

Multicultural Children's Literature Resources & Bookstores



Oakland is an incredibly diverse city that demands access to diverse books. Here is a growing list of organizations, booksellers, and other resources we've collected. Keep an eye on this space as we will continue to build on it!

NONPROFITS

Center for the Study of Multicultural Children's Literature

CSMCL is one of the leading educational research centers in the field of multicultural literature. Their website includes resources such as book lists, events, and a grant opportunity for organizations that serve children and their families.

Website: www.csmcl.org

PUBLISHERS

Lee & Low

Lee & Low is a proactive publisher promoting and developing diversity in books for children and teens. Their motto: "books about everyone, for everyone." Their website features their books for purchase, webinars on children's literature, blogs, interviews with authors, and giveaways/contests. Additionally, they sponsor two writing contests for unpublished authors of color.

Website: www.leeandlow.com

LOCAL BOOKSTORES

Marcus Books

Marcus Books is one of the oldest Black bookstores in the entire country. It is a small historic, independently-owned Oakland bookstore with a great selection of children's books focused on African-American history and people of color. They also host a wide variety of events.

Address: 3900 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Oakland, CA

Hours: Monday - Saturday 10am-6pm; Sunday 12pm-4pm

Website: www.marcusbooksoakland.com

Eastwind Books of Berkeley

Eastwind Books is a bookstore primarily focused on books about Asia, and Asian and Asian-American people and history. They carry a wide variety of books for adults and children, as well as craft materials and art supplies. They also host events such as author readings and documentary screenings.

Address: 2066 University Ave, Berkeley, CA

Hours: Monday-Saturday 11am-6pm; Sunday 12pm-5pm

Website: www.asiabookcenter.com

The Multicultural Children's Bookstore

The Multicultural Children's Bookstore is a bookstore entirely devoted to books for babies through young adults from all cultures. They host a range of events and offer a 15% discount to educators and librarians.

Address: The Shops at Hilltop, 2325 Hilltop Mall Drive, Richmond, CA

Hours: Wednesday-Saturday 11am-7pm; Sundays 11am-6pm. Closed Mondays and Tuesdays.

Website: www.multiculturalbookstore.com