SUGGESTED READING LIST

Me and My Family Free
<< Joan Sweeney (Author) Annette Cable (Illustrator)
Ages 2-7
A young girl explores making her own family tree. Through this book, young readers will be able to understand the complex concept of making a family tree.

The One and Only Me: A Book About Genes.
<<23andMeInc. (Author) Ariana Kiloran (Illustrator)
Ages 4-8
In this book, young readers will learn how red-haired and blue-eyed Poppy became herself as she traces her unique traits through her family tree and explores the world of her genetics. Discover how your genes and the world around you can shape who you are.

You Share Genes With Me
<<23andMeInc. (Author) Ariana Kiloran (Illustrator)
Ages 1-5
This board book enables the youngest readers to explore DNA and genetics in a playful way through rhyme and whimsical illustration as they explore what they have in common with a monkey, a fish, a fruit fly, and even each other.

Inheritance of Traits: Why Is My Dog Bigger Than Your Dog?
<<Jen Green (Author)
Ages 6-10
This fun book examines how inheritance and traits are passed down by investigating the breeding of dogs. It traces canines from their ancient beginnings, explaining how genes work.

Gregor Mendel: The Friar Who Grew Peas
<<Cheryl Bardone (Author) Jos. A. Smith (Illustrator)
Ages 5-9
This book looks at the first geneticist Gregor Mendel. Readers will learn how Mendel’s experiments with different types of peas revealed that animals and plants inherit and pass down traits through the same process—a fundamental aspect of genetics. This book helps us to understand how we get traits from our ancestors.

My Family and Me: A Family History Fill-In Book
<<Cara J. Stevens (Author)
Ages 7-10
This book enables readers to delve into a colorful activity book designed for families to complete together. It encourages children to learn the stories of their family members and is an entertaining way for them to explore the importance of family history and family story-telling.

National Geographic Investigates: Kids Guide to Genealogy
<<T.J. Resler (Author)
Ages 8-12
This book helps readers to investigate their own family history. Providing tips to start their research, the reader will be encouraged to research their family’s past and learn about the newest and most up-to-date technology for genealogy research.

Rosalind Franklin: Unlocking DNA
<< Megan Borgert-Spaniol (Author)
Ages 8-12
In this book, readers learn about chemist Rosalind Franklin from her early career in coal research and x-ray crystallography to her groundbreaking photo that showed the structure of DNA.

The Kids’ Family Tree Book
<<Caroline Leavitt (Author)
Ages 8-12
This book explains how to conduct family history research and suggests numerous creative projects to coincide with the exploration of one’s family tree. This book helps young people walk through the research process, teaching them how to stay organized in the process.

Florence and Her Fantastic Family Tree
<< Judy Gilliam (Author) Laura Addari (Illustrator)
Ages 5-10
This book explores Florence’s adventure as she tries to complete her family tree school assignment and finds herself navigating her big, complicated, and remarkable family.

Who Do You Think You Are? Be A Family Tree Detective
<< Dan Waddell (Author)
Ages 7+
This book explores the traits and characteristics that each person has and how they relate to family members. It inspires kids to be independent detectives as your children investigate and find the answers to your family secrets and treasures.