

CES® 2016 Highlights in Technology

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LAS VEGAS, NV — CES® the largest, most influential technology conference show in the world, wrapped its 2016 event last week. Through exhibits, some of the most brilliant keynote speakers in the world, sports and entertainment stars and panel discussions, this annual conference is clearly one of the most influential events on earth. The International Consumer Electronics Show (CES®) is a global consumer electronics and consumer technology tradeshow that takes place every January in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Turner of Entertainment Tonight. Dallas Mavericks owner/Shark Tank star Mark Cuban; Intel CEO Brian Krzanich; NBA analyst for TNT Shaquille 'Shaq' O'Neal and Joe Ravitch Co-Founder & partner The Raine Group

4. My Pregnancy Days Smart Scale. This scale helps mom and baby by promoting Healthy Weight Tracking with the aid of a smart scale and iOS App. It gives mom, dad and the whole family a way to stay more intimate and informed, reduce stress and stay healthy all from your iPhone, iPad and Apple Watch. <http://ozakiverse.com/press/prod->



The event's 2016 final numbers tally up to clearly indicate the importance and enormity of this conference. More than 170,000 industry professionals, including more than 50,000 from outside the U.S. from over 150 countries were represented, with 100 official delegations, including the first Cuban delegation organized by the Cuban Embassy of the U.S.

This year's CES® featured more than 3,800 exhibitors; over 6,000 media reps that provided international media coverage. The hashtag #CES2016 had 1,278,870 mentions on social media. And it was all presented across more than 2.47 million net square feet of exhibit space, between the massive Las Vegas Convention Center and several of the city's leading hotel spaces.

The events, exhibits, technology and products at CES brings out the inner-geek in all of us. Here are some of the many way cool products featured at this year's show:

1. The Smart Suit from Samsung C&T Fashion. Wearables with built-in sensors are now for more than fitness wear. Embedded NFC tags in the sleeves, on cuff buttons, can unlock your phone, change modes (drive mode, silent, etc.) or even exchange business cards digitally. There's even a golf shirt that will tell the weather for that day (www.thehumanfit.com)

2. The Mercedes-Benz Intelligent Aerodynamic Automobile Concept Car. It's two cars in one body. The practical mode is the luxurious mode with all of the bells and whistles that's featured in a Benz. But at the press of a remote button, the car actually "shift shapes" when it reaches over 50 mph. The bumper extends and widens, and the wheel rims fill in. The car suddenly transform into an aerodynamic vehicle that reaches up to 150mph but still saves on fuel. www.mercedes-benz.com/en/mercedes-benz/innovation/mercedes-benz-at-the-ces-2016/

3. The Sports Business Forum panelists featuring (L-R) Moderator Nischelle

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5. The Hopper3® and HopperGO™. You can now record 16 show at once! Can support up to 7 TVs in one house and has over 100 hours of storage space for DVR recordings. (<http://www.dish.com/ces/>)

6. The Evutec Cell Phone Cases. Cell phone cases made from durable cork material, as in wine corks. These beautiful, evolutionary cell phone cases are designed using science and technology. www.evutec.com

7. The LG Twin Washer. Get laundry done in twice the time with this washer that washes two loads at the same time. (www.lg.com/us/twin-wash)

8. Singtrix®. It's the ultimate karaoke machine. Singtrix makes the worst singers on earth sound great instantly. It even provides background singer mode and special vocal effects (www.singtrix.com)

9. Objecto Hybrid Humidifier. These humidifiers are designed to look like works of art. It's hybrid technology blended beautifully with everyday living. (www.objecto.com)

10. Polaroid's Dual Waterproof Camera. Polaroid is a brand the world can trust. Check out some of their other new products including tablets, smartphones, and the Snap Digital camera

11. Steadicam Smoothee. Tired of recording videos and selfies that are out of focus? Now shoot smooth stable videos and sharp still pictures anywhere - with the Steadicam. <http://tiffen.com/steadicam/steadicam-hand-held-stabilizers/steadicam-hand-held-smoothee/>

To see video highlights from several of these products visit the Tennessee Tribune's Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/thetennesseetribune/?fref=ts>

SISTER ACT, A Divine Musical Comedy at TSU

NASHVILLE, TN — Circle Players presents **SISTER ACT**, the family friendly, outrageously funny musical with nuns that rock! Performances begin January 15th at Tennessee State University Performing Arts Center as part of Circle's annual collaboration with TSU Theater Program. The five-time TONY Award nominated musical comedy will run for three weeks, closing on January 31, 2016. Tickets are now on sale online at www.circleplayers.net Performances will take place at Tennessee State University - Performing Arts Center on Alameda Street on TSU campus. Tickets available online at www.circleplayers.net or make reservations at boxoffice@circleplayers.net or by phone (615) 332-7529. Tickets on sale at TSU Performing Arts Center one hour before each performance.

Circle's production features a talented ensemble of local actresses in the roles of various nuns and men as Curtis' Thugs, who have some of the funniest numbers in the show. Featured roles include Sister Mary Patrick (Abbie Mummert), Sister Mary Lazarus (Taylor Simon), Sister Mary Robert (Rae Robeson), Sister Mary Martin-of-Tours (Adele Akin), Monsignor O'Hara (Ron Veasey) and Thugs, TJ (Leon Blandon), Joey (Brian Best), Pablo (Joshua Andrew Hosale) and Ernie (Jarvis Bynum).

SISTER ACT is the story of disco diva Deloris Van Cartier, who witnesses a murder and is put in protective custody in the one place cops are sure she won't be found - a convent! Disguised as a nun, she finds herself at odds with both the rigid lifestyle and an uptight Mother Superior. Using her fabulous disco-ness and killer voice to inspire the choir, Deloris breathes new life into the church, but in doing so blows her cover. Soon she's a nun-on-the-run time who finds salvation in the heavenly power of her newly found sisterhood. **SISTER ACT** features an original score by Alan Menken/Glenn Slater that is inspired by musical styles from Motown and gospel to great big disco anthems and Barry White inspired soul in a musical comedy. The director of Circle's production, Tim Larson, points out that the musical is only loosely based on the smash 1992 movie starring Whoopi Goldberg. "The premise and some of the main characters are the same but the musical is circa 1978 and smack dab in the disco era, with some new and very funny characters," explains Larson. The hilarious and beloved cen-



tral character of Deloris is played by LaToya Gardner, a familiar and popular local actress with awards and critical acclaim for her stage work, including Circle's **THE COLOR PURPLE** (Celie) and **DREAMGIRLS** (Lorrell). Gardner reveals that she has a few things in common with Deloris. "Like Deloris, I attended a Catholic private school through middle school-- St. Vincent de Paul, which was located here in Nashville and still stands today," says Gardner. Mary Corby, in the role of Mother Superior, also relates to the story because of her real-life job as Director of Music at St. Henry Catholic Church.

The music director for **SISTER ACT** is John Kennerly, whose work with Circle includes music direction for the mammoth production of **TITANIC** at TPAC in 2012. Choreography is by Tosha Pendergrast. The technical design team includes Jim Manning (set), Rachel Gallup (costumes), Cathy Matthews (lighting) and Cameron Cleland (sound). Circle Players was granted the right to be among the first community theatres in the country to produce **SISTER ACT**, which still has not been licensed for general release. "We are so very proud to be granted this honor and believe it demonstrates that Circle and its volunteers are among the premiere community theatre organizations in the country," says Larson. Larson, whose directing credits include **RAGTIME**, **TITANIC the Musical** and **THE COLOR PURPLE**, adds that he's happy to direct a show that is not tragic and filled with human struggles and emotional tension.

Leadership Conference Celebrating Black History Month Set for February 5 -6

TROY, AL — Civil Rights Movement pioneer and former Tennessee State University graduate, Juanita Jones Abernathy and critically acclaimed actress and performer Jasmine Guy, will both highlight the Leadership Conference Celebrating Black History Month at Troy University February 5 - 6.

The theme for this year's conference is "Remembering Our Origins, Opportunities, Truth and Spirituality." The conference was launched in 2002 by the University and the City of Troy, to promote dialogue that fosters multicultural collaboration and equip diverse leaders with tools to better serve their organizations and communities.

Providing the keynote address for the opening session at 6:30 p.m. Friday in Sartain Hall will be Civil Rights icon Juanita Jones Abernathy. As the widow of the Rev. Dr. Ralph David Abernathy, Martin Luther King Jr.'s closest associate, she became pivotally involved in the Civil Rights Movement from the inception of the Montgomery Bus Boycott. For much of her life, Mrs. Jones Abernathy's work has taken her worldwide working for justice and equality for all people.

A native of Uniontown, Ala., she earned a bachelor's degree in business education from Tennessee State University and taught business education at Monroe County High School and Tuskegee Institute High School before marrying the Rev. Abernathy in 1952. By then he had become pastor of First Baptist Church of Montgomery, Dean of Men at Alabama State University, professor of sociology, and the first black radio show host in Montgomery Alabama. Rev. Abernathy is credited with writing the business plan for the Bus Boycott.

Mrs. Abernathy has been a top national sales director for Mary Kay Cosmetics, often empowering women by helping them gain financial independence, establish credit in their own names and secure business loans. She has served on the boards of Atlanta's Fulton County Development Authority, the Department of Children and Family Services, and the past 15 years served on the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority.

Providing the keynote speech at the conference's closing luncheon is actor-dancer-director Jasmine Guy. The multi-talented performer has enjoyed a diverse career in television, theater and film. She launched her professional ca-



Civil Rights icon Juanita Jones Abernathy



Actress/Producer Jasmine Guy

reer at the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater in New York City. She went on to star in the original Broadway productions of "Beehive" and "Leader of the Pack." She has also starred in reprised hit productions of "Grease," "The Wiz," and "Chicago." Ms. Guy's won six consecutive NAACP Image Awards for her portrayal of the pretentious and comical southern belle "Whitley Gilbert" on "The Cosby Show" spinoff "A Different World." She played "Roxy," the grim reaper meter maid on Showtime's "Dead Like Me," and as "Grams" on the CW Network's "Vampire Diaries."

In 1991, she released her self-titled album on Warner Bros. Records, featuring the hit single "Try Me." The song shot up the R & B charts quickly to Gold status, and fueled the success of the album's second and third chart singles

"Another Like My Lover" and "I Just Wanna Hold You."

In 2004, Guy penned the biography "Evolution of a Revolutionary (Atria Books)," which chronicles the life and journey of Afeni Shakur — Black Panther, activist and mother of slain rapper Tupac Shakur.

A frequent motivational speaker, Guy shares her story openly with those who may benefit from her trials and triumphs, and credits her desire to blend balance and discipline with ambition and service to fuel her passion for the arts.

Registration for the conference is now under way, and may be completed online at <http://www.troy.edu/leadershipconference/index.html>. The cost of registration is \$30 for adults and \$15 for students until Jan. 30, when a \$10 late registration fee applies. Additional information is also available by contacting Barbara Patterson at 334-670-3204 or by email at bpatters@troy.edu or Sheila Jackson at 334-670-2283 or by email Sheila.jackson@troyal.gov. Registrants who wish to pay by check should contact Patterson by phone.

Murfreesboro Anime & Comic Kon

MURFREESBORO, TN — Murfreesboro Anime & Comic Kon (MACK) begins its fifth fan-friendly year January 16 - January 17, 2016, at the Clarion Inn - Murfreesboro location.

Over 21 Guests including the Artist of Deadpool, Batman, Wrestlers, and more! FREE Autographs from ALL our Guests, FREE Parking, FREE Entry to over 5000.00 Merchandise Giveaway, FREE Nylon Totebag (while they last!), FREE Gaming, FREE Gift at door if you come in costume, FREE Tables of Goodies on Sunday! Thousands of Comic Books, Toys, Star Wars, and Collectibles for sale. Enjoy a Costume Contest both days, Panels, and more. Event times are at 3pm on each day.

\$10/Daily Admission (Only available at door)

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dents get in for \$5 on Sunday. For more information please call: Phone: (706) 837-4976.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 16

Chris Hogan's Retire Inspired Book Signing

12 pm-3 pm at Barnes and Noble in Cool Springs. Phone: (888) 227-3223.

January 16 - 17

Murfreesboro Anime & Comic Kon (MACK).

Murfreesboro Anime & Comic Kon (MACK) begins its fifth fan-friendly year. It's at the Clarion Inn - Murfreesboro 2227 Old Fort Parkway, Murfreesboro. Phone: (706) 837-4976. See story on Page B2.

January 18

The New Hope Foundation presents Martin Luther King III to celebrate national MLK, Jr. holiday.

Special guest will be legendary civil rights icon and activist Dick Gregory, at the Nashville Music City Center 2-4:30 pm. Phone: (615) 259-2551.

2016 MLK Day March and Convocation.

The Interdenominational Ministers Fellowship and the Nashville Community invite you to Celebrate the Life and Legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Not Uniformity #BeU

Schedule: Morning Youth Rally 8:30 am at Jefferson Street Baptist Church; March 10 am at Jefferson Street Baptist Church; Convocation 11 am at TSU Gentry Center, Job Fair 9 am - 2 pm at TSU Gentry Center

5K4MLK 2016 Run

Barefoot Republic hosts an event using the themes of diversity and unity for

all. Join the cause. Take a stand for unity. Run for diversity at East Park Community Center 700 Woodland Street Nashville. Phone: (615) 599-9683

January 21

Alive Inside: A story of Music and Memory Screening: ComForCare Home

Care of Hendersonville will host a free screening of "Alive Inside: A story of Music and Memory", an award-winning documentary on the revitalizing power of music on the mind. 5-8 pm at GodWhy Church, 100 GodWhy Court Hendersonville. Phone: (615) 338-6148. (FREE event).

All About Salt.

Learn the good, the bad and the healthy about healthy food choices and salt consumption. Presented by Ebone' Colclough of the Tennessee State University Nutrition Education Program. It's free starting at 5pm. at the Nashville Public Library - Goodlettsville Branch. Phone: (615) 862-5862.

January 23

Sign Sealed Delivered: A Stevie Wonder Tribute.

Come out to Soulshine Pizza Factory for Sign Sealed Delivered: A Stevie Wonder Tribute! A free event that starts at 9pm, Soulshine Pizza Factory - 1907 Division Street - Nashville. Phone: (615) 401-9859.

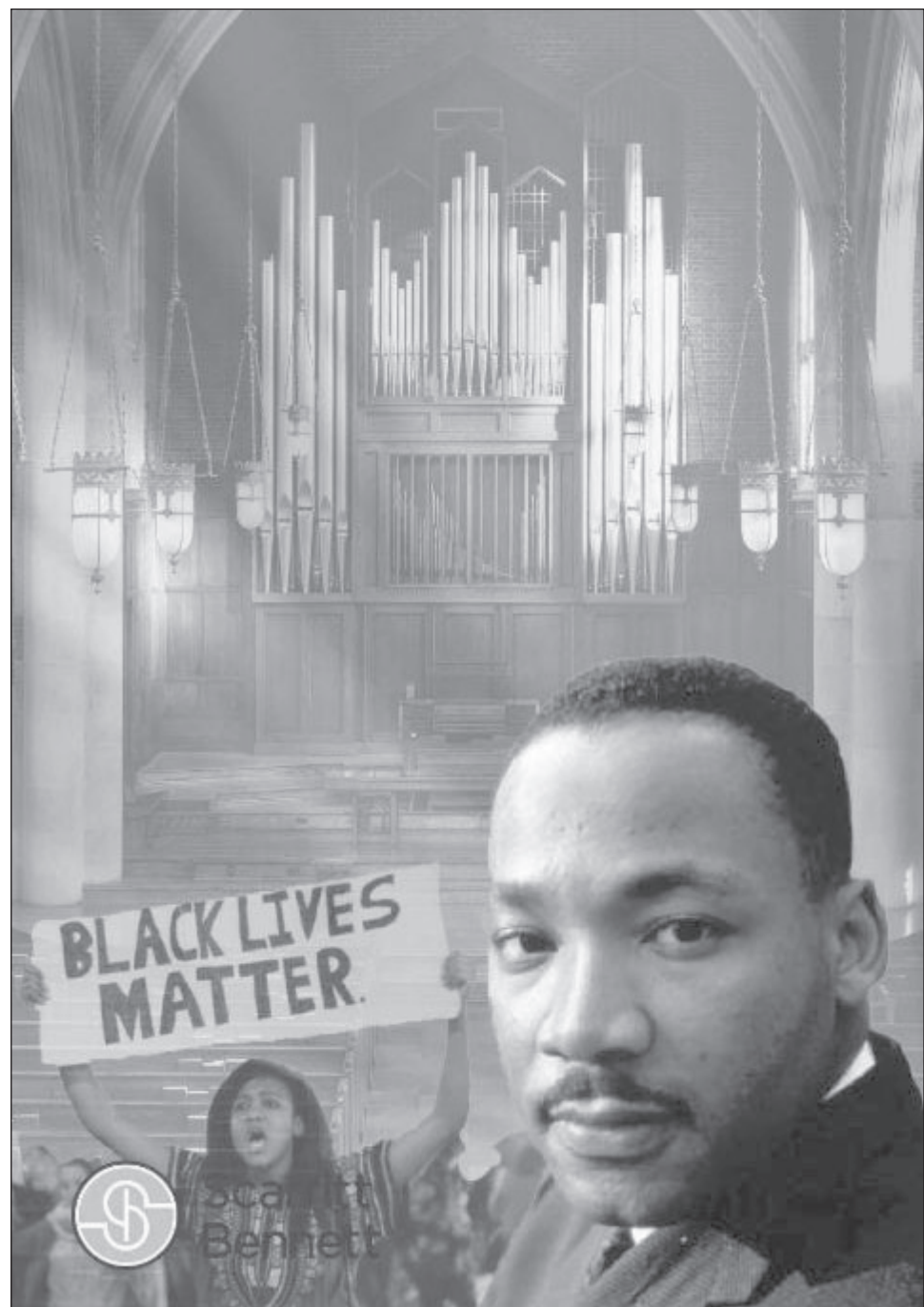
To be included in our events calendar please email info to tribunenews1@aol.com

MLK, Jr. Vigil 2016

NASHVILLE, TN — Join us for prayer, meditation and spoken word to commemorate the legacy of Martin Luther King.

There will be readings from civil rights literature and time for silent reflection. The event takes place January 18th and runs

from 5 - 6 pm at Scarritt-Bennett Center's Wightman Chapel, 1008 19th Avenue South, Nashville, TN, Phone: 615.340.7500



BOOK REVIEW

'Women Who Broke the Rules...'



by Terri Schlichenmeyer

Leaders come from surprising places.

The quiet girl that sits the next row over may know how to inspire people. The know-it-all in your class could own a business in the future. The kid everybody picks on might become President. But in the new book "Women Who Broke the Rules: Coretta Scott King" by Kathleen Krull, illustrated by Laura Freeman, you'll read about one woman who didn't necessarily want to be a leader. She only wanted to sing.

Born in April 1927, Coretta Scott grew up on her family's farm and was "a bit sheltered" as a girl; still, she was very aware that some things were unfair, which always made her angry. Everybody in Marion, Alabama, knew Coretta was a fighter, that she had "the guts to climb up and over the Rules," and that she had a temper, but there was one thing that calmed her: music.

Because her mother was the church pianist, Coretta was encouraged to sing solos as a very small child. She was known to rush through chores so she could spend time with her music; in high school, she was the school's most promising singer-musician. Later, she landed a scholarship at an Ohio college, where she studied music and education, "in case a career in singing didn't work out." From

there, she attended the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston.

Six months after arriving in Boston, she was introduced to a man named Martin.

At first, Coretta didn't think much of Martin Luther King, Jr. He wasn't her type, and he was awfully outspoken. On the other hand, he spun dreams of a wonderful future. Their dates led her to a church, to a concert, dancing, and eventually to marriage. But being the wife of Martin Luther King, Jr. wasn't always a

King." So many biographies of King begin with her marriage to Martin, but author Kathleen Krull starts much earlier, putting an emphasis on Coretta Scott King's lifelong love of music and her desire to have a career, despite that woman generally didn't do that sort of thing then. That gives the story a tone of determination and quiet inspiration, a note that gets louder as the book progresses. I especially like that Krull writes at length of King as a child, which will resonate with young readers who likely



"Women Who Broke the Rules: Coretta Scott King" by Kathleen Krull, illustrated by Laura Freeman c.2015, Bloomsbury \$16.99, 48 pages

happy life. Coretta worried about Martin constantly, though she was proud of him. Their work together on boycotts was making change, but there was always danger. She could do what she needed to do, though - as long as she had her music.

I have to say that I was pleasantly surprised by "Women Who Broke the Rules: Coretta Scott

King" in the lead.

Don't feel guilty for enjoying this book before you give it to your 9-to-12-year-old. It's a quick and pleasant story you'll both like; in fact, if she needs a biography to read this spring, you can put "Women Who Broke the Rules: Coretta Scott King" in the lead.

BOOK EVENT

Celebrate Multicultural Children's Book Day



by Kam Williams

Multicultural Children's Book Day (MCBD) is just two years old, but founders Mia Wenjen and Valerie Budayr have achieved tremendous success and online support for diversity awareness. They've put thousands of free books into kids' hands and they're changing lives with their message. Last year on January 27th, Multicultural Children's Book Day, they -- along with support from corporations, teams of bloggers, teachers and librarians -- made multicultural book news trend on Twitter at #ReadYourWorld. MCBD is looking to break a new record—surpass 26 million shares about this event.

Now, partnered with Junior Library Guild and even more corporate and author sponsors, they are looking to move the needle even further. Plus, with their new \$25 MCBD Friends sponsorship program, everyone can participate by giving a shout out to their favorite diversity books for less than the cost of dinner out.

Visit www.multiculturalbookday.com for resource lists of thousands of books about diverse cultures and issues. Topics include Teaching Compas-



sion, Mixed Race Celebrations, Combating Racism, Immigration, Islam, Selecting Diversity Board Day of the Dead, and Celebrating Chinese New Year. There are also books lists about cultures in every corner of the world and that tie into our daily news headlines.

Join us January 27th to effect change.

What is Happening for Multicultural Children's Book Day, January 27th?

- Huge Diversity Book Giveaway during #ReadYourWorld Twitter Party from 9-10pm EST on 1/27/16. Discussion on state of diversity books for kids. What's needed from parents' perspective.

- Last year #ReadYourWorldhashtag trended on Twitter on January 27th.

- LINKY Party of 150+ Bloggers who will be sharing their book reviews.

What's FREE from Multicultural Children's Book Day?

- BLOGGERS (Parenting, Lifestyle, Book Reviewers, Teachers, Librarians): Free diversity book to bloggers who will post a book review on January 27th. <http://www.pragmaticmom.com/2015/10/multicultural-childrens-book-day-blogger-sign-sign/>

- TEACHERS: Free hardcover diversity book for teachers' classroom library: <http://multiculturalchildrensbookday.com/>

our-programs/mccbday-2016-classroom-reading-challenge/

- EVERYONE: Free downloadable Multicultural Children's Book Day poster designed by illustrator Robert Liu-Trujillo: <http://multiculturalchildrensbookday.com/free-downloadable-multicultural-childrens-book-day/>

- EVERYONE: We have hand selected the best content from educational and children's book bloggers. This is an extensive list of diversity books and extension activities for kids sorted by country, holiday, ethnicity, genre, and age group: <http://multiculturalchildrensbookday.com/multicultural-reading-resources/diversity-book-lists-for-kids/>

- EVERYONE: Packages of diversity books for kids will be given out every 5 minutes during our Twitter Party on 1/27/16.

Fast Facts & Stats:

- Last year, we had 26 million social shares during the week of Multicultural Children's Book Day.

- We will be giving away more than 600 diversity books for Multicultural Children's Book Day.

- More than 4300 parents and teachers have utilized our resource list of diversity books and extension activities so far: <http://multiculturalchildrensbookday.com/multicultural-reading-resources/diversity-book-lists-for-kids/>