

Monthly suggested readings of CHARACTER provided by the City of Mission Viejo Library



January / Perseverance

Fiction

Bartlett and the Ice Voyage
By Odo Hirsch

Being Teddy Roosevelt
By Claudia Mills

Clorinda
By Robert Kinerk

Leonardo's Dream
By Hans de Beer

The Little Engine that Could
By Watty Piper

Salt in His Shoes: Michael Jordan in Pursuit of a Dream
By Roslyn Jordan

Nonfiction

Chester Carlson and the Development of Xerography
By Susan Zannos

The Story of Helen Keller
By Rachel A. Koestler-Grack

February / Unity

Fiction

One Green Apple
By Eve Bunting

The Other Side
By Jacqueline Woodson

The Well
By Mildred Taylor

Yo! Yes?
By Chris Raschka

Nonfiction

Peaceful Protest: The Life of Nelson Mandela
By Yona Zeldis McDonough

Tecumseh, 1768-1813
By Rachel A. Koestler-Grack

March / Integrity

Fiction

A Days Work
By Eve Bunting

Holes
By Louis Sachar

I Smell Like Ham
By Betty Hicks

Nothing But the Truth
By Avi

Nonfiction

Honesty
By Kathryn Kyle

I Am Honest
By Sarah Schuette

For Parents

Raising Children With Character: Parents, Trust, and the Development of Personal Integrity
By Elizabeth Berger

April / Service

Fiction

Aldo Ice Cream
By Johanna Hurwitz

Best Enemies Forever
By Kathleen Leverich

Here Comes Darrell
By Leda Schubert

Makayla Cares About Others
By Virginia Kroll

Nonfiction

The Big Help Book: 365 Ways You Can Make a Difference by Volunteering
By Alan Goodman

Brittany and Robbie Bergquist: Cell Phones for Soldiers
By Leanne K. McGhee

Lindsey Williams: Gardening for Impoverished Families
By Michelle Houle

Volunteering
By Amanda Rondeau

Volunteering to Help Seniors
By Patrick Newell

May / Moral Courage

Fiction

Call it Courage
By Armstrong Sperry

The Cello of Mr. O
By Jane Cutler

Daisy and the Doll
By Michael Medearis

Heroes
By Ken Mochizuki

When My Name Was Keoko
Linda Sue Park

The Yellow Star: The Legend of King Christian X of Denmark
By Carmen Agra Deedy

Nonfiction

A Boy Called Slow: The True Story of Sitting Bull
By Joseph Bruchac

Courage
Keller

Jackie Robinson
By Tony De Marco

Through My Eyes
By Ruby Bridges

June / Citizenship

Fiction

The Day Gogo Went to Vote: South Africa, 1994
By Elinor Sisulu

The Day the Trash Came Out to Play
By David Beadle

Papa's Mark
By Gwendolyn Battle-Lavert

Nonfiction

Becoming a Citizen
By Sarah De Capua

Being a Good Citizen: A Book About Citizenship
By Mary Small

I Pledge Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance: With Commentary
By Francis Bellamy

Voting
By Sarah De Capua

July / Fairness

Fiction

Cutting in Line Isn't Fair!
By Anastasia Suen

Grasshopper's Song: An Aesop Fable Revisited
Nikki Giovanni

Mine!
By Kevin Luthardt

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing
By Judy Blume

Tops and Bottoms
By Janet Stevens

Nonfiction

Being Fair
By Robin Nelson

I am Fair
By Mary Elizabeth Salzman

Thurgood Marshall : civil rights attorney and Supreme Court Justice
By Mark Rowh



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Community of Character

August / Self Control

Fiction

Bright, Shiny Skylar
By Valerie Tripp

I'm Gonna Like Me: Letting Off a Little Self-Esteem
By Jamie Lee Curtis

Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse
By Kevin Henkes

Puppy Power
By Judy Cox

When I Feel Good About Myself
By Cornelia Spelman

Nonfiction

Sweet Victory: Lance Armstrong
By Mark Stewart

Wilma Unlimited: How Wilma Rudolph Became the World's Fastest Woman
By Kathleen Krull

September / Responsibility

Fiction

A Doll Named Dora Anne
By Yona McDonough

Just Grace Walks the Dog
By Charise Mericle Harper

Stone Fox
By John Gardiner

What a Mess!
By Stephen Krensky

Nonfiction

Being Responsible: A Book About Responsibility
By Mary Small

I am Responsible
By Sarah L. Schuette

Responsibility Counts
By Marie Bender

For Parents

Raising a Responsible Child: How Parents Can Avoid Overindulgent Behavior and Nurture Healthy Children
By Elizabeth M. Ellis

October / Respect

Fiction

The Devil in Ol' Rosie
By Louise Moeri

Each Living Thing
By Joanne Ryder

Jackie's Bat
By Marybeth Lorbiecki

Show Some Respect
By Anastasia Suen

Song of Sampo Lake
By William Durbin

Nonfiction

Being Respectful
By Mary Small

I am Respectful
By Sarah L. Schuette

Respect
By Kathryn Kyle

Respect Counts
By Marie Bender

Parents

Raising Respectful Children in a Disrespectful World
By Jill Rigby

November / Thankfulness

Fiction

Cool Coats
By Larry Dane Brimner

Precious Water: A Book of Thanks
By Brigitte Weninger

Thank You, Mr. Falker
By Patricia Polacco

Nonfiction

The Book of Giving: Poems of Thanks, Praise and Celebration
By Kay Chorao

Feeling Thankful
By Shelley Rotner

Thanks
By Ruth Shannon Odor

December / Caring

Fiction

Charlotte's Web
By E. B. White

The Giving Tree
By Shel Silverstein

The Piano
By William Miller

When I Care About Others
By Cornelia Maude Spelman

Nonfiction

Caring
By Robin Doak

Caring: A Book About Caring
By Mary Small

Nubs: The True Story of a Mutt, a Marine & a Miracle
By Major Brian Dennis, Kirby Larson, and Mary Nethery

For Parents

Raising Ethical Children: 10 Keys to Helping Your Children Become Moral and Caring
By Steven Carr Ruben