Celebrate Black History:  
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**Picture Books**

Across the Alley by Richard Michelson  
Back of the Bus by Aaron Reynolds  
Chocolate Me! by Taye Diggs  
Circle Unbroken: The Story of a Basket and its People by Margot Raven  
The Colors of Us by Karen Katz  
Ellen’s Broom by Kelly Lyons  
Fishing Day by Andrea Davis Pinkney  
Freedom School, Yes! by Amy Littlesugar  
Freedom Song: the Story of Henry “Box” Brown by Sally Walker  
Goin’ Someplace Special by Patricia McKissack  
Just Like Josh Gibson by Angela Johnson  
Let Freedom Sing by Vanessa Newton  
Momma, Where Are You From? by Marie Bradby  
Me and Momma and Big John by Mara Rockliff  
The Moon over Star by Dianna Aston  
The Other Side by Jacqueline Woodson  
Papa’s Mark by Gwendolyn Battle-Lavert  
Pictures for Miss Josie by Sandra Belton  
A Place Where Hurricanes Happen by Renee Watson  
Play Ball, Jackie! by Stephen Krensky  
Ruth and the Green Book by Calvin Ramsey  
The Secret River by Marjorie Rawlings  
Shades of People by Shelley Rottner  
Show Way by Jacqueline Woodson  
Tar Beach by Faith Ringgold  
These Hands by Margaret H. Mason  
Think Cool Thoughts by Elizabeth Perry  
We March by Shane Evans  
Wonder Horse by Emily McCully

**Chapter Books**

The Best Bad Luck I Ever Had by Kristin Levine  
Bird in a Box by Andrea Davis Pinkney  
Bud Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis  
Elijah of Buxton by Christopher Paul Curtis  
A Friendship for Today by Pat McKissack  
Glory Be by Augusta Scattergood  
Jump into the Sky by Shelley Pearsall  
Lunch Box Dream by Tony Abbott  
The Mighty Miss Malone by Christopher Paul Curtis  
Ninth Ward by Jewell Rhodes  
Pink and Say by Patricia Polacco (picture book for older readers)  
Porch Lies: Tales of Slicksters, Tricksters, and Other Wily Characters by Patricia McKissack  
One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred Taylor
A Thousand Never-Evers by Shana Burg

**Non-Fiction/Folk-Tales**

The African-American Century by Henry Louis Gates
Ain’t Nothin’ but a Man: My Quest to Find the Real John Henry by Scott Nelson
Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves by Vaunda Nelson
Black and White: The Confrontation between Reverend Fred L. Shuttlesworth and Eugene “Bull” Connor by Larry Brimner
The Blacker the Berry: Poems by Joyce Carol Thomas
Claudette Colvin: Twice Towards Justice by Phillip Hoose
Coretta Scott by Ntozake Shange
Ellington was not a Street by Ntozake Shange
5,000 Miles to Freedom: Ellen and William Craft’s Flight from Slavery by Judith Fradin
Freedom Riders: John Lewis and Jim Zwerg by Ann Bausum
Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans by Kadir Nelson
Henry’s Freedom Box by Ellen Levine
If a Bus Could Talk: The Story of Rosa Parks by Faith Ringgold
Let it Shine: Stories of Black Female Freedom Fighters by Andrea Davis Pinkney
Little Stevie Wonder by Quincy Troupe
Malcolm X: A Revolutionary Voice by Beatrice Gormley
Martin’s Big Words by Doreen Rappaport
My People by Langston Hughes
Only Passing Through: The Story of Sojourner Truth by Anne Rockwell
Our Children Can Soar by Michelle Cook
The People Could Fly: American Black Folktales by Virginia Hamilton
Promises to Keep: How Jackie Robinson Changed America by Sharon Robinson
Rosa by Nikki Giovanni
Satchel Paige: Don’t Look Back by David Adler
Tales of Famous Heroes by Peter Roop
Through My Eyes by Ruby Bridges
12 Rounds to Glory: The Story of Muhammad Ali by Charles Smith, Jr.
Unbound and Unbroken: The Story of Frederick Douglass by Amos Etsy
Vision of Beauty: The Story of Sarah Breedlove Walker by Kathryn Lasky
Way Up and Over Everything by Alice McGill
We are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball by Kadir Nelson
We Shall Overcome: A Song that Changed the World by Stuart Stotts
When Marion Sang by Pam Munoz Ryan

**Young Adult Books**

Chains: Seeds of America by Laurie Halse Anderson
Copper Sun by Sharon Draper
Crow by Barbara Wright
Fallen Angels by Walter Dean Myers
Fire from the Rock by Sharon Draper
Harlem Summer by Walter Dean Myers
Mare’s War by Tanita Davis
No Crystal Stair by Vaunda Nelson
The Rock and the River by Kekla Magoon
They Called Themselves the KKK: The Birth of an American Terrorist Group by Susan Campbell Bartoletti
To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
A Wreath for Emmett Till by Marilyn Nelson

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