

LOCAL RESOURCES



Jewish Family Services of Middlesex County

732-777-1940
jfsmiddlesex.org

American Friends Service Committee– Immigrant Rights Program

973-643-1924
afsc.org/program/immigrant-rights-program-newark-nj

El Centro Hispanoamericano

908-753-8730
elcentronj.org

ONLINE RESOURCES



U.S. Department of Education: Educational Resources for Immigrants, Refugees, Asylees and other New Americans

- www2.ed.gov/about/overview/focus/immigration-resources.html

American Civil Liberties Union:

- ACLU.org

The Dream.US

- thedream.us

Teen Librarians:

Kate-Lynn Brown
Erica Krivopal
Gabby Shriner

Special Populations Librarian:

Kate Baker

Kennedy Branch

500 Hoes Lane
Piscataway, NJ 08854

732-463-1633

Westergard Branch

20 Murray Ave
Piscataway, NJ 08854

732-752-1166



PISCATAWAY
public library

Teen New Americans



A resource list for teens who are new to this country, with everything from the best fiction books about the immigrant experience to important websites to know!

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Teen Services
Department

FICTION



Darius the Great is Not Okay by Adib Khorram

- YA FIC KHORRAM W

- Clinically-depressed Darius Kellner, a high school sophomore, travels to Iran to meet his grandparents, but it is their next-door neighbor, Sohrab, who changes his life.

American Panda by Gloria Chao

- YA FIC CHAO K

- A freshman at MIT, seventeen-year-old Mei Lu tries to live up to her Taiwanese parents' expectations, but no amount of tradition, obligation, or guilt prevent her from hiding several truths--that she is a germaphobe who cannot become a doctor, she prefers dancing to biology, she decides to reconnect with her estranged older brother, and she is dating a Japanese boy.

I am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter by Erika Sánchez

- YA FIC SANCHEZ K

- When the sister who delighted their parents by her faithful embrace of Mexican culture dies in a tragic accident, Julia, who longs to go to college and move into a home of her own, discovers from mutual friends that her sister may not have been as perfect as believed.

FICTION CONT.



The Sun is Also a Star by Nicola Yoon

- YA FIC YOON K/W

- Two teens--Daniel, the son of Korean shopkeepers, and Natasha, whose family is here illegally from Jamaica--cross paths in New York City on an eventful day in their lives--Daniel is on his way to an interview with a Yale alum, Natasha is meeting with a lawyer to try and prevent her family's deportation to Jamaica--and fall in love

NONFICTION



We Are Here to Stay: Voices of Undocumented Young Adults by Susan Kuklin

- YA 304.8 KUKLIN K/W

- Documents the stories of nine undocumented immigrants to the United States, fleeing violence and seeking freedom, detailing how each youth left their homelands to start a new life in America.

Americanapedia by Jodi Lynn Anderson

- YA 320.6097 ANDERSON K

- Presents a blend of humor and a civic textbook to cover American politics, international relations, religion, and culture.

NONFICTION CONT.



Americanized: Rebel Without a Green Card by Sara Saedi

- YA B SAEDI

- The author describes how, in San Jose, California, in the 1990s, her life as an Iranian American teen was upended by her discovery that she and her family entered as undocumented immigrants.

The Distance Between Us by Reyna Grande

- YA B GRANDE K/W

- At the age of 8, Reyna Grande made the dangerous and illegal trek across the border from Mexico to the United States, and discovered that the American Dream is much more complicated than it seemed.

This Land is Our Land: A History of American Immigration by Linda Barrett Osborne

- YA 304.8097 OSBORNE W

- American attitudes toward immigrants are paradoxical. On the one hand, we see our country as a haven for the poor and oppressed; anyone, no matter his or her background, can find freedom here and achieve the "American Dream." On the other hand, we set boundaries and restrictions on who may come to this country and whether they may stay as citizens.