Explore New York

New York State History, Culture, and Diversity

The New York State Library, in partnership with the New York Library Association’s Youth Services Section and School Library Media Section, has created four selected reading lists that celebrate the history, culture, and diversity of New York State for 2010 “Summer Reading at New York Libraries.”

Librarians who work with children and teens in both public libraries and school libraries across the State collaborated to select age-appropriate titles for recreational reading. The lists are not comprehensive; rather they are designed to provide a “flavor” of New York State and to spark an interest in the fascinating story of New York State.

Each of the four lists covers one reader age group and features a Summer Reading at New York Libraries Slogan:

“Make a Splash: Explore New York” for Picture Books and Elementary lists
“Make Waves: Explore New York” for Tween and Teen lists

Books marked "Braille format" and "Recorded format" are noted for use by students who have a disability which affects their use of print materials. The books with these notations are available for loan to eligible students and schools. For information on the three libraries in New York State which lend books in these formats through the National Library Service for the Blind & Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress program, see Attachment A.

Titles that are available in commercial audio formats are noted when available. A list of commercial audio vendors is provided in Attachment B.

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Attachment A

Libraries in New York State which lend recorded and Braille books through the National Library Service for the Blind & Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress program:

Upstate New York
New York State Library
New York State Talking Book and Braille Library (full service to 55 upstate counties)
Cultural Education Center / Empire State Plaza
Albany, NY 12230
Telephone: (518) 474-5935
Toll-free (In-state): (800) 342-3688
FAX: (518) 486-1957
E-mail: tbblkids@mail.nysed.gov
Web site: http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/tbbl/

New York City
The New York Public Library
Andrew Heiskell Braille and Talking Book Library (full service to NYC and Braille service for Long Island)
40 West 20th Street
New York, NY 10011-4211
Telephone: (212) 206-5400
24 / 7 Voicemail: (212) 206-5425
TDD: (212) 206-5458
FAX: (212) 206-5418
E-mail: ahlbph@nypl.org
Web site: http://talkingbooks.nypl.org/

Long Island
Suffolk Cooperative Library System
Long Island Talking Book Library (serves Suffolk & Nassau Counties)
627 North Sunrise Service Road, P.O. Box 9000
Bellport, NY 11713-9000
Telephone: (631) 286-1600
Toll-free (In-state): (866) 833-1122
TDD: (631) 286-4546
FAX: (631) 286-1647
E-mail: lbph@suffolk.lib.ny.us
Web site: http://www.litbl.org
Attachment B
2010 Audio Vendors Contact information

Audio Book Contractors:  http://www.audiobookcontractors.com/merchant2/

Audio Bookshelf:  http://www.audiobookshelf.com/timemach.html

Blackstone:  http://www.blackstoneaudio.com/index.cfm?ctyp=lbry

Brilliance Audio:  http://www.brillianceaudio.com/


Listening Library:  http://www.randomhouse.com/audio/listeninglibrary/

Live Oak Media:  http://www.liveoakmedia.com/

One More Story:  http://www.onemorestory.com/

Orbis:  http://www.talkingbooks.org/acatalog/Audio_Catalogue_Orbis_2454.html

Recorded Books:  http://www.recordedbooks.com/

Scholastic:  http://www2.scholastic.com/browse/collection.jsp?id=547

Spoken Arts:  http://www.rbfilm.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=rb.spoken_arts
ISBN: 9780152050269 0152050264
It's 1932 and hard times are everywhere, but America still loves baseball, and Babe Ruth is the star. Two boys discover that with some creativity, hard work, and a little help from the Babe himself, they can do their part to help out their own team.
FICTION

ISBN: 9780689841453
In the early years of the twentieth century, a Swedish family encounters separation and other hardships upon immigrating to New York City until the son is cast in a silent movie.
FICTION

ISBN: 9780670059829 067005982X
Lionel, a Jewish boy growing up in a New York City tenement, draws pictures on every scrap of paper he can find, but he does not see any value in his efforts until his teacher takes him on a streetcar journey to the Metropolitan Museum of Art.
FICTION

ISBN: 9781584302759 1584302755
This picture-book biography of one of the first female sushi chefs in New York City celebrates Hiromi Suzuki's Japanese-American roots and her achievements in the U.S.
NON-FICTION
A bilingual storybook biography of the life of Celia Cruz, the Cuban-Born Queen of Salsa (English/Spanish). *Americas Book Award and Belpré Award*
NON-FICTION

When Beaver challenges Turtle to a swimming race for ownership of the pond, Turtle outsmarts Beaver, and Beaver learns to share.
FOLKLORE

A boy finally comes to understand why his grandmother insists that the family visit Ellis Island each year to celebrate Lady Liberty's birthday.
FICTION

Illustrated biography of baseball’s Brooklyn Dodger, Jackie Robinson.
NON-FICTION

Retelling of a Seneca legend wherein a girl takes destiny into her own hands by going over Niagara Falls.
FOLKLORE/LEGEND

Six stories describe the experiences of two sisters growing up in Brooklyn in the time of trolleys and Shirley Temple movies.
FICTION
ISBN: 9780800002572 0800002571
Discover the vibrant world of NYC’s Harlem as seen through the eyes of one little boy. 
Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award and Ezra Jack Keats Award
FICTION
Braille format: BR 13088

ISBN: 9780374300043 0374300046
Growing up in western New York State in the early 1800s, Abbie would much rather read than
embroider a sampler, which her mother and teacher insist she do, but she works hard after
thinking of just the right picture.
FICTION

ISBN: 9780516273921 0516273922
A brief introduction to Niagara Falls.
NON-FICTION

ISBN: 9780374343859
Describes the unveiling of the Statue of Liberty and its importance as a symbol of freedom.
FICTION

ISBN: 9780060260300 0060260300
The chase is on! When the gingerbread boy rises from butter and molasses, everyone wants him
for a snack. But the gingerbread boy has other ideas, sliding down the fire escape and running
through the streets of New York City.
FICTION

ISBN: 9780312368784 031236878X
A lyrical evocation of Philippe Petit's 1974 tightrope walk between the World Trade Center
towers. Caldecott Metal
NON-FICTION
Braille format: BR 15045

2002.
ISBN: 9780060258917 0060258918
Illustrations and rhyming text celebrate the sights and sounds of New York's Central Park in
summer.
FICTION
ISBN: 9780892392223 0892392223  
During the early days of the Great Depression, New York City's first Puerto Rican librarian, Pura Belpré, introduces the public library to immigrants living in El Barrio and hosts the neighborhood's first Three Kings' Day fiesta.

**FICTION**

ISBN: 9780689825842 0689825846  
"Impossible!" At first folks didn't really believe the Erie Canal would ever be built--but when it was completed in 1825, people proclaimed it, "Amazing!" Illustrations and maps included.

**NON-FICTION**

ISBN: 9780763602840 0763602841  
A plaque in the 86th Street subway station bears the name “Jamaica Louise James, age 8.” The book is a testimony of how a single young girl, “Jamaica” changed her neighborhood through her art.

**FICTION**

Illustrated audio performance available at onemorestory.com

ISBN: 9780823415519 0823415511  
What goes on right under people's feet? A lot more than you'd imagine! This striking picture book depicts New York and the fascinating, bustling world that exists beneath its streets.

**NON-FICTION**

ISBN: 9780802789112 0802789110  
A fictionalized account, told in free-verse poems, of a young girl's experience living through the 1888 "Great Blizzard" in New York City.

**FICTION**
ISBN: 9780802853301 0802853307
In 1910, when his family moves to New York City from their ranch out West, Ben misses the cowboys and the prairies that they left behind. After he learns that there are cowboys in the city, who race along the railroad tracks and warn people of approaching trains, he begins to feel more at home.

**FICTION**

ISBN: 9780375836107 Out of Print
In 1931, a boy and his father watch as the world's tallest building, the Empire State Building, is constructed, step-by-step, near their Manhattan home. *ALA Notable Children's Book*

**FICTION**

ISBN: 9781586853570
This book is filled with the sights and sounds of a subway ride through the boroughs of New York City.

**FICTION**

ISBN: 9780439553827 0439553822
Illustrations accompany the lyrics of Billy Joel’s popular single: “New York State of Mind.” Includes a CD of the song.

**NON-FICTION**

ISBN: 0613229665
This wordless alphabet book is illustrated with stunningly imaginative, photo-realistic cityscapes.

**Caldecott Honor**

**NON-FICTION**

ISBN: 9780399239533 0399239537
Originally launched in 1931, the Harvey was one of the most powerful fireboats of its time. Years later, a group of friends restored the retired boat, and after the September 11 attacks, the fire department called on the Harvey for help. This is the inspiring story of the history, the people and the events that shaped New York City--in the past and the present.

**NON-FICTION**

Braille format: BR 15004
ISBN: 9780823418633 0823418634
Letters tell the story of Owney, a dog who became mascot of the Albany, New York post office in 1888 and traveled around the world.
FICTION

ISBN: 9780525477891
On Career Day, a young girl entertains the class with a description of her father's exciting job as light bulb changer at the top of the Empire State Building. Imagine how special it would be to have a dad responsible for changing the light bulbs at the tippy-top of the Empire State Building!
FICTION
Braille format: BR 17044

ISBN: 9780374363086
A man, who sleeps for twenty years in the Catskill Mountains, wakes to a much-changed world. Illustrated adaptation of Washington Irving’s *Rip Van Winkle.*
FICTION

ISBN: 9780823416578
A boat captain and his men battle Bill McGrew and his pirate crew on the Erie Canal in a rhyming tale inspired by a folksong.
FICTION

ISBN 9780140555066
A little girl hears how, long ago, another little red-haired girl--her great-grandmother--sailed across the sea with her older brother to join their parents in a strange new land called America.
FICTION

ISBN: 9781585363155 1585363154
Story of a family living in the Bowery during the immigration wave of the 1920s. As the family struggles, they learn about hope, hard work, and following dreams.
FICTION
ISBN 9780140558821
The classic American poem, *The Song of Hiawatha*, is developed into a tale covering the early years of Hiawatha, when he first learned the Native American way of life from his grandmother.
POETRY
Braille format: BR 06112 / Recorded format: RC 22692

ISBN 9780805042146
A boy and his grandmother wind their way through the streets of Chinatown, enjoying all the sights and smells of the Chinese New Year's Day.
FICTION

ISBN: 9781428739826 1428739823
An illustrated account of the construction, history, and demolition of one of the most famous railroad stations in America-- New York City's Penn Station.
NON-FICTION

ISBN 9780811848770 0811848779
Zoe and her great-aunt do research in New York to solve a mystery surrounding a pink scarab at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.
FICTION

ISBN: 9780060548773 0060548770
An A to Z book covering all the major sites in New York City in full color.
NON-FICTION

ISBN: 9780756794552 0756794552
New York City is a myriad of contrasts and a city of many perspectives. Peek through the pages to explore the city.
NON-FICTION
ISBN: 9780375832734
Stellina was a bird: "Cheep", a very little bird: "cheep! cheep!" So begins Pericoli's true story of how he and his wife, Holly, came to rescue and raise a little finch, Stellina, in the middle of New York City.
NON-FICTION

ISBN: 9780375832734 061844887X
After the Brooklyn Bridge is built in 1883, P.T. Barnum demonstrates that the bridge is safe by marching 21 of his elephants across it on their way to the Big Top and “The Greatest Show on Earth.”
FICTION

ISBN: 9780316735216 0316735213
After hearing some men label his father and him as “hillbillies” on his first trip to the nearby town of Hudson, a young boy is not so sure he still wants to become a basket maker.
FICTION

ISBN: 9780375812002
Names the people and objects that make a girl's New York City apartment, school, and neighborhood special.
FICTION

ISBN: 9780517580318
Ringgold recounts the dream adventure of eight-year-old Cassie Louise Lightfoot, who flies above her apartment-building rooftop, the ‘tar-beach’ of the title, looking down on 1939 Harlem. Part autobiographical, part fictional, this allegorical tale sparkles with symbolic and historical references central to African-American culture.
*Caldecott Honor and Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award*
FICTION
Braille format: BR 08940
After helping Monsieur Bartholdi build the Statue of Liberty, a Parisian orphan stows away on the ship carrying the statue to America.
FICTION

Rhyming text and photographs celebrate the sights and people of the city.
FICTION

A wide-eyed boy and his dad explore the Big Apple’s busy streets and towering views in this child-friendly tribute to an incomparable city.
FICTION

First published in 1960 and reprinted in 2003, Sasek’s vision of New York nearly forty years ago still remains fresh: the hustle and bustle of Times Square, the ethnic neighborhoods, the awe-inspiring architecture.
NON-FICTION

ISBN: 9780971306974 0971306974
In 1888, Owney, a stray puppy, finds a home in the Albany, New York post office and becomes its official mascot as he rides the mail train through the Adirondacks discovering new vistas and friends along the way.
FICTION

Illustrated version of a folk song describing the journey from Albany to Buffalo on the Erie Canal in the 1850's; includes musical notation.
NON-FICTION

An illustrated message of peace and appreciation of Mother Earth, traditionally recited by Mohawk children every morning. The prayer appears in the Mohawk language on the last page.
NON-FICTION
With watercolors, colored pencil and ink, the author/illustrator creates lushly detailed paintings that tell a story both literally and symbolically.
NON-FICTION

ISBN: 9781589802674 1589802675
Although Joshua, a giant frog, causes earthquakes when he hops and topples trees when he croaks, he can also haul a string of barges down the Erie Canal.
FICTION

ISBN: 9780613718820 0613718828
Although the passengers of the D-train speak different languages, they work together to rescue a frightened bird.
FICTION

ISBN: 9780439634069
When Cat feels sad about living in the hustle and bustle of the city, Chicken finds colorful ways to make Cat feel better.
FICTION

ISBN: 978-0670062843 0670062847
See the transformation of the island of Manhattan from its earliest beginnings to today and beyond. Colorful and imaginative illustrations depict the growth of this small island from its first animals, to native peoples, then explorers, and settlers.
NON-FICTION

ISBN: 9781563977367 1563977362
This book sparks timeless wonder and imagination with its stunning Van Gogh-inspired paintings of Manhattan.
FICTION

ISBN: 9780374372842 0374372845
A behind-the-scenes look at an underground miracle. On October 27, 1904, the first section of the most famous subway system in the world was opened for business. Thousands of passengers paid the nickel fare to experience what it was like to ride beneath Broadway and other traffic-clogged city streets from lower Manhattan to the Upper West Side.
NON-FICTION
ISBN: 9780399236303
Ria is lonely living in New York City. She misses her Caribbean home. Most of all, she misses the animals she left behind. Then one fall morning, Ria's neighbor takes her on a surprise visit to a great cathedral -- it's the Feast of Saint Francis, when people in New York City bring their pets to church to be blessed.

FICTION

ISBN: 9780689847622
Albert the dachshund loves nothing better than riding in taxicabs, until the day a taxicab adventure takes him to the airport.

FICTION
Make a Splash: Explore New York

ISBN: 9781575054568
On April 26, 1777, in Patterson, NY (Putnam County), Colonel Ludington received word that the British were attacking and burning Danbury, CT. Ludington’s 16-year-old daughter, Sybil, eagerly volunteered to spread the word and gather his troops to prevent the British from marching into New York.
NON-FICTION

ISBN: 9780679877875 0679877878
In the Hell's Kitchen section of New York City in 1915, Patrick Doyle secures access to a baseball diamond through his skill and the help of the Giants hitter, Larry Doyle.
Best Books for Children, 6th ed.
FICTION

ISBN: 9780060572549 006057254X
Central Park is a city that is populated by a menagerie of animals. In 1900, Oscar is the Mayor of Central Park and the manager of its Green Sox baseball team. When jewel-thief rats plan to invade, all of the animals turn to Oscar. Can he save them and their precious park?
FICTION

ISBN: 9781881889700 188188970X
Lured by the glamour and excitement of a soldier's life, eleven-year-old Nathaniel follows the British army down the Hudson Valley during the American Revolution and witnesses the true hardships of war.
FICTION
A lushly illustrated history of the Hudson River.

**NON-FICTION**

Long ago, when the streetlights of Little Italy had to be lit by hand, Peppe lived in a tenement on Mulberry Street. His family was poor, so Peppe thought he needed a job in order to help.

*Caldecott Honor*

**FICTION**

Braille format: BR 09924
Audio Cassette by Scholastic (1994)

Samuel is a 14-year-old slave in New York City. After hearing the fighting sound of the revolutionaries he defies his owners and performs a heroic act that allows George Washington's troops to escape from the British after the Battle of Long Island.

**FICTION**

In 1922, after fleeing war-torn Russia and trekking across Europe, 11-year-old Yehuda Weinstein, his mother, and his younger sister board the S.S. Rotterdam bound for the U.S. Nine days later they arrive in NY Harbor, and inspectors from the Immigration Service note that Yehuda's arm is in a sling and that his hand is damaged. They refuse to let him board the ferry to Ellis Island and enter into America. But the Weinsteins have been through too much to be turned back now.

**NON-FICTION**

At the request of her sixth grade teacher, Edwina Rose Sachs records events from the lives of her Polish-Jewish family who were new to Brooklyn in the early 1900s.

*Best Books for Children, 6th ed.*

**FICTION**

Recorded format: RC 45615

In the early 1800s, the Van Wies’ lives change when the new Erie Canal is built through their lands.

**FICTION**
ISBN: 9780141305714; 0141305711
Historical novel set during the Revolutionary War about the intersecting lives of a Quaker and a Native American boy.
**FICTION**
Recorded format: RC 46648

ISBN 9780803717930  *Out of print*
Eleven-year-old Ohkwa’ri and his twin sister must make peace with a hostile gang of older boys in their Mohawk village during the late 1400s.
**FICTION**
Recorded format: RC 43907

ISBN 9780803726949
As the French and Indian War rages, Saxso, a fourteen-year-old Abenaki boy, pursues the English rangers who have attacked his village and taken his mother and sisters hostage.
**FICTION**
Recorded format: RC 56646

ISBN: 9781585361137
An alphabet book that opens New York State’s history, culture, and landscape to young readers in a unique two-tiered approach. A quick rhyme offers children a distinct truth about New York from A to Z. Alongside each rhyme, older elementary students gain a rich understanding of the topic by reading the longer expository information.
**NON-FICTION**

ISBN: 9781590784273 1590784278
School teacher Benjamin Tallmadge's emotions are tested when he joins George Washington's army and participates in the Revolutionary War and the Battle of Long Island.
**NON-FICTION**

ISBN: 9781598450170 1598450174
The authors present a brief, informative history of canals; the geographic need for the Erie Canal; and an explanation of how its creation impacted American commerce and history. Includes links to websites for further reading.
**NON-FICTION**
Make a Splash: Explore New York
Elementary Level

ISBN: 9780689856839 0689856830
One of the nation's symbols of freedom and liberty--the Statue of Liberty--is celebrated in this "biography" that looks at the statue's creation by two Frenchmen in the 19th century. Illustrated.
NON-FICTION
Recorded format: RC 51593

ISBN: 9780689831836 0689831838
The Brooklyn Bridge is celebrated as one of the greatest landmarks and grandest sights in New York City. Curlee describes the planning, construction, and history of the bridge and includes full-color illustrations. Sibert Honor
NON-FICTION
Braille format: BR 14028

ISBN: 9781882859498
Childhood adventures of the famous Civil War General, Abner Doubleday, best known for his contribution to the game of baseball.
NON-FICTION

ISBN: 9780698116801 0698116801
During the French and Indian War, a young boy living in New York must protect his mother and sister with his father's gun. This stirring tale of a small boy, his mother and younger sister, and an antique matchlock gun, is based on a true story. Newbery Medal
FICTION
Braille format: BR 15077 / Recorded format: RC 57031

ISBN: 9780761414193 0761414193
Surveys the history, geography, government, and economy of the Empire State, as well as the diverse ways of life and its people. Illustrations and photographs.
NON-FICTION

ISBN: 9780736848176 0736848177
Includes information on the longhouse; food (with a recipe for a strawberry drink!); roles of men and women; and, effects of European contact. Also lists internet sites and places to visit including two within New York State.
NON-FICTION

ISBN 9780689505195 Out of print
Recounts the life of the fifteenth-century Iroquois Indian, Hiawatha, who brought five tribes together to form the long-lasting Iroquois Federation.
NON-FICTION
Recorded format: RC 36894
ISBN 9781435286047
A study of the life and character of the brilliant Revolutionary War general, Benedict Arnold, who deserted to the British.
NON-FICTION
Recorded format: RC 18436

ISBN 9781590783344
A biography of the man who gained fame as the leader of the bold “Rogers Rangers” in the French and Indian War, but whose later life was marred by imprisonment and poverty.
NON-FICTION

ISBN: 9781416906254 1416906258
Graphic novel of the original Washington Irving story about the headless horseman.
FICTION

ISBN: 9780763609436 0763609439
Katie, a Jewish girl living in New York City during World War II, sees many changes in her world as she ages from seven to ten waiting for her father to return from the war.
FICTION

In the late 1880's, Timmy O'Dowd and his 'city boy' cousin must forget their differences and pool their energies when the Erie Canal is damaged by storms. *Best Books for Children 6th ed.*
FICTION

The Statue of Liberty is one of the greatest landmarks in America. Through the eyes of four boys, readers observe the Statue of Liberty as it is designed, built, shipped to the United States, and reassembled on an island in New York Harbor.
FICTION

ISBN 97809101746991 0910746990
This is a compilation of historic, heroic, tragic, humorous and mysterious ghost stories from the Hudson Valley.
FOLKLORE


In her letters to a Vermont friend, eighth grader Dossi (a Russian, Jewish immigrant living in the Lower East Side of New York City in 1910) shares her thoughts about her new brother-in-law, the diphtheria epidemic, and the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire.


Three books about guinea pigs and squirrels that live in New York’s Central Park.


While eleven-year-old Rory vacations at Bolivia's house in Ithaca, New York, he tries to hide his fear of flying after Bolivia suggests a trip in her uncle's airplane.


Looks at the American colonists’ strategies used in the Battle of Valcour Bay, where they fought against the British for control of Lake Champlain.


Introduction to Ellis Island, presented in a “you-are-there” style. *Best Books for Children, 6th ed.*

Recorded format: RC 35719

**NON-FICTION**

Theodore Roosevelt’s daughter Alice proved a handful to her father. She was hungry to go places, meet people, do things, but her father called it running riot. Alice called it eating up the world.

**FICTION**

Braille format: BR 18047

Seneca Village is a thriving neighborhood of African-Americans and recent immigrants in the middle of New York City in the 1850's. Friends Kayla and Sooncy face separation when the city announces that by eminent domain it plans to take their land to build Central Park.

**FICTION**

Members of a family living in the Village of Setauket (Long Island) become displaced by the Redcoats, and serve as spies for the Revolutionary Army of George Washington.

**FICTION**

In 1894, Charlotte records in her journal impressions of a family trip from Giverny, France to New York, where her father’s paintings will be featured in an exhibition. Includes bibliographic sketches of painters and reproductions of artwork.

**FICTION**
ISBN: 9781416949756 1416949755
When suburban Claudia Kincaid decides to run away, she knows she doesn't just want to run "from" somewhere, she wants to run "to" somewhere -- to a place that is comfortable, beautiful, and preferably, elegant. She chooses the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City.
*Newbery Metal*
**FICTION**
Braille format: BR 09549 / Recorded format: RC 22914
Audio CD by Listening Library (2004)

Series: In the Footsteps of Explorers.
ISBN 9780778724308
This colorful book describes the explorer's life; provides a look at the political climate that made Cartier venture out into the unknown; examines life on the high seas and in the encampment. Contains colorful maps and images showing the areas explored.
**NON-FICTION**

ISBN: 9780399243806
When ten-year-old Drita and her family, refugees from Kosovo, move to New York, Drita is teased about not speaking English well, but after a popular student named Maxine is forced to learn about Kosovo as a punishment for teasing Drita, the two girls soon bond.
*FICTION*

ISBN: 9780809820757 0809820757 *Out of Print*
A narrative, non-fiction exploration of the history of the towns along the banks of the Hudson.
**NON-FICTION**

ISBN: 9781563977640 1563977648
A chronicle of the author's exploration of the historic Erie Canal waterway. Brought to life by full-color photographs.
**NON-FICTION**

ISBN 9781435274471
Within 60 years of the Pilgrims' landing at Plymouth, America's first cities were thriving seaports, public education had begun, books were printed, coins were minted, and the postal service was launched. *The New Americans* tells the exciting story of the origins of our rich multicultural heritage. Full color.
**NON-FICTION**

Series: The American Story Series  
ISBN: 9780688134501 0688134505  
Discusses the relations between the European colonists and the Native Americans, the disputes between settlers from France, England, and Spain, and the role these conflicts played in the history of North America.  
NON-FICTION

ISBN: 9780833539816 0833539817  
A picture book history of the most-beloved monument in America.  
NON-FICTION  
Audio Cassette by Spoken Arts (1992)

ISBN: 9781931414166 1931414165  
This book documents and illustrates the design, step-by-step construction, multiple setbacks and ultimate completion of the Brooklyn Bridge, all presented in a readable manner and supported by diagrams and dramatic illustrations.  
NON-FICTION

ISBN: 9780635020994 0635020998  
Christina, Grant, Benjamin, and Katherine become gridlocked in a mystery that takes them on a hair-raising history tour of New York City's most famous landmarks to find a priceless missing part of history.  
FICTION

ISBN 9780739814949  
Series: Explorers & Exploration  
Describes the journeys of the French explorer who joined an expedition to Canada, founded a settlement in Quebec, joined the Algonquins and Hurons against the Iroquois in an attempt to keep the land, and became the leader of New France.  
NON-FICTION
ISBN: 9780679893127 0679893121
It is the fall of 1880, and Cordelia is more interested in horse-back riding than in hearing her neighbor, Mrs. Stanton talk about her fight for women's suffrage. But on Election Day, Mrs. Stanton tells the heart-wrenching story of her childhood. Charged with the story's message, Cordelia determines to go with Mrs. Stanton to the polls in an attempt to vote, despite the jeers and taunts of the male crowd. Cordelia's turning-point experience is sure to inspire today's young girls (and boys) everywhere.
NON-FICTION
Braille format: BR 11316

ISBN: 9780766020702 0766020703
Discusses the life of Henry Hudson, the English sea captain who explored the Arctic Ocean and the river and bay later named for him while in search of a northern route to the Indies.
NON-FICTION

ISBN 9780887766572
A biographical portrait of the explorer and cartographer, Samuel de Champlain, known as the "father of New France" examines his many accomplishments in the colonial settlement of Canada as well as his many personal disappointments.
NON-FICTION

ISBN: 9780605442023 0605442029
A poem celebrating the people, sights and sounds of New York City’s Harlem.
*Corretta Scott King Illustrator Honor and Caldecott Honor*
NON-FICTION
Audio Cassette by Scholastic (1998)

ISBN:9780670871834  Out of Print
Tells a fictionalized story of how Ammi Phillips painted this actual portrait of a young farm girl in Dutchess County, New York sometime around 1835.
FICTION

ISBN: 9780590687157 0590687158
Thirteen-year-old Madeline's diaries for 1941 and 1942 reveal her experiences living on Long Island during World War II while her father is away in the Navy.
FICTION
Audio CD by Live Oak Media (2008)
In Brooklyn in 1951, a special friendship is created when a die-hard Giants fan teaches nine-year-old Maggie, a "Bums" (Dodgers) fan, how to use a special technique to keep score of a baseball game.
**FICTION**
Recorded format: RC 67449

A chance encounter with General George Washington in upstate New York during the Revolutionary War leads a young woman to volunteer for a dangerous mission.
**NON-FICTION**

Paintings, maps, and engrossing text create a vivid portrait of Native Americans' early encounters with the European settlers who colonized the "New World," describing their differences in farming, socialization, and values, which often created negative relations.
**NON-FICTION**

Dink, Josh, and Ruth Rose investigate the disappearance of a valuable racehorse that Dink's uncle and his friend, Forest Evans, have just bought and entered in a race at Saratoga.
**FICTION**
Braille format: BR 14966

Describes Hudson's little-known 1607 voyage that attempted to find a passage to Japan and China by way of the North Pole as well as Hudson's trip up the Hudson River to try and find the Northwest Passage. Includes illustrations, photos, a glossary, a timeline, notes on sources, internet sites and suggestions for further reading.
**NON-FICTION**

Describes the Revolutionary War battles that took place in New York; in particular it describes the Battle of Harlem Heights, which underscored General Washington's battle philosophy and boosted the morale of his troops.
**NON-FICTION**
Recounts the true story of Pale Male, a red-tailed hawk living in New York City, who has become one of the city's most-watched celebrities. Bird watchers, tourists, and residents admire the bird and his nest, built on a Fifth Avenue apartment building. *ALA Notable Children’s Book*  
NON-FICTION

Lee Bloom, a ten-year-old Jewish girl living in 1960s Brooklyn, becomes aware of the prejudices the people around her have towards those of different religions and races.  
FICTION

Tour the many surviving examples of family homes including 28 East 20th Street in Manhattan; the childhood home of Teddy Roosevelt; the mayoral residence for the City of New York, The Gracie Mansion; Washington Irving’s family home, Sunnyside; the Susan B. Anthony House in Rochester, or the Harriet Tubman House in Auburn, NY. Many other notable homes steeped in New York history are included.  
NON-FICTION

Chronicles the life and travels of Samuel de Champlain, who discovered the Ottawa River and Lakes Champlain, Ontario and Huron, and who helped to establish the French settlement of Quebec.  
NON-FICTION

Describes the Cardiff Giant hoax, in which people of upstate New York were fooled into believing that what had been uncovered from the ground in 1869 was the petrified form of a giant human being. Book incorporates P.T. Barnum's role in exhibiting the statue that is now housed at the Farmer's Museum in Cooperstown.  
NON-FICTION

 Discusses the facts and tall tales of Revolutionary War hero Ethan Allen, who, along with Benedict Arnold, led the Green Mountain Boys in capturing Fort Ticonderoga from the British in 1775.  
NON-FICTION
Living in a poor Puerto Rican family complicates life for Marisol when she realizes that pursuing her love for ballet may expose her brother to danger.
FICTION

Describes chef George Crum's childhood as a part-Native-American, part-African-American boy in rural 1830's New York; his adventures cooking at Moon's Lake House restaurant in Saratoga Springs; and his accidental invention of one of America's most beloved snacks.
FICTION

In Brooklyn, New York, in 1947, a boy learns about discrimination and tolerance as he and his deaf father share their enthusiasm for baseball and the Dodgers' first baseman, Jackie Robinson.
FICTION
Braille format: BR 16354

Mrs. Levine's fifth grade students take a field trip to learn about photography and end up solving a great mystery.
FICTION

Justin Robert, Jackie Salsberry and Nick Barnes are fishing in their small boat under sunny skies when a sudden and violent storm chase them off Fourth Lake and into an unfamiliar forest -- a forest that has harbored a secret for more than 100 years.
FICTION

In 1848, Rosetta, the nine-year-old daughter of abolitionist Frederick Douglass, becomes the only Black student at Miss Tracy's Female Seminary in Rochester, New York, and while the students are pleased she is there, the faculty is not. Includes facts about Frederick and Rosetta's lives.
FICTION

Adventures of a mother and daughter in the Adirondack Mountains. Illustrated with color photos by Carl E. Heilman.
NON-FICTION
In the late 1800's, on a large farm in northern New York (Franklin County), 9-year-old Almanzo helps his family with the daily chores and longs for his own colt. Based on stories the author’s husband told her about growing up on the family homestead in Malone, NY.
FICTION
Braille format: BR 09408 / Recorded format: RC 21019
Audio CD by Harper’s Children’s Audio (2004)
This story follows the fortunes of the homeless orphan, Chingo Smith, who got his first name in trade from a Seneca Indian and his second from a gypsy with whom he traveled. As we follow Chingo over the next eight years, his fortunes rise and fall, but when he sees the partially-built Erie Canal for the first time, he knows he wants to be a part of it.
FICTION

Sisters Isabel and Ruth are young girls who are promised freedom after the death of their slave master. Instead, they become property of a New York City couple. Isabel soon catches Revolution fever after meeting a young boy named Curzon who encourages her to spy on her owners. Together Isabel and Curzon strive for their personal freedom and the freedom of New York and their country.
*ALA Notable Children’s Book*
FICTION
Audio CD by Brilliance (2008), Playaway (2008)

In 1815, while traveling by covered wagon to settle in the wilderness of western New York, eleven-year-old Mem experiences a flood and separation from her family. The trilogy continues with *Frozen Summer* and *Road to Home*, both out of print.
FICTION
Recorded format: RC 47447
ISBN: 9780805079005
After sixth-grader Norman loses his hand in an accident in his father's butcher shop in 1946, he uses hard work and humor to learn to live with his disability and to succeed at baseball, art, and other activities.
FICTION
Recorded format: RC 64853

ISBN: 9780380978632
In wartime Brooklyn in 1943, eleven-year-old Howie Crispers mounts a campaign to save his favorite teacher from being fired.
FICTION
Recorded format: RC 54773

ISBN: 9780060000172  0060000171
In New York City in 1872, fourteen-year-old Horace becomes entangled in a plot to create fraudulent spirit photographs. When Horace accidentally frees the real ghost of a dead girl bent on revenge, his life takes a frightening turn.
FICTION
Recorded format: RC 67358
Audio CD by Recorded Books (2008)

ISBN: 9781590182505 1590182502
A visitor’s guide to the weather, transportation, overnight accommodations, dining, shopping, sightseeing, and entertainment of New York City in colonial times.
NON-FICTION

ISBN: 9780380792221 0380792222
Fifteen-year-old Jessica finds a young stranger hiding in the barn on Christmas Eve. Though he is completely silent, Jessica brings him to the house, where her family agrees to let him stay. With the War of 1812 being fought nearby, they suspect the mysterious stranger could be a soldier, but he hardly looks old enough.
FICTION

ISBN: 9780912678658 0912678658
ANTHOLOGY OF POETRY, SHORT FICTION, AND ESSAYS
Series: Voices from Colonial America.
ISBN 9780792268604
Presents the history of New York by discussing the interaction between Native American tribes and Dutch settlers, as well as leaders including Peter Stuyvesant and Alexander Hamilton. Complete with period maps and first-person accounts.

**NON-FICTION**

ISBN: 9780525475477
In alternating passages, two Mohawk sisters describe their lives at the Carlisle Indian Industrial School, established in 1879 to educate Native Americans, as they try to assimilate into white culture.

**FICTION**

ISBN: 9780791025987 0791025985
This history discusses the emergence of Harlem as a cultural center in the 1920s in the context of the social and political forces of the time, weaving in accounts of such greats as Langston Hughes, Countee Cullen, Zora Neale Hurston, and others who were part of this artistic and intellectual movement. *Best Books for Young Teen Readers*

**NON-FICTION**

ISBN: 9780395580783 *Out of Print*
In 1920s' Brooklyn, Abel and friend Hilda try to find a husband for Abel's doctor sister to marry.

**FICTION**

Recorded format: RC 39311

ISBN: 9780439745086 043974508X
Six stories, one from each decade from the 1940s to the 1990s, about children growing up in Levittown, New York.

**FICTION**

Recorded format: RC 44202

ISBN: 9780439372992 *Out of Print*
Writing in the notebook which her teacher gave her, thirteen-year-old Celiane describes life with her mother and brother in Haiti as well as her experiences in Brooklyn after the family finally immigrates there to be reunited with her father.

**FICTION**

Braille format: BR 14941
ISBN: 9780374480653 0374480656
To earn money for a coveted motorbike, young Joe Pedersen joins the Mexican laborers who work on his father's farm in upstate New York and soon discovers racism and romance while learning to see the world in a whole different way.
FICTION
Recorded format: RC 57189

ISBN: 9780395744307 *Out of Print*
A twelve-year-old white boy, adopted and raised by Mohicans in the Hudson River Valley during the 1730's, is sent with his younger brother to an English settlement for schooling.
FICTION
Braille format: BR 12923

ISBN: 9781893110373
As the orphaned Doyle brothers leave Ireland to sail to the United States in 1846, thirteen-year-old Aiden is accidentally separated from sixteen-year-old Liam and must make his own way to New York, find work, and somehow find his brother. Much of the book is set in Niagara Falls.
FICTION

ISBN: 0399227867
With her trademark humor and anecdotal style, the Newbery Honor Award-winner and preeminent biographer for young people turns her attention to Elizabeth Cady Stanton, the lively, unconventional spokeswoman of the woman suffrage movement. Convinced from an early age that women should have the same rights as men, Lizzie embarked on a career that changed America.
NON-FICTION
Braille format: BR 10778

Series: Historical American Biographies
ISBN: 9780766013933 *Out of Print*
Gives a glimpse into the life and times of Benedict Arnold, whose name became synonymous with the word "traitor."
NON-FICTION

ISBN: 9780142401118 0142401110
Sam Gribley's great-grandfather owned land in the Catskill Mountains that had been uninhabited for years. Tired of living in the hustle and bustle of New York City, teenage Sam runs away to the Catskills in search of that land. *Newbery Honor*
FICTION
Braille format: BR 15070 / Recorded format: RC 50211
ISBN 9781599350998
In 1911, a fire broke out in the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory, a clothing company located in the top floors of a New York high rise. The fire spread fast, and soon the factory's workers, mostly immigrant women, faced death by fire, as their only way out was to jump from the windows.
NON-FICTION

ISBN: 9780385322096
In 1941, circumstances bring together Brick, a boy from New York's apple country, and Mariel, a young girl made shy by her bout with polio. The two make a journey from Brooklyn to upstate New York to help Brick's elderly neighbors save their apple crop and to help Mariel learn about her past.
FICTION
Recorded format: RC 53791

ISBN: 9780613103503 0613103505
A vivid portrait of the home front in World War II, where a young American girl befriends a Hungarian refugee during the summer of 1944 in Rockaway Beach. Newbery Honor
FICTION
Braille format: BR 17375 / Recorded format: RC 45659
Audio CD by Listening Library (2005), Audio Cassette by Recorded Books (1997)

ISBN: 9780385900973 038590097X
In the shadow of the construction of the Brooklyn Bridge, eighth-graders and new neighbors Bird Mallon and Thomas Neary make some decisions about what they want to do with their lives.
FICTION
Recorded format: RC 64195
Audio CD and Cassette by Listening Library (2006)

ISBN: 9780061256707
Manhattanites Matisse Osgood and her artist parents move to upstate New York when her father's Parkinson's disease worsens. Matisse must face high school in a small, provincial town as she tries to avoid thinking about her father's future.
FICTION

ISBN: 9780525479673
A fictionalized account of the author's years growing up in Great Neck, New York, during the turbulent Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s. Includes commentary from the author's father, Jack Greenberg, who was a lawyer for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund.
FICTION
Jazmin is growing up during hard times in 1960s Harlem. She expresses hope for her future as she observes life around her neighborhood. *Coretta Scott King Author Honor*

**FICTION**
Recorded format: RC 47277

This lively collective biography of 14 singers begins in the 1920s with Bessie Smith and Ethel Waters and moves on through current performers Cassandra Wilson and Diana Krall. A vibrant, full-page portrait opens each chapter, depicting the performer with bold vitality, in a style suggestive of a theater poster. Includes references to Jazz Clubs in Harlem during the 1920s.

**NON-FICTION**

This volume offers readers a chance to taste history by combining appropriate recipes along with facts about life in a logging camp, gold rush town, whaling ship, and Native American village. Illustrated with historical drawings and black-and-white photos.

**NON-FICTION**

In 1903 Brooklyn, fourteen-year-old Joseph Michtom's life changes for the worse when his parents, Russian immigrants, invent the teddy bear and turn their apartment into a factory. Nearby, the glitter of Coney Island contrasts with the dismal lives of children dwelling under the Brooklyn Bridge.

**FICTION**

When fifteen-year-old Annie Grey and her "clairvoyant" mother arrive in Peach Hill, New York, in 1924, each finds a reason for wanting to finally settle down. To reach their goals they will have to do some serious lying and Annie will have to stand up for herself.

**Best Books for Young Adults**

**FICTION**

After escaping religious persecution in France in 1686, a young Huguenot boy and his parents travel on a slave ship to West Africa, then to the Caribbean, and finally to New York, where they help found the town of New Rochelle.

**FICTION**
When her family is massacred by Lenape Indians in 1643, nine-year-old Susanna, daughter of Anne Hutchinson, is captured and raised as a Lenape. FICTION
TBBL holding RC 48226

No other franchise in the history of sports can boast the tradition and worldwide appeal of the New York Yankees. The list of legends that have donned the blue-and-white pinstripes over the years is as long as one of Mantle's epic tape-measure home runs, and the names themselves have become synonymous with everything we love about baseball. From Ruth and Gehrig to DiMaggio and Berra to Jackson and Steinbrenner to Jeter and Torre, an introduction to the prominent names in Yankee lore provides a comprehensive history of baseball over the last century. NON-FICTION

Twelve-year-old Zippy, a Jewish immigrant from Russia, keeps a diary account of the first eighteen months of her family's life on the Lower East Side of New York City in 1903-1904. Best Books for Young Teen Readers FICTION
Recorded format: RC 53540

In the Bronx, New York, during the McCarthy era, twelve-year-old Jamie keeps a terrible secret about her family; when the truth is exposed, her parents lose their jobs and she is fired from the school newspaper. NON-FICTION

A dramatic combination of scratchboard and computer illustrations capture the magic, action, and excitement of the classic tale of Hiawatha, the son of the West Wind, who valiantly slays serpents, eludes ghosts, and finally confronts the evil Megissogwon. POETRY
Braille format: BR 06112 / Recorded format: RC 22692
ISBN: 9780545003278
A young Cuban immigrant, Michael Arroyo is a great pitcher in the Little League in the Bronx. When a rival player’s team questions his age and ability, he is sidelined, and the young star athlete cannot help get his team to the Little League World Series.
Fiction
Braille format: BR 17941 / Recorded format: RC 62264
Audio CD by Listening Library (2006)

ISBN: 9780385900669 Out of Print
In 1944, a thirteen-year-old girl grapples with the discovery that "Pa" isn't her biological father, experiences her first romance, and faces hardships dealt to friends in Brooklyn's Norwegian community.
Fiction

ISBN: 9780439579445 0439579449
In 1963, 11-year-old Eleanor Roosevelt Dingman's mother is crowned the Bosetti Beauty at Mr. Bosetti's supermarket, President John F. Kennedy is assassinated, and the Dingman family begins to fall apart. So begins this richly woven novel by the Newbery Honoree.
Fiction
Audio CD by Listening Library (2004)

ISBN: 9781600601248 1600601243
Photo-essay about a high school steel drum band from upstate New York, that participated in a series of talent competitions for a chance to win Super Top Dog on Amateur Night at the Apollo Theater in Harlem. Includes a CD of the band performing.
Non-Fiction

ISBN: 9781422358627 1422358623
After spending years fleeing from the Nazis in war-torn Europe, twelve-year-old Karin Levi and her older brother Marc find a new home in a refugee camp in Oswego, New York.
Fiction
Braille format: BR 13026

ISBN: 9780525479550 0525479554
Twelve-year-old Rory discovers a spirit world that thrives alongside his contemporary New York City, filled with fantastical creatures and people from the city’s colorful past who have become gods and goddesses and who have chosen Rory to perform a dangerous mission.
Fiction
ISBN: 9780440471479  0440471478
Mack's truck runs down Morris's pushcart and starts a war that is humorous and also reveals many human foibles. *Best Books for Junior High Readers*

Braille format: BR 07784 / Recorded format: RC 28765
Audio Cassette by Recorded Books (1994)

ISBN: 9781595310507
In the winter of 1609, with his people starving, the Innu Indian called Silent One must overcome his reluctance to speak and trust Samuel de Champlain and his Frenchmen in order to save his brother and regain his own spirit.

ISBN: 9781595310187
In October of 1776, two twelve-year-olds meet on a ship on Lake Champlain--Abigail, disguised as a boy, and Pascal, brought aboard by his stepfather, the captain--and forge a fast friendship while serving together as soldiers.

ISBN: 9780439078061
In the mid-1800s, with both her father and her uncle in jail on an assault charge, Maggie, her brother, and her ailing mother must rush their barge along the Erie Canal to deliver their heavy cargo or risk lose everything.

ISBN: 9780395776094
A fascinating portrait of a brilliant man, consistently undervalued by his peers, who made a choice that continues to reverberate through American history.

ISBN: 9780802789266
Always overshadowed by his competitive older brother, especially in their work as mule drivers on the Erie Canal, fourteen-year-old Howard finally finds the courage to pursue his dreams of becoming an educator after he learns about sign language and teaches it to his deaf friend in nineteenth-century New York State.
Make Waves: Explore New York

Tween

ISBN: 9780898249965
Two ten-year-olds on a class trip to the Erie Canal find themselves transported back in time to the canal of 1829. Dragged aboard a canal boat, the boy and girl experience adventures in getting through each day by blending into its tempo and chores while trying to find a way back to the present.
FICTION

ISBN: 9781596430402
Follows the story of Nicole, a teenage French Jew, from 1943-1948, as she loses her parents and sister to the concentration camps and then leaves her native France to make a new life in New York City.
FICTION

Includes scripts about famous women in history--many of whom have links to New York State--including Eleanor Roosevelt, Amelia Earhart, Susan B. Anthony, Nellie Bly, and Harriet Tubman. Can be performed or read.
NON-FICTION / DRAMA

ISBN: 978-0385737425 0385737424
Set in New York City circa 1979, Sixth grader Miranda begins to receive mysterious notes about the future; notes that are eerily reminiscent of her favorite novel A Wrinkle in Time.
FICTION
Audio CD by Listening Library (2009)

ISBN: 9780803723320 Out of Print
In 1777, as General Burgoyne and his British troops invade the Upper Hudson River Valley, sixteen-year-old Amity must carry a secret message to the Continental army to give warning of an impending attack.
FICTION
Recorded format: RC 49709

ISBN: 978-0670011247 067001124X
Early on a July morning in 1804, on a patch of field overlooking the Hudson River, two prominent political figures fought a duel. The story tracks the lives of both men from their service under George Washington to their political careers as founders of a new nation.
FICTION
ISBN: 9781888952773 1888952776
A celebration of the people, places, and institutions that have given New York City its character. Arranged topically, it covers business, politics, crime, religion, education and health, theater, architecture, media and literature, sports, history, and more. Illustrated with period photographs.
NON-FICTION

ISBN: 9780962571428 0962571423
In the spring of 1864 fifteen-year-old Hannah Miller struggles with the ups and downs of growing up in the sleepy foothills of the Adirondacks. Her world is turned upside down suddenly when cholera strikes her family, and the boy she hoped to marry enlists in the 146th Regiment, New York State Volunteers. Hannah must leave her home in Boonville and live with a disagreeable aunt in Rome, unless she can convince her Pa to take her along when he goes back to work on the Erie Canal aboard the Two Sisters.
FICTION

ISBN: 9780618605774
In 1835, in rural New York State, apprentice stonecutter Albion Straight relates his experiences when he is hired by the strangely menacing John Good to carve a statue of his daughter.
FICTION

ISBN: 9780525477310 0525477314
In 1904 in New York City, the spirit of a deceased German American teenage girl searches for the person responsible for the Slocum Steamboat Fire that claimed her life and the lives of more than 1000 other passengers.
FICTION
Recorded format RC 64054

ISBN: 9780399246548
In 1996 in Queens, two girls become friends through the music of Tupac Shakur; the music continues to touch their lives as they deal with their families and their futures. Newbery Honor
FICTION
Recorded format: RC 66700
Audio CD by Brilliance (2009)

ISBN: 978-0142415221 0142415227
Two 15 year olds, Jeremiah (Miah) who is black, and Elisha (Ellie) who is white, meet during their first year at an exclusive New York prep school and fall in love. The teenagers must deal with the subtle and not-so-subtle bigotry that they are subjected to as a mixed-race couple.
FICTION
Recorded format: RC 63810
ISBN: 9780307388988
True to the title, the book is a history of crime that permeated the underbelly of New York City and its boroughs in the 19th and early 20th centuries. Some of these gangs were so vicious they would post signs warning police to stay out of their neighborhoods -- or else!
NON-FICTION
Recorded format: RC 55088

ISBN: 9780823918553 0823918556
Describes the art of rapping and the cultural phenomenon of hip-hop and traces their evolution from African and Caribbean traditions.
NON-FICTION

ISBN: 9780393061086
In the fall of 1916, as U.S. involvement in WWI looms, the Adirondack town of Tamarack Lake houses a public sanitarium and private cure cottages for Tuberculosis patients. Gossip about roommate changes, nurse visits, cliques and romantic connections dominate relations among the sick—mostly poor European immigrants. The timely theme focuses on how the tragedy, betrayal and heartbreak of war extend far beyond the battlefield.
FICTION
Audio by Sound Library (2007)
ISBN: 9780142300367
In 1944, an Upstate New York teenager (setting is Oswego and the Fort Ontario Emergency Refugee Shelter) named Christine meets and falls in love with Adam, a Yugoslavian Jew living in a refugee camp, despite their parents' conviction that they do not belong together.

Scott O'Dell Award for Historical Fiction & ALA Best Book for Young Adults
FICTION

ISBN: 9780142404348 0142404349
When young Ivy begins to study her family's history, her discoveries rattle the other members of her New York State clan.
Braille format: BR 12539 / Recorded format: RC 51739
FICTION

ISBN: 9780399234750
In an upstate New York farming community, high school reporter Hildy Biddle investigates a series of strange occurrences at a house rumored to be haunted.
FICTION
Recorded format: RC67296

ISBN: 9780689867552 0689867557
In the final book of the acclaimed trilogy that includes I Have Lived a Thousand Years and My Bridges of Hope, Elli and her mother leave war-ravaged Europe behind. Arriving in New York in 1951, they seek to preserve their Jewish heritage while embracing the freedom of the new city.
NON-FICTION

ISBN: 9781596431065
A graphic novel illustrated by George O'Connor. It is an illustrated version of the travels of a Dutch trader in early America based on Van den Bogaert's 1634 journal, A Journey into Mohawk and Oneida Country.
NON-FICTION

ISBN: 9780613847179 0613847172
Bruchac, now a well-known children's author and storyteller, relates his childhood and high school years spent living with his grandparents near Saratoga, NY and his discovery of his Abenaki heritage, which he learns to honor.
NON-FICTION
Recorded format: RC 47175
Fourteen-year-old Nadira, her sister, and their parents leave Bangladesh for New York City, but the expiration of their visas and the events of September 11, 2001, bring frustration, sorrow, and terror for the whole family. *Best Books for Young Adults*

**FICTION**
Recorded format: RC 62372

Antonio, initially a teen arrested for murder, and his sweetheart, Natasha, exchange a decade of correspondence. Both from tiny, dark apartments in Harlem, they are passionately in love, but destined to walk very different roads.

**FICTION**
Braille format: BR 16691

A sixteen-year-old boy guides a flotilla of American whaleboats across Long Island Sound to raid British-occupied Sag Harbor.

**FICTION**

During his lonely crusade to remove offensive mascots from his high school, a Native American teenager learns more about his heritage, his ancestors, and his place in the world.

**FICTION**

In this gripping account of historical fiction, the author exposes the horrors women faced during the late 19th century in New York when they dared to show passion of any kind or repudiate society's norms. Lucy Carelton suffers from a common female disorder, "hysteria": its symptoms are headaches, excitable reactions and feelings of claustrophobia. Her cold-hearted husband, William, determined to find her a cure, brings her to several specialists, who recommend everything from an ovariotomy to several months of confinement in a private asylum.

**FICTION**
Audio CD and Cassette by Books on Tape (2004)

Rene Chartrand is a leading Canadian historian, and authority on the Seven Years War. He recounts how, in July 1758, the British launched an expedition against the French Fort of Carillon (Ticonderoga). Lord Howe, a popular British leader, was killed before the main battle
began; the Black Watch regiments were decimated; the British retreated in near panic and the fort remained in the hands of the French.

This exciting adventure story is set during the Seven Year’s War fought between France and England in North America. Hawkeye and his American Indian companions become involved in the bloody war.

Written in 1821, this historical novel is Cooper's paean to the Revolutionary War. Protagonist Harry Birch finds himself wrongly accused of selling vital information to the British.

This is a compilation of 13 stories set in New York in the late 1800's, including the story of Maggie, a girl of the tenements, whose life turns downward when she becomes involved with a boy named Pete.

In the nineteenth century, New York's free blacks were extremely politically active, lobbying for equal rights at home and an end to southern slavery. As their activism increased, so did discrimination against them. However, the struggle for civil rights did not extend to equal gender roles, and black male leaders encouraged women to remain in the domestic sphere, serving as caretakers, moral educators, and nurses to their families and community.
Make Waves: Explore New York
Teen and up

ISBN: 9780152167059 0152167056
In 1906, 16-year-old Mattie, determined to attend college and be a writer against the wishes of her father and fiancé, takes a job at a summer inn where she discovers the truth about the death of a guest. This novel is based on a true story. Best Books for Young Adults
FICTION
Braille format: BR 14850
Audio CD by Listening Library (2003)

ISBN: 9781416933861
Relates the events of explorer Henry Hudson's final voyage from four points of view: that of his seventeen-year-old son aboard the ship, a younger son left in London, a crewmember, and a young English woman acting as a spy in Holland.
FICTION

ISBN: 9780815604570 0815604572
This is the story of the forgotten pioneers of the Mohawk Valley during the Revolutionary War. Combating hardships almost too great to endure, they helped give America a legend which still stirs the heart. In the midst of love and hate, life and death, danger and disaster, they stuck to the acres which were theirs, and fought a war without ever quite understanding it. An American classic since its original publication in 1936.
FICTION
Recorded format: RC 47009

ISBN: 9780684801056
This novel is about an experiment that causes 20th century illustrator Si Morley to step out of a Dakota apartment building into the streets of 1882 New York.
FICTION
Recorded format: RC 23888
Audio Cassette by Recorded Books (1995); Audio Cassette by Audioworks (1995)

ISBN: 9780061345685
In Manhattan in 1899, five teens of different social classes lead dangerously scandalous lives, despite the strict rules of society and the best-laid plans of parents and others.
Fiction

ISBN: 9780803725690
While studying the Harlem Renaissance, students at a Bronx high school read aloud poems they've written, revealing their innermost thoughts and fears to their formerly clueless classmates. Coretta Scott King Author Award & Best Books for Young Adults
FICTION
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