

# i'm your neighbor books

## Welcoming Library Collections

### **I'm Your Neighbor Books**

Building a Culture of Welcoming & Belonging

I'm Your Neighbor Books (IYNB) was founded to build a more welcoming nation—with children's literature. By sharing and engaging with children's books that depict Immigrant and New Generation families, we build the welcoming skills of long-term Americans and create a crucial sense of belonging for New Arrivals and their New Generations.

Up until the last decade, immigration children's books primarily depicted White migration through Ellis Island. Now, with over 1,000 books depicting characters that have migrated since 1970, immigration book collections can be multiracial, multicultural, and, when possible, multilingual.

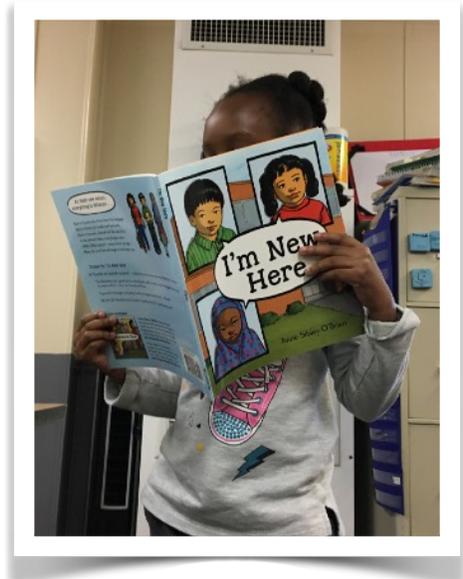
**IYNB's Welcoming Library (WL) collections offer different New Arrival and New Generation options for libraries, schools, and community groups to create and engage with dynamic, award-winning immigration-themed books.**

### **Welcoming Library: All Collections**

Collections that Invite Readers to “Read to Welcome, Read to Belong”

**Each Welcoming Library has the following attributes:**

- **Curated collection of books** that both reflects America's diverse Immigrant and New Generation communities and your local communities. These collections are hand-selected to reflect your demographics.
- **Core set of picture books** that use the immersive power of illustration to communicate immigrant family stories. Readers of any age, any background, and any level of English proficiency can open a picture book and be drawn into the story and into a conversation.
- **Discussion Questions for each of the core picture books** that ask the reader to go back into the book and establish a personal reaction and/or connection to the characters or story. Each unique set of questions work to engage the



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reader whether that reader is part of the community represented in the book or not. Educators have stated that the discussion questions increased their comfort in sharing a book outside of their culture and experience.

Several of the questions provide a cultural framework within the question to give the discussion leader community-approved language. For example, "Many Muslim women wear head scarves. They cover for many reasons including love for their religion, community, family, and themselves. Those scarves go by many names and vary in style by what the women believe, where they were raised, and even by what colors they like. Islam is not the only religion or culture where people cover their hair. Do you know someone that wears clothing or jewelry that is a symbol of what they love and respect? Does something you wear tell a story of where you were born or where your ancestors were born?"

- **Book Processing** that includes multilingual stickers and a custom bookplate to visually unite the titles as a single genre or collective story on the Immigrant or New Generation experience.
- **Display Units** that bring the collection together in a single place to emphasize that these individual books are part of a large, diverse conversation on immigration. Each book display has signage that invites readers to both, "Read to Welcome" and "Read to Belong" and includes IYNB's logo which is the phrase, "I'm Your Neighbor" in 10 languages.

### Welcoming Library: Traveling Collection

Curated Picture Book Collection,  
Conversation Starters & Pop-up Display—  
Designed to Travel Between Locations

This edition of the Welcoming Library has been touring schools and libraries since 2018. The **Welcoming Library: Traveling Collection (WL: TC)** arrives in two red crates. In one crate is a collection of 30 core Immigrant and New Generation picture books with our embedded Discussion Questions. In the other crate is a pop-up book display that allows you to display the books together. While it can live in a single space, it was designed to be a shared resource and travel between locations.



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The **WL: TC** was officially commended by the American Association of School Librarians for “building a stronger culture of welcoming and belonging by providing access to a traveling library of children's books featuring new arrivals and new Americans.”

**WATCH** the informational video.

**ACQUIRE** the Welcoming Library: Traveling Collection.

One-Time Cost: \$2500

### Welcoming Library: Cart Collection

Coming Fall 2023

Curated Grade-Level Book Collection,  
Conversation Starters & Book Cart—  
Designed to be Shared within a Building

In Fall 2023, I'm Your Neighbor Books will introduce the **Welcoming Library: Cart Collection (WL: CC)**. While having all the attributes of a Welcoming Library, this forthcoming project includes:

- **Wooden Book Cart** designed specifically for IYNB to hold both picture books and novels. It can be rolled between classrooms or displayed within a library or community space. One side of the cart invites readers to, “Read to Welcome” and the other side invites them to, “Read to Belong.” To celebrate multilingualism, each end of the cart shares the phrase, “I'm Your Neighbor” in 10 languages.
- **30 Core Picture Books** with our acclaimed Discussion Questions affixed to the endpapers.

**30 Grade-Level Novels and Graphic Novels** that open deeper conversations about immigration, welcoming, and belonging.

All 60 titles will be hand-selected to reflect your demographics, stickered, and covered with mylar.

- **Inventory Sheet** to allow you to see what books you might already own in this New Arrival and New Generation genre of books. And, to allow you to unite



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these books from your own collection for the cart or a special shelf, we will send 100 sets of multilingual stickers and custom bookplates.

- **Bi-Annual Updates:** I'm Your Neighbor Books will send a new spreadsheet on 11/1 and 5/1 each year of all new titles released with recommended books highlighted.

One-Time Cost: \$3500

### Welcoming Library: Stack Collection

Identification of Existing Titles, Curated List of Additional Purchases, Conversation Starters & Wall Signage—Designed to Create a Genre Breakout on Existing Shelving

For the **Welcoming Library: Stack Collection (WL: SC)**, I'm Your Neighbor Books helps you identify existing New Arrival and New Generation children's titles on your shelves and recommends additional purchases.

By then providing you with spine labels, cover stickers, custom bookplates, and wall signage, the **WL: SC** invites you to relocate and highlight this unique and diverse genre.



The services and materials IYNB provides as part of the **WL:SC** includes:

- **Inventory Sheet** with frontlist and backlist New Arrival and New Generation children's books—all within your institution's age/grade range. You check off what titles you already own in this emerging cultural genre.
- **Suggested Order** prepared by IYNB based on your inventory sheet. You will be responsible for purchasing any new books through your standard channels.
- **Book Processing Materials** including spine labels, cover stickers, and custom bookplates (500 of each) to affix to your existing, incoming, and future books within this genre. These multilingual stickers unite the books as a genre while delivering messages to your readers about welcoming and belonging.

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- **Discussion Questions** for 40+ core all-ages picture books on insertable labels. These Discussion Questions transform core picture books into conversation starters on immigration, welcoming, and belonging
- **Signage Design Files** that read, "Read to Welcome. Read to Belong." Sized to fit your space, the PDF will be ready to send to your local sign printer. You will be responsible for ordering and purchasing the provided sign files at your cost.
- **Bi-Annual Updates:** I'm Your Neighbor Books will send a new spreadsheet on 11/1 and 5/1 each year of all new titles released with recommended books highlighted.

One-Time Cost: \$850

### Welcoming Library: Borrow

Want to experience or trial the core collection of picture books and discussion materials that are at the heart of each Welcoming Library collection? You can borrow a Welcoming Library: Traveling Collection at NO COST for a month. This loaner collection was made possible by donations from National Book Award-winning author Phillip Hoose and the Law Offices of Joe Bornstein.

**BORROW** the Welcoming Library: Traveling Collection at no cost.

### Welcoming Library: Contact

This sheet is a little ahead of current information on our website as we await a scheduled web update.

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