



BLACK HISTORY MONTH RESOURCES FOR USE WITH OLDERCHILDREN IN THE GUARINI LIBRARY

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FOR OLDER READERS

Poetry

Adoff, Arnold	I am the Darker Brother	Juv. 811.08.A2391
Brooks, Gwendolyn	Bronzeville Boys and Girls	Juv. 811.B873b
Bontemps, Arna	Golden Slippers	Juv.811.08B722g
Browne, Mahogany L.	Black Girl Magic	Juv.811.6.B883b
Derby, Sally	Jump Back Paul: The Life and poetry of Paul Laurence Dunbar	Juv.928.1.D887d
Dunbar, Paul	Little Brown Baby	Juv.811.D889L
Feelings, Tom	I Saw Your Face	Juv. 811.54.D2691 2004
Johnson, Angela	(The African Diaspora)	
	The Other Side: Shorter Poems	Juv.811.54.J66o
	(poems about a Southern childhood)	
Johnson, James Weldon	Lift Every Voice and Sing:	juv.782.42.J675L
	A Celebration of the African American National Anthem	
McKissack, Patricia C.	Never Forgotten	Juv. M1585nf
	(The kidnapping of a young boy in Mali, his enslavement, his strength during the Middle Passage, his endurance and the sorrow his loss brings his father who never forgets him is told in free verse. Empowering.)	
Nelson, Marilyn	How I discovered poetry	Juv.811.54.N428p
Nelson, Marilyn	My Seneca Village	Juv.811.54.N428m
	(Story of the nineteenth century multicultural Manhattan neighborhood that was razed to make way for Central Park.)	
Smith, Hope Anita	The Way a Door Closes	Juv. 811.6.S642w 2003
	(a father leaves his family)	
Woodson, Jacqueline	Brown girl dreaming	Juv.811.54.W898b
	(award winning- memoir)	

Biography and History

Alter, Alter	Extraordinary Women of the American West	Juv. 920.7.A466e
Baker, Kyle	Nat Turner	Juv. 923.6.T9498b
	(Graphic novel biography of the 19 th century leader of a slave rebellion. Includes a Teacher's Guide and booklist for further reading.)	
Barbot, Alexandra	Mommy tell me about Haiti: Mammie Rakonte m Ayiti	Juv. 972.94 .A271m

Bausum, Ann	Marching to the mountaintop: How poverty, labor Fights and civil rights set the stage for Martin Luther King Jr.'s final hours	Juv.323.09.B351m
Beals, Melba Pattilo	Warriors Don't Cry	Juv. 371.97.B366w 2002
Bishop, Rudine Sims	Bishop Daniel Payne: Great Black Leader (The exciting and inspiring life of the founder of Wilberforce University.)	Juv.922.7.P346b
Blair, Margaret Whitman	Liberty or Death: The Surprising Story of Runaway Slaves Who Sided with the British during the American Revolution	Juv.973.3.B635L
Bolden, Tonya	Capital Days: Michael Shiner's Journal and the growth of our nation's capital. (Story of the life of Michael Shiner who came to Washington D.C. as an enslaved child laborer and witnessed the burning of the city in the War of 1812, the inauguration of eleven presidents and the aftermath of Lincoln's assassination. He gained his freedom and became a successful businessman.)	Juv.975.3.B687c
Bolden, Tonya	Crossing Ebenezer Creek (When Mariah and her young brother Zeke are suddenly freed from slavery, they set out on Sherman's long march through Georgia during the Civil War. Mariah wants to believe that the brutalities of slavery are behind them forever and that freedom lies ahead. When she meets Caleb, an enigmatic young black man also on the march, Mariah soon finds herself dreaming not only of a new life, but of true love as well.)	Juv. B6874c
Bolden, Tonya	Emancipation Proclamation: Lincoln and the Dawn of Liberty	Juv. 973.7.B687e
Bolden, Tonya	How to Build a Museum (The story of the National Museum of African American History and Culture which was a century in the making.)	Juv. 973.04.B687h
Bolden, Tonya	Inventing Victoria (A young black woman in 1880s Savannah, Essie is trapped between the life she has and the life she wants-- until she meets Dorcas Vashon, the richest and most cultured black woman she's ever encountered. Dorcas transforms Essie into Victoria: with a fine wardrobe, a classic education, and the rules of etiquette, Victoria is soon welcomed in the upper echelons of black society in Washington, D. C. When the life she desires is finally within her grasp, Victoria must decide how much of herself she is truly willing to surrender.)	Juv. B6874i
Bolden, Tonya	Maritcha : A Nineteenth-century American girl (See also Black Gotham : a family history of African Americans in Nineteenth-century New York City by Carla Peterson, CIRC F130 .N4 P47 2011 for additional background information)	Juv. 974.7 .B687m
Bolden, Tonya	Pathfinders (Capsule biographies of some well-known and lesser-known African Americans who inspirationally forged their own paths.)	Juv.923.6.B687p
Bolden, Tonya	Portraits of African-American Heroes	Juv. 920.B687p 2003
Bolden, Tonya	Searching for Sarah Rector: The richest Black girl in America	Juv.976.6.B687s
Bolden, Tonya	Tell All the Children Our Story	Juv.973.0496073.B6876t
Bolden, Tonya	Wake Up Our Souls: A Celebration of Black American Artists	Juv.704.03.B687w 2004
Bowers, Rick	Spies of Mississippi: The True Story of the Spy Network That Tries to Destroy the Civil Rights Movement	Juv. 323.11.b786S
Brimmer, Larry Dane	Birmingham Sunday	Juv. 323.11.B857bs
Brimmer, Larry Dane	Black and White: The Confrontation of Reverend Fred L. Shuttlesworth and Eugene Bull Connor	Juv.323.11.B857b
Brimmer, Larry Dane	Twelve Days in May: freedom Ride 1961	Juv.323.09.B857t
Brooks, Max	Harlem Hellfighters	Juv.B8735h

Bryan, Ashley	(Story of WW I's 369 th Infantry Regiment.) Ashley Bryan: Words to My Life's Song (Bryan, artist and children's author, illustrator, recounts his life using poetry, art, and memories of his ancestral island home of Antigua and his residence on the Cranberry Isles in Maine.)	Juv. 818.54.B915w
Bryan, Ashley	Freedom over me: Eleven slaves, their lives and dreams brought to life by Ashley Bryan (Simple but elegant poetic description of the public and interior lives of enslaved Africans on a nineteenth century Southern plantation. Based on an 1828 estate appraisal.)	Juv. 811.54.B9125f
Burchard, Peter	Charlotte Forten: A Black Teacher in the Civil War	Juv.923.7.F737b
Copeland, Misty	Life in motion: an unlikely ballerina	Juv.927.79.C782L
Crowe, Chris	Getting Away With Murder: The True Story of the Emmett Till Case	Juv. 364.15.C953g 2003
Derby, Sally	Jump Back Paul: The Life and poetry of Paul Laurence Dunbar	Juv.928.1.D887d
Douty, Esther M.	Charlotte Forten: Free Black Teacher	Juv. 371.1D741c
Duggleby, John	Story Painter: The Life of Jacob Lawrence	Juv.759.13.T885d 1998
Duncan, Alice Faye	Memphis, Martin, and the Mountaintop: The Sanitation Strike of 1968	juv.D9112m
Flowers, Arthur and Chitrakar, Manu	I See the Promised Land: A Life of Martin Luther King Jr. A collaboration between an American writer/storyteller and a Bengali artist)	Juv.923.273.K53fL
Fradin, Judith and Fradin, Dennis	Stolen into slavery: The true story of Solomon Northup, free Black man	Juv. 306.3.F799s
Freedman, Russell	Because they marched: The People's Campaign for Voting Rights that changed America	Juv.323.11.F853b
Gates, Henry Lewis, with Bolden, Tonya Giovanni, Nikki	Dark sky rising: Reconstruction and the dawn of Jim Crow On my journey now: Looking at African-American history through the spirituals Growing up in slavery : stories of young slaves as told by themselves	Juv. 973.04.G259d Juv.782.25.G512o E444 .G5 2005
Golio, Gary	Strange Fruit: Billie Holiday and the Power of a Protest Song	Juv. 782.42G626s
Govenar, Alan	Stompin' at the Savoy: The story of Norma Miller	Juv.927.92.M649
Green, Michelle Y.	A Strong Right Arm: The Story of Mamie "Peanut" Johnson	Juv. 927.96.J661g
Hale, Nathan	Then Underground Abductor (Graphic biography of Harriet Tubman, includes information on Nat Turner, John Brown and Frederick Douglass.)	Juv.920.7.T885h
Hansen, Joyce	African Princess: The Amazing Lives of Africa's Royal Women	Juv.960.09.H2449a
Hazell, Rebecca	Heroines: Great Women Through the Ages	Juv.920.7.H429h
Hartfield, Claire	A few Red Drops : The Chicago Riot of 1919	Juv.305.896.H328f
Hill, Laban Carrick	Harlem stomp! : a cultural history of the Harlem Renaissance	Juv. 810.9 .H645h 2003
Hudson, Wade	Afro-Bets Book of Black Heroes from A to Z	Juv. 920.H886a
Huey, Lois Miner	Forgotten Bones: Discovering a slave cemetery (Discovery and excavation of a slave cemetery found on the Schuyler estate in Albany, NY.)	Juv. 306.3.H888f
Hunter, Clementine	Talking with Tebe: Clementine Hunter,	Juv. 927.5.H9

	Memory Artist	
Hurmenace, Belinda	My Folks Don't Want Me to Talk About Slavery: Twenty-one Oral Histories of former North Carolina Slaves	Juv. 975.6.M995
Jordan, June	Dry Victories (Play which explores similarities between the Reconstruction and Civil Rights eras.)	Juv.812.54.J82d
Katz, William Loren	Proudly Red and Black: Stories of African and Native Americans	Juv.970.1.K19p
Kennedy, Adrienne	People Who Led to My Plays	Juv. 812.54.K351p 1986
Laird, Roland	Still I Rise: A Graphic History of African Americans	Juv.973.04.1188S
Landau, Elaine	Would you do what Lincoln did? :The Emancipation Proclamation	Juv. 973.7.L253e
Lacoste, Enrique A.	Juan Gualberto (Graphic novel biography of the nineteenth century Afro-Cuban revolutionary and journalist Juan Gualberto Gómez Ferrer. Text in Spanish.)	Juv.923.45.G633L
Lester, Julius	To Be a Slave	Juv. 326.973.L642t
Lewis, John et.al.	March, Book One	Juv. 923.6 .L674
Lewis, John et. al.	March Book Two	Juv.923.6.L674 bk.2
Lewis, John et.al.	March Book Three	Juv. 923.6.L674 bk.3
Lowery, Lynda Blackmon	Turning 15 on the road to freedom: My story of the 1965 Selma Voting Rights March	Juv.323.11.L913t
Mathis, Sharon Bell	Ray Charles	juv.782.42.M431r
McKissack, Patricia and McKissack, Frederick, Jr.	Best shot in the West: The adventures of Nat Love (Famous Black cowboy also known as Deadwood Dick.)	Juv. M1585b
McKissack, Patricia and Frederick	Black Hands, White Sails	Juv.639.2.M158b
McKissack, Patricia and Frederick	Days of Jubilee	Juv.973.7.M158d 2003
McKissack, Patricia and McKissack, Frederick	James Weldon Johnson, "Lift Every Voice and Sing"	Juv.928.1.J66m
McKissack, Patricia and Frederick	Long Hard Journey: The Story of the Pullman Porter	Juv.331.88.M158L
McKissack, Patricia and Frederick	Sojourner Truth: Ain't I a Woman	Juv.920.7.T874m
Mathis, Sharon Bell	Ray Charles	Juv.782.42.M431r
Molver, Luke and O'Connor, Mason	Shaka Rising: A Legend of the Warrior Prince	Juv.923.1.S527m
Murphy, Jim	Breakthrough: How Three People Saved "Blue Babies" and Changed Medicine Forever	Juv.617.M977b
Myers, Walter Dean	At Her Majesty's Request: An African	Juv. 920.7.B712m
Myers, Walter Dean	Frederick Douglass: The Lion who Wrote History	Juv.923.673.D637m
Myers, Walter Dean	Now is Your Time!: The African American Struggle for Freedom	Juv. 301.451.M996n 1993
Myers, Walter Dean	One More River to Cross: An American Photograph Album (Covers African American history from slavery to the present)	Juv. 973.0496073.M9968o
Nelson, Kadir	Nelson Mandela: The Authorized Comic Book Heart and Soul:	Juv.923.268.M271 Juv.973.04.N427h
Nelson, Marilyn	The Story of America and African Americans	Juv.811.54.N428f 2004
Nelson, Marilyn	Fortune's Bones: The Manumission Requiem How I discovered poetry	Juv.811.54.N428p

Nelson, Marilyn	My Seneca Village (Story of the nineteenth century multicultural Manhattan neighborhood that was razed to make way for Central Park.)	Juv.811.54.N428m
Nelson, Scott Reynolds with Aronson, Marc	Ain't Nothing But a Man: My Quest to Find the Real John Henry	Juv.973.04.N431a
Nelson, Vaunda M.	No crystal stair: a documentary novel of the life and work of Lewis Michaux, Harlem bookseller (amazing story of one of the first independent booksellers in Harlem, who knew everyone from Langston Hughes to Malcolm X. See also Book Itch: Freedom , truth and Harlem's greatest bookstore, Juv. N424b.)	Juv. N424n
Peck, Ira	Life and Words of Martin Luther King, Jr.	Juv.923.273.K53p
Pinkney, Andrea Davis	Hand in Hand: Ten Black Men Who Changed America	Juv.923.6.P655h
Pinkney, Andrea Davis	Let it shine: stories of Black women freedom fighters	Juv.923.6.P655
Pinkney, Andrea Davis	Rhythm Ride: A road trip through the Motown sound	Juv.781.64.P653r
Powell, Patricia Hruby Richardson, Ben and Fahey, William A. Robinson, Sharon	Josephine: The dazzling life of Josephine Baker Great Black Americans Promises to Keep: How Jackie Robinson Changed America	Juv.792.8.P885j Juv. 920.073R521g 1976 Juv. 796.35.R658r 2004
Rockwell, Anne Sadlier, Rosemary Sanders, Nancy I.	Only passing through: the story of Sojourner Truth Kids book of Black Canadian history America's Black Founders: Revolutionary Heroes & Early Leaders	Juv. 920.7.T885r Juv. 971.S126k Juv. 973.04.S215a
Shabazz, Ilyasah	Malcolm Little: The boy who grew up to be Malcolm X	juv.923.6.X1s
Shadd, Adrienne Sheinkin, Steve	Underground Railroad: Next Stop Toronto Port Chicago 50:Disaster, mutiny and the fight for Civil Rights	Juv.971.3.S524u Juv. 940.54.S543p
Sterling, Dorothy and Quarles, Benjamin Sterling, Dorothy	Lift Every Voice Tear Down the Walls!: A History Of the American Civil Rights Movement	Juv. 920.073.S838l Juv. 323.4S838t
Stratton, Madeline Parker, Toni Trent	Negroes Who Helped Build America Sienna's Scrapbook: Our African American Heritage Trip	Juv. 920.S911n Juv.P2434s
Tarrant-Reid, Linda	Discovering Black America: From the Age of Exploration to the twenty-first century.	Juv.973.04.T192d
Tougas, Shelley	Little Rock Girl: 1957	Juv.379.26 T722L
Turner, Glennette Tilley	Fort Mose and the Story of the Man Who Built the First Free Black Settlement in Colonial America	Juv.975.9.T946f
Weatherford, Carole Boston	Schomburg: The Man Who Built A Library	Juv. 923.7.S369w
Weatherford, Carole Boston	Voice of Freedom: Fannie Lou Hamer: Spirit of the Civil Rights Movement	Juv.923.6.H214w
Winegarten, Ruthe	Brave Black women: from slavery to the space shuttle	Juv. 920.9 .W767b
Winkler, Lisa K.	On the Trail of the Ancestors: A Black Cowboy's Ride Across America (See also study guide at Juv. 917.3 .W775o study guide)	Juv. 917.3 .W775o
Woodson, Jacqueline	Brown girl dreaming (award winning- memoir)	Juv.811.54.W898b

Wyckoff, Edwina Brit	Heart Man: Vivien Thomas, African-American Heart Surgery Pioneer	Juv.926.17.T462w
Zimmerman, Dwight J.	Hammer and the Anvil: Frederick Douglass, Abraham Lincoln and the end of slavery in America	Juv.973.7.Z73h

Fiction

Bolden, Tonya	Finding Family (Period photos highlight this story of Delana, an African-American child of privilege, in 1905, Charleston, West Virginia trying to discover the truth about her family history and herself.)	Juv. B 6874f 1
Craft, Jerry	The Big Picture: What you need to succeed!	Juv.C8856m
Curtis, Christopher Paul	Bud Not Buddy	Juv. C978b
Curtis, Christopher Paul	Watsons Go to Birmingham-1963	Juv. C978w
Edinger, Monica	Africa is my home: A child of the Amistad	Juv.E235a
Elliott, Zetta	Door at the Crossroads (Sequel to A wish After Midnight. Genna goes back in the past for Judah.)	Juv.E4669d
Elliott, Zetta	Wish After Midnight (A Brooklyn teen is transported back to the New York City Draft Riots of 1863.)	Juv.E4669w
Hamilton, Virginia	The House of Dies Drear	Juv. H221H
Hansen, Joyce.	I thought my soul would rise and fly: the diary of Patsy, a freed girl	Juv. H249i
Hess, Karen	Witness (Two young girls--one black and one Jewish--are caught up in the turmoil of prejudice in a small Vermont town in 1924)	Juv. H587W
Johnson, Angela	Toning the Sweep (A teenage girl visits her grandmother and learns her heritage.)	Juv. J65T
Johnson, Mat	Incognegro (A graphic novel about the adventures of an African American reporter during the Harlem Renaissance, who investigates lynchings in the South. The character is based on the NAACP's Walter White. Caution: Mature readers. Racial epithets, graphic violence.)	Juv.J683t
Lester, Julius	Old African	Juv.L642o
McKissack, Patricia C.	A friendship for today (A teenager integrating a high school in 1954 makes a most unlikely friend.)	Juv. M1586f
Morpurgo, Michael	Medal for Leroy (In World War II-era England, Michael learns about his black British Army soldier grandfather, a World War I officer who risked his life to save wounded men but who did not receive special commendations because of his race.)	Juv.M8718m
Moses, Shelia P.	I, Dred Scott	Juv.M9112i
Myers, Walter Dean	Amistad : a long road to freedom	Juv. M9967a
Myers, Walter Dean	Fallen Angels	Juv. M9967f
Myers, Walter Dean	Glory Field	Juv.M9967g
Myers, Walter Dean	Harlem Summer	Juv.M9967hs
Myers, Walter Dean	Riot (Novel written in the form of a screenplay about the 1863 Draft Riots in New York City.)	Juv. M9967r
Neri, G.	Ghetto Cowboy (A young boy becomes one of the urban cowboys of Philadelphia.	Juv.N4452g

Nelson, Vaunda M.	See also Winkler, Lisa K., <i>On the Trail of the Ancestors: A Black Cowboy's Ride Across America</i> , Juv. 917.3 .W775o) No crystal stair: a documentary novel Juv. N424n of the life and work of Lewis Michaux, Harlem bookseller (amazing story of one of the first independent booksellers in Harlem, who knew everyone from Langston Hughes to Malcolm X .)
Paterson, Katherine Porter, Connie	Jip: his story Juv. P2965JI Imani All Mine Juv.P844I (Fifteen-year-old Tasha raises her baby)
Powell, Patricia Hruby	Loving vs. Virginia: A Documentary novel Juv.P8855L on the landmark civil rights case (In 1955, in Caroline County, Virginia, amidst segregation and prejudice, injustice and cruelty, two teenagers fell in love. Their life together broke the law, but their determination would change it. Richard and Mildred Loving were at the heart of a Supreme Court case that legalized marriage between races, and the story of a devoted couple who faced discrimination, fought it, and won.)
Robinet, Harriette Gillem	Walking to the Bus-Rider Blues Juv. R6565w (A brother and sister try to solve a mystery during the Alabama bus boycott by emulating Martin Luther King Jr.)
Shabazz, Ilyasah	X: A Novel Juv.S5243x (Novel based on the life of Malcolm X, written by his daughter.)
Smith, Ronald L.	Black Panther: The Young Prince Juv.S6587b (Life is comfortable for twelve-year-old T'Challa in his home of Wakanda, an isolated, technologically advanced African nation. When he's not learning how to rule a kingdom from his father-the reigning Black Panther-or testing out the latest tech, he's off breaking rules with his best friend, M'Baku. But as conflict brews near Wakanda, T'Challa's father makes a startling announcement: he's sending T'Challa and M'Baku to school in America.)
Smith, Ronald L.	Hoodoo Juv.S6587h (In 1930s Alabama, twelve-year-old Hoodoo Hatcher is the only member of his family who seems unable to practice folk magic, but when a mysterious man called the Stranger puts the entire town at risk from his black magic, Hoodoo must learn to conjure to defeat him.)
Williams-Garcia, Rita	One crazy summer Juv. W729o (Eleven-year-old Delphine has only a few fragmented memories of her mother, Cecile, who abandoned the family in Brooklyn after giving birth to her third daughter. In the summer of 1968, Delphine's father decides that seeing Cecile is "something whose time had come," and Delphine boards a plane with her sisters to Cecile's home in Oakland for a very crazy summer)
Williams-Garcia, Rita	P.S. be eleven W729p (Sequel to One crazy summer. The Gaither sisters are back in Brooklyn, where changes large and small come to their household as they grow up during the turbulent 1960s.)
Wright, Barbara	Crow Juv. W9473c (An 11-year old middle class African-American boy in Wilmington, NC witnesses the life-changing Wilmington Race Riot of 1898. This book could be used with Tonya Bolden's Finding Family [Juv. B6874f] about a middle class African American girl in 1905 Charleston, West Virginia.)
Wyeth, Sharon Dennis	Once On This River Juv.W979o (historical fiction about the African American community

in pre-revolutionary New York through the eyes of a
free African girl from Madagascar.)

Folktales

Appiah, Peggy	Ananse the Spider: Tales from an Ashanti Village	Juv. 398.2 A647a
Courlander, Harold	Cow-Tail Switch and Other West African Stories	Juv. 392.2C861c
Courlander, Harold	Fire on the Mountain and Other Ethiopian Stories	Juv. 398.21C861f
Courlander, Harold	Olode the Hunter and Other Tales from Nigeria	Juv. 398.2.c861o
Courlander, Harold	Piece of Fire and Other Haitian tales	Juv.398.21C861p
Courlander, Harold	Terrapin's Pot of Sense	Juv.398.21.C861t
Hamilton, Virginia	People Could Fly: American Black Folktales	Juv.398.2.H221p
McKissack, Pat	Dark-thirty : Southern tales of the supernatural	Juv. M1585d
Sherlock, Philip M.	Anansi the Spider Man: Jamaican Folk Tales	Juv.398.21.S552A

Media

V2615	African American lives (A compelling combination of storytelling and science, this series uses genealogy, oral histories, family stories and DNA to trace roots of several accomplished African Americans down through American history and back to Africa.)
V3447	African Americans : many rivers to cross (Grade 9 and up: The Black Atlantic (1500-1800) -- The Age of Slavery (1800-1860) -- Into the Fire (1861-1896) -- Making a Way Out of No Way (1897-1940) -- Rise! (1940-1968) -- It's Nation Time (1968-2013). Explore with Professor Henry Louis Gates, Jr., the evolution of the African-American people, as well as the multiplicity of cultural institutions, political strategies, and religious and social perspectives they developed-forging their own history, culture and society against unimaginable odds.)
V3716	Selma : the bridge to the ballot (The story of a courageous group of Alabama students and teachers who, along with other activists, fought a nonviolent battle to win voting rights for African Americans in the South. Standing in their way: a century of Jim Crow, a resistant and segregationist state, and a federal government slow to fully embrace equality. By organizing and marching bravely in the face of intimidation, violence, arrest and even murder, these change-makers achieved one of the most significant victories to the civil rights era. Includes viewing guide.)

BLACK HISTORY MONTH FICTION FROM THE CIVIL RIGHTS ERA (1955-70)

Older readers

Carlson, Natalie S.	<u>Ann Aurelia and Dorothy</u> (Two ten-year old girls, one white one black form a friendship, c. 1970)	Juv. C284a3.
Carlson, Natalie S.	<u>The Empty Schoolhouse</u> (Ten-year old Lullah helps to desegregate a parochial school in Louisiana, c.1965)	Juv.C284e.
Stolz, Mary	A Wonderful, Terrible Time (Mady, the daughter of a slain voter's registration worker gets to attend an integrated summer camp, c.1967)	Juv. S876wo