

**#1. Africa / Culture / Legends (22 books)**

A Kwanzaa Celebration  
 A Kwanzaa Fable  
 Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain  
 Circle Unbroken (Basket Making)  
 Emmanuel's Dream  
 Freedom Soup (Haiti)  
 Her Stories: African American Folktales,  
 Fairy Tales, True Stories  
 It Takes a Village  
 John Henry  
 Mirandy and Brother Wind  
 Moja Means One  
 My Little Island (Caribbean)  
 My Rows and Piles of Coins  
 Nelson Mandela  
 Sam and the Tigers  
 Talking Walls (general, but includes  
 some African American material)  
 The Dark Thirty (Southern Tales of the  
 Supernatural)  
 The Village That Vanished  
 Thunder Rose (a Cowgirl)  
 When Lions Could Fly  
 Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears

**#2. Board + Cloth Books (General) – (21 books)**

Baby Dance (2 copies)  
 Baby Says (2 copies)  
 Be Boy Buzz  
 Color Book: Dogs (cloth)  
 Color Book: Flowers (cloth)  
 Counting to Tar Beach  
 Feast for Ten (2 copies)  
 Hey Black Child  
 I Like Myself  
 I Love My Haircut  
 Peekaboo Morning  
 Please Baby Please  
 Shades of Black: A Celebration of Our Children  
 Shake Shake Shake  
 The Snowy Day  
 Whose Knees Are These?  
 Whose Toes are Those?  
 Yo! Yes?

**#3. Board + Cloth Books (History) – (9 books)**

Dream Big, Little One (2 copies) (Bio sketches)  
 Little People, Big Dreams: Harriet Tubman  
 Little People, Big Dreams: Rosa (Parks)  
 Michelle Obama: Be Bold!  
 Our Legendary Ladies Presents Harriet  
 Tubman (rhyming book)

Silent Night (cloth book)  
 The Story of Martin Luther King, Jr  
 Think Big, Little One (Bio sketches)

**#4. Civil Rights: K - 2 – (19 books)**

A Sweet Smell of Roses  
 Back of the Bus  
 Coretta Scott  
 Each Kindness  
 Fishing Day  
 Freedom Summer  
 Let the Children March  
 Martin & Mahalia  
 Martin's Big Words  
 New Shoes  
 Preaching to the Chickens: John Lewis  
 Rosa Parks  
 Ruby Bridges Goes to School  
 Sit-In: How 4 Friends Stood Up By Sitting Down  
 The Other Side  
 The Story of Ruby Bridges  
 The Youngest Marcher  
 We March  
 White Socks Only

**#5. Civil Rights - Grades 3 - 5 (13 books)**

Bud, Not Buddy  
 Child of the Civil Rights Movement  
 Fannie Lou Hamer: Voice of Freedom  
 Finding Langston  
 Freedom on the Menu  
 Kent County News 2010 article  
 Lillian's Right To Vote  
 March: Book One (Selma to Montgomery –  
 Edmund Pettus Bridge)  
 March: Book Two (Selma to Montgomery –  
 Edmund Pettus Bridge )  
 March: Book Three (Selma to Montgomery –  
 Edmund Pettus Bridge)  
 Paul Robeson  
 Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry  
 Souder  
 The Parker Inheritance

**#6. Civil Rights – Grades 2 - 7 (14 books)**

Betty Before X  
 Gone Crazy in Alabama  
 I Have a Dream  
 I Have a Dream  
 Loving Vs Virginia  
 Malcolm Little (Malcolm X)  
 Memphis, Martin and the Mountain  
 (The Sanitation Strike of 1968)  
 One Crazy Summer  
 P.S. Be Eleven  
 Rosa  
 The March on Washington (2 copies)  
 The Watsons Go To Birmingham  
 Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom

**#7. History: General – all grades – (19 books + 1 set of cards + 1 game)**

100 African Americans Who Shaped American History  
 100 People Who Changed America  
 A Few Red Drops: The Chicago Race Riot of 1919  
 Aunt Flossie's Hats  
 Carter Reads the Newspaper (Carter Woodson, Father of Black History)  
 Coming On Home Soon (2 copies) (WWII)  
 Fearless Mary: American Stage Coach Driver  
 Followers of the North Star (Bio sketches in rhyme)  
 Great African Americans: Knowledge Cards  
 Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans  
 Infinite Hope: A Black Artist's Journey from WW II to Peace  
 J-I-N-G-O Game: Famous African Americans  
 Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History  
 Oh Lord, I Wish I Was a Buzzard (Mississippi Delta sharecroppers)  
 Parker Looks Up (Michelle Obama's portrait at National Portrait Gallery – picture book)  
 The Great Migration  
 This is the Rope: A Story from the Great Migration  
 We The People (Constitution Preamble)  
 Who is Oprah Winfrey?  
 Who Were the Tuskegee Airmen?

**#8. Music: Music History + Specific songs + Dance – All Ages (13 books)**

African and Asian Dance  
 Firebird (Dancer Misty Copeland)  
 He's Got the Whole World In His Hands (Song)  
 I See The Rhythm  
 Jazz on a Saturday Night  
 Jazzy Miz Mozetta (Dance)

Josephine: The Dazzling Life of Josephine Baker  
 (Dancer and Singer)  
 Journey Into Jazz  
 Lift Every Voice and Sing: A Pictorial Tribute to the Negro National Anthem  
 Rhythm Ride  
 Sing a Song: How "Lift Every voice and Sing"  
 Inspired Generations  
 The Roots of Rap  
 We Shall Overcome: The Story of a Song

**#9. Music: Singers and Instrumentalists – All Ages (19 books)**

Ben's Trumpet  
 Birth of the Cool: Miles Davis (trumpet)  
 Charlie Parker Played Be Bop (saxophone)  
 Double Bass Blues  
 Duke Ellington (piano)  
 Ella Fitzgerald: The Tale of a Vocal Virtuoso  
 Harlem's Little Blackbird: The Story of Florence Mills  
 Little Melba and Her Big Trombone  
 Little People, Big Dreams: Ella Fitzgerald  
 Mister and Lady Day: Billie Holiday  
 Ruby Sings the Blues  
 Skit-Scat Raggedy Cat: Ella Fitzgerald (singer)  
 Sonny's Bridge: Jazz Legend Sonny Rollins Finds His Groove (saxophone)  
 Swing Sisters: The Story of the International Sweethearts of Rhythm (trumpet, clarinet, sax)  
 Who is Aretha Franklin?  
 Who Is Stevie Wonder?  
 Who Was Bob Marley?  
 Who Was Louis Armstrong?  
 Yesterday I had the Blues

**#10. Poetry – All Ages (13 books)**

Brown Angels: An Album of Pictures and Verse  
 Daydreamers  
 George Washington Carver: A Life in Poems  
 I Saw Your Face (Geography)  
 I, Too, Am America (Langston Hughes)  
 Little People, Big Dreams: Maya Angelou  
 My Man Blue  
 My People (Langston Hughes)  
 One Last Word  
 Out of Wonder: Poems Celebrating Poets  
 The Book Itch: Freedom, Truth & Harlem's Greatest Bookstore (not in rhyme but includes theme)  
 Who Was Maya Angelou?

**#11. Revolutionary War – All Ages (17 books)**

A Spy Called James: James Armistead Lafayette,  
 Revolutionary War Double Agent (2 copies)  
 America's Black Founders in 21 Activities  
 Answering the Cry for Freedom: Stories of African  
 Americans and the American Revolution  
 Ashes  
 Black Heroes of the American Revolution  
 Chains  
 Come All You Brave Soldiers  
 Diary of Charlotte Forten: A Free Black Girl Before  
 the Civil War  
 Forge (2 copies)  
 In the Shadow of Liberty: The Hidden History of  
 Slavery, Four Presidents, and 5 Black Lives (YA)  
 Never Caught: the Story of Ona Judge (J, YA)  
 (2 copies)  
 Peter Salem, Hero of the Revolution  
 The Black Regiment of the American Revolution  
 The Prison Ship Adventure of James Forten

**#12. Science / Math / Inventors / Explorers – All Ages (15 books)**

A Computer Called Katherine  
 Have You Thanked an Inventor Today?  
 Hidden Figures (J, YA) (2 copies)  
 I, Matthew Henson: Polar Explorer  
 Look What Brown Can Do!  
 Mae Among the Stars  
 Rise Above: The Story of the Tuskegee Airmen  
 Talkin' About Bessie: The Story of Aviator Elizabeth  
 Coleman  
 The Girl With a Mind for Math: The Story of Raye  
 Montague  
 The Journey of York: The Unsung Hero of the  
 Lewis and Clark Expedition  
 Tick Tock Banneker's Clock  
 What Are You Figuring Now? A Story About  
 Benjamin Banneker  
 African American Inventors and Pioneers  
 Who Was George Washington Carver?

**#13. Teacher Trunk – An Introduction to Slavery: PreK, K (9 books + 6 lessons, everything included)**

An African American Alphabet: D is for Drinking  
 Gourd  
 Brick By Brick  
 Freedom in Congo Square  
 Harriet and the Promised Land  
 In the Hollow Of Your Hand – Slave Lullabies  
 In The Time of the Drums  
 Love Twelve Miles Long  
 The Undeclared  
 Words Set Me Free

**#14 Slavery – Elementary Grades (11 books)**

All Different Now (Juneteenth)  
 Almost to Freedom  
 Barefoot Escape on the Underground RR  
 Hope's Gift  
 I Survived  
 Juneteenth for Mazie  
 Like A Bird: The Art of the American Slave Song  
 No More! Stories and Songs of Slave Resistance  
 Show Way  
 The Bell Rang  
 The Listeners

**# 15. Slavery – Elementary (14 books, pamphlet, DVD)**

Before She Was Harriet  
 Ben and the Emancipation Proclamation  
 Fighting for Freedom (DVD)  
 Freedom Over Me: 11 Slaves, Their Lives and  
 Dreams Brought to Life  
 Harriet Tubman National Underground Railway  
 pamphlet + Jr Ranger Activity Book  
 Harriet Tubman: Follow the North Star  
 Henry's Freedom Box (Henry "Box" Brown)  
 Love 12 Miles Long (Frederick Douglass)  
 Minty (2 copies)  
 Moses (Harriet Tubman)  
 My Name is James Madison Hemings (enslaved  
 son of Thomas Jefferson)  
 No Small Potatoes (Junius G. Groves, Kansas)  
 Sojourner Truth's Step-Stomp Stride  
 The Day of Tears (slave sale) (11 more copies  
 available in Box #16)  
 What was the Underground Railroad?  
 Who Was Booker T. Washington?

**# 16. Slavery – Grades 5 – 7 (19 books)**

Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable Life of  
 Bass Reeves, Deputy U.S. Marshal  
 Biography: Harriet Tubman  
 Crossing Ebenezer Creek (Civil War)  
 Day of Tears (11 copies)  
 Elijah of Buxton (2 copies)  
 Fifty Cents and a Dream: Young Booker T.  
 Washington  
 Frederick Douglass for Kids: His Life and Times with  
 21 Activities  
 Spy on History: Mary Bowser and the Civil War Spy  
 Ring

**#17. Sports – All Ages (18 books)**

Amazing Baseball Heroes: Inspirational Negro League Stories (J, YA)  
 Black Diamond: The Story of the Negro Baseball Leagues (J, YA)  
 Game Changers: The Story of Venus and Serena Williams (tennis)  
 In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson (a great read-aloud, immigrant story)  
 Luke Goes to Bat (baseball and Jackie Robinson)  
 Salt in His Shoes (Michael Jordan)  
 She Loved Baseball: The Effa Manley Story  
 Stealing Home (Jackie Robinson – J, YA)  
 Stealing Home: The Story of Jackie Robinson (baseball)  
 The Bat Boy & His Violin (baseball)  
 The Field (soccer)  
 The Quickest Kid in Clarksville: Wilma Rudolph  
 What Were the Negro Leagues? (See “Pillow Boxes” #19 for Jackie Robinson) (baseball)  
 Who is Michael Jordan? (basketball)  
 Who Is Muhammad Ali? (boxing)  
 Who is Pele? (soccer)  
 Who Was Jesse Owens? (track)  
 Wilma Unlimited: How Wilma Rudolph Became the World’s Fastest Woman (track)

**#18. 25 General Picture Books (Includes self-esteem, identity, racism, family themes) – PreK, K – 2**

Amazing Grace (2 copies) (identity, dreams)  
 Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut (Boys: identity)  
 Emi’s Curly, Coily, Cotton Candy Hair (identity)  
 I Am Enough (identity)  
 Last Stop on Market Street (Nana and grandson)  
 Molly, By Golly: The Legend of Molly Williams, America’s First Female Firefighter  
 Mr. Lincoln’s Way (loving a bully)  
 Not Quite Snow White (identity)  
 Pecan Pie Baby (new baby)  
 Sulwe (identity)  
 Sweet, Sweet Memory (death, mourning)  
 The Colors of Us (identity, self-esteem)  
 The Day You Begin (identity)  
 The Hundred Penny Box (elderly)  
 The Patchwork Quilt (elderly, family)  
 The Snowy Day (2 copies)  
 The Stories Julian Tells  
 These Hands (elderly grandfather with grandson)  
 Uncle Jed’s Barbershop (dreams, family love, illness, sacrifice)  
 Visiting Day (father is in prison)  
 We Had a Picnic This Sunday Past (family)  
 When God Made You (identity)  
 Whistle for Willie

**#19. Teacher Trunk -“Pillow Box” / Set One – Biographies (9 books + 1 rhyme) [Use with set of 20 pillows]**

Frederick Douglass  
 Gloria Richardson rhyme  
 Gordon Parks  
 Harriet Tubman  
 Henry “Box” Brown  
 Jackie Robinson  
 Katherine Johnson  
 Mahalia Jackson  
 Mumbet  
 Sojourner Truth

**#20 Teacher Trunk - “Pillow Box” / Set Two – Biographies (Coming in February 2020!)**

### SOME NOTES ABOUT THE COLLECTION AND ORGANIZATION

The books are organized into 20 categories – for ease of use by readers and teachers. There are 2 completed *Teacher Trunks* and a third one will be finished in February. Others will be developed in subsequent months. These include books, games and lesson plan suggestions.

The *Pillow Boxes* are *Teacher Trunks* that include sets of teaching pillows (flat sit-upons). There are 10 sets of pillows that have pictures featuring African American culture and history and are related to the biographies.

These materials will be used at Sumner Hall and in other educational and recreational settings around the community. Teachers will be able to check out *Teacher Trunks* and sets of books for use in their classrooms.

Sumner Hall will develop some teacher orientation and training sessions and will develop a feedback process that will allow teachers to share how they used the materials, enabling continuous updates.

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