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"The Wizard of Oz" Bert Lahr, MGM, 1939
<http://www.imdb.com/gallery/mptv/1089/3823-0045.jpg>

SEL Theme for October:
Courage

These books were selected by JMS librarians Mrs. Minikel & Mrs. Kearon
to provide support for the Middle School's monthly SEL theme.

PICT Waber, Bernard.

179 **Courage** Bernard Waber.

WAB Provides examples of the many kinds of courage found in everyday life and in unusual circumstances, from tasting the vegetable before making a face to being a firefighter or police officer. 4.8

PICT Lester, Julius.

759.13 **From Slave Ship to Freedom Road** Julius Lester
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PICT Mochizuki, Ken, 1954-.

940.53 **Passage to Freedom : the Sugihara Story** written by Ken Mochizuki

MOC Tells the true story of Chiune Sugihara, a Japanese diplomat stationed in Lithuania in 1940 who risked the safety of his own family members and put his job on the line by issuing visas to as many as 10,000 Jews who were facing death at the hands of the Nazis. 4.2

PICT Mochizuki, Ken, 1954-.

940.53 [Passage to freedom. - Spanish]

MOC **Pasaje a La Libertad : La Historia De Chiune Sugihara** escrito por Ken Mochizuki ; ilustrado por Dom Lee ; epailogo de Hiroki Sugihara ; traducido por Esther Sarfatti.

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PICT Jakes, John, 1932-.

976.4 **Susanna of the Alamo : a True Story** written by John Jakes

JAK Relates the experiences of the Texas woman who, along with her baby, survived the 1836 massacre at the Alamo.

PICT Ryan, Pam Muñoz.

B **When Marian Sang : the True Recital of Marian Anderson the Voice of ANDERSON** a Century libretto by Pam Muñoz Ryan

"Season of two thousand and two."

An introduction to the life of Marian Anderson, extraordinary singer and civil rights activist, who was the first African American to perform at the Metropolitan Opera, whose life and career encouraged social change. 4.6

PICT Adler, David A.

B **Hiding From the Nazis** by David A. Adler

BAER The true story of Lore Baer who as a four-year-old Jewish child was placed with a Christian family in the Dutch farm country to avoid persecution by the Nazis. 4.8

PICT Martin, Jacqueline Briggs.

B **Snowflake Bentley** Jacqueline Briggs Martin

BENTLEY A biography of a self-taught scientist who photographed thousands of individual snowflakes in order to study their unique formations. 3.1

PICT Ackerman, Karen, 1951-.

FIC **The Tin Heart** by Karen Ackerman

ACKERMAN. As the onset of the Civil War causes a rift between their fathers, Mahaley and Flora find a way to preserve their friendship.

PICT Adler, David A.

FIC **One Yellow Daffodil : a Hanukkah Story** David A. Adler

ADLER During Hanukkah two children help a Holocaust survivor to once again embrace his religious traditions. 3.2

PICT Bartone, Elisa.

FIC **Peppe the Lamplighter** by Elisa Bartone

BARTONE Peppe's father is upset when he learns that Peppe has taken a job the gas street lamps in his New York City neighborhood. 4.3

PICT Best, Cari.

FIC **Shrinking Violet** by Cari Best.

BEST Violet, who is very shy and hates for anyone to look at her in school, finally comes out of her shell when she is cast as Lady Space in a play about the solar system and saves the production from disaster. 3.6

PICT Bunting, Eve, 1928-.

FIC **Fly away Home** by Eve Bunting

BUNTING A homeless boy who lives in an airport with his father, moving from to terminal and trying not to be noticed, is given hope when he sees a trapped bird find its freedom. 4.3

PICT Bunting, Eve, 1928-.

FIC **The Wall** by Eve Bunting

BUNTING A boy and his father come from far away to visit the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington and find the name of the boy's grandfather, who was killed in the conflict. 2.3

PICT Bunting, Eve, 1928-.

FIC **Cheyenne Again** by Eve Bunting

BUNTING the late 1880's, a Cheyenne boy named Small Bull is taken to a school to learn the white man's ways. 2.1

PICT Bunting, Eve, 1928-.

FIC **Train to Somewhere** by Eve Bunting

BUNTING the late 1800s, Marianne travels westward on the Orphan Train in hopes of being placed with a caring family. 2.8

PICT Bunting, Eve, 1928-.

FIC **Dandelions** Eve Bunting ;

BUNTING Zoe and her family find strength in each other as they make a new home in the Nebraska Territory. 3.1

PICT Bunting, Eve, 1928-.

FIC **Dreaming of America : an Ellis Island Story** by Eve Bunting

BUNTING Annie Moore cares for her two younger brothers on board the ship sailing from Ireland to America where she becomes the first immigrant processed through Ellis Island, January 1, 1892, her fifteenth birthday. 3.8

PICT Coville, Bruce.

FIC **William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet** retold by Bruce Coville ;

COVILLE A simplified prose retelling of Shakespeare's play about two young people who defy their warring families' prejudices and dare to fall in love. 8.0

PICT Czech, Jan M.

FIC **The Coffee Can Kid** written by Jan M. Czech

CZECH Six-year-old Annie asks the father who adopted her to once more tell a story of how she came to America from Korea. 3.7

PICT Deedy, Carmen Agra.

FIC **The Yellow Star : the Legend of King Christian X of Denmark** Carmen

DEEDY Agra Deedy

Retells the story of King Christian X and the Danish resistance to the Nazis during World War II. 4.6

PICT Innocenti, Roberto.

FIC **Rose Blanche** Roberto Innocenti

INNOCENTI During World War II, a young German girl's curiosity leads her to discover something far more terrible than the day-to-day hardships and privations that she and her neighbors have experienced.

PICT Jordan, MaryKate.

FIC **Losing Uncle Tim** MaryKate Jordan

JORDON When his beloved Uncle Tim dies of AIDS, Daniel struggles to find reassurance and understanding and finds that his favorite grown-up has left him a legacy of joy and courage.

PICT Lionni, Leo, 1910-.

FIC **Swimmy.**

LIONNI A little black fish in a school of red fish figures out a way of protecting them all from their natural enemies.

PICT McCain, Becky R. (Becky Ray)

FIC **Nobody Knew What to Do : a Story About Bullying** written by Becky

MCCAIN Ray McCain

When bullies pick on a boy at school, a classmate is afraid, but decides that he must do something. Includes note regarding bullying prevention. 2.8

PICT Mitchell, Margaree King.

FIC **Granddaddy's Gift** Margaree King Mitchell

MITCHELL When her grandfather registers to vote while living in segregated Mississippi, an Afro-American girl begins to understand why he insists that she attend school. 4.2

PICT Myers, Christopher A.

FIC **Wings** by Christopher Myers

MYERS Ikarus Jackson, the new boy in school, is outcast because he has wings. But his resilient spirit inspires one girl to speak up for him in this thought provoking story about celebrating individuality. 4.3

PICT Nickle, John.

FIC **The Ant Bully** story and pictures by John Nickle.

NICKLE Lucas learns a lesson about bullying when he is pulled into the ant hole he has been tormenting. 3.9

PICT Oppenheim, Shulamith Levey.

FIC **The Lily Cupboard** by Shulamith Levey Oppenheim

OPPENHEIM Miriam, a young Jewish girl, is forced to leave her parents and hide with strangers in the country during the German occupation of Holland. 6.2

PICT Polacco, Patricia.

FIC **Pink and Say** Patricia Polacco.

POLACCO Chronicles the friendship of Pink, a fifteen-year-old African-American Union soldier, and Say, his poor white comrade, as one nurses the other back to health from a battle wound and the two of them are imprisoned at Andersonville. Based on a true story.

PICT Polacco, Patricia.

FIC **The Butterfly** Patricia Polacco.

POLACCO During the Nazi occupation of France, Monique's mother hides a Jewish family in her basement and tries to help them escape to freedom. 4.6

PICT Stillerman, Marci.

FIC **Nine Spoons : a Chanukah Story** by Marci Stillerman

STILLERMAN Oma tells her grandchildren the story of her first Chanukah in the Nazi labor camps when the women worked together to create a menorah out of spoons. 5.9

PICT Swope, Sam.

FIC **The Araboolies of Liberty Street** story by Sam Swope

SWOPE The kids of Liberty Street join forces to help the Araboolies when mean General Pinch orders them to move because they look different. 3.3

PICT Woodson, Jacqueline.

FIC **Coming on Home Soon** Jacqueline Woodson

WOODSON After Mama takes a job in Chicago during World War II, Ada Ruth stays with Grandma but misses her mother who loves her more than rain and snow. 1.5

PROF Keefauver, Larry.

242 **Hugs for Heroes : Stories, Sayings, and Scriptures to Encourage and**

KEE **Inspire** Larry Keefauver

PROF Codell, Esmé Raji,

B **Educating Esmé : Diary of a Teacher's First Year** Esmé Raji Codell.

CODELL Presents the diary of teacher Esme Raji Codell's first year in charge of a fifth-grade classroom in an inner-city public school.

- 326 ZEI** Zeinert, Karen.
The Amistad Slave Revolt and American Abolition by Karen Zeinert.
 Traces the 1839 revolt of Africans aboard the slave ship Amistad, their apprehension, and long trial which ended in their acquittal by the Supreme Court. 6.0
- 811 HOU** **Hour of Freedom : American History in Poetry** compiled by Milton Meltzer
 The story of America told through poetry, selected by one of the country's foremost historians. 7.6
- 811 LEW** Lewis, J. Patrick.
Heroes and She-Roes : Poems of Amazing and Everyday Heroes by J. Patrick Lewis
 Twenty-one poems celebrate and chronicle the actions of real-life persons--and one dog--who have performed heroic acts in service to others. 5.9
- B** Freedman, Russell.
ANDERSON The Voice That Challenged a Nation : Marian Anderson and the Struggle for Equal Rights by Russell Freedman.
 Easter Sunday, April 9, 1939 -- Twenty-five cents a song -- A voice in a thousand -- Marian fever -- Banned by the DAR -- Singing to the nation -- Breaking barriers -- "What I had was singing."
 Tells the life story of singer Marian Anderson, describing her famous 1939 Lincoln Memorial performance and explaining how she helped end segregation in the American arts after being refused the right to perform at Washington's Constitution Hall because of the color of her skin. 6.3
- B** Douglass, Frederick, 1817?-1895.
DOUGLASS Escape from Slavery : the Boyhood of Frederick Douglass in His Own Words
 A shortened version of Douglass' autobiography describing the early life of the slave who became an abolitionist, journalist, and statesman. 6.9
- FIC** Armstrong, William H.
ARMSTRONG Souder by William H. Armstrong
 Souder is the heartwarming story of a black sharecropper family in Louisiana during the Depression. A father steals food for his family, his wife provides love, security and strength while he is in prison, and their oldest son bravely becomes the man of the house until his father returns. Souder is the pet dog. Together they love and laugh, struggle and survive, and dream and hope of a more promising future.
- FIC** Avi, 1937-.
AVI Crispin : the Cross of Lead.
 Falsely accused of theft and murder, an orphaned peasant boy in fourteenth-century England flees his village and meets a larger-than-life juggler who holds a dangerous secret. 5.3
- FIC** Babbitt, Natalie.
BABBITT Kneeknock Rise story and pictures by Natalie Babbitt.
 Everyone else in the village is afraid of the creature who supposedly dwells at the top of Kneeknock Rise but young Egan investigates for himself. 6.0

FIC Bauer, Marion Dane.

BAUER **On my Honor** Marion Dane Bauer.

When his best friend drowns while they are both swimming in a treacherous river that they had promised never to go near, Joel is devastated and terrified at having to tell both sets of parents the terrible consequences of their disobedience.

FIC Baum, L. Frank (Lyman Frank), 1856-1919.

BAUM **The Wizard of Oz**

Originally published: New York : Playmore : Waldman Pub., 1989.
After a cyclone transports her to the land of Oz, Dorothy must seek out the great wizard in order to return to Kansas.

FIC Clapp, Patricia.

CLAPP **The Tamarack Tree : a Novel of the Siege of Vicksburg** Patricia Clapp.

An eighteen-year-old English girl finds her loyalties divided and all her resources tested as she and her friends experience the terrible physical and emotional hardships of the forty-seven day siege of Vicksburg in the spring of 1863.

FIC Clinton, Cathryn.

CLINTON **A Stone in My Hand** Cathryn Clinton.

Eleven-year-old Malaak and her family are touched by the violence in Gaza between Jews and Palestinians when first her father disappears and then her older brother is drawn to the Islamic Jihad. Young Adult

FIC Cooney, Caroline B.

COONEY **The Ransom of Mercy Carter**

In 1704, in the English settlement of Deerfield, Massachusetts, eleven-year-old Mercy and her family and neighbors are captured by Mohawk Indians and their French allies, and forced to march through bitter cold to French Canada, where some adapt to new lives and some still hope to be ransomed. 5.1

FIC Couric, Katie, 1957-.

COURIC **The Brand New Kid** by Katie Couric .

Lazlo, who has just moved to the United States from Hungary, is ostracized at school until two girls have the courage to befriend him. 3.0

FIC Creech, Sharon.

CREECH **The Wanderer** by Sharon Creech

Thirteen-year-old Sophie and her cousin Cody record their transatlantic crossing aboard the Wanderer, a forty-five foot sailboat, which, along with uncles and another cousin, is en route to visit their grandfather in England. 5.7

FIC Crew, Linda.

CREW **Children of the River** Linda Crew.

Having fled Cambodia four years earlier to escape the Khmer Rouge army, seventeen-year-old Sundara is torn between remaining faithful to her own people and enjoying life in her Oregon high school as a "regular" American.

FIC Edmonds, Walter Dumaux

EDMONDS **The Matchlock Gun** by Walter D. Edmonds

In 1756, during the French and Indian War in upper New York state, ten-year-old Edward is determined to protect his home and family with the ancient, and much too heavy, Spanish gun that his father had given him before leaving home to fight the enemy. 5.7

FIC Ellis, Deborah,

ELLIS **The Breadwinner** Deborah Ellis.

Because the Taliban rulers of Kabul, Afghanistan, impose strict limitations on women's freedom and behavior, eleven-year-old Parvana must disguise herself as a boy so that her family can survive after her father's arrest. 6.1

FIC Forbes, Esther.

FORBES **Johnny Tremain** Esther Forbes

Talks about a young boy who encounters many historical figures as he works as a horse boy for the local newspaper. 5.3

FIC Giff, Patricia Reilly.

GIFF **Pictures of Hollis Woods** Patricia Reilly Giff

A troublesome twelve-year-old orphan, staying with an elderly artist who needs her, remembers the only other time she was happy in a foster home, with a family that truly seemed to care about her. Young Adult

FIC Haddix, Margaret Peterson.

HADDIX **Among the Brave** : Margaret Peterson Haddix

In a society that allows families to have only two children, a group of third-borns tries to save themselves and others like them. 8-12

FIC Haddix, Margaret Peterson.

HADDIX **Running Out of Time** Margaret Peterson Haddix.

When a diphtheria epidemic hits her 1840 village, thirteen-year-old Jessie discovers it is actually a 1995 tourist site under unseen observation by heartless scientists, and it's up to Jessie to escape the village and save the lives of the dying children. 6.4

FIC Haddix, Margaret Peterson.

HADDIX **Among the Hidden** Margaret Peterson Haddix.

In a future where the Population Police enforce the law limiting a family to only two children, Luke has lived all his twelve years in isolation and fear on his family's farm, until another "third" convinces him that the government is wrong. 6.6

FIC Ho, Minfong.

HO **Rice Without Rain** by Minfong Ho.

After social rebels convince the headman of a small village in northern Thailand to resist the land rent, his seventeen-year-old daughter Jinda finds herself caught up in the student uprising in Bangkok.

FIC Hotze, Sollace.

HOTZE **A Circle Unbroken** Sollace Hotze.

Captured by a roving band of Sioux Indians and brought up as the chief's daughter, Rachel is recaptured by her white family and finds it difficult to adjust, as she longs to return to the tribe.

FIC Howe, James, 1946-.

HOWE **The Misfits** James Howe.

Four students who do not fit in at their small-town middle school decide to create a third party for the student council elections to represent all students who have ever been called names. 8.3

FIC Hunt, Irene.

HUNT **Across Five Aprils**

The unforgettable story of young Jethro Creighton who comes of age during the turbulent years of the Civil War.

FIC Kadohata, Cynthia.

KADOHATA **Kira-Kira**

Chronicles the close friendship between two Japanese-American sisters growing up in rural Georgia during the late 1950s and early 1960s, and the despair when one sister becomes terminally ill. 4.9

FIC Laird, Christa.

Laird **Shadow of the Wall**

Living with his mother and two sisters in the Warsaw Ghetto, Misha is befriended by the director of the orphanage, Dr. Korczak, and finds a purpose to his life when he joins a resistance organization.

FIC Laird, Elizabeth.

LAIRD **Kiss the Dust**

Her father's involvement with the Kurdish resistance movement in Iraq forces thirteen-year-old Tara to flee with her family over the border into Iran, where they face an unknown future.

FIC Lee, Harper.

LEE **To Kill a Mockingbird**

Presents a fortieth anniversary edition of the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel in which Scout Finch, the young daughter of a local attorney in the Deep South during the 1930s, tells of her father's defense of an African-American man charged with the rape of a white girl. Young Adult

FIC Lowry, Lois.

LOWRY **Number the Stars**

In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis. 4.9

FIC Park, Linda Sue.

Park **A Single Shard**

Tree-ear, a thirteen-year-old orphan in medieval Korea, lives under a bridge in a potters' village, and longs to learn how to throw the delicate celadon ceramics himself.

FIC Robinet, Harriette.

ROBINET **Walking to the Bus-rider Blues**

Twelve-year-old Alfa Merryfield, his older sister, and their grandmother struggle for rent money, food, and their dignity as they participate in the Montgomery, Alabama bus boycott in the summer of 1956. 4.9

FIC Rosen, Sybil.

ROSEN **Speed of Light**

An eleven-year-old Jewish girl living in the South during the 1950s struggles with the antisemitism and racism which pervade her small

community.6.8

FIC Sachar, Louis, 1954-.

SACHER **Holes**

As further evidence of his family's bad fortune which they attribute to a curse on a distant relative, Stanley Yelnats is sent to a hellish correctional camp in the Texas desert where he finds his first real friend, a treasure, and a new sense of himself.

FIC Schwartz, Virginia Frances.

SCHWARTZ **If I Just Had Two Wings**

Thirteen-year old Phoebe uses the Underground Railroad to escape from slavery in the American South.

FIC Speare, Elizabeth George.

SPEARE **Calico Captive**

An Englishwoman, Miriam Willard, becomes a captive during the French and Indian War in 1754. After a harrowing march north to Montreal she discovers a city filled with the intrigue of war. 6.9

FIC Speare, Elizabeth George.

SPEARE **The Witch of Blackbird Pond**

In 1687 in Connecticut, Kit Tyler, feeling out of place in the Puritan household of her aunt, befriends an old woman considered a witch by the community and suddenly finds herself standing trial for witchcraft. 6.0

FIC Spinelli, Jerry.

SPINELLI **Wringer**

As Palmer comes of age, he must either accept the violence of being a wringer at his town's annual Pigeon Day or find the courage to oppose it.

FIC Spinelli, Jerry.

SPINELLI **Maniac Magee**

After his parents die, Jeffrey Lionel Magee's life becomes legendary, as he accomplishes athletic and other feats which awe his contemporaries. 5.4

FIC **Stargirl**

SPINELLI In this story about the perils of popularity, the courage of nonconformity, and the thrill of first love, an eccentric student named Stargirl changes Mica High School forever.

FIC Staples, Suzanne Fisher.

STAPLES Shabanu, Daughter of the Wind

When eleven-year old Shabanu, the daughter of a nomad in the Cholistan Desert of present-day Pakistan, is pledged in marriage to an older man whose money will bring prestige to the family, she must either accept the decision, as is the custom, or risk the consequences of defying her father's wishes.

FIC Taylor, Mildred D.

TAYLOR Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry

Sequel: Let the circle be unbroken.

An African-American family living in Mississippi during the Depression of the 1930s is faced with prejudice and discrimination which its children do not understand. 6.9

FIC Taylor, Mildred D.

TAYLOR Song of the Trees

During the Depression, a rural black family deeply attached to the forest on their land tries to save it from being cut down by an unscrupulous white man. 4.3

FIC Taylor, Mildred D.

TAYLOR Mississippi Bridge

During a heavy rainstorm in 1930s rural Mississippi, a ten-year-old white boy sees a bus driver order all the black passengers off a crowded bus to make room for late-arriving white passengers and then set off across the raging Rosa Lee River. 5.9

FIC Tolkien, J. R. R. (John Ronald Reuel),

TOLKIEN The Lord of the Rings by J.R.R. Tolkien

The fellowship of the ring -- The two towers -- The return of the king. A one-volume edition of the trilogy which tells of the great quest undertaken by the hobbit Frodo and the Fellowship of the Ring, to journey across Middle-earth and cast the One Ring, filled with the power of the Dark Lord Sauron, into the Cracks of Doom. Young Adult

FIC Tolkien, J. R. R.

TOLKIEN The Return of the King : Being the Third Part of The Lord of the Rings

Sequel to : The two towers.

Tells of the opposing strategies of the wizard Gandalf and the evil Sauron as Frodo and Sam struggle to end the great darkness with the Ring of Power. 7.9

FIC Tunnell, Michael O.

TUNNELL Brothers in Valor : a Story of Resistance

Three German teenagers who are members of the Mormon Church join forces to create a youth resistance movement during World War II, putting their lives at risk. 8.7

FIC Weil, Sylvie.

WEIL [Mazal d'Elvina. - English]

My Guardian Angel Sylvie Weil

Translation of: Mazal d'Elvina.

Elvina, the unusual granddaughter of renowned Jewish rabbi Solomon ben Isaac, who prefers studying and writing to activities considered respectable for girls, takes a great risk by helping a young boy who has run away from a group of Christian Crusaders in eleventh century Troyes, France. 6.4

FIC Whelan, Gloria.

WHELAN **Chu Ju's House**

In order to save her baby sister, fourteen-year-old Chu Ju leaves her rural home in modern China and earns food and shelter by working on a sampan, tending silk worms, and planting rice seedlings, while wondering if she will ever see her family again. 5.8

FIC Wilder, Laura Ingalls, 1867-1957.

WILDER **The Long Winter**

Young Almanzo Wilder risks his life to save the Ingalls family and others in the little town of De Smet who are snowed in and facing starvation in the harsh winter of 1880-81. 4.4

FIC Taylor, Mildred D.

TAYLOR **The Well : David's Story**

In Mississippi in the early 1900s ten-year-old David Logan's family generously shares their well water with both white and black neighbors in an atmosphere of potential racial violence.

PB Fletcher, Susan,

FLETCHER **Shadow Spinner** Susan Fletcher.

When Marjan, a thirteen-year-old crippled girl, joins the Sultan's harem in ancient Persia, she gathers for Shahrazad the stories which will save the queen's life.