**Upper Elementary**

**Cog** by Greg van Eekhout
Cog may look like a normal boy, but he’s not. He’s been created by a brilliant scientist with unique programming, among them the ability to think and make his own decisions. Now the corporation that made him wants him back so they can replicate his brain and use it for evil purposes. What will happen to Cog?

**Dictionary for a Better World: Poems, Quotes, and Anecdotes from A to Z** by Irene Latham and Charles Waters
Using a variety of poetic forms, these authors touch the heart from A to Z discussing qualities of Kindness, Gratitude and Peace.

**A Good Kind of Trouble** by Lisa Moore Remée
“Shayla does not like trouble, in fact trouble makes her hands itch. She has two close friends she has grown up with, because of their diversity, they call themselves the United Nations. However, middle school has brought some changes to their friendship. Along with surviving seventh grade she has to navigate protests, witnessing a shooting, and choosing whether to support the Black Lives Matter movement.

**The Hero Next Door** by Olugbemisola Rhuday-Perkovich(ed.)
This book contains short stories written by diverse authors with one theme in mind: that heroes can be anyone and anywhere! Each story depicts an individual that stands up for what they feel is right; they do not seek the spotlight, only the focus of light against the dark.

**Nightbooks** by J.A. White
Alex gets lured into an apartment in his building and discovers that the sweet old lady is really a witch! She traps him inside and the only thing that soothes her are scary stories. How will Alex escape this living nightmare?

**Prairie Lotus** by Linda Sue Park
Half-Asian fourteen-year-old Hanna and her white father travel from Cheyenne in the 1880s to Dakota Territory to build a new life after her mother’s passing, facing stereotyping and racism from townspeople when they try to become part of the community.

**Roll with It** by Jamie Sumner
Ellie is the new kid in town with a talent for baking. She also has cerebral palsy, and life in a wheelchair means it can be challenging to make friends. Will Ellie find her way in a new place, despite life’s ups and downs?

**Some Places More Than Others** by Renée Watson
Amara lives a sheltered life in Beaverton, Oregon, but longs to visit her dad’s family in New York City. A trip for her twelfth birthday leads to revelations. Family: Why haven’t her dad and granddad spoken for 12 years? Why do her cousins say she’s spoiled? Places: What does it mean to be Black in Oregon? In Harlem? Stories: What do we know about our past? How does that shape our future?

**Woke: A Young Poet’s Call to Justice** by Mahogany L. Browne, Elizabeth Acevedo, Olivia Gatwood
This collection of poems focuses on topics of activism and social justice. Written by diverse female authors, these poems will inspire readers and help them in their journey to learn about the beauty in diversity and power of justice.

**A Wolf Called Wander** by Rosanne Parry
When Swift’s wolf pack is attacked, he must leave the only home he’s ever known to find a safe place to thrive. Traveling alone through the Pacific Northwest, we see the world through a wolf’s eyes as he seeks safety and companionship in a treacherous world. Inspired by a true story.