

Building a Diverse Library

With the holidays approaching, you may be wondering what books will make the best gifts (and which ones you want to ask for!) While browsing, consider making choices that will diversify your library *and* the libraries of others.

What does having a diverse library mean?

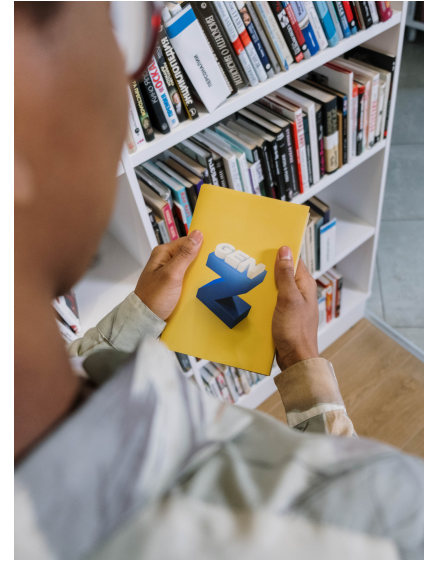
- In a nutshell, it means choosing authors and stories that represent people, backgrounds, and life situations that are different from yours - including religion, what makes a family, where you're from in the world, how you think of yourself, and so on

And what does having a diverse library do?

- Being exposed to diversity reminds us that there are lots of ways to live in the world and that they're all interesting and valid, even if different
- This is especially important for children; when children are exposed to different ways of living, they learn that differences are to be treasured and celebrated
- Diversity in your library also encourages everyone to be more comfortable learning about others and about asking questions

Altogether, this makes a better world for us all!

Finding books that can introduce more diversity into your library can be intimidating - it's definitely easier to stick with what you know! Luckily, the GLC has lots of suggestions to offer you. For example, the two book selections at the end of this newsletter and future issues are one place to start. There's also a wide selection of books for all age groups on our website, under Diversity Reads (<https://gaspelit.ca/diversity-reads>) and many other websites that offer suggestions



Happy Reading!!!

