

May Memorial Library was recently awarded a “We the People Bookshelf” grant of books. This collection of classic books for young readers on the subject of harmony and unity enhances the library’s collection on this topic. This grant program is offered annually by the National Endowment for the Humanities in cooperation with the American Library Association. The range of books awarded includes books for reading levels kindergarten through grade twelve. Some books awarded are:

“Tico and the Golden Wings” written and illustrated by Leo Lionni. Knopf Publishing, 1954. 32 pages, \$17.99.



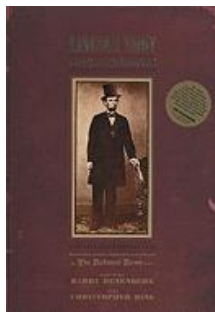
“Tico and the Golden Wings” is a classic childhood book that has beautiful drawings. It is the parable of a bird, born without wings, who makes a life journey to know himself by helping others selflessly. It is a fable that you will remember long after the last page is turned. In the story, the wishing bird gives him gold feathers. He trades the feathers and he purchases presents for the puppeteer, a fisherman, and a bride. He also gave feathers so a father could buy medicine for his sick child. As he gives each of the gold feathers away, he receives soft natural feathers and flies high in the sky.

“When Marian Sang” by Pam Muñoz Ryan and illustrated by Brian Selznick. Scholastic Press, 2002. \$17.99, 32 pages.

This book received a Robert F. Siebert Honor Book award and details the life of Marian Anderson, the famous singer. As a child Marian, was a gifted singer praised by family and her church family. Through their encouragement and her own talent, she was able to overcome the racial discrimination of that time period. She became one of Guisepppe Bughetti’s students and as he promised, that when he finished training her, she “would be able to go anywhere and sing for anybody.” She performed in many concert halls in Europe. When she returned to America, she again encountered discrimination and was unable to find concert halls that would allow her to sing. She was refused permission to sing at Constitution Hall in 1939. With the help of Eleanor Roosevelt she sang at the Lincoln Memorial on Easter Sunday, in 1939. Sixteen years later, she walked on stage of the Metropolitan Opera and she sang reaching the sun and the moon of her dreams and goals.



“Lincoln Shot: A President’s Life Remembered” by Barry Denenberg and Illustrated by Christopher Bing. McMillian Press, 2008. \$24.95, 40 pages.



This non-fiction children’s book is unusual and memorable for its unique size and content. Nestled in the contents is the biographical information about Abraham Lincoln in a newspaper style format with rich illustrations. It highlights the assassination and contains stories of his life from his youth to the abrupt end of his political career. The Civil War battles of Antietam and Gettysburg are also included. The book has a chronology and index for middle school research papers.

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