

Unit of Inquiry Recommended Reading List

How We Express Ourselves

Below you will find a list of books related to the Unit of Inquiry “How We Express Ourselves” for Bellevue Children’s Academy. Each book is related to the Central Idea. Included with each book title is a summary and a link to the book at King County Library. If there is no link to King County Library System (KCLS) then KCLS does not carry it. If there is a star at the end of the book citation then the library at Bellevue Children’s Academy also carries it.

1st Grade

- McDermott, Gerald. “Raven: A Trickster Tale from the Pacific Northwest.” San Diego ; Harcourt, 1993.*
 - A classic Pacific Northwest American Indian tale, Raven goes looking for the sun.
 - [KCLS](#)
- Vaughan, Richard Lee. “Eagle Boy: a Pacific Northwest Tale.” Seattle : Sasquatch Books, 2000.*
 - A boy’s friendship with an eagle ends up saving his people from starvation.
 - [KCLS](#)
- Aardema, Verna. “Why Mosquitos Buzz in People’s Ears.” New York : Dial Press, 1975.
 - A classic children’s literature book, it illustrates a West African pourquoi folktale.
 - [KCLS](#)
- Bruchac, Joseph. “The Story of the Milky Way.” New York : Dial Books for Young Readers, 1995.
 - A Cherokee tale detailing how the stars showed up in the sky. An excellent partnership between the author and illustrator.
 - [KCLS](#)
- Rodgers, Greg. “Chukfi Rabbit’s Big, Bad Bellyache.” El Paso, TX : Cinco Puntos Press, 2014.
 - A Choctaw trickster tale about how a rabbit tries to get out of a day’s worth of work.
 - [KCLS](#)
- Campbell, Nicola. “A Day with Yayah.” Northampton, Massachusetts, : Crocodile Books, 2018.
 - A First Nations family spends their day collecting herbs in their indigenous language. An excellent conversation starter about how endangered these languages and cultures are.
 - [KCLS](#)
- Alexie, Sherman. “Thunder Boy Jr.” New York : Little, Brown Company, 2016.*
 - Wonderfully illustrated this book relates the trouble a boy is having in coming up a name that is both his own, but also a part of his family tradition.
 - [KCLS](#)

3rd Grade

- Curtis, Andrea. “Eat This! How Fast-food Marketing Gets You to Buy Junk (and How to Fight Back).” Markham, Ontario : Red Deer Press, 2018.
 - A slim but complex book easily relatable to children gives them the tools and power to make their own choices when it comes to eating healthy.
 - [KCLS](#)

- Minden, Cecilia. "How to Write an Ad." Ann Arbor, Michigan : Cherry Lake Publishing, 2012.
 - Part of an "How to Write" series, this book focuses on attention grabbing techniques to create advertising.
 - [KCLS](#)
- Buckley, Michael. "The Fairy-tale Detectives." New York : Amulet Books, 2005.*
 - Engaging and popular series that is a blend of two book genres: mysteries and fairy tales. That makes it a winning series, especially for readers of the Land of Stories series.
 - [KCLS](#)
- Erdrich, Louise. "Chickadee." New York : Harper, 2012.
 - Chickadee is kidnapped away from his tribe by a neighboring, warring tribe. He escapes, but has to make his own way home. Interesting characters and rich background make this a perfect historical fiction choice.
 - [KCLS](#)
- Weeks, Sarah. "Save Me a Seat." New York : Scholastic, 2016.*
 - Well written school story about two students' first week at school and how they become friends. This book is part of the realistic fiction genre.
 - [KCLS](#)
- Scieszka, John. "Frank Einstein and the Antimatter Motor." New York : Amulet Books, 2014.*
 - A humorous chapter book series about a child genius. Written by a well known author this book series exemplifies science fiction for children.
 - [KCLS](#)