

We the People “A More Perfect Union” Bookshelf

All Blue Springs School District libraries recently received the 2010 *We the People* “A More Perfect Union” Bookshelf from the National Endowment for the Humanities in cooperation with the American Library Association. This grant program encourages young people to read and understand great literature while exploring themes in American history. The bookshelf collection includes seventeen hardcover books and a DVD edition of *The Civil War* by Ken Burns.

MRMS students will participate in a variety of classroom activities based on the “A More Perfect Union” theme throughout the school year. Parents may view the special display in the LMC throughout September.



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"A More Perfect Union" Collection

The following books have been selected for the "A More Perfect Union" Bookshelf:

Kindergarten - Grade 3:

- *Tico and the Golden Wings* by Leo Lionni
- *A More Perfect Union: The Story of Our Constitution* by Betsy and Giulio Maestro
- *When Marian Sang: The True Recital of Marian Anderson* by Pam Muñoz Ryan

Grades 4 - 6:

- *César ¡Si, Se Puede! / Yes, We Can!* by Carmen T. Bernier-Grand
- *Eagle Song* by Joseph Bruchac
- *The Great Little Madison* by Jean Fritz
- *Darby* by Jonathon Scott Fuqua

Grades 7 - 8:

- *Chains* by Laurie Halse Anderson
- *Warriors Don't Cry* by Melba Beals
- *Lincoln Shot: A President's Life Remembered* by Barry Denenberg
- *Hitch* by Jeanette Ingold

Grades 9 - 12:

- *The Souls of Black Folk* by W. E. B. DuBois
- *American Creation: Triumphs and Tragedies at the Founding of the Republic* by Joseph Ellis
- *Lincoln in His Own Words* by Milton Meltzer
- *Carver: A Life in Poems* by Marilyn Nelson
- *Twelve Angry Men* by Reginald Rose
- *Killer Angels* by Michael Shaara

Bonus

- *The Civil War: A Film* by Ken Burns
- *The Civil War: An Illustrated History* by Geoffrey Ward, Ric Burns, Ken Burns
- *Declaring Independence: The Origin and Influence of America's Founding Document* edited by Christian Y. Dupont

