The Refugee Doll Project

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www.refugeedolls.org
The Refugee Doll Project: Objectives

• To foster awareness and appreciation of refugees for children in schools, libraries, churches and civic groups.

• To include dolls from the Islamic World, Africa, and Central America, in addition to books, lesson plans, and service projects.

• To teach empathy by helping children internalize concepts of “being new”, “being different”, and “how-to-be-welcoming.”
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The Refugee Doll Project: Books

   - *I’m New Here*
     by Anne Sibley O’Brien

   Assimilation of three refugee students (Korean boy, Guatemalan girl, Somali girl) in a supportive school community.
The Refugee Doll Project: Book Resource

- Welcoming Library
  - Promotes use of children’s literature featuring “new arrival” communities
  - Recommended list of books
    - Country, groups, theme and age
  - (www.imyourneighborbooks.org)
The Refugee Doll Project: Lesson

4. Teach a lesson.
   - Welcoming Immigrants & Refugees: A Classroom or Community Event Kit
     • 17 pages
     • Graphic organizers and worksheets
     • Lesson delivery, application, sharing

   - Video [youtube.com/watch?v=sziomv9rp5k](https://youtu.be/sziomv9rp5k)
ON THE UNIVERSALITY OF BEING NEW

Who has had the experience of being new? (Show of hands)

“New” can be a difficult concept for some. You can expand on the following with a show of hands and/or individual activities:

- Have you ever joined a new club or class?
- Have you ever started at a new school?
- Who has moved to a new place?
- Who has moved here from another country?

Ask your classroom or community to share examples of when everyone think of a time you were new and others might have felt the same way.
I'm your neighbor.

Welcoming Library
The I’m Your Neighbor Welcoming Library invites readers of all ages to read picture books set in immigrant communities as a means to celebrate our commonalities and differences and to create an environment of welcoming.
Welcome to the Welcoming Library!

Meet your neighbors by sharing books set in our immigrant communities.

These picture books are for all ages!

ImYourNeighborBooks.org/WL
South Portland, Maine
I'm Your Neighbor
Welcoming Library

A traveling collection & pop-up display of immigration-themed picture books, connecting neighbors and communities.

Welcoming Library
Meet your neighbors by sharing stories on our community bulletin board.

Connecting neighbors and communities.

[Image of a van with books on shelves and children illustrations]
Picture Books
Somos como las nubes
We Are Like the Clouds

Dreamers

Two White Rabbits
Jairo Buitrago & Rafael Yockteng
SILENT MUSIC
A STORY OF BAGHDAD

My name is SANGOEL

MY FRIEND JAMAL

Written by Karen Lynn Williams and Khadra Mohammed
Illustrated by Catherine Stock
Book Processing
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Share your thoughts and explore more: ImYourNeighborBooks.org/WL
Book Discussion Questions
That’s NOT How You Do It!

Lucy knows how to do lots of things. Are you proud of things you can do? What are they?

When Toshi arrives on the other side of the fence, what does his suitcase say? What do those words mean to you?

Is Toshi doing things wrong, or is Toshi doing things differently? Is different wrong?

What stops Lucy from being angry? How did Toshi’s gift change Lucy?

Can you think of a time when you were angry at someone for doing something differently? How can you turn anger into curiosity?

Sharing your experience with this book helps us grow the program.
Please consider filling out the survey at:
ImYourNeighborBooks.org/WL

Ariane always knew how to do things just right. Until she started traveling and exploring other countries and cultures, that is. Just like Lucy, she has learned that there is more than one way to do a thing. She enjoys trying out new experiences and skills, and has come to see the world from a different perspective. However, once in a while, her inner Lucy still makes an appearance, especially when it comes to where the best chocolate comes from (Switzerland, of course).

Ariane completed an MA in Children’s Book Illustration at the Cambridge School of Art and now lives in London with her baby daughter, husband and two cats. Her first children’s book, "Im Your Neighbor", is based on a true story about her mother, Lucy, who was widowed at 48 years old.
Other Tools for Ambassadors
Display Case
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Engagement
“14 classrooms each had the library for a day and teachers gave students dedicated time to browse and read.”

—IYNWL Ambassador
# I'm Your Neighbor Welcoming Library

**BOOK CHECK OUT**

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I'm Your Neighbor Welcoming Library

This book is visiting our school/library for a few weeks.

PLEASE RETURN IT BY:

11/15/17