Celebrating Family
Reading List Created by ALSC’s Quicklists Consulting Committee

- **Alma and How She Got Her Name**
  By Juana Martinez-Neal
  Illus. by the author
  Candlewick Press, 2018. 9780763693558
  Spanish 9780763693589
  Alma Sofia Esperanza José Pura Candela feels her long name “doesn’t fit” until her father tells her about the beloved family members she is named to honor.

- **Always**
  By Emma Dodd
  Illus. by the author
  Templar Books, 2018. 9781536200577
  One little elephant learns that a parent's love is unconditional and lasts always.

- **Dad by My Side**
  By Soosh
  Illus. by the author
  Little, Brown and Company, 2018. 9780316438087
  From cooking to cuddling and playing games together, a tiny girl shows all the ways her big, burly dad makes her feel loved.

- **Drawn Together**
  By Minh Lê
  Illus. by Dan Santat
  Disney Hyperion, 2018. 9781484767603
  A young boy and his grandfather may not speak the same language, but they deepen their bond through a shared love of art and storytelling.

- **The Family Book**
  By Todd Parr
  Illus. by the author
  Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2010. 9780316070409
  Italian 9788856624670
  Parr’s trademark simple illustrations in bold colors playfully celebrate all sizes and types of families.

- **Families**
  By Shelley Rotner and Sheila M. Kelly
  Photos by Shelley Rotner
  Holiday House, 2015. 9780823430536
  Photo illustrations depict the variety and beauty of who makes up a family.

- **Gaston**
  By Kelly DiPucchio
  Illus. by Christian Robinson
  Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2014. 9781442451025
  Gaston and Antoinette don’t look like their puppy siblings, but does that mean they don’t fit in? This sweet story teaches readers that looks aren’t what is most important when it comes to family.

- **Grandma’s Purse**
  By Vanessa Brantley-Newton
  Illus. by the author
  Alfred A. Knopf, 2018. 9781524714314
  Sweet stories behind each of the surprises in grandma’s handbag reveal the loving relationship between a little girl and her cherished Grandma Mimi.

- **Hair, it’s a Family Affair**
  By Milo Freeman
  Illus. by the author.
  Cassava Republic Press, 2019. 9781911115687
  Macy shares the story of all the different hairstyles in her family from Grandma’s Afro to cousin Kiki’s crazy pink hair in this colorfully-illustrated book celebrating the diversity and beauty found within a family.

- **Life with My Family**
  By Renee Hooker and Karl Jones
  Illus. by Kathrun Durst
  Penguin Workshop, 2018. 9781524789374
  A young girl imagines what it would be like if her family were different animals such as a playful pride of lions or a wisdom of wombats.

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Love Makes a Family By Sophie Beer
Illus. by the author
Dial Books for Young Readers, 2018. 9780525554226
This diverse and inclusive board book illustrates what makes every family a family—love!

Mommy's Khimar
By Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow
Illus. by Ebony Glenn
Salaam Reads / Simon & Schuster, 2018. 9781534400597
A young girl plays dress up with her mother’s headscarves, feeling her mother’s love with every one she tries on.

When Aidan Became a Brother
By Kyle Lukoff
Illus. by Kaylani Juanita
Lee & Low Books, 2019. 9781620148372
Aidan is excited to become a big brother but he’s nervous too. He wants to get everything right from the very beginning. But what if he makes a mistake like his parents did when they thought he was a girl?

Where Are You From?
By Yamile Saied Méndez
Illus. by Jaime Kim
HarperCollins Publishers, 2019. 9780062839930
Spanish 9780062915252
A young girl’s friends keep asking where she’s from, where she’s really from. Unsure what to say, she asks her abuelo the question. His answer may not be what she expected, but it is straight from the heart.

Wolfie the Bunny
By Ame Dyckman
Illus. by Zachariah OHora
Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2015. 9780316226141
The Bunny family has adopted a Wolf son, and new big sister, Dot has some concerns. Families of all kinds will delight in this sweet tale of new babies, sibling rivalry, bravery, and unconditional love.