

Read Together Kits – Criteria

The contents of the Read Together kits will meet as many of these criteria as possible within the constraints of available circulation-ready materials appropriate for storytime reading. Books that do not meet any of these criteria will not be considered.

Authors/Illustrators

- Person of color
- Native American
- LGBTQIA
- Differently abled
- Marginalized religious or cultural minority in the United States
- Parity of gender representation

Book Characters

- All or predominantly human characters
- Person of color
- Native American
- LGBTQIA
- Differently abled
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Kit Content

- Each kit will contain 5 titles meeting the above criteria, arranged around a unifying theme that promotes storytime, reading together, and early literacy skills development
- At least 2 titles in each kit are appropriate for children ages 18 months to 3 years old
 - No more than 1-2 lines per page
 - Encourage participation and include elements such as rhyming, predictable text, movement, and/or sounds
- At least half of the available kits will contain at least 1 bilingual title that features a primary language other than English spoken by families in Sacramento County
- All titles should contain simple, large illustrations that can be seen from a variety of distances and angles