

## The Travelling Library of the World

**In partnership with Active Libraries South Gloucestershire, SGREN presents a Travelling Library of books featuring ethnically diverse characters and/or authors.**

The collection showcases stories from around the world including Africa, India, the Caribbean, Eastern Europe, the Middle East and many more. It has been curated from personal recommendations, provided by the South Gloucestershire Race Equality Network's members. The Travelling Library of the World will visit each main library within South Gloucestershire for 3 weeks at a time, where the books will be available to borrow or click any title on the list below to reserve with your [borrower number and PIN](#) and we'll deliver to your chosen pick-up library

### **Adult Fiction**

A short history of tractors in Ukrainian by Marina Lewycka *"This book made me laugh so so much!" Ania*

Attic Child by Lola Jaye

Kindred by Octavia E. Butler *"Butler fantastically fuses Sci-fi with history and always uses characters from ethnically diverse backgrounds which is a rare find within Sci-fi." Carmen*

Kindred; A Graphic Novel Adaptation by Octavia E. Butler & Damian Duffy

Open Water by Caleb Azumah Nelson *"Modern love story about diverse characters." Mary-Jane*

Song of Solomon by Toni Morrison *"It is so hard for me to narrow down to just one book by Toni Morrison. She is an author who writes with a unique insight, wisdom and voice that authentically portrays the African American soul and experience." Rob*

The Bees by Laline Paul *"Her parents are Indian immigrants. It's a dystopian fiction about the hive mind of bees, and an unusual bee, of the lowest class of her society, who does not fit the mould of either her class or the hive mind." Maddie*

The Books of Jacob by Olga Tokarczuk; translated by Jennifer Croft *"I love reading stories about wanderers!" Ania*

The Buddha of Suburbia by Hanif Kureishi *"Very funny and with realistic characters that you can identify to." Laurent*

The Girl With The Louding Voice by Abi Dare *"A tale about finding your voice even in difficult times." Mary-Jane*

The Last White Man by Mohsin Hamid *"A alternative tale about love and identity." Zak*

The Mermaid of Black Conch by Monique Roffey *"A beautiful tale/tail-I couldn't put it down! Written in dual narrative, at times in a Caribbean accent. I still wonder about the Mermaid of Black Conch now :)" Carmen*

The Weight of Ink by Rachel Kad *"A great feminist historical fiction book bringing the voice of women forward from an era where history focused on the stories of men." - Michaela*

White Teeth by Zadie Smith *"Very funny and with realistic characters that you can identify to" Laurent*

## Adult Non-Fiction

A Culinary Legacy by Viviane Howell

A Message From Ukraine by Volodymyr Zelensky *"Speeches from one of the most influential leaders of our time."* Mike

All About Love: New Visions by bell hooks *"Before reading this book I was hopeless about romantic love. After I read the book, I was surprised to recognize myself in the book, I felt less lonely."* Karen

Before I Am Rendered Invisible : Resistance From The Margins by Ros Martin

Birdgirl by Mya-Rose Craig *"A moving depiction of struggle and hope whilst dealing with poor mental health."* Ayesha

Black Like Me by John Howard Griffin *"An unbelievable true story of a man who went to extreme lengths to gain a true understanding and experience of racism, taking high risks. Remarkable!"* Carmen

CARGO: Charting African Resilience Generating Opportunities by Lawrence Hoo *"This book is part of a project (CARGO) to rewrite the Black history curriculum currently taught in schools, which has a single narrative."* Hugo

Emotional Intelligence by Daniel Goleman *"Little bit complex but very honest and good."* Abbie

I am Malala by Malala Yousafzai *"An astonishing autobiographical book about a girl, who stood up for education and was shot by the Taliban. It is one of the books that's honesty and purity is admirable"* Judit

Lyrically Justified by Urban Word Collective *"We collaborate with some of the poets from these books and they bring great vibes, honesty and culture!"* SGREN

Lyrically Justified Volume 2 by Urban Word Collective

My American Odyssey by Roger Griffith

My Past is a Foreign Country by Zeba Takhani *"This is one of my favourite books for its brave and feminist exploration of identity that many women can relate to."* Rozey

Slay in your Lane by Yomi Adegoke *"I managed to find myself in the book! I recommend vividly this book to all Black women."* Sensi

Takeaway: Stories from a Childhood Behind the Counter by Angela Hui

That Day She'll Proclaim Her Chronicles by Muneera Pilgrim *"A modern, eclectic collection written by a fantastically funny but also real, Bristol based poet. I've had the pleasure of meeting Muneera and every time I watch her perform, am left wanting for more!"* Carmen

The Choice by Edith Eva Eger *"An incredibly inspirational book about a Hungarian Holocaust survivor. It is also a brilliant guide on how to survive after trauma and how to free yourself from the negative feelings afterwards."* Judit

The Prophet by Kahlil Gibran *"It is written in 1923 but every word is true today. It's only short but speaks a lot".* Humza

To Egypt With Love by Viviane Howell

What a Time to be Alone by Chidera Eggerue **Eggerue** *"I bought this for my adolescent daughter. She enjoyed taking advice from someone she could relate to. We also saw Chidera live who was extremely inspiring and such a positive role model. #saggyboobsmatter"* Carmen

When They Go Low, We Go High by Philip Collins *"About well-known professionals from different ethnic backgrounds based on their challenges in life within short speeches."* Abbie

## **Young Adult**

Black History Matters by Robin Walker

My Name is Parvana by Deborah Ellis *"Because I loved the courage of this little girl who managed to fight and survive for her family in a very hostile country"* Nassera

Refugee Boy by Benjamin Zephaniah *"A powerful story exploring war, seeking asylum, and resilience. We studied this in Year 6!"* Akeylah

We Have a Dream by Mya-Rose Craig *"Written by a friend of mine, this book promotes youth activism, across the globe."* Carmen

## **Children's Fiction**

High Rise Mystery by Sharna Jackson *"I read this book last year for the book review display for school and I found it very fascinating. Brilliant, humorously written murder mystery."* Judit

High Rise Mystery (Spoken Word / Audio Disc Edition) by Sharna Jackson

Mic Drop: A High Rise Mystery by Sharna Jackson

Planet Omar Accidental Trouble Magnet by Zanib Mian *"My son was elated to see a book about a boy similar looking to him, with the same name!"* Aaliyah

Planet Omar Incredible Rescue mission by Zanib Mian

Planet Omar Epic Hero Flop by Zanib Mian

Planet Omar Ultimate Rock Blast by Zanib Mian

Planet Omar Unexpected Super Spy by Zanib Mian

The Unforgotten Coat by Frank Cottrell Boyce *"A cute story about fitting in."* Alex

You Must be Layla by Yassmin Abdel-Magied

## **Children's Non-Fiction**

Africana: An Encyclopedia of an Amazing Continent by Kim Chakanetsa *"A beautifully illustrated, positive delve into Africa's rich history."* Charlotte

Black and British: A Short Essential Guide by David Olusoga

Black and British: An Illustrated History by David Olusoga *"A fantastic addition to his works aimed at younger readers."* Andrew

## **Picture Books for Older Children**

Akissi: Tales of Mischief by Marguerite Aboutet *"For me it is a very humoristic portrait of a little girl's everyday life in the street of Abidjan. It gives a funny and at the same time quite realistic vision of the spirit of the most vibrant part of the economical capital."* Isabelle

Hair Love by Matthew Cherry *"A great way to teach self-confidence and promotes father-daughter relationships"* Aminata

Sulwe by Lupita Nyong'o *"This beautiful story teaches self-love."* Fadzai

## **Picture Books for Younger Children**

Chapatti Moon by Pippa Goodhart

Full, Full, Full of Love by Trish Cooke *"I read this book with my little sister. She knows it by heart because we read it so many times."* Elinor

Ganesha's Sweet Tooth by Sanjay Patel

It's OK to be Different by Sharon Purtill

Julian is a Mermaid by Jessica Love

Look Up by Nathan Bryon *"I bought this for my Goddaughter, to instil the belief that girls that look like her, can too 'reach for the skies'!"* Carmen

Mrs Katz and Tush by Patricia Polacco *"I love that this book highlights a shared history between Jewish and African American people. It is a sweet tale of love and intergenerational connection."* Melody

The Proudest Blue by Ibtihaj Muhammad

## Travelling Library dates

- **Thornbury Library** 1 to 19 May 2023
- **Yate Library** 29 May to 16 June 2023
- **Winterbourne Library** 26 June to 14 July 2023
- **Emersons Green Library** 24 July to 11 August 2023
- **Cadbury Heath Library** 21 August to 8 September 2023
- **Hanham Library** 18 September to 6 October 2023
- **Kingswood Library** 16 October to 3 November 2023
- **Staple Hill Library** 13 November to 1 December 2023
- **Downend Library** 11 December to 5 January 2024
- **Filton Library** 15 January to 2 February 2024
- **Patchway Library** 12 February to 1 March 2024