Children's Literature Update 2014
Useful Websites and Resources
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ALA/ALSC Book Awards
> www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia
> Listing the youth book awards given by the American Library Association.

Graphic novels for younger tweens
> noflyingnotights.com/?cat=11
> Not sure which graphic novels are appropriate for children? Check out this website, which used to be called "Sidekicks."

ACL BayViews Read-Alikes
> www.bayviews.org/readalikes.html
> Maintained by the Association of Children's Librarians of Northern California, their website has a Read-Alikes section that features new lists every month.

Publishers' Weekly Bestseller's Lists
> www.publishersweekly.com/pw/nielsen/index.html
> Check out the bestsellers to be sure you have the popular books that library patrons are buying.

Children's Series Books
> www.mymcpl.org/books-movies-music/juvenile-series
> Maintained by the MidContinent Public Library, MO, you can search for a book's title, author, series title, or subject, and find the listing for a book series. A great way to find a list of titles to series books in number order.

HarperCollins
> www.readcommoncore.com/
> From HarperCollins publisher comes this useful website that has resources for teachers using specific books, both fiction and nonfiction, in the classroom to fulfill Common Core requirements.

Core Standards
> www.corestandards.org
> A handy website with everything about the Common Core – what it is (and isn't), and how it can be implemented.

ACL'S Common Core/Stem Resources
> www.bayviews.org/institute/2014handouts.html
> From the Association of Children's Librarians of Northern California comes this extensive list of resources focusing on Common Core STEM materials that librarians can offer teachers.

School Library Journal's Common Core column
>   www.slj.com/category/standards/common-core#_
>   The regular column on the Common Core in *School Library Journal* offers books
>   that will help fulfill requirements.

I.N.K. – Interesting Nonfiction for Kids
>   www.inkrethink.blogspot.com/
>   A blog on fun nonfiction books for kids, including books related to the Common
>   Core.

Horn Book
>   www.hbook.com/
>   Horn Book magazine's online site has interviews, reviews, and much more.

School Library Journal
>   www.slj.com/
>   Website of the popular magazine for children's librarians, with features regularly
>   updated.

Booklist magazine
>   www.booklistonline.com/
>   Booklist offers great free webinars on many topics, including books for youth.

SLJ Diversity Issue – May 2014
>   www.slj.com/features/the-diversity-issue-slj-2014/#_
>   School Library Journal's most recent issue, devoted to the topic of the lack of
>   diversity in children's books

ALA White Paper on Multicultural Children's Literature
>   www.ala.org/alsc/importance-diversity
>   An academic paper with evidence explaining why we need more multicultural
>   children's books.

Entertainment Weekly Editorial
>   shelf-life.ew.com/2014/04/15/kid-lits-primary-color-white-report/
>   Even mainstream media are advocating for more diversity in children's books.
>   Check out this brief but pointed editorial from *Entertainment Weekly*.

Lee & Low Books
>   www.leeandlow.com/
>   Lee & Low specialize in publishing multicultural children's books, and has
>   several useful resources on their website.

CCBC'S List of Multicultural Publishers
>   ccbc.education.wisc.edu/books/multicultural.asp

A list of resources from the Cooperative Children's Book Center at the School of Education at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Cinco Puntos Press
www.cincopuntos.com
Cinco Puntos specializes in books celebrating Latino culture, including children's bilingual books and books in English.

Resources about American Indians
www.slj.com/2013/11/collection-development/focus-on-collection-development/resources-and-kid-lit-about-american-indians-focus-on
This online column from Debbie Reese lists great children's and teen books which authentically represent the Native American culture.

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