

In order to include as many images and facts as possible in the Author's Note, my publisher asked me to add the resources to my website. We hope you enjoy further exploration of this wonderful topic!

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An Additional Note from the Author: Despite extensive research, I was unable to find evidence that the Packhorse Library Project extended into communities of color. Schools and libraries were segregated during this time. As such, we made the extremely difficult decision to only include white librarians and patrons in the illustrations in order to be as historically accurate as possible. As noted above, the Library Extension Program, also established under the WPA, included outreach services to rural African American communities from main library offices that were located in towns. Berea College also offered library services. Reinette F. Jones explores this in her book *Library Service to African Americans in Kentucky: from the Reconstruction Era to the 1960s*.

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