Turn the Page, SLPs!

SLPs say that they want to consider representation, but this isn’t reflected in the books they say they use. A kind interpretation is that other barriers must exist like limited time and money to build new lesson plans. To remove these barriers and improve the use of books that feature a variety of races, the University of Delaware Communication Disorders Program is organizing a fund for Delaware SLPs to use to obtain new diverse picture books.

Want to Help?
Support this fund:
Venmo @TurnThePageSLPs

Need a Book?
Fill out this form to request up to 5 picture books (up to $50 worth of materials) to diversify your library for use with children with Communication Disorders. Books available as long as funds last. https://bit.ly/2Fk2msm

Diversity Enriches us All
Diverse books aren’t JUST for Black, Brown, and Asian kids. White kids benefit from being exposed to the WHOLE world. Use diverse books with all the children you serve.

Have a Plan
Go beyond intention. Buy only books featuring non-White protagonists for a year. Partner with other SLPs to develop new lesson plans and supplementary materials. Work with your library to obtain books if your materials budget is small.

Sidekicks don’t count
Frequently Black, Latinx, Native American, Indian, & Asian kids are included - but only as a sidekick or friend. These characters often reinforce stereotypes too. Be sure that all kids also have a chance to see themselves in the lead, as the protagonist!

This outreach project is inspired by Sierrah Harris’ capstone project during her MA program at UD. To find out more about the capstone and other resources related to diverse books, visit https://linktr.ee/diversebooks4SLPs. For questions or more information please contact us at TurnThePageSLPs@udel.edu