gabi Break the Universe	Hernandez	Carlos	6th-8th
2021	Skulduggery Pleasant	Landy	Derek	6th-8th
2021	Squint	Morris & Brown	Chad & Shelly	6th-8th
2021	Undefeated	Sheinkin	Steve	6th-8th

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2017	Because of Mr. Terrupt	Buyea	Rob	3rd-5th
2017	Escaping the Giant Wave	Kehret	Peg	3rd-5th
2017	Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone	Rowling	J.K.	3rd-5th
2017	Hook's Revenge	Schulz	Heidi	3rd-5th
2017	Joshua Dread	Bacon	Lee	3rd-5th
2017	Knucklehead	Scieszka	Jon	3rd-5th
2017	Matilda	Dahl	Roald	3rd-5th
2017	Miss Spitfire: Reaching Helen Keller	Miller	Sarah	3rd-5th
2017	Quinny and Hopper	Schanen	Adriana Brad	3rd-5th
2017	Ramona Quimby, Age 8	Cleary	Beverly	3rd-5th
2017	Rescue on the Oregon Trail	Messner	Kate	3rd-5th
2017	Skateboard Party	English	Karen	3rd-5th
2017	Small Steps: The Year I Got Polio	Kehret	Peg	3rd-5th
2017	Snicker of Magic, A	Lloyd	Natalie	3rd-5th
2017	Upside-Down Magic	Mlynowski	Sarah	3rd-5th
2017	Woof	Quinn	Spencer	3rd-5th
2018	Blast Off!	Ball	Nate	3rd-5th
2018	Case of the Case of the Mistaken Identity, The	Barnett	Marc	3rd-5th
2018	Dash	Kirby	Larson	3rd-5th
2018	Door By the Staircase, The	Marsh	Katherine	3rd-5th
2018	Ella Enchanted	Gail Carson	Levine	3rd-5th
2018	EllRay Jakes the Recess King!	Warner	Sally	3rd-5th
2018	Esperanza Rising	Ryan	Pam Munoz	3rd-5th
2018	I Survived the Eruption of Mount St. Helens, 1980	Tarshis	Lauren	3rd-5th
2018	Masterpiece	Broach	Elise	3rd-5th
2018	My Life in Dog Years	Paulsen	Gary	3rd-5th
2018	Mystery on Museum Mile	Wells	Marcia	3rd-5th
2018	Рорру	Avi		3rd-5th

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2018	Red Pencil, The	Pinkney	Andrea Davis	3rd-5th
2018	We the Children	Clements	Andrew	3rd-5th
2018	Wild Life	DeFelice	Cynthia	3rd-5th
2018	Wild Wings	Lewis	Gill	3rd-5th
2019	Book Scavenger	Bertman	Jennifer Chambliss	3rd-5th
2019	George	Gino	Alex	3rd-5th
2019	Hana's Suitcase	Levine	Karen	3rd-5th
2019	Hero's Guide to Saving Your Kingdom, The	Healy	Christopher	3rd-5th
2019	In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse	Marshall III	Joseph	3rd-5th
2019	Infinity Year of Avalon James, The	Middleton	Dana	3rd-5th
2019	Nightbird	Hoffman	Alice	3rd-5th
2019	Pip Bartlett's Guide to Magical Creatures	Pearce & Stiefvater	Jackson & Maggie	3rd-5th
2019	Real Friends	Hale	Shannon	3rd-5th
2019	Roller Girl	Jamieson	Victoria	3rd-5th
2019	Ugly	Hoge	Robert	3rd-5th
2019	Waylon! One Awesome Thing	Pennypacker	Sara	3rd-5th
2019	When the Sea Turned to Silver	Lin	Grace	3rd-5th
2019	Whole New Ballgame, A	Bildner	Phil	3rd-5th
2019	Wild Robot, The	Brown	Peter	3rd-5th
2019	Wish	O'Connor	Barbara	3rd-5th
2020	Ark Plan, The	Martin	Laura	3rd-5th
2020	Aru Shah and the End of Time	Chokshi	Roshani	3rd-5th
2020	Clayton Byrd Goes Underground	Williams-Garcia	Rita	3rd-5th
2020	Fablehaven	Mull	Brandon	3rd-5th
2020	Fish in a Tree	Hunt	Lynda Mullaly	3rd-5th
2020	Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key	Gantos	Jack	3rd-5th
2020	Just Dance	MacLachlan	Patricia	3rd-5th
2020	Malala: My Story of Standing Up for Girls' Rights	Yousafzai	Malala	3rd-5th
2020	Number the Stars	Lowry	Lois	3rd-5th
2020	Out of Left Field	Klages	Ellen	3rd-5th
2020	Paper Wishes	Sepahban	Lois	3rd-5th
2020	Ramona the Pest	Cleary	Beverly	3rd-5th
2020	Riding Freedom	Ryan	Pam Munoz	3rd-5th
2020	Stef Soto, Taco Queen	Torres	Jennifer	3rd-5th
2020	Wishtree	Applegate	Katherine	3rd-5th
2020	Wizards of Once, The	Cowell	Cressida	3rd-5th
2021	Before They Were Authors	Haidle	Elizabeth	3rd-5th
2021	Bob	Mass & Stead	Wendy & Rebecca	3rd-5th
2021	Boy Called Bat, A	Arnold	Elana K.	3rd-5th
	Changeling	Ritter	William	3rd-5th

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2021	Dragonet Prophecy, The	Sutherland	Tui T.	3rd-5th
2021	El Deafo	Bell	Cece	3rd-5th
2021	Fatty Legs	Jordan-Fenton & Pokiak-Fenton	Christy & Margaret	3rd-5th
2021	Front Desk	Yang	Kelly	3rd-5th
2021	Night Fairy, The	Schlitz	Amy Laura	3rd-5th
2021	Nine, Ten: A September 11 Story	Baskin	Nora Raleigh	3rd-5th
2021	Power Forward	Khan	Hena	3rd-5th
2021	Small Spaces	Arden	Katherine	3rd-5th
2021	Space Case	Gibbs	Stuart	3rd-5th
2021	Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer	Jones	Kelly	3rd-5th
2021	Vanderbeekers of 141st Street, The	Glaser	Karina Yan	3rd-5th
2021	Wolf Called Wander, A	Parry	Rosanne	3rd-5th

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