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SEL Theme for September:
Building Community
(Compassion & Kindness)

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- PICT**
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MOC Mochizuki, Ken, 1954-.
Passage to Freedom : the Sugihara Story written by Ken Mochizuki
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.
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JAK Jakes, John, 1932-.
Susanna of the Alamo : a True Story written by John Jakes
Relates the experiences of the Texas woman who, along with her baby, survived the 1836 massacre at the Alamo.
- PICT**
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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 (32)p.
- PICT**
FIC
ADLER Adler, David A.
The Babe & I written by David A. Adler
While helping his family make ends meet during the Depression by selling newspapers, a boy meets Babe Ruth. 2.8. (32)p.
- PICT**
FIC
ADLER Adler, David A.
One Yellow Daffodil : a Hanukkah Story David A. Adler
During Hanukkah two children help a Holocaust survivor to once again embrace his religious traditions. 3.2
- PICT**
FIC
BARTONE Bartone, Elisa.
Peppe the Lamplighter by Elisa Bartone
Peppe's father is upset when he learns that Peppe has taken a job lighting the gas street lamps in his New York City neighborhood. 4.3.
- PICT**
FIC
BEST Best, Cari.
Shrinking Violet by Cari 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**
FIC
BUNTING Bunting, Eve, 1928-.
Fly Away Home by Eve Bunting
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

- PICT** Polacco, Patricia.
FIC **The Keeping Quilt** by Patricia Polacco
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** Patricia Polacco.
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** 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.
- PICT** Turner, Ann Warren.
FIC **Nettie's Trip South** Ann Turner
TURNER A ten-year-old northern girl encounters the ugly realities of slavery when she visits Richmond, Virginia, and sees a slave auction.
- PICT** Waldman, Neil.
FIC **The Never-Ending Greenness : We Made Israel Bloom** Neil Waldman
WALDMAN When his family comes to live in Israel after the end of World War II, a young boy begins planting and caring for trees, a practice that spreads across the whole country. 4.8
- 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

- PICT
FIC
YOLEN** Yolen, Jane.
Raising Yoder's Barn by Jane 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
- 379.2
MOR** Morrison, Toni.
Remember : the Journey to School Integration Toni Morrison.
Presents a selection of archival photographs that document events surrounding the integration of U.S. schools following the 1954 Supreme Court decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*, and includes captions in which Toni Morrison imagines what the people in the pictures must have been thinking and feeling. 2.4
- 614.5
MUR** Murphy, Jim, 1947-.
An American Plague : the True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793 by Jim Murphy..
No one noticed -- "All was not right" -- Church bells tolling -- Confusion, distress, and utter desolation -- "It was our duty" -- The prince of bleeders -- "By twelve only" -- "This unmerciful enemy" -- "A delicate situation" -- Improvements and the public gratitude -- "A modern-day time bomb.". Provides an account of the yellow fever epidemic that swept through Philadelphia in 1793, discussing the chaos that erupted when people began evacuating in droves, leaving the city without government, goods, or services, and examining efforts by physicians, the Free African Society, and others to cure and care for the sick. 7.1
- 940.54
COO** Cooper, Michael L., 1950-.
Remembering Manzanar : Life in a Japanese Relocation Camp Michael L. Cooper.
Uses firsthand accounts, oral histories, and essays from school newspapers and yearbooks to tell the story of the Japanese Americans who were sent to live in government-run internments camps during World War II. 6.5
- FIC
BAKER** Baker, Julie.
Up Molasses Mountain Julie Baker.
When union members arrive to organize their West Virginia coal mining town, fourteen-year-old Clarence Henderson, shunned for his cleft lip, and his neighbor Elizabeth Braxton narrate the changes in their own lives and in the lives of everyone in their community. Young Adult
- FIC
BAUER** Bauer, Joan, 1951-.
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
CLAPP** Clapp, Patricia.
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. (214)p.

- FIC CONLY** Conly, Jane Leslie.
Crazy Lady! by Jane Leslie Conly.:
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 (180)p.
- FIC COURIC** Couric, Katie, 1957-.
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 (32)p.
- FIC CREECH** Creech, Sharon.
Ruby Holler Sharon Creech.
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 GIFF** Giff, Patricia Reilly.
Pictures of Hollis Woods Patricia Reilly
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 HIAASEN** Hiaasen, Carl.
Hoot Carl Hiaasen.
Roy, who is new to his small Florida community, becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site. Young Adult
- FIC HOLT** Holt, Kimberly Willis.
When Zachary Beaver Came to Town Kimberly Willis Holt
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 HOWE** Howe, James, 1946-.
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 KADOHATA** Kadohata, Cynthia.
Kira-Kira Cynthia Kadohata
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 KRENSKY** Krensky, Stephen.
Louise Takes Charge by Stephen Krensky
Louise enlists the aid of everyone in her class and together they outwit Jasper the bully. 5.2

- FIC L'ENGLE** L'Engle, Madeleine.
Meet the Austins Madeleine L'Engle.
 The life of the Austin family is changed by the arrival of self-centered young Maggy Hamilton, orphaned by the sudden death of her pilot father.
- FIC LEE** Lee, Harper.
To Kill a Mockingbird Harper Lee.
 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 LYONS** Lyons, Mary E.
Dear Ellen Bee : a Civil War Scrapbook of Two Union Spies by Mary E. Lyons & Muriel M. Branch
 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 RINALDI** Rinaldi, Ann.
Numbering all the Bones Ann Rinaldi.
 Thirteen-year-old Eulinda, a house slave on a Georgia plantation in 1864, turns to Clara Barton, the eventual founder of the American Red Cross, for help in finding her brother Neddy who ran away to join the Northern war effort and is rumored to be at Andersonville Prison. 6.3
- FIC RITTER** Ritter, John H., 1951-.
The Boy who Saved Baseball John H. Ritter.
 The fate of a small California town rests on the outcome of one baseball game, and Tom Gallagher hopes to lead his team to victory with the secrets of the now disgraced player, Dante Del Gato. 6.5
- FIC RITTER** Ritter, John H., 1951-.
Over the Wall John H. Ritter.
 Thirteen-year-old Tyler, who has trouble controlling his anger, spends an important summer with his cousins in New York City, playing baseball and sorting out how he feels about violence, war, and in particular the Vietnamese conflict that took his grandfather's life. 7.5
- FIC ROBINET** Robinet, Harriette.
Walking to the Bus-Rider Blues Harriette Gillem Robinet.
 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 RODMAN** Rodman, Mary Ann.
Yankee Girl Mary Ann Rodman.
 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 ROSEN** Rosen, Sybil.
Speed of Light by Sybil Rosen
"An Ann Schwartz book."
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 SCHMIDT** Schmidt, Gary D.
Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy by Gary D. Schmidt.
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. 6.4
- FIC SCHWARTZ** Schwartz, Virginia Frances.
Send One Angel Down Virginia Frances Schwartz.
A young slave tries to hide the horrors of slavery from his younger cousin, a light-skinned slave who is the daughter of the plantation owner.
- FIC SCHWARTZ** Schwartz, Virginia Frances.
If I Just Had Two Wings Virginia Frances Schwartz.
Thirteen-year old Phoebe uses the Underground Railroad to escape from slavery in the American South. 5.8
- FIC SILVERSTEIN** Silverstein, Shel.
The Giving Tree. by Shel Silverstein.
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.
The Witch of Blackbird Pond Elizabeth George Speare
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 TAYLOR** Taylor, Mildred D.
Mississippi Bridge Mildred D. Taylor
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** Tolkien, J. R. R. (John Ronald Reuel),
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 TUNNELL** Tunnell, Michael O.
Brothers in Valor : a Story of Resistance Michael O. Tunnell.
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**

Weil, Sylvie.
[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**

Whelan, Gloria.
Chu Ju's House Gloria Whelan. -- 1st ed.
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
WILHELM**

Wilhelm, Doug.
The Revealers Doug Wilhelm.
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
TAYLOR**

Taylor, Mildred D.
The Well: David's Story Mildred D. Taylor
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.