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## Children's & Young Adult Books Donated to the PEI Public Library Service by the Premier's Action Committee on Family Violence Prevention

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The following titles have been donated from the Premier's Action Committee on Family Violence Prevention to the PEI Public Library Service in recognition of the annual Family Violence Prevention Week in February. All books can be accessed through the PEI Public Library Service and there are titles in English, French, Chinese, Arabic, & Spanish.

The books listed below focus on building healthy relationships and include stories about valuing yourself and others, tolerance, teamwork, kindness, and dealing with bullying.

### **Picture Books in English**

#### **Sparkle Boy by Leslea Newman**

*A little boy wants to wear sparkly things just like his sister, but his sister wants her brother to dress like other boys. A sweet, heartwarming story about acceptance, respect, and the freedom to be yourself in a world where any gender expression should be celebrated. Peer pressure, gender stereotypes, and a lot of relatable sibling dynamics all play a role.*

#### **Shape of my Heart by Mark Sperring**

*From sun up to sun down, from our hands and our feet, to animals, cars, food, and teddy bears, the world is alive with endless shapes to identify. Once you start to look, who knows what shapes you'll discover next! With its gently reassuring text and vivid illustrations, *The Shape of My Heart* invites readers to look beyond the obvious, and explore the world in a whole new way.*

#### **Can you say Peace? by Karen Katz**

*International Peace Day is September 21st. On this day and every day throughout the year, children all over the world wish for peace. Karen Katz takes readers on a bright and colorful journey around the globe to meet some of these children and learn about the many ways to say peace!*

**Hand in Hand by Rosemary Wells**

*The bond a parent and child share is special. In this sweet and heartfelt picture book, celebrate all that parents do with and for their children from the very beginning. A title about the loving bond between parent and child during the toddler years.*

**Blocks by Irene Dickson**

*A book about sharing and cooperation. "Ruby has red blocks and Benji has blue blocks. They both build with their blocks, until Benji takes one of Ruby's red blocks and, in the tussle that follows, all the blocks CRASH to the floor. But now Benji has blue and red blocks, and Ruby has red and blue blocks, and together they build and build . . . until Guy comes with his green blocks!"*

**What is Peace? by Wallace Edwards (also available in French)**

*This book explores peace, and invites young readers to think about what that means to them. Through a series of linked questions, the concept of peace is picked up, shaken, turned all around, and carefully examined from every angle.*

**Peaceful Pieces: Poems and Quilts About Peace by Anna G. Hines (age- preschool to teen)**

*This is evocative collection of poems illustrated by beautiful handmade quilts explores peace in all its various and sometimes surprising forms: from peace at home to peace on a worldwide scale to peace within oneself. Pondering the meaning of peace and its fleeting nature, this book compels each of us to discover and act upon peace ourselves.*

**These Hands, written by Dave Gunning and illustrated by Meagan Smith**

*A children's book, which teaches us that every person has the ability to be a hero of the human kind.*

**Snowflakes Fall, by Patricia MacLachlan**

*A children's book about life's natural cycle: its beauty, its joy, and its sorrow. Together, the words and pictures offer the promise of renewal that can be found in our lives—snowflakes fall, and return again as raindrops so that flowers can grow.*

**The Peace Book by Todd Parr (also available in French)**

*Delivers positive and hopeful messages of peace in an accessible, child-friendly format featuring Todd Parr's trademark bold, bright colors and silly scenes. Targeted to young children first beginning to read, this book delivers a timely and timeless message about the importance of tolerance.*

**The Family Book by Todd Parr**

*A story about the importance of embracing our differences is delivered in a playful way. With his trademark bold, bright colors and silly scenes, this book will encourage children to ask questions about their own families. Perfect for young children just beginning to read, The Family Book is designed to encourage early literacy, enhance emotional development, celebrate multiculturalism, promote character growth, and strengthen family relationships.*

**Fox & Squirrel by Ruth Ohi** (also available in French)

*This story about the adventures of two lovable friends is told through expressive watercolour illustrations full of energy, humour, and warmth. The simple text and joyful art deliver a heartwarming tale with a subtle but profound message about friendship, acceptance, and working together.*

**Have you filled a bucket today? By Carol McCloud** (also available in French)

*Through sweet, simple prose and vivid illustrations, this heartwarming book encourages positive behaviour as children see how very easy and rewarding it is to express kindness, appreciation and love on a daily basis. Winner of seven awards.*

**One by Kathryn Otoshi**

*Young readers learn about accepting each other's differences and how it sometimes just takes one voice to make everyone count while also learning about numbers, counting, and primary and secondary colors.*

**Starring You and Me by Genevieve Cote**

*This gently funny story sets the stage for preschoolers learning how to play together after years of being stars of their own show.*

**Gaston by Kelly DiPucchio and Christian Robinson**

*A bulldog and a poodle learn that family is about love, not appearances in this adorable doggy tale from New York Times bestselling author Kelly DiPucchio and illustrator Christian Robinson.*

**Zero by Kathryn Otoshi**

*Budding young readers are introduced to accepting different body types, developing social skills and character, and learning what it means to find value in yourself and in others, working with others, developing social skills, and math and counting.*

**I'm Here by Peter H. Reynolds**

*A book that reminds us that children—and the friendships they make—can take flight in unexpected ways. With a strong anti-bullying message, I'm Here teaches children to stand up for others who may not seem to belong.*

**Beautiful Hands by Kathryn Otoshi & Bret Baumgarten**

*Based on co-author Bret Baumgarten's experience of holding his daughter's hands every morning and asking her, "What will your beautiful hands do today?," this book was created to inspire children everywhere to use their power to help themselves and others achieve their dreams. Little hands can do so many wonderful things: plant ideas; stretch imaginations; and reach for dreams. Parents and educators will enjoy sharing the word play with young readers. Children will revel in the spectacular art created using thumb- and hand-prints.*

**Peace is an Offering by Annette LeBox** (Highly reviewed by Canadian Children's Book Centre)

*Join this group of neighborhood children as they find love in everyday things—in sunlight shining through the leaves and cookies shared with friends—and learn that peace is all around, if you just look for it. With rhyming verse and soft illustrations, this book will help families and teachers look for the light moments when tragedy strikes and remind readers of the calm and happiness they find in their own community every day.*

**Kiss Kiss by Jennifer Couëlle** (also available in French)

*One on the forehead, one on the nose, and one flying through the air...What would a day be like without kisses? In musical language, Kiss Kiss celebrates the sweet gesture as a small child experiences it: in a parent's snug goodnight, a baby's sticky smooch, and a healing touch on a scraped knee.*

**Magic Little Words by Angèle Delaunoy** (also available in French)

*Thank you. Sorry. Goodbye. I love you. These basic words and phrases are among the early ones we learn, but they also represent big concepts whose larger meanings can be difficult to grasp. Magic Little Words tackles the challenge, presenting one "little word" on each spread alongside a lyrical line that expresses its meaning: for instance, "please" is a magic key that opens most doors, and "I love you" is the most beautiful song for two.*

**When Sophie's Feelings are Really, Really Hurt by Molly Bang**

*Everyone's feelings get hurt, and it's especially painful in childhood. In this story, Bang's popular character Sophie is hurt when the other children laugh at her and tell her she's wrong. At issue is Sophie's colorful, expressive painting of her favorite tree. Sophie loves it, but her picture is different from the paintings done by the other students. In the end, the students learn there are many different ways to interpret the world — and each other. Here is a simple story that tackles the common issue of hurt feelings as it gently helps us to be more kind.*

**Livres D'Images en Français (Picture books in French)**

**Borris Brindamour et la robe orange De Christine Baldachhino**

*Boris est un petit garçon qui aime utiliser son imagination. Il rêve d'aventures spatiales. Surtout, Boris aime le coin des déguisements de sa classe. Il aime porter la robe orange. Les enfants de sa classe ne le comprennent pas. Les robes, disent-ils, sont pour les filles. Et Boris n'est certainement pas le bienvenu dans le vaisseau spatial que certains de ses camarades de classe ont construit.*

**Deux garçons et un secret De Andrée Poulin**

*Émile et Mathis sont les meilleurs amis du monde. Ils partagent leurs jeux. Leurs collations. Et leurs secrets. Un beau matin, Émile fait une découverte dans le bac à sable. Ça lui donne une idée. La plus-meilleure idée de toute sa vie.*

**Qu'est-ce que la paix? De Wallace Edwards** (disponible en anglais)

*La définition de la paix est à la fois simple et complexe. Wallace Edwards propose une série d'illustrations riches en symbolisme qui incitera les jeunes à réfléchir sur la question et à concevoir leurs définitions personnelles.*

**Le Livre de la Paix De Todd Parr** (disponible en anglais)

*Un livre qui aborde le concept de la paix à travers des situations concrètes montrant l'amour, l'amitié, le partage, le respect de la différence, l'écologie, la liberté, etc.*

**Un Air de Famille De Moni Port**

*Hélène ne supporte plus que son papa crie tout le temps, mais il n'y peut rien car dans sa famille on hurle depuis des générations. Elle s'enfuit de chez elle sans prévenir, pour vivre sa vie loin des cris. Un album poétique pour aborder un sujet sensible avec humour et délicatesse.*

**Rikki, Rouquin et Rocco De Ruth Ohi** (disponible en anglais)

*Rikki l'écureuil et Rouquin le renard sont les meilleurs amis du monde. Lorsqu'un petit oiseau jaune entre en scène et commence à batifoler sur les branches avec Rikki, Rouquin se sent délaissé. Rikki réussira-t-il à convaincre son compagnon de toujours que l'arrivée d'un nouveau camarade n'altère en rien leur amitié?*

**As-tu rempli un seau aujourd'hui? De Carol McCloud** (disponible en anglais)

*À travers ses petits mots et ses illustrations amusantes, ce livre enseigne aux enfants combien il est facile et enrichissant d'exprimer l'amour et la gratitude au quotidien. Un jouet d'enfant se transforme en symbole de compassion universelle et de bienveillance.*

**Les Mots Magiques De Angèle Delaunois** (disponible en anglais)

*Sans être aucunement moralisateur, le troisième titre de cette collection parle de savoir-vivre et de bonnes manières. Certains mots sont magiques et ils ont des pouvoirs particuliers. Angèle Delaunois nous présente ceux qu'il fait bon semer à tout vent, au jour le jour.*

**Le Bisou De Jennifer Couëlle** (disponible en anglais)

*Le bisou est une petite chose que l'on fait qui a une importance terrible. Il s'en fait d'ailleurs à toutes les sauces, les bisous.... Cet album tout en poésie et en finesse, qui dépeint le mot <<bisou>> à travers le regard de l'enfance, est une ode à l'affection de tous les jours!*

**Le Petit Bonheur De Jessie Chrétien** (À partir de 4 ans)

*C'est par un petit matin ensoleillé que Noah part à la recherche du bonheur. Mais qu'est-ce que le bonheur? C'est gros et petit? C'est doux en piquant? Vert ou rouge? Cette histoire drôle et touchante, un brin philosophique, apportera peut-être une réponse.*

**Le Lion et L'oiseau De Marianne Dubuc**

*Un jour d'automne, le lion trouve un oiseau blessé près de son jardin. C'est le début d'une amitié.*

## **Picture Books in Other Languages**

### **Amira by Zakaria Mohammed (Arabic)**

*Amira believes her father does not love her because he is always frowning and does not talk much, but when she finds her way into his dreams, she realizes how much he truly cares.*

### **The Dream Vendor by Mohanned Alakouse (Arabic)**

*A boy and his father sell balloons and dreams to fulfill their dream of buying a wheelchair for the boy's mother. The story draws on the value of perseverance to achieve your dreams.*

### **Layla and the Donkey by Fatima Sharafeddine (Arabic)**

*Layla must lead a donkey carrying pots and pans to her grandmother's house. She tries to ride the donkey, even though her grandfather has warned her the load will be too heavy for the animal. Chaos ensues as the donkey escapes, and in the end Layla realizes her grandfather was right about treating the hard-working donkey with respect.*

### **An's Seed by Zaozao Wang (Chinese)**

*A master monk gives each student Ben, Jing, and An a thousand-year old lotus seed and tells them to grow it. The students have their own ideas and put them into action. Simple text and appealing pictures illustrate the story of the three young monks' activities simultaneously to provide interesting pictures of their different personalities.*

### **Buddy is so Annoying by Wenzheng Fu (Chinese)**

*A tale of best friends, one a human child and one a boar named Buddy. The two go through the fights that any two boys have, over possessions, fishing competitions, and games.*

### **CeeCee by Mao Xiao (Chinese)**

*Many children are playing around, some singing, some playing games, some shopping and some picnicking, while CeeCee sits all alone on the bench. Why doesn't she come to play? Everyone is curious. Is she uncomfortable? Is she unhappy? At the turn of each page, we will discover the reason of why CeeCee would rather sit and do nothing than play in the bustling park.*

### **Little Rabbit's Questions by Dayong Gan (Chinese)**

*Little Rabbit was playing outside in the garden with questions popping up into his mind. He was curious about Mama's big eyes, long ears and strong legs. The mother's love shines through love to the little rabbit through their conversation about all his questions.*

### **Besos for Baby: A little book of Kisses by Jen Arena (board book in Spanish & English)**

*Everyone has kisses for Baby, from Mami and Papi to perro and gato. Using simple Spanish words, this charming read-aloud proves that love is the same in every language! Parents won't be able to resist giving baby muchos besos as they share this bilingual read aloud, filled with bold, graphic illustrations, with their little bebé!*

***I like it when... = me gusta cuando...* by Mary Murphy** (Spanish and English)

*What do you like to do with the one you love most? Que te gusta hacer con la persona a quien mas quieres?* A bilingual board book about a little penguin who likes holding hands, dancing and having fun with the ones he loves most.

***Debo compartir mi helado?* de Mo Willems** (Spanish translation of the Elephant and Piggie book *Should I Share My Ice Cream?* )

*¿Debo compartir mi helado? Gerald tiene una gran decisión que tomar. ¿Pero lo hará a tiempo?*

***Beso en mi mano* de Audrey Penn** (Spanish version of *The Kissing Hand*)

*Un Beso en Mi Mano, trata de un pequeño mapache llamado Chester, que va por primera vez a la escuela. Chester se siente muy triste, pues debe abandonar en las mañanas a su amada madre y abandonar todas las cosas divertidas a la que está acostumbrado hacer. Pero un gran secreto de parte de su madre, convierte su tristeza en una experiencia nueva y llena de amor...*

*In this contemporary classic Chester Raccoon seeks love and reassurance from his mother as he ventures out into the world to attend his very first day of school.*

## **Junior Fiction (English & Chinese)**

***Bronze and Sunflower* by Cao Wenxuan** (Chinese)

*Winner of the Hans Christian Andersen award for children's literature. Taken in by a poor family in a rural village after the death of her father, Sunflower bonds with the family's only child, Bronze, who has not spoken since being traumatized by a terrible fire. Bronze and Sunflower become inseparable, understanding each other as only the closest friends can.*

***Do Nice, Be Kind, Spread Happy* by Bernadette Russell**

*This cool and quirky title is full of ways to spread a bit of happy, and release your inner ninja of niceness with some guerrilla acts of goodness.*

***Who's in my family? : All about our families* by Robie Harris**

*Accessible, humorous, and full of charming illustrations depicting families of many configurations, this engaging story interweaves conversations between the siblings and a matter-of-fact text, making it clear to every child that whoever makes up your family, it is perfectly normal -- and totally wonderful.*

## **Junior Non-Fiction (English)**

***Sex is a Funny Word* by Cory Silverberg** (8-10 years)

*A comic book for kids that includes children and families of all makeups, orientations, and gender identities; an essential resource about bodies, gender, and sexuality. Much more than 'the facts of life' or 'the birds and the bees,' Sex is a Funny Word opens up conversations between*

*young people and their caregivers in a way that allows adults to convey their values and beliefs while providing information about boundaries, safety, and joy.*

### **Young Adult Non-Fiction (English, French, & Arabic)**

#### **Code Name: Butterfly by Ahlam Bsharat (Arabic)**

*A teenage girl in Palestine must grapple with the tensions of being a young adult. Butterfly draws us into her world of adult hypocrisy, sibling rivalries, girlfriends' power plays, unrequited love and the political tension of life under occupation.*

#### **Happy Families by Tanita S. Davis (12-17 years)**

*Teenage twins Ysabel and Justin struggle with a family secret, one that threatens to destroy the twins' happy family and life as they know it. They will be forced to come to terms with their dad's new life as he transitions to life as a woman. Can they overcome their fears to piece together their happy family again?*

#### **I am J by Chris Beam (15+ years)**

*J had always felt different. He was certain that eventually everyone would understand who he really was: a boy mistakenly born as a girl. He runs away from his best friend who has rejected him and the parents he thinks do not understand him when he finally decides that it is time to be who he really is.*

#### **Parrot Fish by Ellen Wittlinger (Ages 12+)**

*Angela has never felt quite right as a girl. She decides to become Grady, a guy. While coming out as transgendered feels right to Grady, he isn't prepared for the reaction he gets from everyone else. His life is miserable until he finds friends in some unexpected places -- like the school geek, Sebastian, who explains that there is precedent in the natural world (parrotfish change gender when they need to), and Kita, who might just be Grady's first love.*

#### **I'll Meet You There by Heather Demetrios (Ages 14+)**

*Skylar has grown up poor, but her artistic ability and hard work have won her a scholarship to art school in San Francisco, if she can just survive the summer in her small town. But when her single mom loses her job and falls apart, and Josh, a former co-worker and crush, comes back from Afghanistan missing a leg, she struggles with leaving everyone behind. When she and Josh do decide to have sex, they talk not only about the physical aspects, but also the emotional entanglements before taking their relationship to that level.*

#### **The Throne by Beth Goobie (12-15 years)**

*Meredith is determined to make her mark as she starts Grade 10 and with the help of her two best friends, Reb and Dean, she will have to find a way to stand up for herself and survive high school with her dignity intact. Deals with friendship, high school and bullying.*

**All the Rage by Courtney Summers (14-17 years)**

*The sheriff's son is not the golden boy everyone thinks he is, and Romy knows that for a fact. Because no one wants to believe a girl from the wrong side of town, the truth about him has cost her everything—friends, family, and her community. Romy must decide whether she wants to fight or carry the burden of knowing more girls could get hurt if she doesn't speak up. This novel examines the shame and silence inflicted upon young women in a culture that refuses to protect them.*

**The World Without Us by Robin Stevenson (12-16 years)**

*What do you do when someone you care about wants you to follow him to a really dark place? When Mel meets Jeremy, she thinks she has finally found someone who understands her, but Jeremy has secrets that torment him, and Mel isn't sure she can save him. All she knows is that she has to save herself. This novel examines one girl's choices in a world where the stakes are very high and one misstep can hurt or kill.*

**Le Chant des libellules De Pascale Gingras (12+ ans)**

*Peut-on avouer son amour à un ami cher sans savoir s'il nous aime en retour? Jeff, en deuil de sa mère, ne se laisse pas abattre. Son surprenant sens de l'humour l'aide à surmonter l'épreuve. Ses amis Florence et Sébastien sont également là pour lui, même si c'est parfois difficile: Sébastien rêve de Florence en secret, mais elle semble plutôt en pincer pour Jeff. Chacun s'emballe, interprétant mal les agissements des autres, ce qui donne lieu à de savoureux quiproquos.*

**Young Adult Non-Fiction (English)**

**Some Assembly Required by Arin Andrews & Joshua Lyon (14+ years)**

*Seventeen-year-old Arin Andrews shares all the hilarious, painful, and poignant details of undergoing gender reassignment as a high school student in this winning memoir. It is a true coming-of-age story about knocking down obstacles and embracing family, friendship, and first love. But more than that, it is a reminder that self-acceptance does not come ready-made with a manual and spare parts. Rather, some assembly is always required.*