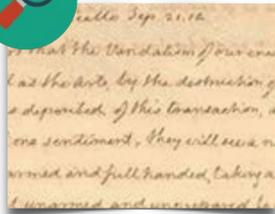


## Text Set to Accompany

# Thomas Jefferson Builds a Library

### Primary Sources & Research Materials

These texts tell readers more about Thomas Jefferson's library.



#### [Library of Congress Collection: Thomas Jefferson's Letters](#)

On the Library of Congress website, visitors can access scans of letters in which Thomas Jefferson offers his library to Congress and agrees to "arrange and number all the books."

#### [Monticello Database: Thomas Jefferson's Libraries](#)

This database contains lists of the titles Jefferson included in his library, as well as books he wanted to own. It also includes lists Jefferson himself made to recommend titles to others. Visitors to the website can search the titles or browse the book lists.



#### [Library of Congress: The Thomas Jefferson Papers Timeline](#)

This timeline covers the events of Jefferson's life as documented in his own letters and other papers. Visitors to the Library of Congress website can click on each time period to see a detailed outline of the events in Jefferson's life. This timeline is great to browse alongside *Thomas Jefferson Builds a Library!*

### Content Connections

These texts explore topics such as the Library of Congress and book collections.



#### [NPR Interview: Jefferson's Library Once Again Complete](#)

The Library of Congress has managed to re-create –with the help of rare-book collectors – the two-thirds of Thomas Jefferson's Library that burned in a 1851 fire. Mark Dimunation, of the Library of Congress, discusses Jefferson's tastes and rare-book detectives.

#### [Smithsonian Video: The Books of Thomas Jefferson's Library](#)

This video shares details about some of the items included in Thomas Jefferson's library. The voiceover explains why Jefferson added certain titles to his collection, while the slideshow includes photos of the items, as well as the Library of Congress.



#### [Scholastic Kids Press Article: A Librarian for Us All](#)

What does the Librarian of Congress do? This article features Dr. Carla D. Hayden, the current Librarian of Congress. Dr. Hayden's career started when she was a children's librarian in Chicago. She now considers ways to make the Library of Congress accessible to all people through digital collections.

#### [Newsela Article: Library of Congress receives large comic book collection](#)

Did you know the Library of Congress has comic books, too? In 2018, a man named Stephen A. Geppi donated over 3,000 items to the library. The collection was worth more than a million dollars. The library is working to preserve the comics forever.



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### Texts to Pair with *Thomas Jefferson Builds a Library*

These fiction and nonfiction texts can be read alongside *Thomas Jefferson Builds a Library* for deeper exploration of libraries and the roles they play in our lives.

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*Planting Stories: The Life of Librarian and Storyteller Pura Belpré*  
By Anika Aldamuy Denise  
This picture book biography profiles Pura Belpré: storyteller, puppeteer, and New York City's first Puerto Rican librarian.

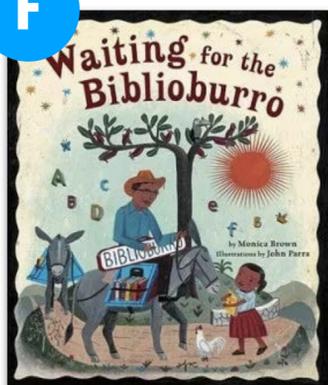
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*Lost in the Library*  
By Josh Funk

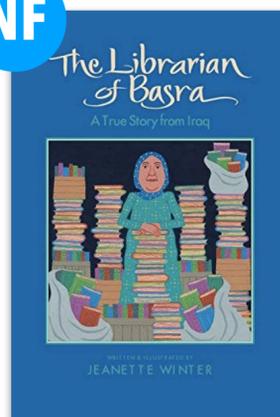
This book tells a story inspired by Patience and Fortitude, the two lion statues that faithfully guard the New York Public Library.

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*Waiting for the Biblioburro*  
By Monica Brown  
Inspired by Colombian librarian Luis Soriano Bohórquez, this story shows what can happen when all children have stories within reach.

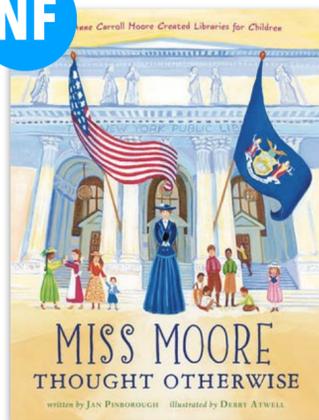
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*The Librarian of Basra: A True Story from Iraq*  
By Jeanette Winter

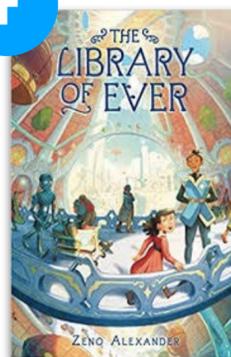
This picture book captures the true story about a librarian's struggle to save her community's priceless collection of books.

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*Miss Moore Thought Otherwise: How Anne Carroll Moore Created Libraries for Children*  
By Jan Pinborough  
This picture book tells the story of how Anne Carroll Moore created the first children's room at the New York Public Library.

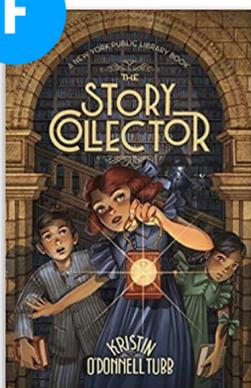
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*The Library of Ever*  
By Zeno Alexander

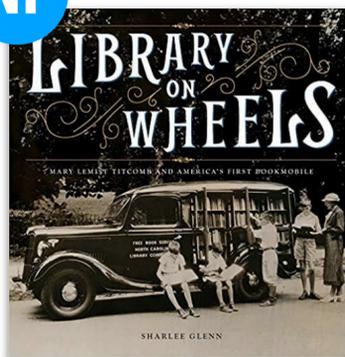
This captivating fantasy chapter book follows a young girl named Lenora as she becomes Fourth Assistant Apprentice Librarian of the Library of Ever.

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*The Story Collector*  
By Kristin O'Donnell Tubb  
This historical fiction middle-grade novel is inspired by the real life of Viviani Fedeler. Eleven-year-old Viviani has spent her whole life living in the New York Public Library, and she explores mysteries within its walls.

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*Library on Wheels: Mary Lemist Titcomb and America's First Bookmobile*  
By Sharlee Glenn

Mary Lemist Titcomb changed the library system forever with the introduction of book-deposit stations throughout the country and a horse-drawn Book Wagon!

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