NEA’S READ ACROSS AMERICA
Educator Recommended Books
2016-2017

PreK-K

*Maybe Something Beautiful: How Art Transformed a Neighborhood* written by F. Isabel Campoy and Theresa Howell and illustrated by Rafael López (HMH Books for Young Readers)

*More–igami* written by Dori Kiefer and illustrated by G. Brian Karas (Candlewick)

*Pool* by Jiyeon Lee (Chronicle Books)

*Thunder Boy Jr.* written by Sherman Alexie and illustrated by Yuyi Morales (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers)

Grades 1-2

*Freedom in Congo Square* by Carole Boston Weatherford; illustrated by R. Gregory Christie (Little Bee Books)

*A Piece of Home* by Jeri Hanel Watts; illustrated by Hyewon Yum (Candlewick)

*School’s First Day of School* story by Adam Rex with pictures by Christian Robinson (Roaring Brook Press)

*When Green Becomes Tomatoes: Poems for All Seasons* written by Julie Fogliano; illustrated by Julie Morstad (Roaring Brook Press)

Grades 3-5

*Ada’s Violin: The Story of the Recycled Orchestra of Paraguay* by Susan Hood; illustrated by Sally Wern Compton (Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers)

*Funny Bones: Posada and His Day of the Dead Calaveras* by Duncan Tonatiuh (Abrams)

*Jazz Day: The Making of a Famous Photograph* by Roxane Orgill; illustrated by Francis Vallejo (Candlewick)

*Words with Wings* by Nikki Grimes (Wordsong)

Grades 6-8

*Blackbird Fly* by Erin Entrada Kelly (Greenwillow Books)

*Hour of the Bees* by Lindsay Eagar (Candlewick)

*Rhythm Ride: A Road Trip through the Motown Sound* by Andrea Davis Pinkney (Roaring Brook Press)

*The Shadow Hero* written by Gene Luen Yang and Sonny Liew (First Second)

Grades 9-12

*Becoming Maria: Love and Chaos in the South Bronx* by Sonia Manzano (Scholastic)

*Draw the Line* by Laurent Linn (Margaret K. McElderry Books)

*Ink and Ashes* by Valynne E Maetani (Tu Books)

*Written in the Stars* by Aisha Saeed (Nancy Paulsen Books)

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