

## READING MATERIALS: MIDDLE SCHOOL

Below is a list of books that can be used to support discussions about personal aspirations and careers. The list begins with several fiction books that will work for all age groups, although some of the books are picture-based. Under each book title is the author's name(s), followed by the publisher's name and the publication date, unless otherwise noted.

To the following list, you can add any biographical books about individuals from your mentee's ethnic/cultural groups, individuals who have overcome odds, who have worked to achieve education and/or success in their field, etc. Check with your local public or mentee's school library for a list of such books or additional career-related books.

### Helpful Tips:



Visit MeLCat, the Michigan eLibrary Catalog at <http://elibrary.mel.org> to locate these materials at your local library!



Take your mentee to the local library and teach them how to look up and find books or ask a librarian to show you!



Talk with your mentee about which books they would like to read together. Visit your local library before your next meeting to pick them up or find out if you can take your mentee to the school library to pick up books!

*Lights, Camera, Action!: Making Movies and TV From the Inside Out.* Lisa O'Brien. Owl Kids Books, 2007

*So You want to be a Writer: How to Write, Get Published, and Maybe Even Make it Big!*

Vicki Hambleton and Cathleen Greenwood. Beyond Words Publishing, 2001

*The Secret Service (High Interest Books).* Mark Beyer. Rosen Works, Inc., 2003

*Today's Heroes: Ben Carson (A Detroit Native).* Gregg Lewis and Deborah S. Lewis. Zonderkidz, 2002

*Discovering Careers for Your Future* (Computers, Art, Health, Math, etc.—a different book for each field.) Ferguson Publishing, 2000 through present

*Exploring Careers: A Young Person's Guide to 1,000 Jobs.* United States. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2003

*How to Do Your Homework Without Throwing Up.* Trevor Romain. Free Spirit Publishing, 2006

Note: Humorous book that can be used to promote discussions about good study habits; author/illustrator has an inspiring personal story about being told by one of his art teachers that he could not draw. Other school-related books are available by the same author.

*When I Grow Up: A Young Person's Guide to Interesting and Unusual Occupations.*

Jessica Loy. Henry Holt and Company, 2008

*"Career Ideas for Kids Who Like..."* (10 Book Series). Diane Lindsey Reeves. Checkmark Books, 2007