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TRAVELING BOOK PROJECT

We are inviting students to grab a book from their bookshelf and visit the [Traveling Book Padlet](#), where they can place their name, their book's current location, any interesting stories about their history with the book. THEN...place [This](#) tag on the book and leave the book... ANYWHERE! If you don't have a book you want to send out into the world or a printer, we've collected some books and tags that kids can grab from PS39.

DIALOGUE & DRINKS

Please join us for Dialogue & Drinks on **Monday, February 8th at 8:30pm**, for some adult conversation about this month's selection, The Netflix Special, [Latin History for Morons](#), a one man show by John Leguizamo. Please RSVP to swatiparikh@gmail.com for Zoom details.

AT HOME: BOOK OF THE MONTH

The January Book of the Month selections are now on our [Webpage](#), along with discussion questions. This month's theme is **Socioeconomic Diversity**. Featured titles are: **K/1st Grades:** [A Chair for My Mother](#) by Vera B. Williams ♦ **2nd/3rd Grades** [Maddi's Fridge](#) by Lois Brandt ♦ **4th/5th Grades** [Crenshaw](#) by Katherine Applegate.

Discussion Questions - [K/1st](#) ♦ [2nd/3rd](#) ♦ [4th/5th](#)

If you would like to buy any of these books for home or for a classroom to be "checked out" by students, we encourage you to purchase from our local, independent bookstore, [Books Are Magic](#). Also, [Here](#) is a link to free resources for audiobooks and ebooks. And check out book swaps for each grade band, so kids can connect over books.

[Kindergarten- Grade 1 Swap](#)

[Grade 2 and Grade 3 Swap](#)

[Grade 4 and Grade 5 Swap](#)



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FEATURED MEDIA

Check out the [Bill Gates and Rashida Jones Ask Big Questions](#) where, you guessed it...questions are big, and they are asked (and often answered).

WORTH FOLLOWING

The Instagram feed for [@r29unbothered](#) is made by and for Black millennial women. Its Instagram posts are both celebratory and educational and champion Black voices, Black art and Black women.

DEFINING A TERM

Culture of Poverty: The concept that the conditions of poverty (e.g., unemployment, out-of-wedlock births, teen pregnancies, welfare dependency, etc.) creates within individuals and groups a socially pathological state of mind that perpetuates these same conditions and eventually increases the number of dependents on the state. It assumes that there is a social, pathological or cultural deficiency inherent to members of certain groups that make them prone to being poor which may make the phrase offensive.

STORY OF YOUR NAME PADLET

Please check out the amazing [Story of the Name Padlet](#) created by our PS39 1st graders. Each month we will feature student entries in our newsletter.



Maxime Jarnouen de Villartay

My first name is Maxime. It is a popular name in France, where I come from. It means « the greatest », and its origins (« Maximus ») are Italian, a country my parents are fond of. My middle names are my grandfathers' names: it is a French tradition. My last name is a knight's name from Brittany, a part of France my family is from, and I love knights!

CONTACT US!

If you have any questions or input, please [Contact Us](#) @ diversity@ps39.org. We want to hear from you! Please share your voice with us through our [Feedback Form](#).