

## Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AA and NHPI) Heritage Month Resources for Teachers and Families

Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month recognizes the contributions and influences that Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders have made to the history, culture and achievements of the United States. In the last couple of years, it has been especially important to celebrate the Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities in the face of an increase in anti-Asian bias and violence. One way of doing so is by choosing Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander leaders who can advocate for their communities, which is why this year's theme is "Advancing Leaders Through Opportunity." The month of May was chosen as a way to commemorate the first wave of Japanese immigrants to the United States on May 7, 1843 and to also mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. The majority of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants. It is important to remember that members of the Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities come from East Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia, Western Asia, Hawaii, and the Pacific Islands of Melanesia, Micronesia and Polynesia. Each Asian country and Pacific Island nation has its own unique culture, language and traditions.

This resource was created in collaboration with Dobbs Ferry Public Library Children's Librarian Gina Elbert and Teen Librarian Alex Yeranossian, Springhurst Library Media Specialist Lauren Rodriguez, Dobbs Ferry Middle/High School Library Media Specialist Ellen Elsen, and Dobbs Ferry K-8 Literacy Coordinator Michelle Yang-Kaczmarek. Our hope is that these resources will help you to amplify, respect and make space for AAPI every single day, not just in May.

### Booklist

Below is a list of published books written by Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander authors and/or include Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander characters. This is a sampling of what is available. You can access items marked with a blue dot (●) through the Dobbs Ferry school libraries and items marked with a yellow dot (●) through the Dobbs Ferry Public Library. Please contact your librarians to put them on hold and/or learn more information about the formats in which these titles are available.

\*Indicates a new title/resource added to the list

### Picture Books

- *A Big Mooncake for Little Star* by Grace Lin ●●
- *A Different Pond* by Bao Phi ●●
- *Amah Faraway* by Margaret Chiu Greanias ●
- *\*American Desi* by Jyoti Rajan Gopal ●
- *Amy Wu and the Patchwork Dragon* by Kat Zhang ●●
- *Amy Wu and the Perfect Bao* by Kat Zhang ●●
- *Amy Wu and Warm Welcome* by Kat Zhang ●
- *Bee-Bim Bop!* by Linda Sue Park ●●
- *Bilal Cooks Daal* by Aisha Saeed ●●
- *The Boring Book* by Shinsuke Yoshitake ●
- *Brush of the Gods* by Lenore Look and Meilo So ●
- *Camp Tiger* by Susan Choi ●●
- *\*Colors of Aloha* by Kanoa Kau-Arteaga ●
- *\*Dim Sum, Here We Come!* by Maple Lam ●
- *Drawn Together* by Minh Lê ●●

- *Dear Katie, the Volcano is a Girl* by Jean Craighead George ●●
- *\*Drawing From Memory* by Allen Say ●●
- *Eyes that Kiss in the Corners* by Joanna Ho ●●
- *Eyes that Speak to the Stars* by Joanna Ho ●●
- *Fatima's Great Outdoors* by Ambreen Tariq ●●
- *Found* and other titles by Salina Yoon ●
- *\*Grandfather's Journey* by Allen Say ●●
- *\*Grandpa Across the Ocean* by Hyewon Yum ●●
- *Ho'onani: Hula Warrior* by Heather Gale ●●
- *How Honu the Turtle Got His Shell* by Casey A. McGuire-Turcotte ●
- *\*Kapaemahu* by Hinaleimoana Wong-kalu ●
- *Kiyoshi's Walk* by Mark Karlins and Nicole Wong ●
- *Laxmi's Mooch* by Shelly Anand ●●
- *The Leaping Laddoo* by Harshita Jerath ●
- *Lift* by Minh Lê ●
- *Look! What Do You See?: an Art Puzzle of Book of American and Chinese Songs* By Bing Xu ●
- *The Most Beautiful Thing* by Kao Kalia Yang ●●
- *\*The Monster in the Bath House* by Sina Merabian ●
- *\*My Footprints* by Bao Phi and Basia Tran ●●
- *\*My Paati's Saris* by Jyoti Rajan Gopal ●
- *The Name Jar* by Yangsook Choi ●●
- *The Nian Monster* by Andrea Wang ●●
- *The Ocean Calls: a Haenyeo Mermaid Story* by Tina Cho ●
- *'Ohana Means Family* by Ilima Loomis ●
- *Playing with Lanterns* by Wang Yage ●
- *Pool* by Jihyeon Lee ●
- *The Proudest Blue* by Ibtihaj Muhammad and S.K. Ali ●●
- *Punky Aloha* by Shar Tuiasoa ●
- *\*Ramen for Everyone* by Patricia Tanumihardja ●
- *Redwoods* by Jason Chin ●●
- *Snow Angel, Sand Angel* by Lois-Anna Yamanaka ●
- *The Sound of Silence* by Katrina Goldsaito ●●
- *Sunday Funday in Koreatown* by Aram Kim ●
- *Ten Ways to Hear Snow* by Kathy Camper ●
- *\*Tree of Cranes* by Allen Say ●●
- *\*Watercress* by Andrea Wang and Jason Chin ●●
- *\*Wei Skates on* by Nathan Chen ●
- *\*Where is the Buddha?* by Thich Nhat Hanh ●

## Easy Readers and Early Chapter Books

- *Alvin Ho* series by Lenore Look ●●
- *Book Uncle and Me* by Uma Krishnaswami ●●
- *Diary of an Ice Princess* series by Christina Soontornvat ●
- *\*Geraldine Pu Series* by Maggie P. Chang ●●
- *Good Job, Kanini* by Lisa Lee ●●
- *Jasmine Toguchi* series by Debbi Michiko Florence ●●
- *Ling and Ting Books* by Grace Lin ●

- *Mindy Kim* series by Lyla Lee ●●
- *Nina Soni* series by Kashmira Sheth ●
- *Ruby Lu* series by Lenore Look ●●
- *Sadiq* series by Siman Nuurali ●●
- *\*Sejal Sinha Battles Superstorms* by Maya Prasad ●
- *Sherlock Sam* series by A.J. Low ●
- *The Unicorn Rescue Society: The Secret of the Himalayas* by Adam Gidwitz and Hena Khan ●
- *Yasmin* series by Saadia Faruqi ●
- *The Year of the ... (Anna Wang series)* by Andrea Cheng ●

## Elementary Nonfiction

- *Angel Island: Gateway to Gold Mountain* by Russell Freedman ●
- *Be Water, My Friend: The Early Years of Bruce Lee* by Ken Mochizuki ●
- *\*Chef Roy Choi and the Street Food Remix* by Jacqueline Briggs Martin ●●
- *Dumpling Dreams: How Joyce Chen Brought the Dumpling from Beijing to Cambridge* by Carrie Clickard ●●
- *Fall Down Seven Times, Stand Up Eight: Patsy Takemoto Mink and the Fight for Title IX* by Jen Bryant ●
- *Fauja Singh Keeps Going* by Simran Jeet Singh ●●
- *Fred Korematsu Speaks Up* by Laura Atkins ●
- *I Live in Tokyo* by Mari Takabayashi ●●
- *In the Night, Still Dark* by Richard Lewis ●●
- *It Began With a Page: How Gyo Fujikawa Drew the Way* by Kyo Maclear ●●
- *Maya Lin: Architect of Light and Lines* by Jeanne Walker Harvey ●●
- *\*Magic Ramen* Andrea Wang ●●
- *\*Shapes, Lines, and Light : My Grandfather's American Journey* by Katie Yamasaki ●
- *Shark Lady: The True Story of How Eugenie Clark Became the Ocean's Most Fearless Scientist* by Jess Keating ●●
- *Shining Star: The Anna May Wong Story* by Paula Yoo ●●
- *Sixteen Years in Sixteen Seconds: The Sammy Lee Story* by Paula Yoo ●
- *\*Sunkali, the "Messi of the Himalayas"* by Jennifer Vorms-le Morvan ●
- *Yayoi Kusama: From Here to Infinity* by Sarah Suzuki ●
- *Yes We Will: Asian Americans Who Shaped This Country* by Kelly Yang ●
- *You Should Meet: Duke Kahanamoku* by Laurie Calkhoven ●

## Middle Grade Fiction and Graphic Novels

- *All You Knead is Love* by Tanya Guerrero ●
- *American as Paneer Pie* by Supriya Kelkar ●
- *Amal Unbound* by Aisha Saeed ●●
- *\*Amina's Song* by Hena Khan ●●
- *Amina's Voice* by Hena Kahn ●●
- *A Place to Belong* by Cythia Kadohata ●●
- *A Single Shard* by Linda Sue Park ●●
- *A Thousand Questions* by Saadia Faruqi ●
- *A Wish in the Dark* by Christina Soontornvat ●
- *Barakah Beats* by Maleeha Siddiqui ●●
- *The Best At It* by Maulik Pancholy ●●
- *Blackbird Fly* by Erin Entrada Kelly ●●

- *The Breadwinner* by Deborah Ellis ●●
- *The Bridge Home* by Padma Venkatraman ●●
- *Chinese-Born American* by Gene Luen Yang ●●
- *Cilla Lee-Jenkins* series by Susan Tan ●
- *Dragon Pearl* by Yoon Ha Lin ●●
- *\*The Emperor's Riddle* by Kat Zhang ●
- *\*Finding Junie Kim* by Ellen Oh ●●
- *Frazzled: Everyday Disasters and Impending Doom* by Booki Vivat ●
- *Front Desk* by Kelly Yang ●●
- *Generation Misfits* by Akemi Dawn Bowman ●
- *\*Hana Hsu and the Ghost Crab Nation* by Sylvia Liu ●
- *Hello, Universe* by Erin Entrada Kelly ●●
- *The House That Lou Built* by Mae Respicio ●●
- *House Without Walls* by Ching Yeung Russell ●●
- *I'm OK* by Patti Kim ●●
- *Inside Out and Back Again* by Thanh Hà Lại ●●
- *\*Jennifer Chan Is Not Alone* by Tae Keller ●●
- *Kira-Kira* by Cynthia Kadohata ●●
- *Kudo Kids* series by Maia and Alex Shibutani ●
- *Lalani of the Distant Sea* by Erin Entrada Kelly ●●
- *Land of Forgotten Girls* by Erin Entrada Kelly ●●
- *The Last Fallen Star* by Graci Kim ●●
- *\*The Last Mapmaker* by Christina Soontornvat ●●
- *\*Legends of Lotus Island: The Guardian Test* by Christine Soontornvat ●
- *\*Lia Park and the Heavenly Heirloom* by Jenna Yoon ●
- *\*Lia Park and the Missing Jewel* by Jenna Yoon ●
- *Listen, Slowly* by Thanh Hà Lại ●●
- *\*Maizy Chen's Last Chance* by Lisa Yee ●●
- *Many Meanings of Meilan* by Andrea Wang ●●
- *\*Ms. Marvel Stretched Thin* by Nadia Shammas ●
- *New From Here* by Kelly Yang ●●
- *The Night Diary* by Veera Hiranandani ●●
- *\*Omar Rising* by Aisha Saeed ●●
- *Other Words for Home* by Jasmine Warga ●●
- *Pandava* series (Aru Shah series) by Roshani Chockshi ●●
- *Peter Lee's Notes from the Field* by Angela Ahn ●
- *Planet Omar* series by Zanib Mian ●
- *Prairie Lotus* by Linda Sue Park ●●
- *Red, White, and Whole* by Rajani LaRocca ●●
- *Room to Dream* by Kelly Yang ●
- *\*Ruby Lost and Found* by Christina Li ●
- *\*Samira Surfs* by Rukhsana Guidroz and Fahmida Azim ●●
- *\*Save Me a Seat* by Gita Varadarajan and Sarah Weeks ●●
- *The School for Good and Evil* series by Soman Chainani ●●
- *The Science of Breakable Things* by Tae Keller ●
- *Secret Coders* series (graphic novels) by Gene Luen Yang ●●
- *Spirit Hunters* and other titles by Ellen Oh ●●
- *Stand Up Yumi Chung!* by Jessica Kim ●●

- *Step Up to the Plate, Maria Singh!* By Uma Krishnaswami 🟡
- *\*The Takeout* by Tracy Badua 🟡
- *\*Theo Tan and the Fox Spirit* by Jesse Q. Sutanto 🟡
- *\*Thirst* by Varsha Balaj 🟡
- *\*This is How I Roll* by Debbi Michiko Florence 🟡
- *This is Just a Test* by Madelyn Rosenberg & Wendy Wan-Long Shang 🟡
- *Three Keys* by Kelly Yang 🟡
- *Tidesong* by Wendy Xu 🟡
- *\*Troublemaker* by John Cho 🟡
- *\*The Tryout* by Christine Soontornvat 🟡
- *The Vanderbeeks* series by Karina Yan 🟡
- *When You Trap a Tiger* by Tae Keller 🟡
- *\*Winston Chu vs. the Whimsies* by Stacy Lee 🟡
- *The Year of the Dog* by Grace Lin 🟡
- *\*You Are Here: Connecting Flights* edited by Ellen Oh 🟡

## Elementary and Middle Grade Manga

- *Chi's Sweet Home* by Kanata Konami 🟡
- *Fluffy Fluffy Cinnamoroll* by Yumi Tsukirino 🟡
- *Kingdom Hearts* by Shiro Amano 🟡
- *Pokémon Adventures* by Hidenori Kusaka 🟡
- *Splatoon* by Sankichi Hinodeya 🟡
- *Yotsuba&!* by Kiyohiko Azuma 🟡
- *Yuzu the Pet Vet* by Mingo Ito 🟡

## Middle Grade Nonfiction

- *\*Amazing: Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders Who Inspire Us All* by Maia and Alex Shibutani, and Dane Liu 🟡
- *History Comics: The Transcontinental Railroad: Crossing the Divide* by Andy Hirsch 🟡
- *I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World* by Malala Yousafzai 🟡
- *All Thirteen : The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team* by Christina Soontornvat 🟡

## Young Adult Fiction

- *American Panda* by Gloria Chao 🟡
- *An Ember in the Ashes* by Sabaa Tahir 🟡
- *A Pho Love Story* by Loan Le 🟡
- *\*A Thousand Steps into Night* by Traci Chee 🟡
- *The Astonishing Color of After* by Emily X.R. Pan 🟡
- *A Time to Dance* by Padma Venkatraman 🟡
- *A Very Large Expanse of Sea* by Tahereh Mafi 🟡
- *Boxers & Saints* by Gene Luen Yang 🟡
- *Butterfly Yellow* by Thanh Hà Lại 🟡
- *Darius the Great is Not Okay* by Adib Khorram 🟡
- *Darius the Great Deserves Better* by Adib Khorram 🟡
- *Descendant of the Crane* by June Hur 🟡
- *The Downstairs Girl* by Stacey Lee 🟡
- *Emergency Contact* by Mary H.K. Choi 🟡

- *The Forest of Stolen Girls* by June Hur
- *Frankly in Love* by David Yoon
- *Hani and Ishu's Guide to Fake Dating* by Adiba Jaigirdar
- *Heart of the Samurai* by Margi Preus
- *Internment* by Samira Ahmed
- *Iron Widow* by Xiran Jay Zhao
- *Last Night at the Telegraph Club* by Malinda Lo
- *Love from A to Z* by S.K. Ali
- *Love, Hate, and Other Filters* by Samira Ahmed
- *The Love and Lies of Rukhsana Ali* by Sabina Khan
- *Luck of the Titanic* by Stacy Lee
- *Made in Korea* by Sarah Suk
- *The Magic Fish* by Trung Le Nguyen
- *Mooncakes* by Suzanne Walker; illus. By Wendy Xu
- *The Ones We're Meant to Find* by Joan He
- *Parachutes* by Kelly Yang
- *Patron Saints of Nothing* by Randy Ribay
- *Saints and Misfits* by S.K. Ali
- *\*The Silence That Binds Us* by Joanna Ho
- *Super Fake Love Song* by David Yoon
- *These Violent Delights* by Chloe Gong
- *\*This Place Is Still Beautiful* by Xixi Tian
- *This Time Will Be Different* by Misa Sugiura
- *To All the Boys I've Loved Before* series by Jenny Han
- *Tokyo Ever After* by Emiko Jean
- *Under a Painted Sky* by Stacey Lee
- *Warcross* by Marie Lu
- *We Are Not Free* by Traci Chee
- *We Hunt the Flame* by Hafsah Faizal
- *Weight of Our Sky* by Hanna Alkaf
- *When Dimple Met Rishi* by Sandhya Menon
- *When We Were Infinite* by Kelly Loy Gilbert
- *Wicked Fox* by Kat Cho
- *You Bring the Distant Near* by Mitali Perkins

## Young Adult Manga

- *Attack on Titan* by Hajime Isayama
- *Cells at Work!* by Akane Shimizu
- *Demon Slayer* by Koyoharu Gotouge
- *Dragonball* by Akira Toriyama
- *Fairy Tail* by Hiro Mashima
- *Fruits Basket* by Natsuki Takaya
- *Full Metal Alchemist* by Hiromu Arakawa
- *Haikyu!!* by Haruichi Furudate
- *Hunter x Hunter* by Yoshihiro Togashi
- *Little Witch Academia* by Yoh Yoshinari
- *My Hero Academia* by Kohei Horikoshi



- *Naruto* by Masashi Kishimoto ●●
- *One Piece* by Eiichiro Oda ●●
- *The Promised Neverland* by Kaiu Shirai ●●
- *Snow White with the Red Hair* by Sorata Akiduki ●

## Young Adult Nonfiction

- *Almost American Girl* by Robin Ha ●●
- *The Best We Could Do: An Illustrated Memoir* by Thi Bui ●
- *Beyond the Gender Binary* by Alok Vaid-Menon ●
- *Diary of a Tokyo Teen : A Japanese-American Girl Travels to the Land of Trendy Fashion, High-Tech Toilets and Maid Cafes* by Christine Marie Inzer ●●
- *Farewell to Manzanar* by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston ●●
- *From a Whisper to a Rallying Cry* by Paula Yoo ●●
- *Girl Code: Gaming, Going Viral, and Getting it Done* by Andrea Gonzales and Sophie Hauser ●
- *They Called Us Enemy* by George Takei ●●

## More Booklists

- [30 Asian and 30 Asian American Children's Books for Ages 0 to 18](#)
- [Books About AAPI Leaders: An Elementary AAPI Studies List](#)
- [Asian & Asian America Voices Booklist](#)
- [Social Justice Books - Asian Americans](#)
- [Award Winners](#) from the Asian/Pacific-American Librarians Association
- [12 Manga for Kids, From Early to Middle Grade Readers](#)
- [14 Kid-Friendly Manga That Aren't About Pokeman](#)
- [Manga for Middle Schoolers](#)

## Resources

- [30 Revolutionary Asians and Pacific Islanders to Celebrate for AAPI Heritage Month](#)
- [Asian Americans in the People's History of the United States](#)
- [Asian American K-12 Education Curriculum](#)
- [Asian American Racial Justice Toolkit](#)
- [Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center - We Are Not a Stereotype: Breaking Down Asian Pacific American Bias](#)
- [Racial Justice](#) at Sesame Street in Communities
- [Talking about Race: The Lees](#) at Sesame Street in Communities
- [Asian American and Pacific Islander Resource Library](#) at American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychology
- [Resources for API Families](#) from PFLAG and NQAPIA (The National Queer Asian Pacific Islander Alliance)
- [Resources for AAP LGBTQ+ Communities](#) from It Gets Better
- [Asian Pacific Americans with Disabilities: Our Stories, Our Lives](#) from Disability Visibility Project
- ["Anti-Racism for Kids: An Age-by-Age Guide to Fighting Hate"](#) from *Parents* magazine
- [Westchester Association of Chinese Americans](#)
- [Asian-American Anti-Racism Resources: For AAPI and Allies](#) from Town of New Castle, NY, Council on Race and Equity
- [PBS NewsHour - The Long History of Racism Against Asian Americans in the U.S.](#)

- [NYC Human Rights Stop Asian Hate](#)
- [Asian American Federation](#) provides safety resources, in collaboration with experts from the Center for Anti-Violence Education, to teach targeted individuals how to de-escalate threatening situations and defend themselves in the event of anti-Asian violence. Flyers are available in five Asian languages.

## Social Media Accounts

IG - Liz Kleinrock - [@teachandtransform](#)

IG - Layla F. Saad [@laylafsaad](#)

IG - Tricia Ebarvia [@triciaebarvia](#)

IG - Advancing Justice AAJC [@advancingjustice\\_aaajc](#)

IG - Asian American Justice Innovation Lab AAJIL [@aajil\\_org](#)

IG - We Are Not a Virus [@wearenotavirusorg](#)

IG - PTSA Diversity Committee [@dfptsa.diversity](#)

IG - Chinese America Kids Books [@minalearnschinese](#)

IG - Asian Lit for Kids [@asianlitforkids](#)

IG - Asian American Read Alouds [@asian\\_american\\_read\\_alouds](#)

#StopAAPIHate

#StandUpForAAPI