

Promoting Diverse Reading in the Library

For this project, you will be examining the ways that men, women, and children are represented in texts available in the library and creating a promotional bookmark to urge other readers to choose texts that provide a diverse, balanced picture of people or the topics that they cover.



For each book you explore, consider the following guiding questions:

- What do women look like?
- What kind of work do women do?
- What do men look like?
- What kind of work do men do?
- How do women and men interact with each other?
- What other features do you notice about the characters? Think about race, ethnicity, religion, class, age, and so forth.

Once you've explored several texts, you'll narrow your collection by choosing two or three books to feature on your bookmark. Your goal is to create a bookmark that urges readers to think about the depictions and facts in the books that they choose and to look at information in two or more books to reach a more balanced understanding. Books that complement each other are best for this project so look for books that when read together provide a more diverse version of the topic.

Your bookmark might include a definition of stereotype, details on the harms of stereotypes, or suggestions for ways to spot a stereotype. In addition to this information, your bookmark should suggest 2 or more books that illustrate the issues you discuss. The information that you include should persuade people who see your bookmark to consider reading the books.

For each book, be sure to include the title and author

Examples:

The Paper Bag Princess by Robert Munsch

The Butter Battle Book by Dr. Seuss

Charlotte's Web by E. B. White

African American Inventors by Otha Richard Sullivan