



The Welcoming Library is a pop-up community conversation on immigration. That conversation is driven by a collection of acclaimed picture books featuring New Arrival and New American families. Readers of all ages “meet” these families on the page and explore the commonalities of all families with embedded discussion questions and companion programming / education materials. The collection – with its pop-up display unit – packs into a crate and travels between schools, libraries, and community centers in a given region, building an environment of Welcoming and Belonging. **WelcomingLibrary.org**.

100 % of the **Welcoming Library** readers surveyed indicated a positive response to immigration with 66.7% saying, “Reading this book reinforced my feeling that immigrants should be welcomed in my community.” and with 41.7% saying, “I feel inspired by this book and project to find a way to be actively welcoming in my community.”

Each Welcoming Library Includes:

- **28 Acclaimed Picture Books** featuring the experiences of modern-day non-European immigrants, refugees, and 1st- through 3rd-generation families.
- **Discussion Questions** affixed to the back end papers to allow any reader to have an in-depth, informed conversation about commonalities, differences, welcoming, and belonging, regardless of the reader's experience and comfort with such conversations.
- **Book Processing** that highlights the mission of the collection, including a cover sticker with "I'm Your Neighbor" in 10 languages, a spine label, and a bookplate with the mission statement.
- **Pop-up Display Unit with Banner** which adapts to any space to both highlight the books and draw attention to the mission. The handmade wooden display disassembles for packing and shipping between locations.
- **Customizable Counter Card Template** featuring the project's mission statement. The card directs readers to the I'm Your Neighbor website for more book titles and can feature local mission statements and branding.
- **Online Toolkit** to assist each new site and "ambassador" with set-up, circulation, marketing, programming, and educational opportunities.
- **Cumulative Reader Survey Results** that explore which books have been read and how the reader feels about immigration post-read.
- **Consultation** with the founders on implementation, addition of books reflecting your community, and customization of materials. (Up to 4 hours.)
- **Crates** to move and ship books, the display, and all support materials between your locations.
- **Ongoing** innovations and national marketing.

I'm Your Neighbor, the founders of the Welcoming Library, will partner with you to create a Welcoming Library to circulate within your library system, school district, or other municipality or organization. We will provide sample language, images, outcomes, and budgets to share with donors and grant organizations. The cost of a Welcoming Library is \$2200 with discounts for multiple purchases.

I'm Your Neighbor is a project that highlights the lives of New Arrivals and New Americans through the sharing of children's literature. By reading and engaging with children's books, readers of all ages and backgrounds can experience immigration, acculturation, and cultural celebration. Fiction, from picture books to novels, allows readers to see themselves and others in a way that changes the culture of Belonging and Welcoming.

ImYourNeighborBooks.org sorts and features children's books by the culture represented, allowing for schools, libraries, and organizations to best select and share books that represent their neighborhoods and the diversity of the nation. The site also offers lesson plans and event kits to facilitate engagement between neighbors.