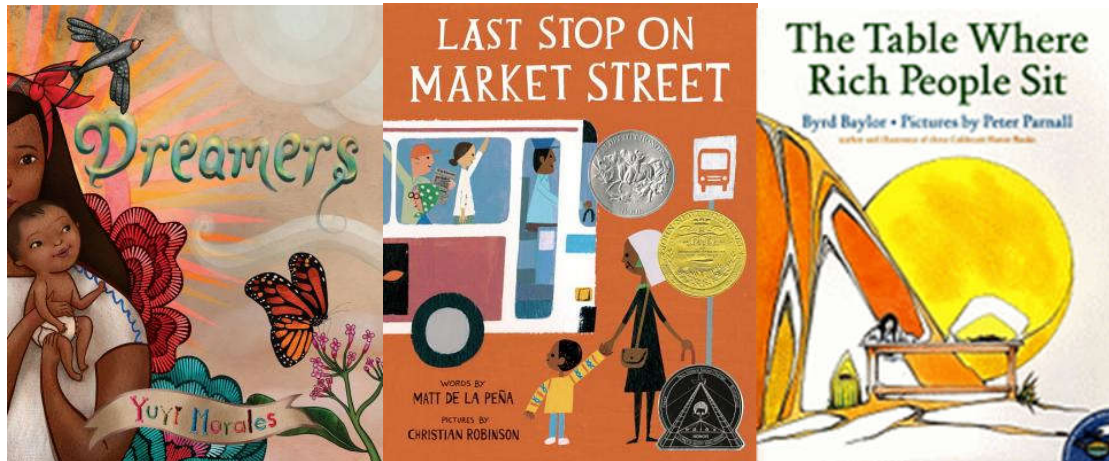


When library use is difficult, limited, minimized...

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Picture books to ponder:



Beliefs:

Library can be a safety net for EVERYONE.

Our lives (us, practioners) are not that much different except that we may have had a better start AND we have more safety nets.

Simulations:

<http://playspent.org/> Can you make it through the month without going completely broke?

Stack of the Deck. <http://www.usccb.org/about/justice-peace-and-human-development/stack-of-the-deck.cfm> A great interaction about the difference that privilege makes.

Skittles Game. <https://www.unitedwaydanecounty.org/wp-content/uploads/SkittlesGame.pdf> Shows how the United Way helps families but let's consider our libraries in place of UW, also.

Brainstorms:

Library use is **difficult**...be helpful during reader's advisory, go to shelf and pull off the book rather than have the patron try

Library use is **limited**...make the time when they are there as welcoming and enriching as possible

Library use is **minimized**...Fines! Work with patrons to eliminate the barrier to service or don't have fines at all, if possible. Perhaps ease into this change by eliminating fines for children's cards or children's items.