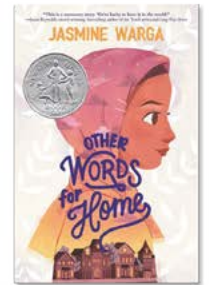
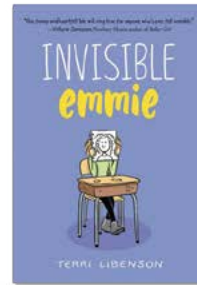
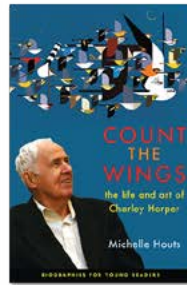


Choose to Read Ohio 2021 & 2022 Books for Tweens/Middle Grades



Mary Kay Carson, *The Tornado Scientist: Seeing Inside Severe Storms* (HMH Books for Young Readers, 2019)
This educational and informative non-fiction book follows scientist and storm chaser Robin Tanamachi as she researches the genesis of tornadoes and tornadic behavior. The book is part of the Scientists in the Field series by Cincinnati's Mary Kay Carson, and includes charts and graphics to help young readers understand the technical aspects of tornadoes.

Sharon M. Draper, *Blended* (Atheneum/Caitlyn Dlouhy Books, 2018)
After eleven-year-old Isabella's parents divorce, she feels pulled between two worlds—life with her father and his new family in a mostly-white neighborhood, and life with her mother and brother in their small house. In this current and uplifting story about finding where you belong, Cincinnati's Sharon Draper creates a relatable cast of characters and a deeply moving story.

Michelle Houts, *Count the Wings: The Life and Art of Charley Harper* (Ohio University Press, 2018)
Artist Charley Harper became one of America's most recognized mid-century painters by reducing subjects to their simplest forms, representing them in simple shapes and blocks of color. Cincinnati's Michelle Houts worked closely with the Harper estate to create this engaging middle-grade biography of the iconic artist.

Terri Libenson, *Invisible Emmie* (Balzer + Bray, 2017)
The first book in the Emmie & Friends series, *Invisible Emmie* focuses on two very different girls—shy and artistic Emmie and popular and athletic Katie—and the ways in which their lives intersect over a single day. Terri Libenson lives in Cleveland with her husband and two daughters.

Jasmine Warga, *Other Words for Home* (Balzer + Bray, 2019)
In this free-verse novel, the first from Cincinnati native Jasmine Warga, a young girl must leave her family in Syria behind to move to the U.S. As she struggles to find a place for herself in her new surroundings, she also begins to develop new friendships and passions.