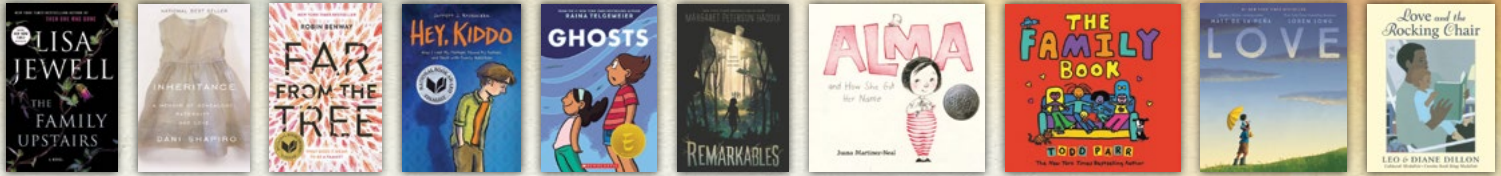


ONE COMMUNITY Many Stories

Family
History



MCDL is proud to introduce One Community, Many Stories

Featured are ten titles centered around a theme of family history. It's our hope that through the power of story, we can reflect on the meaning of family history in our own lives—how it shapes who we are and how we move forward into the future.

Recognizing the diversity of Medina County and celebrating MCDL's new Virginia Wheeler Martin Family History & Learning Center, we've made changes to our community reading event. Even with the challenges of our current COVID-19 environment, we want to offer children, teens, and adults a variety of good books with a shared theme to read and discuss.



Virtual Author Visits on Zoom



Margaret Peterson Haddix

Tues., Oct. 13, 6:30 pm

Margaret Peterson Haddix grew up on a farm near Washington Court House, Ohio. She is a graduate of Miami University and the author of more than forty books for children and teens including *Remarkables*, *Into the Gauntlet* (the tenth book in the *39 Clues* series), the *Missing* series, and the *Children of Exile* series. The author and her husband live in Columbus, Ohio.



Storytime with Todd Parr

Fri., Oct. 23, 3:00 pm

Todd Parr is a New York Times best-selling and award-winning author and illustrator of more than fifty books for children, including *The Family Book* and *It's Ok to Make Mistakes*. You have seen many of his short films on *Sesame Street*! Todd likes fog, sea lions, and macaroni and cheese. He lives in Berkley, California with his three adopted pit bulls.



Jarrett J. Krosoczka

Tues., Oct. 27, 6:30 pm

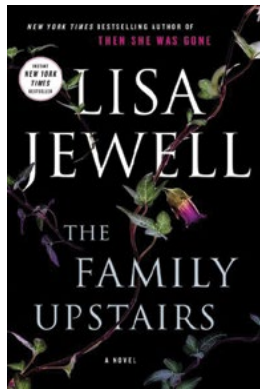
Jarrett J. Krosoczka is the best-selling author of more than forty books for young people, including *Hey, Kiddo*, a National Book Award finalist, the *Lunch Lady* graphic novels, and some titles in the *Star Wars: Jedi Academy* series. He also hosts a YouTube show, *Draw Every Day with JJK*. He lives with his family in Massachusetts.

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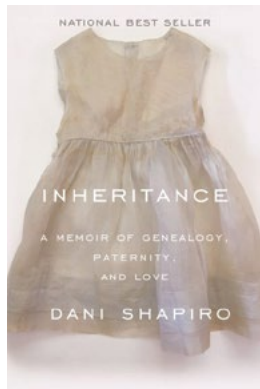
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Adult



The Family Upstairs by Lisa Jewell

Coming of age combines with psychological suspense in this compelling novel, which moves back and forth in time as siblings piece together the events that destroyed their family twenty-five years ago.

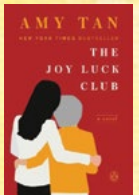
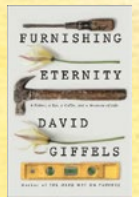
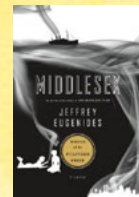
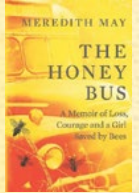
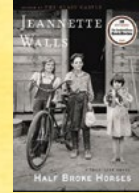
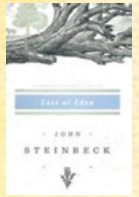


Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity, and Love by Dani Shapiro

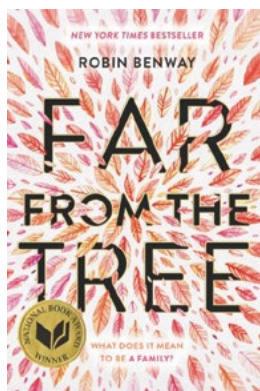
A poignant and inspiring memoir of a period in the author's life when she discovered, through DNA kit testing, that the father who loved and raised her was not her biological parent.

ALSO TRY

- The Stranger in My Genes: A Memoir* by Bill Griffeth
- East of Eden* by John Steinbeck
- Half Broke Horses: A True-Life Novel* by Jeannette Walls
- The Honey Bus: A Memoir of Loss, Courage, and a Girl Saved by Bees* by Meredith May
- Middlesex* by Jeffrey Eugenides
- Furnishing Eternity: A Father, A Son, A Coffin, and A Measure of Life* by David Giffels
- Five-Finger Discount: A Crooked Family History* by Helene Stapinski
- The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan

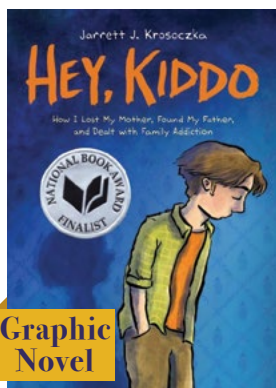


Teen



Far from the Tree by Robin Benway

A story about adoption, foster care, and legacy. Joaquin, Grace, and Maya—three half-siblings each given by their mother for adoption—meet and discover how their shared history will shape relationships and paths forward.

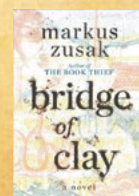
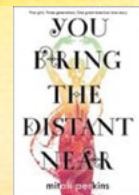


Hey, Kiddo by Jarrett J. Krosoczka

Raised by his grandparents because of his mother's addiction, the author as a young man excelled in art, struggled socially, and tried to understand how and why his family was so different from others'.

ALSO TRY

- You Bring the Distant Near* by Mitali Perkins
- Between Shades of Gray* by Ruta Sepetys
- We Were Liars* by E. Lockhart
- Hour of the Bees* by Lindsay Eagar
- Bridge of Clay* by Markus Zusak
- Dig* by A.S. King
- We Walked the Sky* by Lisa Fiedler
- Some Places More Than Others* by Renée Watson



Middle Grade



Ghosts
by Raina Telgemeier

Two sisters learn there are ghosts in their new town—a town where people honor their ancestors every year during Dia de los Muertos. This story celebrates those that came before us and the courage it takes to start over.



Remarkables
by Margaret Peterson Haddix

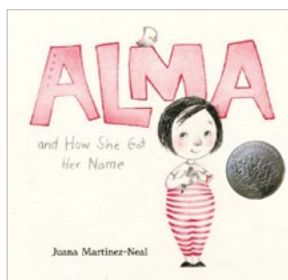
A magically realistic tale about Marin and Charley, neighbors who seek the truth about a mysterious group of kids who appear and disappear in the woods. Do they hold the key to unlocking the secrets of Charley's family's past?

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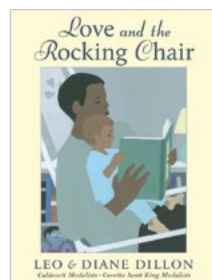
- The Secret Garden*
by Francis Hodgson Burnett
- The War That Saved My Life*
by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
- Under the Egg*
by Laura Marx Fitzgerald
- Sunny Side Up*
by Jennifer L. Holm
- The Marvels* by Brian Selznick
- The Parker Inheritance*
by Varian Johnson
- Rebound* by Kwame Alexander
- War Stories*
by Gordon Korman



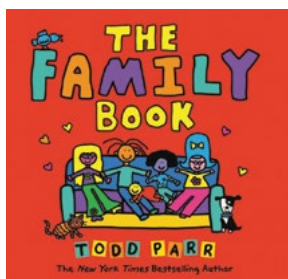
Picture Books



Alma and How She Got Her Name
by Juana Martinez-Neal



Love and the Rocking Chair
by Leo & Diane Dillon



The Family Book
by Todd Parr



Love
by Matt de la Peña

ALSO TRY

- "More More More," Said the Baby: 3 Love Stories
by Vera B. Williams
- Show Way*
by Jacqueline Woodson
- My Family History*
by Jane O'Connor
- One Family*
by George Shannon
- Fly Guy's Big Family*
by Tedd Arnold
- Hope*
by Matthew Cordell
- Drawn Together*
by Minh Lê
- Matchbox Diary*
by Paul Fleischman



Events on Zoom

Beginning Genealogy *

Tues., Oct. 6, 6:30 pm

Research your family history the right way! Learn important first steps and common pitfalls to avoid.

Getting Started with FamilySearch *

Tues., Oct. 20, 6:30 pm

FamilySearch is a free genealogy site with a large database of digitized and indexed records. Learn how to navigate the site to help begin your research or find that elusive ancestor.

Ask the MCDL Genealogy Team *

Sat., Oct. 24, 2:00 pm

The MCDL Genealogy Team will be available to help answer your family history questions.

Census Records for Family History *

Sat., Nov. 14, 2:00 pm

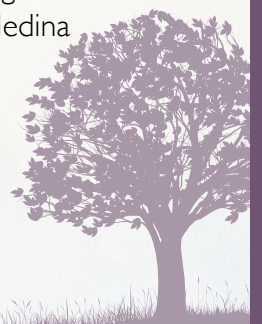
Find out how census and related non-population records can tell us much more than our relatives' names, ages, and birthplaces. Includes tips for locating hard-to-find ancestors.

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Family Activities

Activity details and additional activities can be found at mcdl.info/ManyStories.

- Use Newspapers.com (free with your library card via mcdl.info/OnlineLearning) to learn about important events or inventions from the year you were born. What was going on in the world the day you were born; when your parents were born?
- Print a free family tree at mcdl.info/ManyStories. Fill in the tree with the first four generations of your family. If you can't fill everyone in, ask us for help. Bonus: Print a full-size copy as a gift at MCDL's Makerspace.
- Try to find photos or documents of when you were a newborn. Ask a parent or other family members about what you were like as a baby. Can you find pictures of family members as babies?
- Ask a favorite family member to tell stories about his or her life. Record their answers.
- Does your family have a special family recipe? Make it together and find out what makes it special. Create a family cookbook with traditional recipes and family favorites.
- Talk about your family traditions. How did they start? Why do you enjoy them? Ask your grandparents if your family's traditions have changed over time.
- Have a cemetery scavenger hunt. Make a list of names, dates, and symbols to look for. Take a picture of everything you find. (Be safe and avoid injuries! Do not climb on monuments, they can shift and fall.)
- Print a map or create a Google Map of your own. Mark where you are from, your parents, and then your grandparents. See how many relatives you can add to the map.
- Ask your parents or an older relative what they did for fun when they were kids, then go and experience it together!
- Make a family tree craft. Trace and cut out family members' hands from green paper to create leaves on your tree. Use brown paper for the trunk. Write your family name on the trunk, then add family members' names to the leaves.
- Visit the Family History & Learning Center at Medina Library. Get creative in Medina County's only public Makerspace, digitize family memories, and research family and local history.
mcdl.info/History-Collection
mcdl.info/Makerspace



Many activities adapted from the free family history research website, FamilySearch.org.