Before John Was a Jazz Giant  
By Carole Boston Weatherford;  
Juvenile ML3930.C535 W43 2008  
This lyrical picture-book biography of John Coltrane focuses on his childhood and how he interpreted sounds before he made his music.

Benny Goodman and Teddy Wilson  
By Lesa Cline-Ransome  
Juvenile ML3929 .C55 2014  
Celebrates the first widely seen integrated jazz performance: the debut of the Benny Goodman quartet with Teddy Wilson in 1936 Chicago.

Charlie Parker Played Be Bop  
By Chris Raschka (Illustrator)  
Juvenile ML3930.P24 R4 1992  
Introduces the famous saxophonist and his style of jazz known as bebop.

Duke Ellington  
By Andrea Davis Pinkney;  
Brian Pinkney (Illustrator)  
Call Number: Juvenile ML3930.E44 P56 1998  
A brief recounting of the career of this jazz musician and composer who, along with his orchestra, created music that was beyond category.

Ella Fitzgerald: The Tale of a Vocal Virtuosa  
By Andrea Davis Pinkney;  
Brian Pinkney (Illustrator)  
Call Number: Juvenile ML3930.F5 P56 2002  
A brief recounting of the career of this jazz musician in the voice of "Scat Cat Monroe.

Hot Jazz Special  
By Jonny Hannah  
Juvenile ML3930.A2 H36 2005  

Jazz on a Saturday Night  
By Leo Dillon  
Juvenile ML3929 .D55 2007  
Learn about this popular music form and hear each instrument play on a specially produced CD.

Jimi  
By Gary Golio; Javaka Steptoe (Illustrator)  
Juvenile ML3930.H45 G65 2010  
Before he became one of the greatest guitar players of all time, Jimi Hendrix was a boy who loved to paint and listen to records, and who asked himself an unusual question: could someone paint pictures with sound?

Josephine  
By Patricia Hruby Powell  
Christian Robinson (Illustrator)  
Juvenile GV1785.B3 P68 2014  
A portrait of the passionate performer and civil rights advocate Josephine Baker, the woman who worked her way from the slums of St. Louis to the grandest stages in the world. Josephine's powerful story of struggle and triumph is an inspiration and a spectacle, just like the legend herself.
Mister and Lady Day
By Amy Novesky;
Vanessa Brantley Newton (Illustrator)
Juvenile ML3930.H64 N68 2013
Reveals the famed singer’s devotion to her numerous pet dogs, describing her particularly close bond with a boxer who was a faithful companion through the highs and lows of Holiday’s life, including her legendary appearance at New York’s Carnegie Hall.

The Blues Singers: Ten Who Rocked the World
By Julius Lester; Lisa Cohen (Illustrator)
Juvenile ML3929 .L47 2001
Highlights the careers of Bessie Smith, Robert Johnson, Mahalia Jackson, Muddy Waters, Billie Holiday, B.B. King, Ray Charles, Little Richard, James Brown, and Aretha Franklin.

The Cosmobiography of Sun Ra
By Chris Raschka (Illustrator)
Juvenile ML3930.S983 R37 2014
A one-hundredth-birthday tribute to the late jazz artist explores his observations about humanity’s discriminatory and violent behaviors as well as his efforts to forge world peace through music with the Sun Ra Arkestra.

When Marian Sang
By Pam Muñoz Ryan
Juvenile ML3930.A5 R93 2002
An introduction to the life of Marian Anderson, extraordinary singer and civil rights activist, who was the first African American to perform at the Metropolitan Opera, whose life and career encouraged social change.

Piano Starts Here
By Robert A. Parker (Illustrator)
Child Lit Ctr ML3930.T2 P37 2008
The story of the young Art Tatum who became one of the all-time greats of jazz piano.

Trombone Shorty
by Andrews, Troy
Child Lit Ctr ML3930.A53 A3 2015
Hailing from the Tremé neighborhood in New Orleans, "Trombone Shorty" got his nickname by wielding a trombone twice as long as he was high, leading his own band by age six.

Baby Flo: Florence Mills Lights Up the Stage
By Alan Schroeder
Juvenile ML420.M5132 S 37 2012
A biography of African American entertainer Florence Mills, an internationally renowned dancer, singer, and comedian of the Harlem Renaissance era, focusing on how she began her career as a child.

When the Beat Was Born
By Laban Carrick Hill; Theodore Taylor
Juvenile ML3930.K68 H55 2013
An introduction to pioneering DJ Clive Campbell describes how he devised new ways of playing music between dance songs, sharing insight into his youth in 1970s Jamaica and the Bronx, and how his musical achievements helped counter gang violence.

Firebird
By Copeland, Misty
Juvenile PZ7.C7887 Fir 2014
A poetic dialogue between an aspiring young dancer and the American Ballet Theater’s soloist Misty
Tito Puente, Mambo King/Tito Puente, Rey Del Mambo
By Monica Brown
Child Lit Ctr ML3930.P83 B76 2013
A vibrant bilingual picture book biography that portrays the musical and cultural phenomenon of Tito Puente

Viva Frida
By Morales, Yuyi
Juvenile ND259.K33 M66 2014
With spare text and vibrant illustrations this book examines Frida’s creative process.

Diego Rivera: His World and Ours
By Duncan Tonatiuh
JUV ND259.R5 T57 2011
An introduction to the life, career, and influence of the Mexican painter Diego Rivera

A Splash of Red: The Life and Art of Horace Pippin
By: Bryant, Jennifer
JUV ND237.P65 B79 2013
Presents an illustrated introduction to the life and work of artist Horace Pippin, describing his childhood love for drawing.

The Art Room
By: Vande Griek, Susan
Juvenile PZ7.V2772 Ar 2002
This richly illustrated story-poem celebrates the experience of learning to paint in the presence of a master teacher. Set in the 1900s when artist Emily Carr was teaching art to children, highlights Carr’s passion for painting the natural world and the sense of freedom she inspired in her students.

The Favorite Daughter
By Say, Allen
Child Lit Ctr PZ7.S2744 Fav 2013
Yuriko, teased at school for her unusual name and Japanese ancestry, yearns to be more ordinary until her father reminds her of how special she is.

In Her Hands: The Story of Sculptor Augusta Savage
By Alan Schroeder
Juvenile NB237.S286 S37 2009
A biography of African American sculptor Augusta Savage who overcame many obstacles as a young woman to become a premier female sculptor of the Harlem Renaissance.

Love to Langston
By Tony Medina; Gregory R. Christie (Illust.)
Juvenile PS3563.E2414 L68 2002
A series of poems written from the point of view of the poet Langston Hughes, offering an overview of key events and themes in his life.

The Palm of My Heart
By Davida Adedjouma
A collection of poems written by Afro-American children celebrating what it means to be Black.

A is for Art: An Abstract Alphabet
By: Johnson, Stephen
Juvenile N6494.A2 J64 2008
Can you find the hidden letters? Look closely and you will see a letter C made of colorful candy, a letter H hidden in a hook, and an S in a soft shadow. This colorful alphabet book also features a candy collage, a receptacle for recycling, and fake French fries.