

SAU 67 Cultural Diversity Reading Celebration

Goal:

Provide members of the Bow and Dunbarton school communities the opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of, and empathy towards, cultures and people that may be different than their own.

Time Frame:

March and April of 2021

Launch Event:

- Video & Bookmarks
 - Provide every student and staff member with a bookmark at the start of the reading challenge
 - Create a kickoff video - Dr. C, the four building principals, Gov Sununu or Rep Kuster

Events/Activities Along the Way:

- Taking a Walk in Someone Else's Shoes
 - Art/Craft activity in which people who participate can create / design / color shoes to identify a character they read about.
 - Can be modified for grade level
 - Can be shared either as a gallery walk or shared in a virtual format
- 3 minute book talk
 - Someone who has read one of the titles can film themselves describing the book and sharing what they took away from it. Video clips could be collected and then shared out.
- Bingo Card - read a book by a Black author, Woman, Gay, Asian-American, etc... The idea would be to encourage people to choose a wide variety of titles to read.

Culminating Event:

Celebrate and share the learning that took place by reading different books and stories. Below are three ideas (dependent upon social distancing and health protocols):

- Desert "mixer" (indoors or outdoors) structured like a learning jigsaw activity.
- Guest speaker followed by coffee and soda to share what was heard and read (BHS auditorium and cafeteria).
 - Potential speakers could come from the Frederick Douglass Family Foundation, Rebecca Carroll - a local author, Becky Field - photographer
- Cultural Food Fair - People can bring in food items representing various cultures and food traditions to share and then in an informal way discuss the books that were read

Book List:

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The Stars Beneath our Feet <i>YA award winning novel</i>	David Moore
Esperanza Rising <i>Middle School (audio book available)</i>	Pam Munoz Ryan
All American Boys <i>Middle and High School (audio book available)</i>	Jason Reynolds and Brandon Kiely
The House on Mango Street <i>Middle and High School (Audio book available)</i>	Sandra Cisneros
The Rose that Grew from Concrete <i>Middle and High School - Collection of Poems (Audio Book Available)</i>	Tupac Shakur
March <i>Middle and High School - Graphic Novel (Audio Book Available)</i>	John Lewis
The 1619 Project: Website <i>Middle and High School - Collection of Essays, Photographs, Primary Sources</i>	New York Times
Stamped ... Remix <i>Middle and High School (Young adult version of above book) (Audio Book Available)</i>	Jason Reynolds & Ibram X. Kendi
The Hate U Give <i>Middle and High School (Audio Book and Movie)</i>	Angie Thomas
Born a Crime <i>High School - There is also a YA version appropriate for Middle School (Audio Book)</i>	Trevor Noah
Stamped from the Beginning... <i>High School and Adult (Audio Book Available)</i>	Ibram X. Kendi
So You Want to Talk about Race <i>High School (Audio Book Available)</i>	Ijeoma Oluo
AMightyGirl.Com <i>Website with links to books for all grade levels</i>	Various Authors
Interpreter of Maladies <i>Collection of short stories (high school)</i>	Jhumpa Lahiri
Something In Between <i>YA novel with a Filipino protagonist</i>	Melissa de la Cruz
We Dream of Space <i>Middle School book centered around the Challenger (1986)</i>	Erin Entrada Kelly
New Kid <i>Graphic novel</i>	Jerry Craft