Family Literature
This is a selected list of resources about families to help younger and older generations better understand one another and develop positive relationships. For Grades PreK-6.

**Juvenile Literature**

Grandpa demonstrates for his visiting grandchildren some of the songs, dances, and jokes he performed as a vaudeville entertainer.
Call Number: P J Ack

Describes in verse the life of brown-skinned momma, white-skinned daddy, their children, and assorted relatives.
Call Number: P J Ado

"A boy wakes up one morning to find his father gone. At first, he feels lost. But his father has left him a letter filled with advice to guide him through the times he cannot be there"
Call Number: P J Bea

A reluctant participant in the González family reunion, Daniel has some pleasant surprises and discovers the meaning of family.
Call Number: P J Ber

Text and illustrations of dinosaur characters introduce aspects of divorce such as its causes and effects, living with a single parent, spending holidays in two separate households, and adjusting to a stepparent.
Call Number: j306.89 Bro

On Wednesday nights when Grandma stays with Anna everyone thinks she is teaching Anna to read.
Call Number: P J Bun
A mother shares with her child all the ways in which family members and friends were loving and welcoming before the child was even born.

**Call Number: P J Bun**

A young girl asks her parents to tell her again the cherished family story of her birth and adoption.

**Call Number: P J Cur**

When his grandfather suffers a stroke, Bobby teaches him to walk, just as his Grandfather once taught him.

**Call Number: P J DeP**

Embarrassed to introduce his friend to his old fashioned Italian grandmother, a young boy gains a new appreciation of her when he finds how well she and his friend get along.

**Call Number: P J DeR**

Pablo demonstrates how good he is at counting while helping his grandmother, his “abuela,” prepare to sell vegetables at the market.

**Call Number: P J DeR**

Using scraps cut from the family’s old clothing, Tanya helps her grandmother and mother make a beautiful quilt that tells the story of her family’s life.

**Call Number: P J Flo**

The author describes, in bilingual text and illustrations, her experiences growing up in a Hispanic community in Texas.

**Call Number: j306.85 Gar**

Humorous and serious poems celebrate every kind of family member, including aunts and uncles, step-brothers and sisters, cousins, and even cats!

**Call Number: j811.54 Hob**
A collection of 125 modern poems based on the poets' experiences of family life, as parents, children, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives, cousins, nieces and nephews, and grandchildren.
**Call Number: j811.5 Str**

Children from diverse families share thoughts about their families and photographs.
**Call Number: j306.85 Kuk**

(Grades PreK-3).
As five cousins and their families arrive by various means of transportation, Grandma’s home in Brooklyn gets livelier and livelier.
**Call Number: P J Lev**

A collection of poems with an emphasis on interpersonal relations, describing such situations as family life, divorce, and remarriage.
**Call Number: j811.54 Liv**

A young boy named Alex enjoys the homes of both of his parents who live apart but love Alex very much.
**Call Number: P J Mas**

(Grades 3-5).
Nine-year-old Lizzie writes to her mother, who is deployed overseas during wartime, and includes maps that show her mother what Lizzie has been thinking and doing. Includes tips for helping children of military families.
**Call Number: J McE**

In Manhattan and Brooklyn, New York, two Jewish girls learn about their heritage from their grandmother, who was born in Lithuania, escaped during World War II, and lived for a while in Israel.
**Call Number: j974.7 Mor**
Spending time together with Grandma Francisca, Angelica learns about her family's history, how to speak Spanish, cook traditional foods, and the toys that Grandma Francisca played with as a child.
**Call Number: j973.0468 Mor**

Three Arab-American girls learn about their family and cultural history from their grandmother, who grew up in Cairo, Egypt, and moved to New Jersey after her marriage.
**Call Number: j305.89 Mor**

An African-American grandmother living in an apartment in Queens, New York, tells her grandson about their family and relates cultural history as she was growing up in the South long ago.
**Call Number: j976.1 Mor**

A grandmother from an old Maine family that came to America from England generations ago, relates family and cultural life to her grandchildren.
**Call Number: j974.1 Mor**

In this celebration of family, young Donovan takes us through his day as he painstakingly prepares for his special role in the wedding ceremony of his two mothers.
**Call Number: P J New**

Heather has “two arms, two legs, two eyes, two ears, two hands, and two feet. Heather also has two mommies, Mama Jane and Mamma Kate.”
**Call Number: J New**

Baby is pictured with his mother, father, sister, brother, grandmother, grandfather, and another baby. On heavy board pages.
**Call Number: [Small Book] P J Oxe**
Amelia Bedelia entertains Mr. and Mrs. Rogers by showing them her family album and describing what her relatives do.
**Call Number:** J Par

An adopted Korean girl discovers that her classmates have different types of families.
**Call Number:** P J Pel also available as a [Big Book] P J Pel

The eldest of three multi-racial adopted children recollects her happy childhood living with two mothers, “Meema” and “Marmee,” in their mostly accepting community.
**Call Number:** P J Pol

When the relatives came, they came en masse and they came for an extended stay for a family reunion. The relatives are depicted as a support system to help a fatherless family with all the things that need to be done in and around their house.
**Call Number:** P J Ryl

Explores in words and pictures what a family is and how families vary in makeup and life-styles.
**Call Number:** j301.42 Sim

A young girl and her grandmother enjoy a day filled with tea parties, games, stories and plenty of love.
**Call Number:** P J Sma

Children and young adults with gay or lesbian parents talk openly about how they learned of their parent's sexual orientation and the effect it had on them.
**Call Number:** j306.874 Sno

Describes different kinds of families.
**Call Number:** j306.8 Tax

This book takes children from the familiar -- their own families -- to an exploration of the basic institution of family and its place in our society.
**Call Number:** [Big Book] j306.85 Tor
Five original fairy tales depict the adventures of kids who have gay or lesbian parents.
**Call Number:** J Val

Although her parents' divorce causes her to feel anger, concern, and sadness, Katie discovers that she can keep a loving relationship with her father even though he lives apart from her.
**Call Number:** P J Wal

While grannies come in all shapes and sizes “our granny” is unique.
**Call Number:** P J Wil

A young boy discusses the new living arrangement of his gay dad and his new partner.
**Call Number:** P J Wil

A young girl and her grandmother visit the girl's father in prison.
**Call Number:** P J Woo

Antonia gets her wish when her parents return to China to bring home a Mei Mei, or younger sister, for her.
**Call Number:** P J You

**Teacher Resources**

**Call Number:** Curr.Mats. PN1008.8 .C44 1998

**Call Number:** Curr.Mats. Z1037 .A1 R635 2005

**Call Number:** Curr.Mats. CS49 .Z34 2001

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