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SEL Theme for March :
Friendship

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

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B
BAER** Adler, David A.
Hiding From the Nazis
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
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FIC
ACK** Ackerman, Karen, 1951-.
The Tin Heart
As the onset of the Civil War causes a rift between their fathers, Mahaley and Flora find a way to preserve their friendship.
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ADLER** Adler, David A.
One Yellow Daffodil : a Hanukkah Story by
During Hanukkah two children help a Holocaust survivor to once again embrace his religious traditions. 3.2
- PICT
FIC
BEST** Best, Cari.
Shrinking Violet
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 3.6disaster.
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BUNTING** Bunting, Eve, 1928-.
Fly Away Home
A homeless boy who lives in an airport with his father, moving from terminal to terminal and trying not to be noticed, is given hope when he sees a trapped bird find its freedom. 4.3
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BUNTING** Bunting, Eve, 1928-.
Dandelions
Zoe and her family find strength in each other as they make a new home in the Nebraska Territory. 3.1
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BUNTING** Bunting, Eve, 1928-.
Dreaming of America : an Ellis Island Story
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**
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** Deedy, Carmen Agra.
FIC **The Yellow Star : the Legend of King Christian X of Denmark**
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**
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**
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** McCain, Becky R. (Becky Ray)
FIC **Nobody Knew What to Do : a Story About Bullying**
MCCAIN When bullies pick on a boy at school, a classmate is afraid, but decides that he must do something. Includes note regarding
- PICT** Myers, Christopher A.
FIC **Wings**
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**
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**
OPP 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 **The Keeping Quilt**
POLACCO A homemade quilt ties together the lives of four generations of an immigrant Jewish family, remaining a symbol of their enduring love and faith. 5.3
- PICT** Polacco, Patricia.
FIC **Mr. Lincoln's Way**
POLACCO When Mr. Lincoln, "the coolest principal in the whole world," discovers that Eugene, the school bully, knows a lot about birds, he uses this interest to help Eugene overcome his intolerance. 4.2
- PICT** Polacco, Patricia.
FIC **Pink and Say**
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**
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**
STIL 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**
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** Yolen, Jane.
FIC **Raising Yoder's Barn**
YOLEN Eight-year-old Matthew tells what happens when fire destroys the barn on his family's farm and all the Amish neighbors come to rebuild it in one day. 5.2
- 158.1** Canfield, Jack, 1944-.
CAN **Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul on Love & Friendship**

- 303.6** Webster-Doyle, Terrence, 1940-.
WEB **Why is Everybody Always Picking on Me? : a Guide to Understanding Bullies for Young People**
 Stories and activities demonstrate how to resolve conflicts nonviolently and how to peacefully confront hostile aggression. 6.5
- 379.263** **The Ruby Bridges Story**
RUB Based on the true story of six-year-old Ruby, one of the first black students to integrate public elementary school in New Orleans. Into her life comes Harvard psychologist Robert Coles. Together, they overcome the threatening crowds, earning them both a place in history.
- B** Bridges, Ruby.
BRIDGES **Through My Eyes**
 Autographed by author, June 2005.
 Ruby Bridges recounts the story of her involvement, as a six-year-old, in the integration of her school in New Orleans in 1960. 6.2
- FIC** Armistead, John.
ARM **The Return of Gabriel**
 In the summer of 1964, a thirteen-year-old white boy whose best friend is black is caught in the middle when civil rights workers and Ku Klux Klan members clash in a small town near Tupelo, Mississippi. 5.6
- FIC** Bauer, Marion Dane.
BAUER **On My Honor** Marion
 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** Bauer, Joan, 1951-.
BAUER **Hope Was Here**
 When sixteen-year-old Hope and the aunt who has raised her move from Brooklyn to Mulhoney, Wisconsin, to work as waitress and cook in the Welcome Stairways diner, they become involved with the diner owner's political campaign to oust the town's corrupt mayor. Young Adult

- FIC
BRA** Brashares, Ann.
The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants
Carmen decides to discard an old pair of jeans, but Tibby, Lena, and Bridget think they are great and decide that whoever the pants fit best will get them. When the jeans fit everyone perfectly, a sisterhood and a memorable summer begin. 6.8
- FIC
CHO** Chotjewitz, David.
Daniel Half Human and the Good Nazi
In 1933, best friends Daniel and Armin admire Hitler, but as anti-Semitism buoys Hitler to power, Daniel learns he is half Jewish, threatening the friendship even as life in their beloved Hamburg, Germany, is becoming nightmarish. Also details Daniel and Armin's reunion in 1945 in interspersed chapters. Young Adult
- FIC
CLEARY** Cleary, Beverly.
Dear Mr. Henshaw
In his letters to his favorite author, ten-year-old Leigh reveals his problems in coping with his parents' divorce, being the new boy in school, and generally finding his own place in the world. 5.0
- FIC
CLEMENTS** Clements, Andrew, 1949-.
Jake Drake, Bully Buster
Jake faces the challenge of cooperating with the school bully on a class project. 4.7
- FIC
CONLY** Conly, Jane Leslie.
Crazy Lady!
As he tries to come to terms with his mother's death, Vernon finds solace in his growing relationship with the neighborhood outcasts, an alcoholic and her retarded son. 4.9
- FIC
COONEY** Cooney, Caroline B.
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
COR** Cormier, Robert.
The Bumblebee Flies Anyway
Sixteen-year-old Barney has only fleeting memories about his past but, as a voluntary patient at the institute for experimental medicine, he knows he is different from the terminally ill patients surrounding him. His involvement with the bitter, slowly dying, Mazzo brings Barney hope, pain, and a moment of heroic glory.
- FIC
COURIC** Couric, Katie, 1957-.
The Brand New Kid
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** Creech, Sharon.
Ruby Holler
Thirteen-year-old fraternal twins Dallas and Florida have grown up in a terrible orphanage but their lives change forever when an eccentric but sweet older couple invites them each on an adventure, beginning in an almost magical place called Ruby Holler. 6.0
- FIC
CREW** Crew, Linda.
Children of the River
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
ELLIS** Ellis, Deborah, 1960-.
The Breadwinner
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
ESTES** Estes, Eleanor, 1906-.
The Hundred Dresses
In winning a medal she is no longer there to receive, a tight-lipped little Polish girl teaches her classmates a lesson.
- FIC
FOGELIN** Fogelin, Adrian.
Crossing Jordan
Twelve-year-old Cass meets her new African-American neighbor, Jemie, and despite their families' prejudices, they build a strong friendship around their mutual talent for running and a pact to read Jane Eyre. 4.2

- FIC** Giff, Patricia Reilly.
GIFF **Pictures of Hollis Woods**
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. YA
- FIC** Greene, Bette, 1934-.
GREENE **Summer of My German Soldier**
When German prisoners of war are brought to her Arkansas town during World War II, twelve-year-old Patty, a Jewish girl, befriends one of them and must deal with the consequences of that friendship. Young Adult
- FIC** Harrison, Lisi.
HARRISON **Best Friends for Never**
A bet about wardrobes between the wealthy Massie and middle-class Claire results in a testing of old friendships, a forging of new ones, and a change for the student body at Octavian Country Day School. Young Adult
- FIC** Hartling, Peter, 1933-.
HARTLING **Crutches**
Translation of: Krcke.
A young boy, searching vainly for his mother in post-war Vienna, is befriended by a man on crutches and together they find hope for the future.
- FIC** Hinton, S. E.
HINTON **The Outsiders**
The struggle of three brothers to stay together after their parent's death and their quest for identity among the conflicting values of their adolescent society. 5.1
- FIC** Holt, Kimberly Willis.
HOLT **When Zachary Beaver Came to Town**
During the summer of 1971 in a small Texas town, thirteen-year-old Toby and his best friend Cal meet the star of a sideshow act, 600-pound Zachary, the fattest boy in the world. 5.0

- FIC** Horvath, Polly.
HOR **Everything On a Waffle**
 Eleven-year-old Primrose living in a small fishing village in British Columbia recounts her experiences and all that she learns about human nature and the unpredictability of life in the months after her parents are lost at sea.
- FIC** Howe, James, 1946-.
HOWE **The Misfits**
 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** Kadohata, Cynthia.
KAD **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** Kehret, Peg.
KEHRET **The Stranger Next Door**
 A clever cat's heroism helps two twelve-year-old boys become friends after their families, one of which is in a witness protection program, move to neighboring houses in Hilltop, Washington. 6.6
- FIC** Koss, Amy Goldman, 1954-.
KOSS **The Girls**
 Each of the girls in a middle-school clique reveals the strong, manipulative hold one of the group exerts on the others, causing hurt and self-doubt among the girls. 7.1
- FIC** Krensky, Stephen.
KRENSKY **Louise Takes Charge**
 Louise enlists the aid of everyone in her class and together they outwit Jasper the bully. 5.2
- 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

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LEV** Levinson, Marilyn.
And Don't Bring Jeremy
New in the neighborhood and eager to be part of a new crowd, sixth-grader Adam finds it difficult to come to terms with the needs of his older brother who suffers from a learning disability and often seems younger than Adam himself.
- FIC
LOWRY** Lowry, Lois.
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
LYONS** Lyons, Mary E.
Dear Ellen Bee : a Civil War Scrapbook of Two Union Spies
A scrapbook kept by a young black girl details her experiences and those of the older white woman, "Miss Bet," who had freed her and her family, sent her north from Richmond to get an education, and then worked to bring an end to slavery. Based on the life of Elizabeth Van Lew. 5.9
- FIC
MAY** Mayfield, Sue.
Drowning Anna
"First published in the U.K. 2001 as Blue"--T.p. verso.
Brainy, shy Anna Goldsmith, having moved from London to Yorkshire, is thrilled to be befriended by Hayley Parkin, the most popular girl in her new school, but over the course of several years it becomes evident that Hayley's motives are not at all kind. 4.1
- FIC
MCGHEE** McGhee, Alison, 1960-.
Snap
Eleven-year-old Edwina confronts old and new challenges when her longtime best friend Sally faces the inevitable death of the grandmother who raised her. 5.1
- FIC
MCKAY** McKay, Hilary.
Indigo's Star
Sequel to: Saffy's angel.
Spurred on by his youngest sister, Rose, twelve-year-old Indigo sticks up for himself and an American boy who has replaced him as the primary target of the school bullies. Ages 8-12

- FIC**
MEAD Mead, Alice.
Junebug and the Reverend
Sequel to: Junebug.
Having moved out of the housing project and into a new home along with his mother and sister, ten-year-old Junebug discovers that bullies are everywhere and that the elderly can make great friends. 4.2
- FIC**
NELSON Nelson, Theresa, 1948-.
And One For All
Geraldine's close relationship with her older brother Wing and his friend Sam changes when Wing joins the Marines and Sam leaves for Washington to join a peace march.
- FIC**
PAT Paterson, Katherine.
Bridge to Terabithia
The life of a ten-year-old boy in rural Virginia expands when he becomes friends with a newcomer who subsequently meets an untimely death trying to reach their hideaway, Terabithia, during a storm. 6.0
- FIC**
PETERS Peters, Julie Anne.
Define "Normal"
When she agrees to meet with Jasmine as a peer counselor at their middle school, Antonia never dreams that this girl with the black lipstick and pierced eyebrow will end up helping her deal with the serious problems she faces at home and become a good friend. 5.3
- FIC**
ROB Robinson, Nancy K.
Veronica, the Show-Off
Although lonely and desperately in need of friends, Veronica overwhelms her new classmates with her outrageous behavior in a bid for attention.
- FIC**
RODMAN Rodman, Mary Ann.
Yankee Girl
When her FBI-agent father is transferred to Jackson, Mississippi, in 1964, eleven-year-old Alice wants to be popular but also wants to reach out to the one black girl in her class in a newly-integrated school. 6.3
- FIC**
ROOS Roos, Stephen.
The Gypsies Never Came
Sixth-grader Augie Knapp, who has a deformed hand, is convinced by Lydie Rose, the strange new girl in town, that the gypsies are coming for him. 7.1

- FIC SAC** Sachar, Louis, 1954-.
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 SCHMIDT** Schmidt, Gary D.
Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy
 In 1911, Turner Buckminster hates his new home of Phippsburg, Maine, but things improve when he meets Lizzie Bright Griffin, a girl from a poor, nearby island community founded by former slaves that the town fathers--and Turner's--want to change into a tourist spot.
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- FIC SELDEN** Selden, George, 1929-.
The Cricket in Times Square
 The adventures of a country cricket who unintentionally arrives in New York and is befriended by Tucker Mouse and Harry Cat. 6.2
- FIC SHR** Shreve, Susan Richards.
Under the Watsons' Porch
 Twelve-year-old Ellie's boring summer becomes exciting when she develops a crush on her new next-door neighbor, an older boy with a troubled past, whom her parents have forbidden her to see. 6.8
- FIC SIL** Silverstein, Shel.
The Giving Tree.
 A young boy grows to manhood and old age experiencing the love and generosity of a tree which gives to him without thought of return.
- FIC SPEARE** Speare, Elizabeth George.
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 SPINELLI** Spinelli, Jerry.
Crash
 Seventh-grader John "Crash" Coogan has always been comfortable with his tough, aggressive behavior, until his relationship with an unusual Quaker boy and his grandfather's stroke make him consider the meaning of friendship and the importance of family.

- FIC SPI** Spinelli, Jerry.
Stargirl
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 TOLAN** Tolan, Stephanie S.
Surviving the Applewhites
Jake, a budding juvenile delinquent, is sent for home schooling to the arty and eccentric Applewhite family's Creative Academy, where he discovers talents and interests he never knew he had.
- FIC TOLKIEN** Tolkien, J. R. R. (John Ronald Reuel), 1892-1973.
The Lord of the Rings
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 WILHELM** Wilhelm, Doug.
The Revealers
Tired of being bullied and picked on, three seventh-grade outcasts join forces and, using scientific methods and the power of the Internet, begin to create a new atmosphere at Parkland Middle School. 6.2
- FIC WISLER** Wisler, G. Clifton.
Caleb's choice G. Clifton Wisler.
While living in Texas in 1858, fourteen-year-old Caleb faces a dilemma in deciding whether or not to assist fugitive slaves in their run for freedom. 4.8
- FIC WOI** Wolff, Virginia Euwer.
True Believer
Living in the inner city amidst guns and poverty, fifteen-year-old LaVaughn learns from old and new friends, and inspiring mentors, that life is what you make it--an occasion to rise to. Young Adult
- FIC WOO** Woodruff, Elvira.
Dear Austin : Letters From the Underground Railroad
In 1853, in letters to his older brother, eleven-year-old Levi describes his adventures in the Pennsylvania countryside with his African-American friend Jupiter and his experiences with the Underground Railroad. 5.3

FIC
YEE Yee, Lisa.
Millicent Min, Girl Genius
In a series of journal entries, eleven-year-old child prodigy Millicent Min records her struggles to learn to play volleyball, tutor her enemy, deal with her grandmother's departure, and make friends over the course of a tumultuous summer.

FIC
CARTER Carter, Alden R.
Bull Catcher
Pete and Jeff continue their friendship and love of baseball as they progress from ninth grade through high school in their small Wisconsin town.

FIC
KON Konigsburg, E. L.
The View From Saturday
Four students, with their own individual stories, develop a special bond and attract the attention of their teacher, a paraplegic, who chooses them to represent their sixth-grade class in the Academic Bowl competition.

PB
GIFF Giff, Patricia Reilly.
Pictures of Hollis Woods
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. YA

PB
HAR Harrison, Lisi.
The Clique
Wealthy Massie is determined to exclude middle class Claire, the daughter of her father's old friend, from her seventh-grade clique at a very exclusive private school in Westchester, New York, but after Massie steals her only friend, Claire strikes back.

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PETERS Peters, Julie Anne.
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When she agrees to meet with Jasmine as a peer counselor at their middle school, Antonia never dreams that this girl with the black lipstick and pierced eyebrow will end up helping her deal with the serious problems she faces at home and become a good friend.