Celebrate Black History:

A Select List of Brown County Library Children’s Books
(Kindergarten – High School)

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**Picture Books**

- Back of the Bus by Aaron Reynolds
- Bring Me Some Apples and I'll Make You a Pie: A Story about Edna Lewis by Robbin Gourley
- Chocolate Me! by Taye Diggs
- Circle Unbroken: The Story of a Basket and its People by Margot Raven
- Ellen’s Broom by Kelly Lyons
- Firebird: Misty Copeland Shows a Young Girl how to Dance Like a Firebird by Misty Copeland
- 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
- The Granddaughter Necklace by Sharon Wyeth
- Grandaddy’s Turn: A Journey to the Ballot Box by Michael Bandy
- Just Like Josh Gibson by Angela Johnson
- Kevin and His Dad by Irene Smalls
- Last Stop On Market Street by Matt de la Pena
- Let Freedom Sing by Vanessa Newton
- Looking Like Me by Walter Dean Meyers
- Me and Momma and Big John by Mara Rockliff
- Momma, Where Are You From? by Marie Bradby
- The Moon over Star by Dianna Aston
- The Other Side by Jacqueline Woodson
- My Cold Plum Lemon Pie Bluesy Mood by Tameka Fryer Brown
- 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
- Tea Cakes for Tosh by Kelly Lyons
- These Hands by Margaret H. Mason
- This is the Rope: A Story from the Great Migration by Jacqueline Woodson
- Think Cool Thoughts by Elizabeth Perry
- We March by Shane Evans
- When I am Old with You by Angela Johnson
- Wonder Horse by Emily McCully

**Chapter Books**

- Bayou Magic by Jewell Parker Rhodes
- Bud Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis
- Buddy by M.H. Herlong
- Chains / Forge by Laurie Halse Anderson
- Crow by Barbara Wright
- Elijah of Buxton / The Madman of Piney Woods by Christopher Paul Curtis
EllRay Jakes (series) by Sally Warner
A Friendship for Today by Pat McKissack
Glory Be by Augusta Scattergood
Jefferson’s Sons: A Founding Father’s Secret Children by Kimberly Bradbury
Jump into the Sky by Shelley Pearsall
King of the Mound: My Summer with Satchel Paige by Wes Tooke
Kizzy Ann Stamps by Jeri Hanel Watts
The Mighty Miss Malone by Christopher Paul Curtis
Night on Fire by Ronald Kidd
Ninth Ward by Jewell Rhodes
Paperboy by Vince Vawter
The Perfect Place by Teresa Harris
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 / P.S. Be Eleven / Gone Crazy in Alabama by Rita Williams-Garcia
President of the Whole Fifth Grade / President of the Whole Sixth Grade by Sherry Winston
Revolution by Deborah Wiles
River Runs Deep by Jennifer Bradbury
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred Taylor
Running Out of Night by Sharon Lovejoy
The Seventh Most Important Thing by Shelley Pearsall
Stella by Starlight by Sharon Draper
Sugar by Jewell Parker Rhodes
Upside Down in the Middle of Nowhere by Julie Lamana
The Watsons go to Birmingham by Christopher Paul Curtis

Non-Fiction

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
Brown Girl Dreaming (autobiography) by Jacqueline Woodson
The Case for Loving: The Fight for Interracial Marriage by Selina Alko
Claudette Colvin: Twice Towards Justice by Phillip Hoose
Coretta Scott by Ntozake Shange
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
I am Rosa Parks by Brad Meltzer
I Too, am America by Langston Hughes
If a Bus Could Talk: The Story of Rosa Parks by Faith Ringgold
Josephine: The Dazzling Life of Josephine Baker by Patricia Hruby Powell
Kwanzaa by Rebecca Pettiford
Let it Shine: Stories of Black Female Freedom Fighters by Andrea Davis Pinkney
Little Melba and Her Big Trombone by Katheryn Russell-Brown
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: The Picture Book by Virginia Hamilton
Promises to Keep: How Jackie Robinson Changed America by Sharon Robinson
Rosa by Nikki Giovanni
A Splash of Red: The Life and Art of Horace Pippin by Jennifer Bryant  
Stolen into Slavery: The True Story of Solomon Northup by Judith Fradin  
Tales of Famous Heroes by Peter Roop  
Through My Eyes by Ruby Bridges  
Unbound and Unbroken: The Story of Frederick Douglass by Amos Etsy  
Underground by Shane Evans  
Under the Freedom Tree by Susan VanHecke  
Vision of Beauty: The Story of Sarah Breedlove Walker by Kathryn Lasky  
We are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball by Kadir Nelson  
We Shall Overcome: The Story of a Song by Debbie Levy  
What Color is My World? The Lost History of African American Inventors by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar  
When the Beat was Born: DJ Kool Herc and the Creation of Hip-Hop by Laban Hill  
With Books and Bricks: How Booker T. Washington Built a School by Suzanne Slade  
Words Set Me Free: The Story of Young Frederick Douglass by Lisa Cline-Ransome  

Young Adult Books  

All American Boys by Jason Reynolds  
All the Right Stuff by Walter Dean Myers  
The Boy in the Black Suit by Jason Reynolds  
Call Me By My Name by John Bradley  
Copper Sun by Sharon Draper  
The Crossover by Kwame Alexander  
Fallen Angels by Walter Dean Myers  
Fake ID by Lamar Giles  
Fire from the Rock by Sharon Draper  
Flygirl by Sherri Smith  
The Freedom Summer Murders by Don Mitchell  
How It Went Down by Kekla Magoon  
Lies We Tell Ourselves by Robin Talley  
Out of Darkness by Ashley Perez  
The Porcupine of Truth by Bill Konigsberg  
The Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights by Steve Sheinkin  
The Rock and the River / Fire in the Streets 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  
Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom: My Story of the Selma Voting Rights March by Lynda Lowery  
Under a Painted Sky by Stacey Lee  

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