Arab American Heritage Month

Picture Books (J-Easy)



Halal Hot Dogs

by Susannah Aziz

Musa loves the food his family eats after visiting the mosque. When it is his turn to pick the family meal, he chooses Halal Hot Dogs! Readers will enjoy Musa's enthusiasm and the illustrations will leave mouths watering. For ages 4-9.



Ten Ways to Hear Snow

by Cathy Camper

After a snowfall, Lina heads to visit her grandmother, Sitti, whose eyesight is diminishing. As the two prepare warak enab (grape leaves stuffed with rice and lamb), Lina realizes that snow cannot just be seen, but also heard. For ages 4 - 8.



The Arabic Quilt: An Immigrant Story by Ava Khalil

Kanzi is going to a new school where she sometimes feels different and is teased by the other kids. When Kanzi brings her grandmother's Arabic Quilt to school for Show and Tell, her teacher has a creative idea to help her fit in with her classmates. For ages 6 - 8.



The Proudest Blue: A Story of Hijab and Family

by Ibtihaj Muhammad

Faizah experiences her older sister's first day at school wearing her beautiful, blue hijab. "The first day of wearing a hijab is important", mama had said. "It means being strong." Both girls show this strength and self-confidence for each other as well as to their friends at school. For ages 5 - 10.

Chapter Books (J-Fiction)



Farah Rocks Fifth Grade

by Susan Muaddi Darraj

Farah navigates the ups and downs of fifth grade from fracturing friendships to purposely failing tests to bullies on buses — especially the girl who is bullying her little brother and his friends. For ages 9 – 12. (series)



Yasmin in Charge

by Saadia Faruqi

Yasmin is put in charge of the class when her teacher steps out of the classroom. When the students start to get out of control, quick-thinking Yasmin has to come up with a solution to this problem, pronto! For ages 6 - 8. (series)



Sadig and the Gamers

by Siman Nuurali

Sadiq and his school gaming club search for a way to serve others with their talents. Little did they know that they would be teaching the residents of a local nursing home how to play video games. Facts about Somalia are included in the front pages. For ages 6 - 8. (series)



Other Words for Home

by Jasmine Warga

Danger has come close to Jude's town in Syria so she and her mother are sent to live with family in the United States. This is a story of transition, prejudice, and a resilient young girl who has great insight and understanding about what it is like to learn a new language and navigate a new culture. For ages 10 – 15.

Nonfiction



Arab Arab All Year Long!

by Cathy Camper

Arranged in a month-by-month format, this engaging book provides a celebration of Arab culture, traditions, and family life. The brightly illustrated pages are packed with fun details and smiling individuals. For age 4 - 8.



Hope Is an Arrow: The Story of Lebanese American Poet Kahlil Gibran

by Cory McCarthy

This lovingly illustrated biography follows young Khalil as he and his family flee from the familiarity of rural life to the United States, where they learn to live in a bustling city. Khalil's talent for drawing and writing grows and he becomes a famous author. For ages 8 – 12.