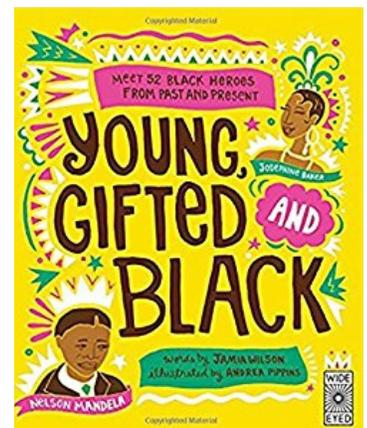


Suggested Reading List

For each Path to College event, the Tennessee Higher Education Commission has curated a list of books that align with the event's goals and bring college, career, and financial literacy concepts to life for elementary school students. The books listed for College Signing Day are focused on brave people who faced obstacles but achieved a big goal. The following listings are from Amazon.com.

Young, Gifted, and Black By Jamia Wilson

"Meet 52 icons of color from the past and present in this celebration of inspirational achievement—a collection of stories about changemakers to encourage, inspire and empower the next generation of changemakers. Written in the spirit of Nina Simone's song, "To Be Young, Gifted, and Black," this vibrant book is a perfect introduction to both historic and present-day icons and heroes. Meet figureheads, leaders and pioneers such as Martin Luther King Jr., Nelson Mandela and Rosa Parks, as well as cultural trailblazers and athletes like Stevie Wonder, Oprah Winfrey and Serena Williams. All children deserve to see themselves represented positively in the books they read. Highlighting the talent and contributions of black leaders and changemakers from around the world, readers of all backgrounds will be empowered to discover what they too can achieve."



Sonia Sotomayor: A Judge Grows in the Bronx/ La Juez Que Crecio en el Bronx By Jonah Winter (Spanish and English Edition)

"The inspiring and timely story of Sonia Sotomayor, who rose up from a childhood of poverty and prejudice to become the first Latino to be nominated to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Before Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor took her seat in our nation's highest court, she was just a little girl in the South Bronx. Justice Sotomayor didn't have a lot growing up, but she had what she needed -- her mother's love, a will to learn, and her own determination. With bravery she became the person she wanted to be. With hard work she succeeded. With little sunlight and only a modest plot from which to grow, Justice Sotomayor bloomed for the whole world to see."

