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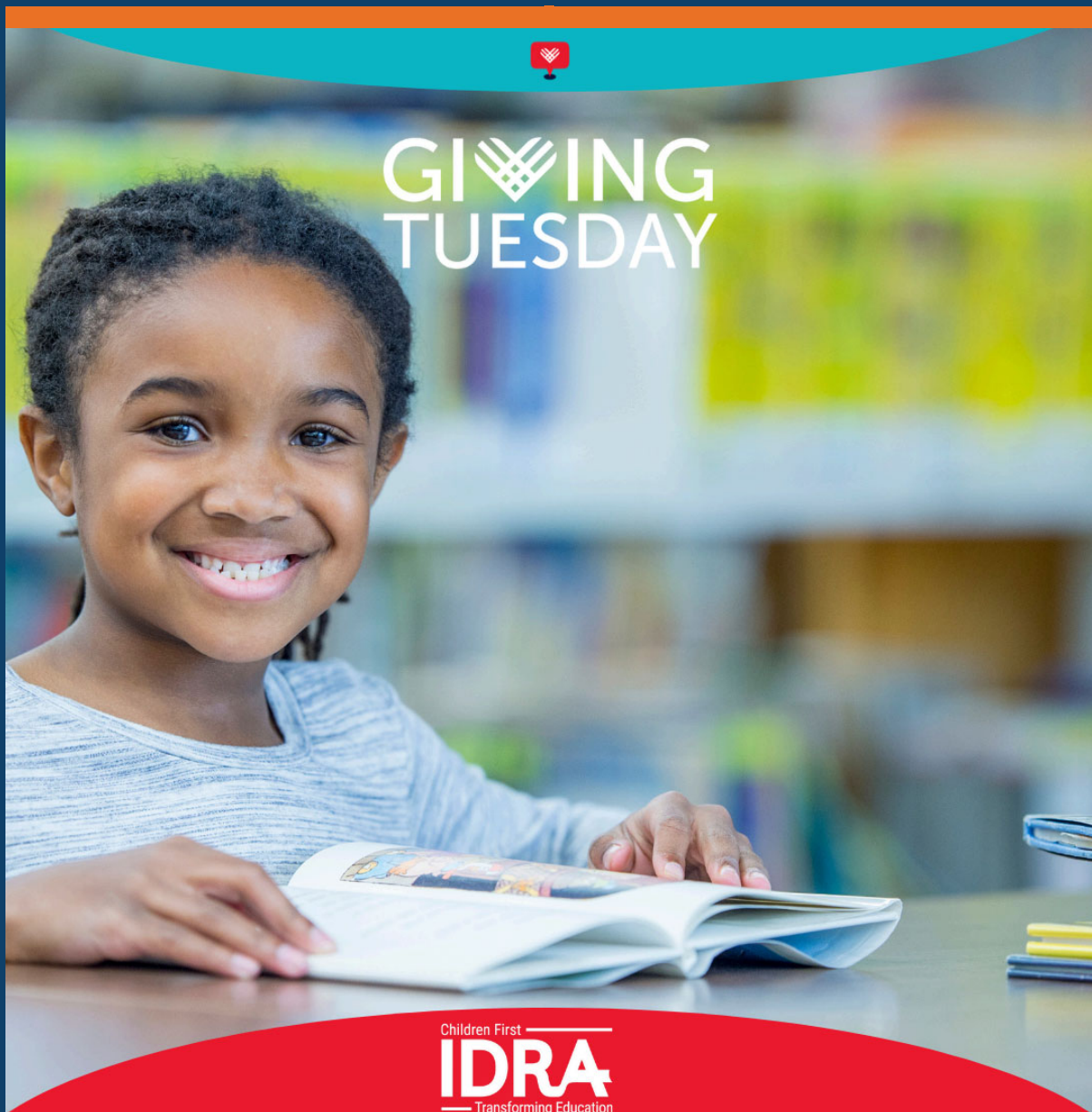
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#GivingTuesday is a global day dedicated to giving back. On Tuesday, November 29, charities, families and businesses around the world will come together to celebrate generosity and give to local non-profits.

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In state houses and hallways across the country, opponents of public education are pressing to censor teacher speech, limit what students can say and learn about racism and current events and attempt to whitewash history.

Armed with vague laws and their residual chilling effects, they aim to shut down free expression in schools. As a result, students stand to be completely unprepared to engage in thoughtful discussions of real-world issues and solutions.

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Shopping ideas for students – Banned books make great reading lists

For elementary school students

For middle & high school students

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The Breakaways
by Cathy Johnson
Quiet, sensitive Faith starts middle school already worrying about how she will fit in. To her surprise, Amanda, a popular eighth grader, convinces her to join the school soccer team. This is a raw and beautifully honest graphic novel that looks into the lives of a diverse and defiantly independent group of kids learning to make room for themselves in the world. Grade level: 3-4.

Planting Stories
by Anita Aldamir-Denise
When she came to America in 1921, Pura carried the cuentos folklóricos of her Puerto Rican homeland. This portrait of the influential librarian, author and puppeteer reminds us of the power of storytelling and the extraordinary woman who opened doors and championed bilingual literature. Grade level: 3-5.

This Is Your Time
by Ruby Bridges
Written as a letter from civil rights activist and icon Ruby Bridges to the reader, *This Is Your Time* is both a recounting of Ruby's experience as a child who had to be escorted to class by federal marshals when she was chosen to be one of the first black students to integrate into New Orleans' all-white public school system and an appeal to generations to come to effect change. Grade level: 5-6.

Unspeaking: The Tulsa Race Massacre
by Carole Boston Weatherford
This book traces the history of African Americans in Tulsa's Greenwood district and chronicles the devastation that occurred in 1921 when a white mob attacked the Black community. News of what happened was largely suppressed, and no official investigation occurred for 75 years. This picture book sensitively introduces your readers to this tragedy and concludes with a call for a better future. Grade level: 3-6.

We Are Water Protectors
by Carole Lindstrom
Inspired by the many Indigenous-led movements across North America, *We Are Water Protectors* issues an urgent rallying cry to safeguard the Earth's water from harm and corruption. Written in response to the Dakota Access Pipeline protests, the book tells the story of an Ojibwe girl who fights against an oil pipeline in an effort to protect the water supply of her people. Grade level: Preschool-1.

Warm Loves Warm
by LJ Austin
You are cordially invited to celebrate the wedding of a worm, and a worm. When a worm meets a special worm and they fall in love, you know what happens next. They get married! But their friends want to know who will wear the dress? And who will wear the tux? The answer is, it doesn't matter. Because worm loves worm. Grade level: Preschool-3.

Dreamers
by Yuyi Morales
Dreamers is a celebration of making your home with the things you always carry: your resilience, your dreams, your hopes and history. It chronicles Yuyi Morales' journey from Mexico to the United States with her young son, Kelly. Grade level: K-2.

Esperanza Rising
by Pam Muñoz Ryan
The novel focuses on Esperanza, the only daughter of wealthy Mexican parents, and follows the events that occur after her father's murder. It is a story of love, loss, and hope, set in Mexico during the 1930s, just after the Mexican Revolution. Grade level: 5-6.

In Our Mothers' House
by Patricia Polacco
Harmee, Meema, and the kids are just like any other family on the block. In their beautiful house, they cook dinner together, they laugh together, and they dance together. But some of the other families don't accept them. They say they are different. How can a family have two moms and no dad? Grade level: 1-3.

Julián at the Wedding
by Juana Love
Julián and his abuela go to a wedding where meets a new friend named Marisol. They set off for some magic and mischief of their own, and when things take an unexpected turn, the pair learns that everything is easier with a good friend by your side. This is a radiant follow-up to Julián is a Mermaid. Grade level: Preschool-3.

Citizen: An American Lyric
by Claudia Rankine
A provocative meditation on race, this book-length poem and a series of lyric essays recounts mounting racial aggressions in ongoing encounters in twenty-first-century daily life and in the media. In essay, image and poetry, this is a powerful testament to the individual and collective effects of racism in our contemporary, often named "post-race" society. Grade level: 7-12.

Class Act
by Amy Craft
In this companion book to *New Kid*, it's Jordan's friend Drew, who takes center stage in another laugh-out-loud funny, powerful and important story about being one of the few kids of color in a prestigious private school. Grade level: 6-8.

Monday's Not Coming
by Tiffany Jackson
Monday Charles is missing, and only Claudia seems to notice. When she doesn't show for the second day, or second week, Claudia knows that something is wrong. Monday wouldn't just leave her to endure tests and bullies alone. Grade level: 9-12.

New Kid
by Jerry Craft
This graphic novel tells the story of a 12-year-old black boy, Jordan Banks, who experiences culture shock when he enrolls at a new school, where he is one of the few kids of color in his entire grade. Grade level: 6-8.

Out of Darkness
by Ashley Hope Ford
This historical young adult novel chronicles a love affair between a teenage Mexican American girl and a teenage African American boy in 1930s New London, Texas, occurring right up to the 1937 New London School explosion. Grade level: 7-12.

Stamped: Racism, Antiracism and You - A Remix
by Ibram X. Kendi
The construct of race has always been used to gain and keep power, to create dynamics that separate and silence. This remarkable reimagining of Dr. Ibram X. Kendi's *Stamped from the Beginning* reveals the history of racist ideas in America and inspires hope for an antiracist future. Grade level: 7-12.

The Hate U Give
by Angie Thomas
Sixteen-year-old Starr Carter moves between two worlds: the poor neighborhood where she lives and the fancy suburban prep school she attends. The uneasy balance between these worlds is shattered when Starr witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood best friend Khalil at the hands of a police officer. Khalil was unarmed. Grade level: 9-12.

They Called Themself the K.K.K.: The Birth of an American Terrorist Group
by Samuel S. Hays
This is the story of how a secret terrorist group took root in America's democracy. Filled with chilling and vivid personal accounts unearthed from oral histories, congressional documents, and diaries, this account is a book to read and remember. Grade level: 6-12.

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Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood
by Marjane Satrapi
In powerful black-and-white comic strip images, Satrapi tells the coming-of-age story of her life in Tehran from ages 6 to 14, years that saw the overthrow of the Shah's regime, the triumph of the Islamic Revolution, and the devastating effects of war with Iraq. Grade level: 7-12.

Stamped: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America
by Ibram X. Kendi
In this deeply researched and fast-moving narrative, Kendi chronicles the entire story of anti-black racist ideas and their staggering power over the course of U.S. history. He uses the life stories of five major intellectuals to drive the history: Puritan minister Cotton Mather, Thomas Jefferson, abolitionist William Lloyd Garrison, W.E.B. Du Bois, and legendary activist Angela Davis. Grade level: 7-12.

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