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### Palestinian Stories in Literature for Young People

By Administrator Mon, June 21, 2021

by Erin H. and Kayla H.

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how do we explain to our children what they see or hear on the news?

Reading literature is a powerful way for parents and other caring adults to help children make sense of a world that sometimes feels scary and dangerous. We have compiled a list of resources for young people and their caregivers who want to learn more about what it means and feels like to be Palestinian today.



When seeking Palestinian voices in children's literature, it's impossible to not be drawn to poet **Naomi Shihab Nye**. Poetry is an essential educational tool in the development of children and teens' social-emotional learning and understanding of our world, and Nye's writing meets this need beautifully. As the Young People's Poet Laureate for 2019-2022, Nye's task is to "raise awareness that young people have a natural receptivity to poetry and are its most appreciative audience, especially when poems are written specifically for them." In *Everything Comes Next* (2020), childhood is fully centered in over 100 of her most beloved poems, old and new.

Nye's work reflects how observant and curious children are about the world. She recognizes their ability to understand not only adversity, racism, and violence, but also kindness, justice, and what is right. This shines in the childlike questioning found in the following excerpt:

*"Everything in our world did not seem to fit: Why was someone else's need for a home greater than our own need for our own homes we were already living in?"*

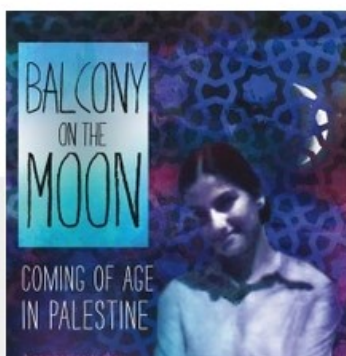
Book cover illustration for "Where the Streets Had a Name" by Randa Abdel-Fattah, featured in our curated booklist of children's and teen books about Palestine.

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With roots in both Palestine and Ferguson, Missouri, her writing is also shaped by the connected struggles for racial equity in the US and Palestinian liberation from occupation (see Nye's note on "Yellow Glove" about Ferguson, racial violence, and segregation: "lines made by adults."). *Everything Comes Next* offers children and their caregivers a moving introduction, and a human connection, to Palestinians' "longing for a lost homeland."

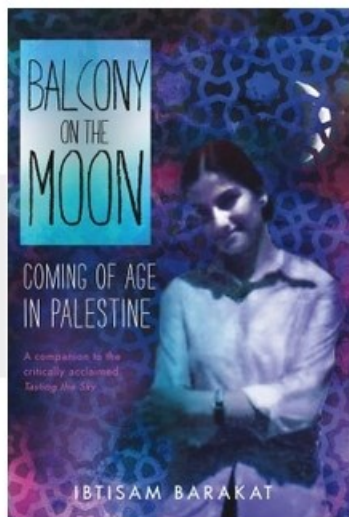
Making connections between the personal and the universal is a key aspect of memoir writing, and many teens and tweens are particularly drawn to memoirs. The adolescent years are a time in which young people are developing a sense of identity and learning how they fit into their families, their local community, and the larger global community. Reading memoirs is a powerful tool of empathy and a way to build understanding. ***Balcony on the Moon: Coming of Age in Palestine*** is Ibtisam Barakat's second memoir, which received multiple starred reviews and was published in 2016. It follows her first memoir, ***Tasting the Sky: A Palestinian Childhood***, which was published in 2007 to critical acclaim.



In *Balcony on the Moon*, readers are immersed in Barakat's vibrant inner world as she recounts her teenage years in the 1970s. The author remembers her childhood, growing up feeling always fearful, and how reading helped her feel safe.

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She experiences adolescence in a way that is both like and unlike American teenagers. She wrestles mightily with the complexities of her world: "I wonder whether it is possible to have freedom without death and fighting." The beauty of her story is that it tells the truth of her experience as a Palestinian child, displaced by war, in the context of the universal experience of growing up, becoming a young person aware of both yourself and the world around you.

To explore these and more children's and teen books about Palestine, check out our [curated booklist](#) in our [catalog](#).

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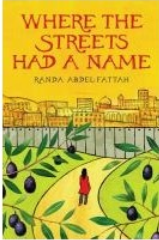
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Check out these children's and teen titles by and about Palestinians.

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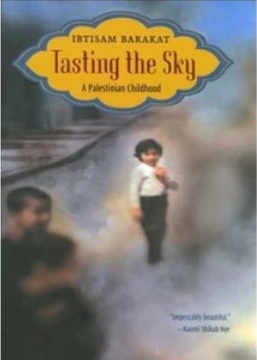
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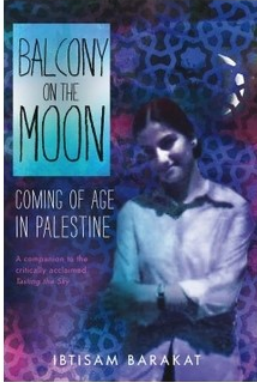
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**Where the streets had a name** by Abdel-Fattah, Randa.



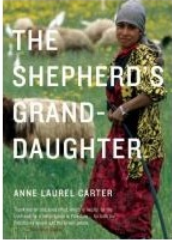
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**Tasting the sky : a Palestinian childhood** by Barakat, Ibtisam.







**Book**

**Balcony on the Moon : coming of age in Palestine** by Barakat, Ibtisam.



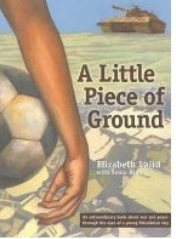
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**The shepherd's granddaughter** by Carter, Anne, 1953-



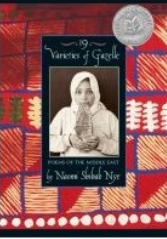
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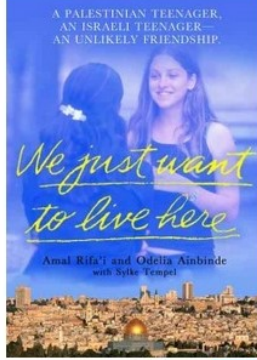
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**A little piece of ground.** by Laird, Elizabeth.



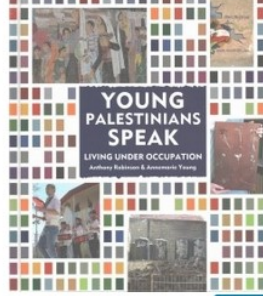
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**19 varieties of gazelle : poems of the Middle East** by Nye, Naomi Shihab.



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**We just want to live here : a Palestinian teenager, an Israeli teenager : an unlikely friendship** by Rifa'i, Amal.



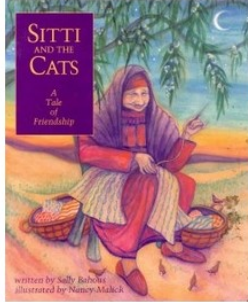
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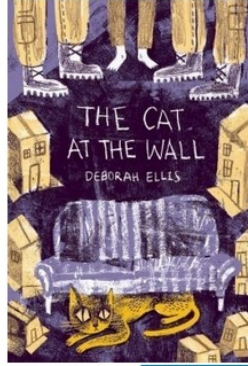
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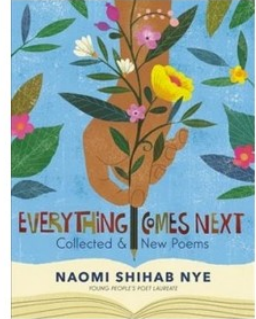
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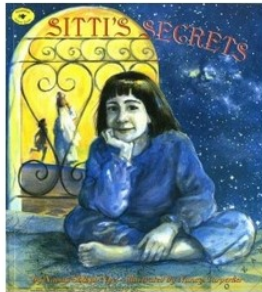
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**Sitti's secrets** by Nye, Naomi Shihab.

## Kayla Hoskinson works at the Lillian Marrero Branch, FLP

### Screen shots from this branch's official Facebook page — Video available

During the video, Hoskinson tells her audience of parents and perhaps children:

“a resource share ... (with) tools to better understand Palestinian liberation.”

“by and for black and brown people ... children do see and hear what is happening including the violence by Israel ... develop empathy for different cultures ... people that they otherwise see being oppressed. “When children and young people see and hear about what is happening to the Palestinian people today and for many decades they will probably see and notice that Zionism looks a lot like racism and it is important as the adults in their lives to name it and say it out loud. We should be highlighting and showing that support for the Palestinian struggle is global and rooted especially with support among black and brown people and as we’re seeing right now people across the world are rising up to reject Israel’s attempt to erase Palestinian people.”

She further displays a page from the book that features an outline of modern-day Israel, with all of the cities labeled with Arab names. For example, Jerusalem, the holiest city for the Jewish People and the undivided capital of the nation of Israel, is labeled “al-Quds” and Ms. Hoskinson stressed in the video that that is what “we’re going to call it.”

In the text block, she added this link: [tinyurl.com/FLP-Palestine](https://tinyurl.com/FLP-Palestine) which leads to a plethora of pages loaded with propaganda that are counter-factual/counter-historic and anti-Jewish and anti-Israel.

The text block also has a link in it to an Instagram page by the book’s authors. One of the Instagram posts there claims: “Zionism is racism and Israel is an apartheid “state” committing genocide & ethnic cleansing. We’ve been saying this for decades, and our narrative can no longer be denied or erased or hidden. The world is literally watching. This moment in history is thanks to the awe inspiring steadfastness and strength of the Palestinian people and their decades of fighting for liberation (through every avenue possible!!!).”

https://www.facebook.com/lillianmarrerobranch/posts/10158570754514132

**Lillian Marrero Branch Library**  
May 18 · 🌐

Hello friends! 🙄 Today's story time is a little different! We're doing a book review about a really important picture book called *Baba What Does My Name Mean? A Journey to Palestine*. This book is written by Rifk Ebeid, illustrated by Lamaa Jawhari, and published by Tablo. I recommend this book for children ages 4 & up. Hopefully today's program & resources are helpful to caregivers & educators looking to teach about Palestine and center Palestinian voices, especially as Palestinians have called for a global day of action TODAY! This book is a must have when we share and center **#ownvoices!**

For more resources and books for children and teens about Palestine at the Free Library, visit my short guide at [tinyurl.com/FLP-Palestine](https://tinyurl.com/FLP-Palestine). Follow [@babawhatdoesmynamemean](https://www.instagram.com/babawhatdoesmynamemean) (on IG) for more information and resources from the creators of this book; it's available to purchase with most major booksellers, too! Check back here for future poetry read alouds and story times about Palestine.

¡Hoy les comparto un libro sobre Palestina! Esta es una reseña de libro de "Baba ¿Qué significa mi nombre?" por Rifk Ebeid y Lamaa Jawhari. Recomiendo este libro para niños de 4 años en adelante. Para obtener más recursos y libros sobre Palestina, visite mi guía breve en [tinyurl.com/FLP-Palestine](https://tinyurl.com/FLP-Palestine). Siga a los creadores en [@babawhatdoesmynamemean](https://www.instagram.com/babawhatdoesmynamemean) (IG). ¡Espero que esta información les sea útil para enseñar sobre Palestina, mientras que los palestinos piden un día de acción hoy!

Screen shots from Instagram page of author of "Baba, What Does My Name Mean" promoted on Lillian Marrero Library Branch Facebook page by Kayla Hoskinson.

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In 1948, there was a conscious Zionist policy of cultural appropriation that included the deliberate theft of at least 70,000 books from stolen Palestinian homes.

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All these concerted efforts and deliberate attempts to erase us yet they still haven't succeeded.

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# Kayla Hoskinson works at the Lillian Marrero Branch, FLP

## Screen shots from this branch's official Facebook page

### Third event

The screenshot shows the Facebook profile of the Lillian Marrero Branch Library. The page header includes the library's name, a 'Send Message' button, and a 'Like' button. A navigation bar at the top contains icons for home, a notification, a video, a storefront, and a profile. The main content area features a post from the library dated June 21 at 4:00 PM. The post text reads: 'Check out this blog post & book list of resources curated from our collection! As we focus on uplifting the authentic stories of Black and brown people across the world, that must include showing there is a demand for more Palestinian authors & stories!! Lillian Marrero Library children's librarian Kayla and our colleague Erin, an adult/teen librarian, compiled this curated booklist: <https://catalog.freelibrary.org/Community/lists/69411/> Kayla compiled a similar booklist, as well as links to other education resources, at <https://tinyurl.com/FLP-Palestine>'. Below the text is a video thumbnail showing a building with a fence and greenery. The left sidebar contains a 'Page Transparency' section, 'Related Pages' with three entries (Community Learning Cen..., BCAT Bucks Coalition Aga..., and The metropolitan west g...), and an 'Add Your Business to Facebook' section.

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Showcase your work, create ads and connect with customers or supporters.

**Lillian Marrero Branch Library**  
June 21 at 4:00 PM · 🌐

Check out this blog post & book list of resources curated from our collection! As we focus on uplifting the authentic stories of Black and brown people across the world, that must include showing there is a demand for more Palestinian authors & stories!!

Lillian Marrero Library children's librarian Kayla and our colleague Erin, an adult/teen librarian, compiled this curated booklist:  
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We have compiled a list of resources for young people and their caregivers who want to learn more about what it means and feels like to be Palestinian today. ❤️ More in our new blog post!

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### Second event

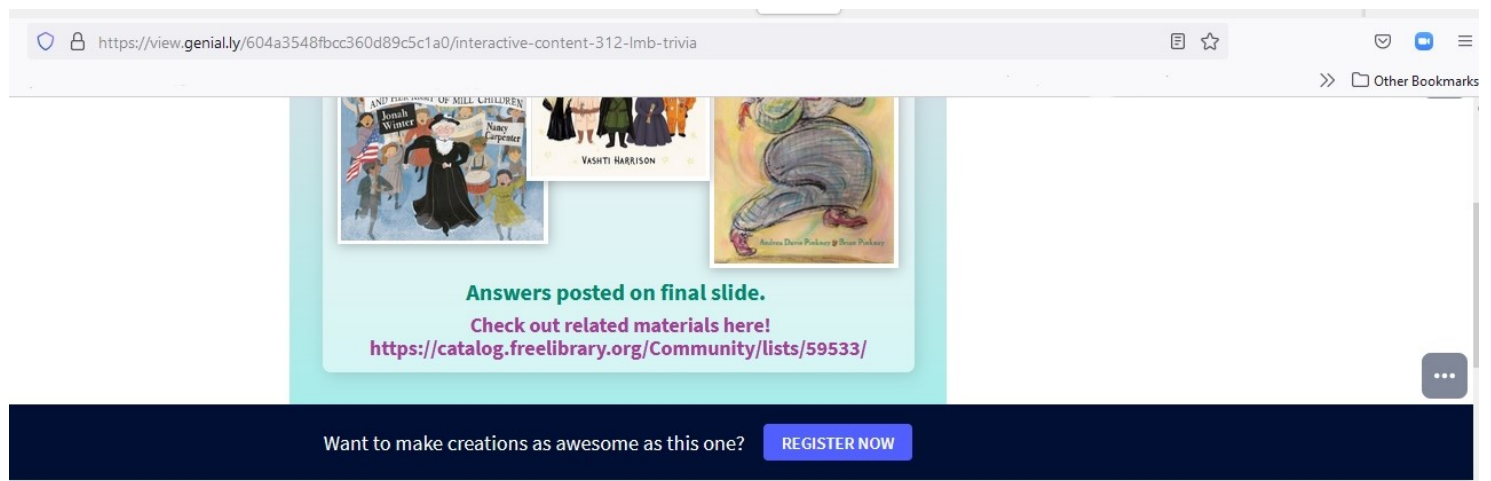
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The main content area features a post from the library dated June 18 at 10:18 AM. The post text reads: "For today's first #SummerofWonder middle grade read aloud, Kayla is reading poems from Young People's Poet Laureate and Palestinian American Naomi Shihab Nye. In *Everything Comes Next*, Nye's writing reflects back to us the full experiences & emotions of childhood, and she balances some of the heavy topics covered in her work with a profound sense of hope. To read this and other Palestinian authors & stories, check out our curated booklist at <https://catalog.freelibrary.org/Community/lists/69411>. #FreeLibrary #Philly #FLPKids". Below the text is a video thumbnail showing a woman, Kayla Hoskinson, speaking.

On the left sidebar, there are "Related Pages" including "Community Learning Cen..." (liked by Adam Zisserman), "BCAT Bucks Coalition Aga..." (liked by Bernadette Bachich Repisky), and "The metropolitan west g..." (Apartment & Condo Building). There is also an "Add Your Business to Facebook" section with a "Create Page" button.

At the bottom of the page, there are links for "Privacy", "Terms", "Advertising", "Ad Choices", "Cookies", and "More", along with the copyright notice "Facebook © 2021".

Screen shots of trivia quiz for the Lillian Marrero Branch of the Free Library of Philadelphia developed by Kayla Hoskinson. Note inclusion of anti-Jewish figures Linda Sarsour, Ilhan Omar and Rashida Tlaib. Tlaib and Omar are mentioned twice.



## 3/12 LMB Trivia



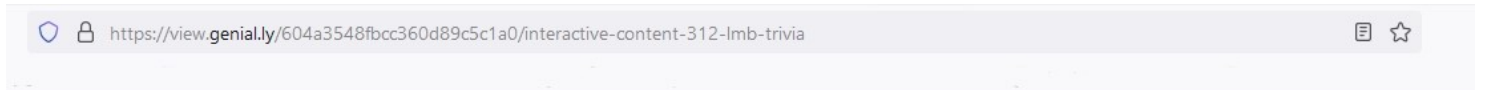
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#### WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH EDITION

Answers posted on final slide.

#### Friday Trivia

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1. In 1903, Mother Jones led the March of the Mill Children from Philadelphia to which location to see President Theodore Roosevelt?  
A. Washington, DC C. New York City B. Baltimore, MD D. Long Island
2. Who delivered a famous speech commonly known as "Ain't I a Woman?" at the 1851 Women's Convention in Akron, Ohio?  
A. Washington, DC C. New York City B. Baltimore, MD D. Long Island

3. In what year did all women gain the right to vote in the United States?  
A. 1920 C. 1905 B. 1965 D. 1875

Answers on final slide.

#### Friday Trivia

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4. Who was the first Black woman to win a Pulitzer Prize?  
A. Toni Morrison C. Maya Angelou B. Gwendolyn Brooks D. Alice Walker

5. Who were the first two Muslim women elected to Congress in 2018?  
A. Toni Morrison C. Maya Angelou B. Gwendolyn Brooks D. Alice Walker

6. In 1966, the first woman of color was cast in a leading role on prime-time television. What's her name?  
A. Whoopi Goldberg C. Cicely Tyson B. Nichelle Nichols D. Eartha Kitt

7. Who was the first science fiction writer to receive a MacArthur Genius Grant?  
A. Margaret Atwood C. Octavia E. Butler B. N. K. Jemison D. Madeleine L'Engle

8. Who organized with migrant workers in the 1960s and helped found the United Farm Workers' Union?  
A. Rashida Tlaib C. Ibtihaj Muhammad B. Linda Sarsour D. Ilhan Omar

9. This Pakistani activist for female education rights & access is the youngest Nobel Prize winner.  
A. Dolores Huerta C. César Chávez B. Clara Lemlich D. Clara Luper

10. This artist created hundreds of paintings throughout her career, 55 of which were self-portraits.  
A. Greta Thunberg C. Tawakkol Karman B. Malala Yousafzai D. Marie Curie

- A. Amy Sberald C. Georgia O'Keefe B. Yayoi Kusama D. Frida Kahlo

Answers on final slide.  
1) D: Long Island. All but 3 kids went home after NYC. Read Mother Jones and Her Army of Mill Children to learn more! 2) A: Sojourner Truth. Visit the Sojourner Truth Project to learn about the 2 different accounts of her famous speech. 3) B: 1965. The 19th amendment didn't secure the vote for all women in 1920. Read Lifting as We Climb by Evette Dion! 4) B: Gwendolyn Brooks. Read Exquisite: The Poetry and Life of Gwendolyn Brooks by Suzanne Slade & Cozbi A. Cabrera. 5) A & D: Rashida Tlaib and Ilhan Omar. Tlaib is also the first Palestinian-American elected to Congress! 6) B: Nichelle Nichols. Watch Star Trek & read about her in Vashti Harrison's biographies like Bold Women in Black History. 7) C: more about Butler in Who Did It? 8) A: Dolores Huerta. Read Dolores by Marlene Targ Brill. 9) B: Malala. Read her autobiography I am Malala! 10) D: Frida Kahlo and Her Animal Friends. Great for young readers!

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Answers

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Screen shot of "Palestine Reading List" developed by Kayla Hoskinson — with link included on Lillian Marrero Branch's official Facebook page. Each link leads to vile anti-fact, anti-historical, anti-Jewish and anti-Israel web sites and materials. At bottom: Partial screen shot of first link.

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**Palestine Reading List - FLP** ☆ ⚙ ⓘ ☁

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### Book Lists & Resources

- [Decolonize Palestine Book List](#) - for adults & educators
- [Haymarket Book List](#)
- [Librarians and Archivists with Palestine](#)
- [Palestine 101 for Educators](#)
- [Social Justice Books List](#)
- [Teach Palestine: Books for Students](#)

### Children's & Teens Collection Highlights at FLP

- This list is not comprehensive and reflects, as much as possible, #ownvoices selections.
- To find books from the above resources that are not yet available in our collections, visit our [Interlibrary Loan](#) page to learn how to request materials from libraries across the country.
- [Everything comes next: Collected & new poems](#), by **Naomi Shihab Nye**, Young People's Poet Laureate *\*also available on Overdrive*
- [Halal hot dogs](#) by **Susannah Aziz**
- [A little piece of ground](#), by Elizabeth Laird, **Sonia Nimr** *\*also available on Hoopla*
- Sitti's olive tree by Ndaa Hasam [link not yet available]
- [Sitti's secrets](#), by **Naomi Shihab Nye**
- [Tasting the sky: A Palestinian childhood](#), by **Ibtisam Barakat**
  - [Balcony on the Moon: coming of age in Palestine](#) *\*also on Overdrive*
- [Voices in the air: Poems for listeners](#), by **Naomi Shihab Nye**
- [Where the streets had a name](#), by **Randa Abdel-Fattah**
- [Young Palestinians speak: living under occupation](#), by Anthony Robinson and Annemarie Young

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## The Palestine reading list

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Please keep in mind that sometimes it's difficult to place readings under a specific category and sometimes they may fit under many. Consequently, some recommendations can be found in multiple sections.

Browse by category

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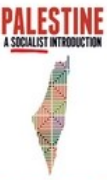
### Free Palestine! A Reading List

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Librarians and Archivists with Palestine has compiled a listed of readings and resources, spanning news sources to suggested fiction, non-fiction, children's books, and more.

Last updated: June 20, 2021

To suggest additional materials for inclusion, or to report a broken link, please email [librarians@palestine@gmail.com](mailto:librarians@palestine@gmail.com)

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by Erin H. and Kayla H. What does it feel like to be a child living thr...

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#EidMubarak to all who celebrate! Love, joy, and, more than anything else, freedom to all Muslims around the world. Special thanks to our LEAP Maker Mentor Ms. Kesha for making and sharing this beautiful graphic!

For those eager to learn more about our brothers, sisters, and siblings in Palestine, stay tuned for a special storytime posted next week.

Learn more:

To read a recent blog post about Ramadan, visit <https://libwww.freelibrary.org/blog/post/4539>.

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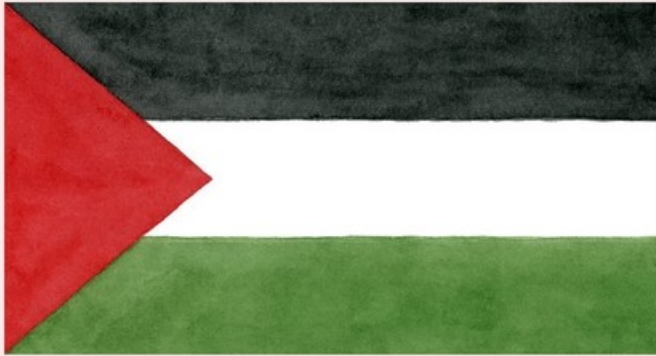
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# STATEMENT IN SOLIDARITY WITH PALESTINIAN LIBERATION



## AN OPEN LETTER FROM MEMBERS OF THE CHILDREN'S BOOK INDUSTRY

Statement:

"We, undersigned, stand unequivocally in solidarity with Palestinians as they resist colonisation.

Our industry professes to nurture and enrich the experience of childhood. How then can we stay silent as children are targeted, murdered, orphaned, incarcerated, dispossessed and traumatised by an occupying state?

We have watched Israel massacre entire families in Gaza – while deliberately crippling essential health, social and cultural infrastructure. We have watched Israeli settler organisations threaten the homes of Palestinian families in occupied East Jerusalem. We have watched the brutal assault on peaceful worshippers at Al-Aqsa mosque. We have watched Israelis lynching Palestinians with the protection and participation of Israeli police. We have watched the mass arrests and killings of those who participated in protests against their own ethnic cleansing.

We are watching with grief and horror.

We recognise these events as recurrent episodes in the violent colonisation of Palestine, beginning in 1948 and ongoing for 73 years. We recognise Israel as an apartheid state imposed on stolen Palestinian land. We recognise the sovereignty and humanity of Palestinians in their struggle against oppression.

We note the enthusiasm with which the children's publishing industry has previously mobilised during global movements for justice, releasing statements of solidarity and creating new imprints. By contrast, we note that the industry has largely maintained its silence on the ethnic cleansing of Palestine.

We understand that witnessing and naming plays an important role in change-making. What we are witnessing is called genocide. With this letter, we hope to normalise this conversation within the publishing industry, the wider arts community and beyond; shifting us closer to a tipping point, and to Palestinian liberation.

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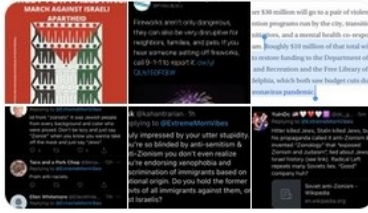
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We should expect librarians to be putting books by (& about) Palestinians into the hands of our patrons. Show our institutions & publishing that there is a need & demand for Palestinian voices.  
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that being said! I really have to commend the FLP materials mgmt team, who immediately recognized the dearth of Palestinian voices in our children's collection and are already buying new books to fill it!!!! ❤️🇪🇬  
[twitter.com/ExtremeMomVibe...](https://twitter.com/ExtremeMomVibe...)

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**Kayla** 🌟🌟 @ExtremeMomVibes · Jun 21

If we're watching what's happening in Palestine, like tonight in #SheikhJarrah, and not immediately pivoting like we all did last year, then we're not doing our job.

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**مریم البرغوثي** @MariamBarghouti · Jun 21

Social media is so inundated with different group discussions on "Palestinian-Israeli conflict" and it's mostly non-Palestinians describing what they think is best for us. Sanctions, divestment, & accountability for apartheid, persecution, & colonial practices is a better start.

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meanwhile Sunflowerphilly has 1,168 trolls crying about a food truck literally named "settlement," not to mention abuse received by others trying to show support.

Who is actually "cancelled"? Who is actually banned? THIS is why we support BDS.



Mohammed El-Kurd @m7mdkurd · Jun 21  
For the past months, literally every video or picture showing IOF brutality has been censored or completely removed from my IG account. Instagram is actively obstructing our attempts at truth-telling. Be it mainstream or social media, Palestinian voices are constantly silenced.

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Swarthmore JVP #SaveSheikhJarrah #SaveSilwan @Swart... · Jun 21  
Send Eat Up The Borders some love, they're being viciously attacked online right now, threatened, and doxxed and could use some support and appreciation! BDS is a principled, moral stance and nobody should face threats to their personal safety for boycotting "Israeli cuisine"

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Kayla @ExtremeMomVibes · Jun 8  
The US loves to fund the kidnapping of Black elementary school children by armed police so much that they choose to help the IOF do the very same thing to Palestinians.



CJ Werleman @cjwerleman · Jun 7  
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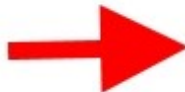
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**Kayla** 🍷 ✨ @ExtremeMomVibes · May 21

thinking a lot about that refrain we hear so often--"libraries are not neutral"--and the near total silence about Palestine in library spaces. Didn't we all pivot together to build up anti-racist programming in 2020? and yet 🤔



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**AFSCME District Council 47** @PHLafscmeDC47 · May 24

🕒 TUESDAY May 25 5:30PM • Join Labor for Black Lives Coalition George Floyd Vigil at North Side of City Hall (North Broad St.) The DC 47 executive board has endorsed this rally and is encouraging members to attend. [bit.ly/3oJ5EaR](https://bit.ly/3oJ5EaR)

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Show up in Philly! Be loud 

#SaveSheikhJarrah #SaveSilwan #SaveBeita

 Swarthmore JVP #SaveSheikhJarrah #SaveSilwan @Swa... · Jun 28

Israeli aggression hasn't stopped & our solidarity w/ Palestine won't stop either! We will be protesting 7/10 in solidarity w/ Palestine against Israeli land grabs + the PA's murder of Nizar Banat & suppression of Palestinian dissent.

#SaveSheikhJarrah #SaveSilwan #SaveBeita

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**Perry** **Pass the PRO Act!** @unionlibrarian · Jun 17  
Thrilled my union (@afscmeDC47) rallied in support of our City worker fam (@afscme33) on Saturday. It's contract season & all City unions are fighting



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Perry Pass the PRO Act! @unionlibrarian · Jun 11  
TMRRW 6/12 at 10AM. Are you coming out to support Philly's workers?!  
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