Children’s Books Across Continents

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Session Description for NC Reading Assoc

Discover children’s books with settings on every continent. Children can be transferred to places far away while developing authentic cultural awareness through books appropriate for grades K-5. This session also provides information about international reading initiatives and literacy-based global service learning opportunities.
Today’s session

- Global book and resource recommendations
- Global reading initiatives
- Resources that help educators become more globally aware through state resources
- Global service project “Walk for Wisdom”
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Why expose children to globally themed children’s books?

“(To) heighten readers’ awareness about the importance of introducing children to a range of cultural norms, worldviews, and historical information through the use of global children’s literature.” -- McNair, et al
Global Book Resource Collection

Around the World in 80 Children’s books -- NYPL

Teaching Global Children's Literature - Edweek

18 Classic Children’s Books from Around the World

The Children’s Literature and Reading Special Interest Group

Edventures with Kids blog - around the world…

International Children’s Digital Library

Asso. for Library Service to Children - Batchelder Award

https://diversebooks.org/
Spend a little time reading the book you have chosen. Keep in mind these questions to ask when exposing students to critical global engagement experiences:

- In what ways does the book reflect valuable cultural experiences?
- In what ways will the book expand the reader’s experiences?
- In what ways does the book respond and/or contribute to the underrepresentation, misrepresentation, and invisibility of cultural communities and experiences?

http://doors2world.umass.edu/
International Reading Initiatives that kids love!

Global Read Aloud

The premise of the Global Read Aloud is to read aloud specific books (chosen differently each year) over 6 weeks. Classes make connections through social media and other resources. “Home” to sign up and “Blog” to find books.

Reading Without Walls

Students participating in Reading Without Walls commit to read three books that promote diversity during the month of April. Book selfie contest based on RWW.
State resources that help educators become more globally aware:

- World View
- Participate
- Go Global NC
- NC Global Educator Digital Badge
Isenberg’s Annual Global Week

Promotional video
Pictures
Walk for Wisdom