

# INCLUSIVE CLASSROOM LIBRARY CHECKLIST



*How robust and inclusive is your classroom library? Uncover gaps in your classroom library and identify areas where you can improve representation and diversity by completing this easy checklist.*

*Complete this checklist by placing a check mark in the box that best reflects your answer in each category.*

<b>FIRST, ENSURE THAT YOUR CLASSROOM LIBRARY IS WELL-ROUNDED:</b>	<b>DEFINITELY</b>	<b>MAYBE</b>	<b>NO, I NEED MORE BOOKS</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are there enough books in my classroom library? We recommend 300-600 titles.</li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do I have a good mix of fiction and nonfiction? Aim for a 50/50 mix.</li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are new and up-to-date titles included? Published within the last 5 years—especially your nonfiction!</li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do my books support a wide range of reading abilities?</li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do the books provide content area reading opportunities?</li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are books included with different structures and formats? Picture books, chapter books, graphic novels, etc.</li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does your library feature a wide variety of genres? Fantasy, biography, historical fiction, poetry, etc.</li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will your students find books they can relate to personally, as well as titles that expand their world view?</li> </ul>			


<b>THEN, EVALUATE REPRESENTATION ACROSS THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:</b>	<b>STRONGLY REPRESENTED</b>	<b>MODERATELY REPRESENTED</b>	<b>LACKING REPRESENTATION</b>
<b>1. A Variety of Protagonists and Characters:</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Diverse Cast of Characters or Inclusive Images in Nonfiction</li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>African American Protagonists</li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asian American American Protagonists</li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International Characters</li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Latino and Latina Protagonists</li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LGBTQ+ Protagonists</li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Middle Eastern Protagonists</li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Native American Protagonists</li> </ul>			

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<b>2. A Variety of Cultures:</b>			
• African American Heritage & Culture			
• Asian Heritage & Culture			
• Jewish History & Culture			
• Latino Heritage & Culture			
• Muslim Heritage & Culture			
• Native American Heritage & Culture			
<b>3. A Variety of Authors and Illustrators:</b>			
• African American Authors & Illustrators			
• Asian American Authors & Illustrators			
• International Authors			
• Latin American Authors & Illustrators			
• Middle Eastern Authors & Illustrators			
• Native American Authors & Illustrators			
<b>4. A Variety of Perspectives and Experiences:</b>			
• Financial Hardship			
• Immigrant Experience			
• Indigenous People			
• LGBTQ+ Studies & Themes			
• People with Special Needs and/or Physical Disabilities			
• Refugee Experience			
• Women's History			
<b>TOTAL YOUR CHECK MARKS FROM ALL SECTIONS</b>	<b>COLUMN 1 TOTAL</b>	<b>COLUMN 2 TOTAL</b>	<b>COLUMN 3 TOTAL</b>

<b>LAST, REMOVE ANY OF THESE BOOKS:</b>
• Books with misrepresentation or discriminatory content
• Books featuring outdated or inaccurate information
• Books published more than 15 years ago Unless they are considered classics.
• Books that are physically damaged

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## **What's Next?**

Add up the number of check marks in each column to determine if you need to improve representation in your classroom library. If you find that you need new books to fill gaps, we can help!

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