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Family Reading Fun



We hope that over the summer your family read books that became mirrors into your own lives or windows into the lives of others, as Dr. Bishop suggests. As we begin the new school year, WSRA invites you to be part of a statewide movement, Read the Way WSRA! The Wisconsin State Reading Association (WSRA) has begun a WI Literacy Project and you can join the fun! The movement is focused on getting important books into the hands and hearts of families. Throughout the year we will present diverse authors along with suggested books that correlates with the project. While exploring these books with your family, we hope you see yourselves and appreciate celebrating the lives of others. As your family enjoys the activities we provide, feel free to tweet with #readthewayWSRA and connect with other families joining the project!

Family Activities



Peek ahead to the Author Spotlight to learn about our featured authors before doing these activities. Also remember to look at the Families and Literacy Committee website (<https://www.wsra.org/families-literacy>) for family calendars including more literacy activities.

Reading Choose one book from each of the authors to read.	Writing Write about your own experience to share with someone who loves you.
Speaking Discuss with your family: <i>What did you see of yourself in each book? What did you learn about others?</i>	Listening Listen to your favorite part or page again.



Author Spotlight



Rafael Lopez

Rafael Lopez is an internationally recognized illustrator and artist who was born and raised in Mexico City. He is the recipient of multiple awards for his picture books, including the New York Times #1 Picture Books Bestseller, Jane Addams Children's Book Award, and National Cartoonist Society Book Illustration Award. López brings diverse characters into his illustrations.

Books by the author: *The Day You Begin, We've Got the Whole World in Our Hands, Dream Drum Girl, Just Ask! Be Different, Be Brave, Be You*



Nic Stone

Nic Stone is an American New York Times best-selling author of young adult fiction who was born and raised in Atlanta, GA. After graduating college, she moved to Israel to mentor teens before coming back to the United States to write. Growing up with a wide range of cultures and backgrounds, Stone strives to bring these diverse voices to her writing.

Books by the author: *Dear Martin, Odd One Out, Jackpot! All Bets Are Off*

Technology Corner

To learn more about the authors spotlighted, check out their websites.

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