Many academic libraries have a section dedicated to children’s books. Patrons often assume these books are there to support pre-service teachers or for staff and faculty to check out so their kids can read them. Yes, it’s true these collections that, but they can also be used engage college students in critical thinking on topics like diversity, inclusion, gender identity, social justice, and anti-racism.

This session will explore how picture books can be used in a variety of college courses in multiple disciplines including philosophy, history, psychology, education, and English. Participants will receive a bibliography of select picture books that can be used to engage college students.