

Using Mirrors and Windows to Teach Cultural Literacy

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About My Library

Serves a population of 35,000 within the Canon-McMillan School District

- **Canonsburg Borough** - 18 miles southwest of Pittsburgh

Population 8,992 according to the 2010 census

The racial makeup of the borough was 91.01% **White**, 6.53% **African American**, 0.06% **Native American**, 0.64% **Asian**, 0.08% **Pacific Islander**, 0.19% from **other races**, and 1.50% from two or more races. **Hispanic or Latino** of any race were 0.72% of the population.



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- **Cecil Township** - a suburb in the [Pittsburgh](#) metropolitan area

The population was 11,271 according to the 2010 census

The racial makeup of the township was 81.42% [White](#), 15.58% [African American](#), 0.08% [Native American](#), 2.25% [Asian](#), 0.04% [Pacific Islander](#), 0.13% from [other races](#), and 0.50% from two or more races. [Hispanic or Latino](#) of any race were 0.53% of the population.

About My Town

- **North Strabane Township**- a suburb in the Pittsburgh metropolitan area

The population was 13,408 according to the 2010 census.

The racial makeup of the township was 96.45% **White**, 2.08% **African American**, 0.01% **Native American**, 0.81% **Asian**, 0.02% **Pacific Islander**, 0.22% from **other races**, and 0.42% from two or more races. **Hispanic or Latino** of any race were 0.61% of the population.

About Me

- Where do I come from?
- Why talk about cultural literacy?
- Racial identity

Where do I fit in?



Academic/Professional Experiences

- University of Texas at Austin



Academic/Professional Experience

- 1996 Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh- Brookline Branch



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Academic/Professional Experience



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- Brookline Branch now



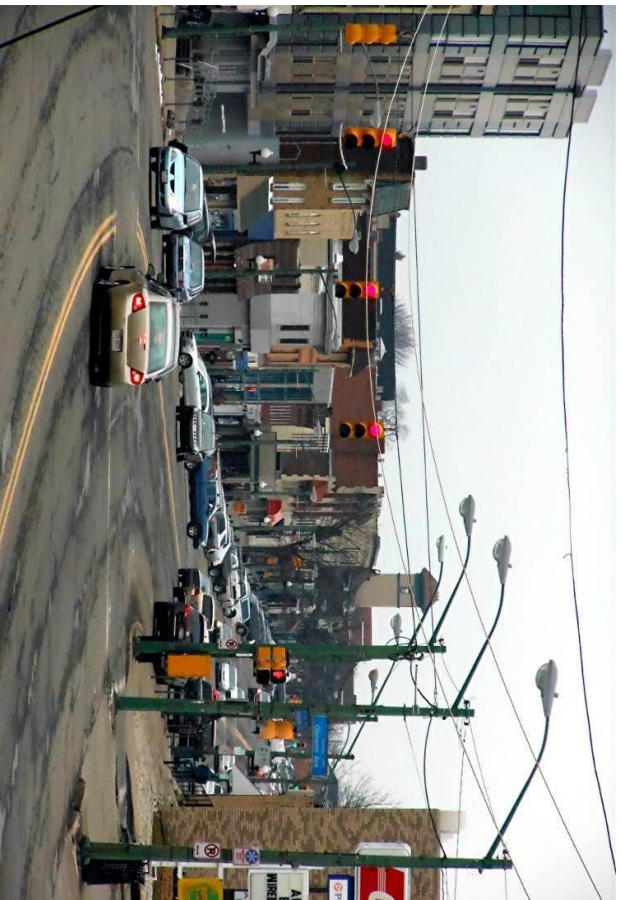
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My Community

- Brookline- a neighborhood in Pittsburgh



Some Questions I've Heard

- Why did they hire YOU?



Some Questions I've Heard

- Vietnamese vs Chinese



Vietnamese

Chinese

Some Questions I've Heard

- Do you speak Spanish?



Some Questions I've Heard

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- A woman with dark skin and hair is shown from the chest up, wearing traditional African attire. She has a wide, joyful smile and is looking upwards and to the right. She is wearing a headband with a yellow and white pattern, a multi-strand beaded necklace in yellow, orange, and green, and a matching beaded headband. She is holding a small, round, colorful beaded bowl in her right hand, which is raised towards her head. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.



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Children's Author

Grace Lin

American Children's

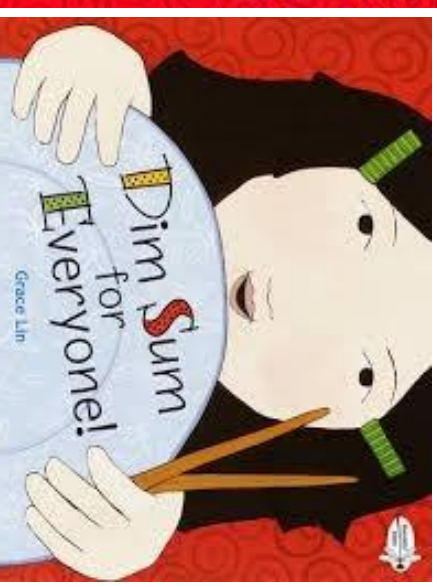
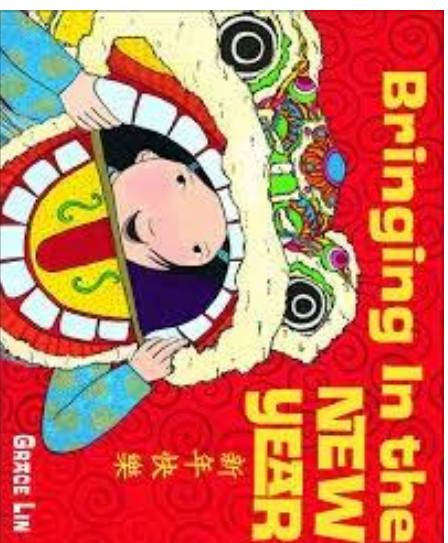
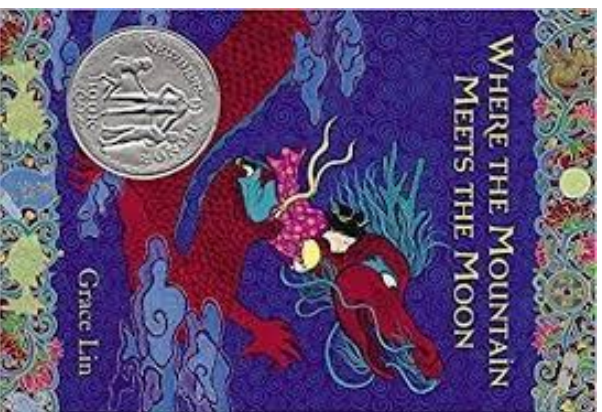
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Books by Grace Lin



More on Grace Lin

- TedTalk - The Windows and Mirrors of Your Child's Bookshelf



Can I be Dorothy?

Can a Chinese girl be

Dorothy?



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Murals on the

1st floor



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Characters from

Classical literature



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Gone with the Wind by Margaret Mitchell



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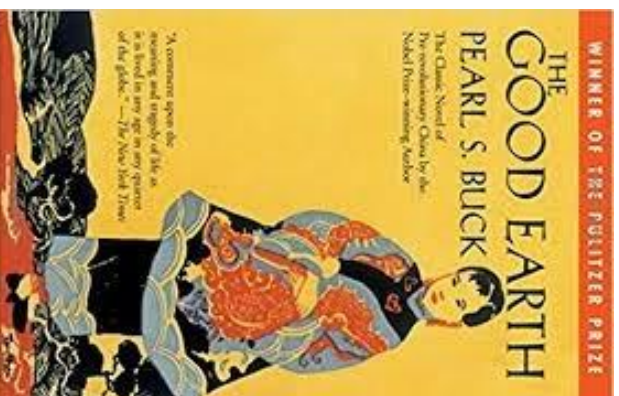


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The Good Earth By Pearl Buck

- Published in 1931



The Movie - The Good Earth

- A 1937 American drama film based on the novel *The Good Earth*
- Main Characters - Paul Muni as Wang Lung
- Luise Rainer as O-Lan
- Luise Rainer won an Academy Award for Best Actress



Why Don't You Go Home?

A dispute with a good friend

I'm Glad That You Get to Go Home?

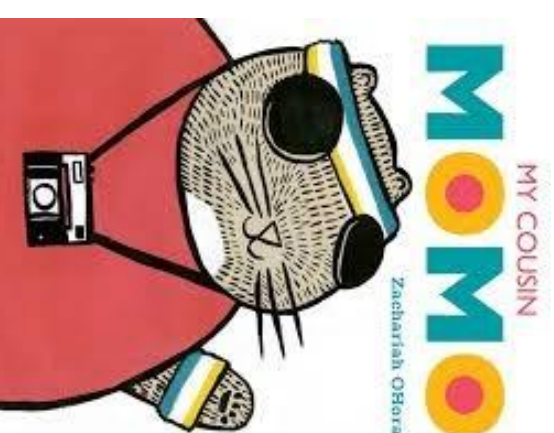
A conversation with the President of the
Friends of the Library



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- My Cousin MoMo- by Zachariah O'Hara

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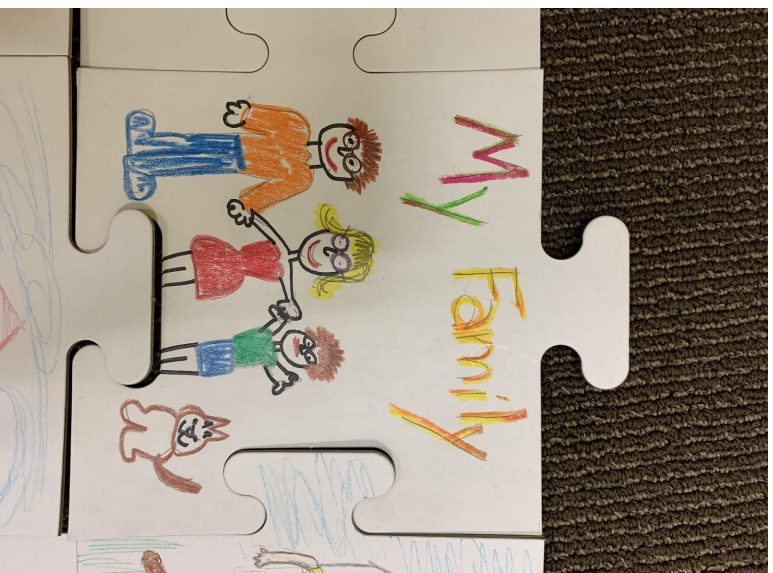
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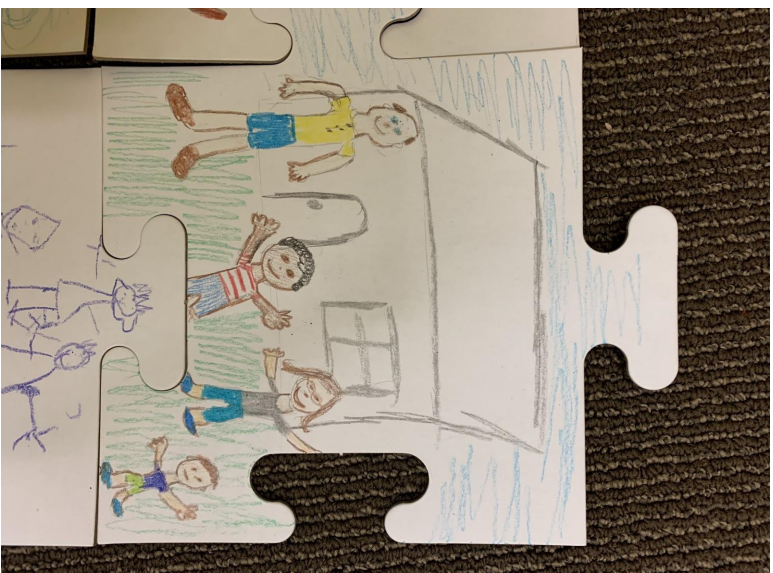
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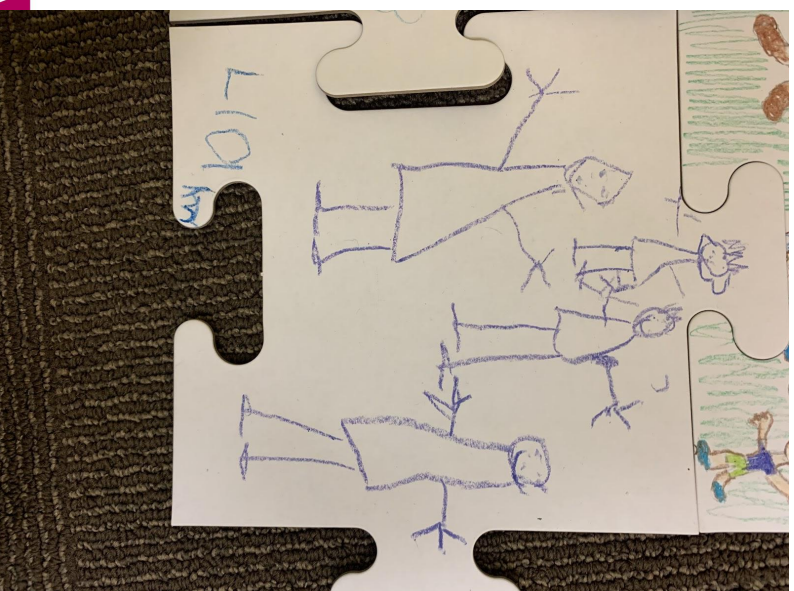
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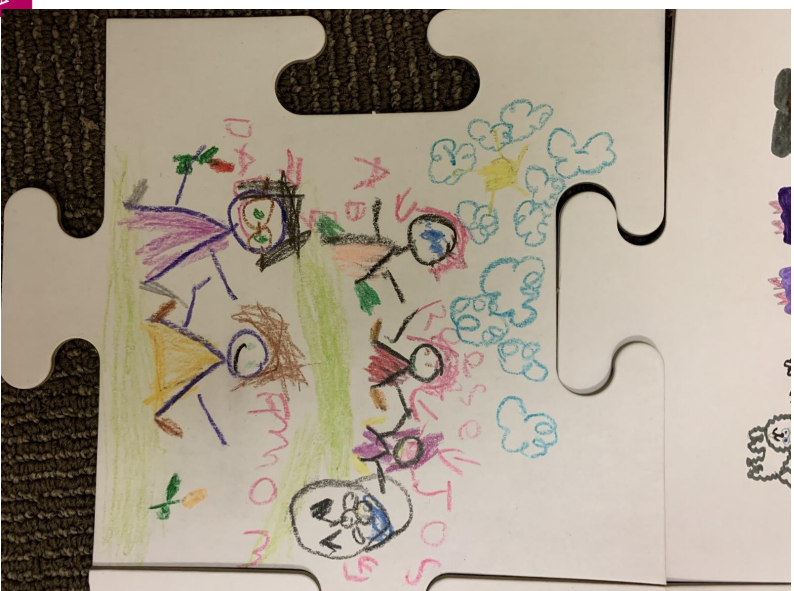
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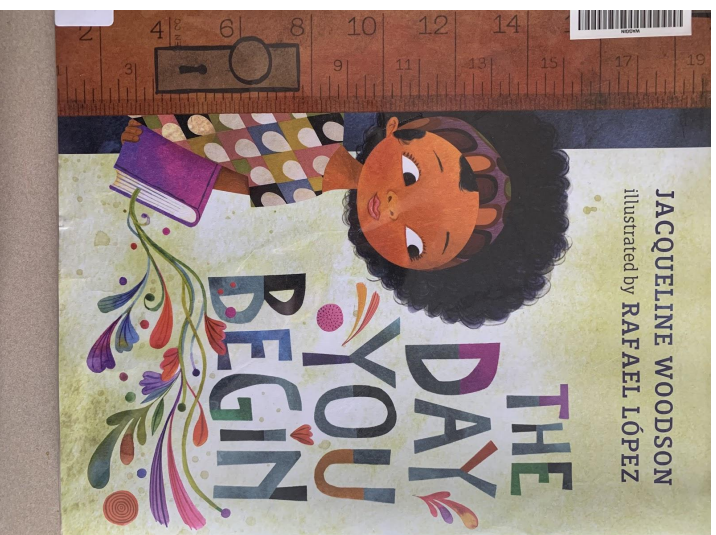
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Books about Diversity and Inclusion

The Day You Begin

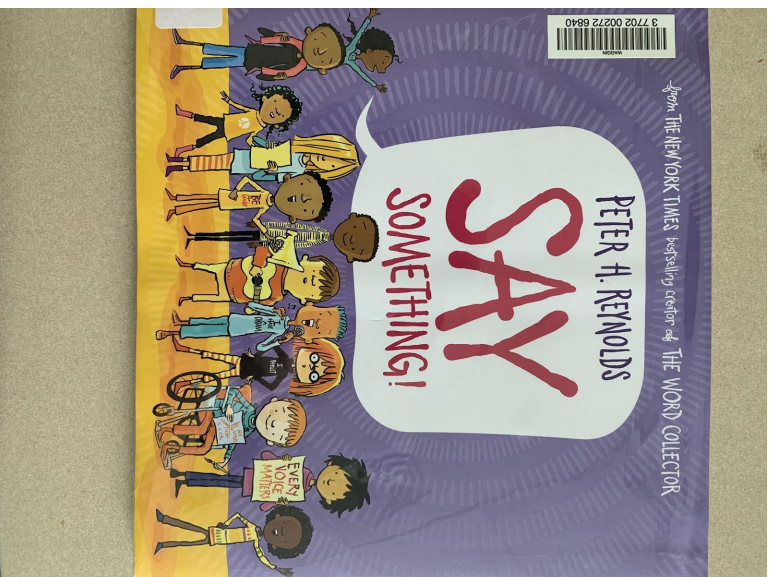


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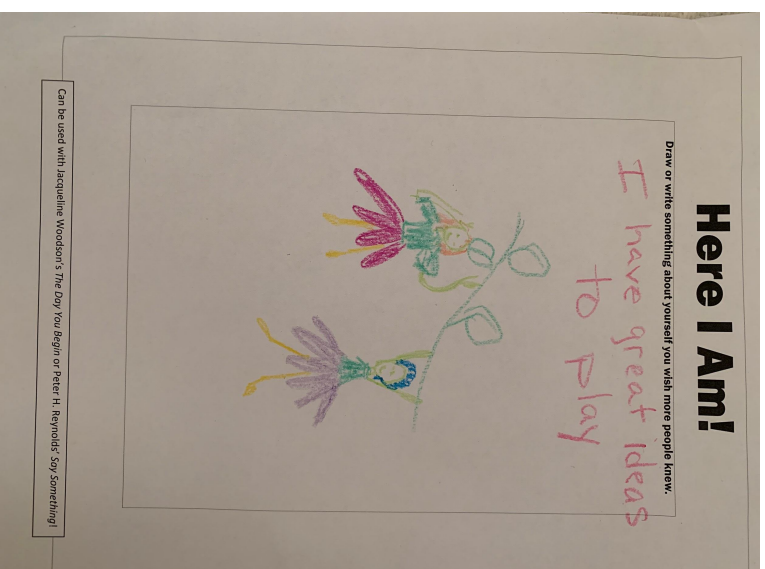
Say Something!



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Activity for The Day You

Being or Say Something!



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Just Ask!

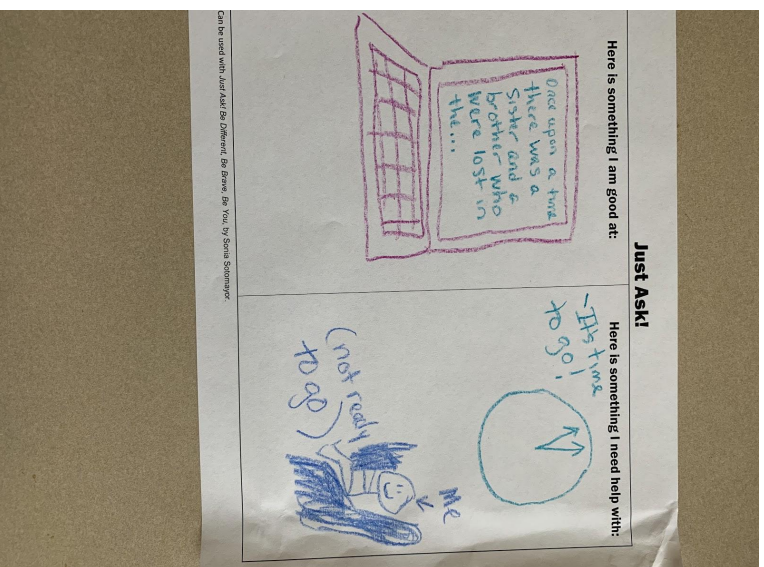


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Activity for Just Ask!



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I'm New Here



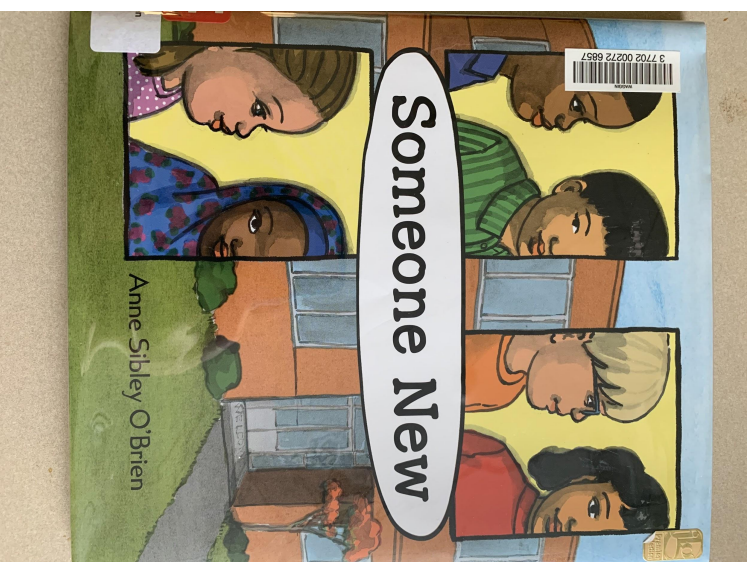
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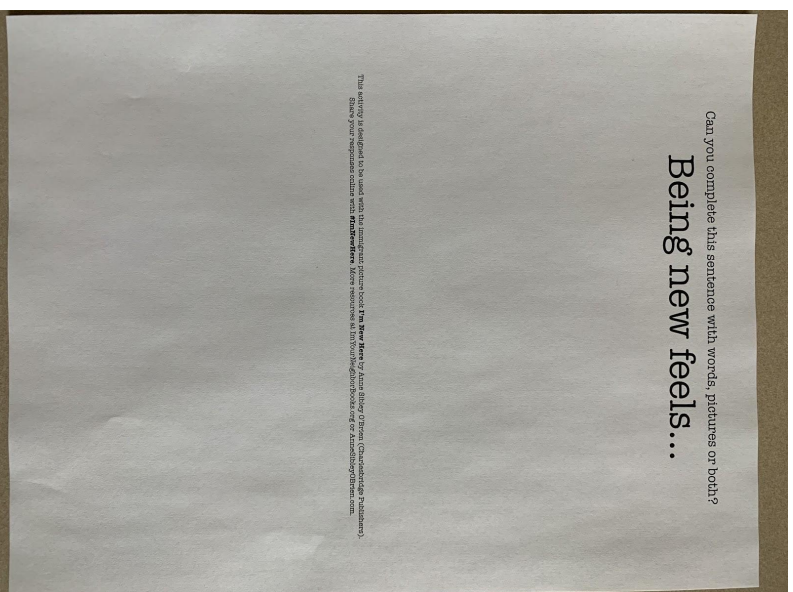
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Someone New



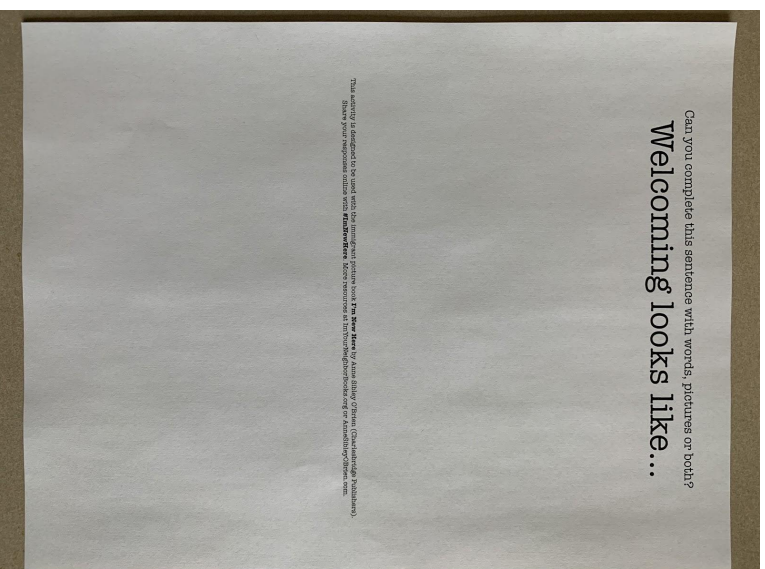
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Activity for being new



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This is how we do it

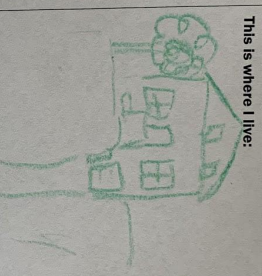


Books about Diversity and Inclusion

Activity for

This Is How I Do It

This Is How I Do It This is how I write my name: AMY

<p>This is me and who I live with:</p>	<p>This is where I live:</p> 	<p>This is how I play:</p>
<p>This is how I help:</p>	<p>This is how we eat dinner:</p>	<p>This is where I sleep:</p>

Can be used with *This Is How We Do It*, by Matt Lamothe.

Books about Diversity and Inclusion

No Kimchi for me



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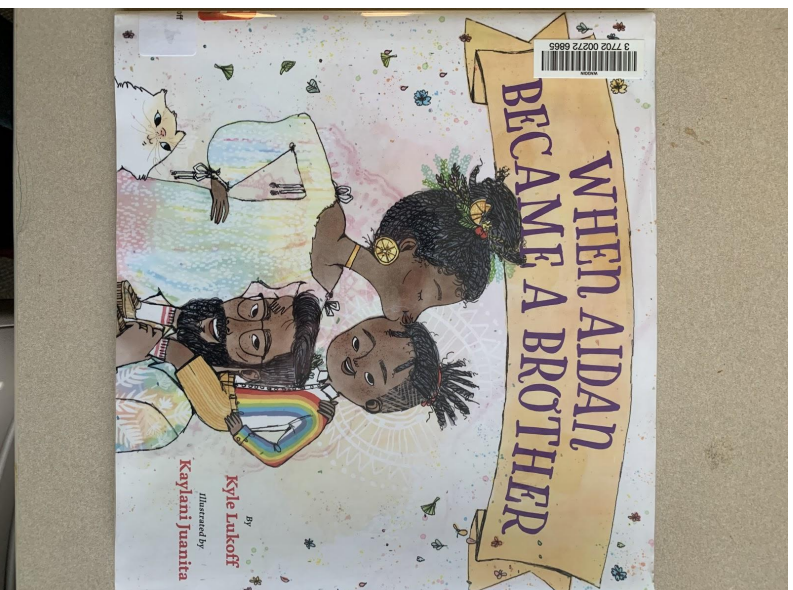
Kimchi Pancakes



Books about Diversity and Inclusion

When Aidan Became A

Brother



Canon-McMillan School District

Launched a “No Place for Hate” campaign in January 2020.
Aimed at promoting tolerance and acceptance.

