



TOWN OF LOS GATOS
DEI COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: 08/13/2026

ITEM NO: 2

DATE: August 7, 2026

TO: Diversity Equity and Inclusion Commission

FROM: Ryan Baker, Library Director

SUBJECT: Review the Topics/Themes of the Library's Current Reading Lists and Recommend to Staff any Additional Topics/Themes to Consider. Recommend a Plan for Staff to Share the Library's Reading Lists with Local Schools (Work Plan Item 3 Related to DEI Plan Goal B, Item 4.d.).

RECOMMENDATION:

- A. Review the topics/themes of the Library's current reading lists and recommend to staff any additional topics/themes to consider.
- B. Recommend a plan for staff to share the Library's reading lists with local schools.

BACKGROUND:

On March 3, 2026, the Town Council approved the work plan for the DEI Commission, which included an item to review the topics/themes of the Library's current reading lists and recommend to staff any additional topics/themes to consider. It also included recommending a plan for staff to share the Library's reading lists with local schools (related to DEI Plan Goal B, Item 4.d.).

DISCUSSION:

Discussion A:

The following are the public-facing booklists accessible through the Library's catalog that are actively maintained by Los Gatos Library staff:

- Children's Hispanic Heritage Books
- Children's Native American Heritage Books
- Children's Women's History Books
- Children's Developmental Disabilities Awareness Books
- Children's Arab American Heritage Books
- Children's Autism Acceptance Books

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- Children's Poetry Month Books
- Popular Middle Grade Books
- Favorite Early Chapter Series
- Banned & Challenged Children's Books
- Middle Grade Realistic/Historical Fiction
- Children's Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Books
- Children's Jewish American Heritage Books
- Children's Mental Health Awareness Books
- Children's Classics
- Beautifully Illustrated Picture Books
- Storytime Favorites
- Children's LGBTQ+ Pride Books
- Children's Disability Pride Books
- Middle Grade Fantasy
- Back to School Reads
- Children's Books for United Against Hate Week
- STEAM Books for Kids
- Early Readers We Recommend
- If You Like Baby-Sitters Club Graphic Novels...
- Children's Black History Books
- World Cultures K-5
- Children's Books to Celebrate the Earth
- Cars, Trucks, and Things That Go!
- Social-Emotional Learning
- Middle Grade Mysteries
- Spooky Middle Grade Fiction
- Middle Grade Romance First Reads
- Mysteries for Early Readers
- Middle Grade Novels in Verse
- Funny Picture Books
- Kids -- Plant a Seed, Read
- Transitional Books from Early Chapter to Middle Grade
- Teen Hispanic Heritage Book List
- Teen Native American Heritage Book List
- First Teen Reads
- Teen Goodreads Choice Books

- Teen Foodie Books
- Teen Black Voices
- Teen Asian Pacific Islander Heritage
- Autism Acceptance
- Teen Standalone Fantasy
- Teen Arab American Heritage Month
- Teen Women's History
- Teen Developmental Disabilities Awareness
- Jewish American Heritage for Teens
- Teens Mental Health Awareness Month
- Teen Mystery and Thriller
- Teen Disability Pride
- Teen LGBTQ+ Pride
- Teen Historical Fiction
- Teen United Against Hate List
- Banned & Challenged Teen Books
- Teen Romantasy
- Nature Book Club Reads
- Informed Community Book Club
- Adult Hispanic Heritage
- Adult Native American Heritage
- Nobel Prize
- Pulitzer Prize
- The National Book Critics Circle Awards
- Hugo Award Winners
- Edward Award Winners
- In the News
- Silicon Valley Reads
- Mystery Lover's Book Club
- Adult Black History
- Adult Developmental Disability Voices
- Adult Women's History
- Adult Poetry Month
- Adult Arab American Heritage
- Adult Autism Awareness
- Adult AAPI Heritage

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- Adult Jewish American Heritage
- Adult Mental Health Awareness
- Book Club Kits
- Adult LGBTQ+ Pride

The DEI Commission may suggest additional booklist themes under their purview for Library staff consideration.

The Library does not maintain lists of books for individual holidays, observances, or celebrations (e.g. Diwali, Ramadan, etc). These are easily searchable by keyword in the Library catalog making staff maintenance of a list redundant.

The Library maintains all lists digitally. It no longer has a budget for printing at scale or in bulk.

Discussion B:

The DEI Commission, per the adopted work plan, may also recommend a plan for sharing the Library's reading lists with local schools for staff consideration. Putting together a list of the schools with the appropriate contact information for each could be part of that plan.