

US 250 Booklist – 2026 from the California State Library and California Library Association

Grades K-2

- **Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez**, by Kathleen Krull and Yuyi Morales
- **Dancing Hands: How Teresa Carreño Played the Piano for President Lincoln**, by Margarita Engle and Rafael López
- **Martin's Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**, by Doreen Rappaport and Bryan Collier
- **Her Right Foot**, by Dave Eggers and Shawn Harris
- **All the Way to the Top: How One Girl's Fight for Americans with Disabilities Changed Everything**, by Annette Bay Pimentel and Nabi Ali
- **Blue Sky White Stars**, by Sarvinder Naberhaus and Kadir Nelson
- **Our Flag Was Still There: The True Story of Mary Pickersgill and the Star-Spangled Banner**, by Jessie Hartland

Grades 3-5

- **I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark**, by Debbie Levy and Elizabeth Baddeley
- **Your Vote Matters: How We Elect the U.S. President**, by Rebecca Katzman and Ellen Duda
- **A Kids' Guide to the American Revolution**, by Kathleen Krull and Anna DiVito
- **Twenty-One Steps: Guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier**, by Jeff Gottesfeld and Matt Tavares
- **We Are Still Here!: Native American Truths Everyone Should Know**, by Traci Sorell and Frane Lessac

Grades 6-8

- **An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States for Young People**, by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz, Jean Mendoza, and Debbie Reese
- **Almost Astronauts: 13 Women Who Dared to Dream**, by Tanya Lee Stone
- **Rebellion 1776**, by Laurie Halse Anderson
- **Finish the Fight!: The Brave and Revolutionary Women Who Fought for the Right to Vote**, by Veronica Chambers
- **An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793**, by Jim Murphy
- **The Great American Dust Bowl**, by Don Brown
- **Bite by Bite: American History Through Feasts, Foods, and Side Dishes**, by Marc Aronson, Paul Freedman, and Toni D. Chambers
- **How We Got to the Moon: The People, Technology, and Daring Feats of Science Behind Humanity's Greatest Adventure**, by John Rocco
- **Seen and Unseen: What Dorothea Lange, Toyo Miyatake, and Ansel Adams's Photographs Reveal about the Japanese American Incarceration**, by Elizabeth Partridge and Lauren Tamaki
- **Nuestra América: 30 Inspiring Latinas/Latinos Who Have Shaped the United States**, by Sabrina Vourvoulias

Grades 9-12

- **March Book One**, by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, and Nate Powell
- **The Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny, and the Fight for Civil Rights**, by Steve Sheinkin
- **Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race**, by Margot Lee Shetterly
- **Women Heroes of the American Revolution: 20 Stories of Espionage, Sabotage, Defiance, and Rescue**, by Susan M. Casey