

Resources for Families

Book Suggestions

Lower Division - all ages

You Matter by Christian Robinson

Come with Me by Holly McGhee

The Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Peña, illustrated by Christian Robinson

Each Kindness by Jacqueline Woodson, illustrated by E.B. Lewis

The Day You Begin by Jacqueline Woodson, illustrated by Rafael López

Dreamers by Yuyi Morales

What Can a Citizen Do? by Dave Eggers

Book trailer at: [What Can A Citizen Do?: A picture book about the power of good citizenship by Dave Eggers](#)

Upper Division - Fiction

Blended by Sharon Draper

Planet Omar: Accidental Trouble Magnet by Zanib Mian and Nasaya Mafaridik

New Kid by Jerry Craft

Black Brother, Black Brother by Jewell Parker Rhodes

Genesis Begins Again by Alicia D. Williams

Upper Division - Nonfiction

Not My Idea: A Book about Whiteness by Anastasia Higginbotham

Book trailer at: [Not My Idea](#)

Dictionary for a Better World: Poems, Quotes and Anecdotes from A to Z by Irene Latham and Charles Waters

Let's Talk About Race by Julius Lester

We Rise, We Resist, We Raise Our Voices edited by Wade Hudson and Cheryl Wells Hudson ;
foreword by Ashley Bryan

Summary: What do we tell our children when the world seems bleak, and prejudice and racism run rampant? With 96 lavishly designed pages of original art and prose, fifty diverse creators lend voice to young activists. Featuring poems, letters, personal essays, art, and other works from such industry leaders as Jacqueline Woodson (*Brown Girl Dreaming*), Jason Reynolds (*All American Boys*), Kwame Alexander (*The Crossover*), Andrea Pippins (*I Love My Hair*), Sharon Draper (*Out of My Mind*), Rita Williams-Garcia (*One Crazy Summer*), Ellen Oh (cofounder of *We Need Diverse Books*), and artists Ekuia Holmes, Rafael Lopez, James Ransome, Javaka Steptoe, and more, this anthology empowers the nation's youth to listen, learn, and build a better tomorrow.

Adults

How to be an Antiracist by Ibram X. Kendi

<https://www.eyeseeme.com/collections/new-upcoming/products/how-to-be-an-antiracist>

Blind Spot by Mahzarin R. Banaji and Anthony G. Greenwald

<https://www.eyeseeme.com/collections/antiracist-collection/products/blindspot-hidden-biases-of-good-people>

So You Want to Talk About Race by Ijeoma Oluo

<https://www.amazon.com/You-Want-Talk-About-Race/dp/1580056776>

Other Resources:

Events

Wednesday, June 3 at 11:00 am Left Bank Books Virtual Celebrity Storytime: Christian Robinson *You Matter*

<https://www.left-bank.com/event/storytime-christian-robinson-you-matter>

Thursday, June 4 at 7:00 pm-8:30 pm The Brown Bookshelf hosts *Kidlit Rally for Black Lives*

<https://thebrownbookshelf.com/2020/06/02/kidlit-rally-for-black-lives/>

Local Resources:

EyeSeeMe Bookstore (local African American Bookstore)

Provides a great variety of books for children of all ages as well as books for adults

<https://www.eyeseeme.com/>

We Stories: <http://www.westories.org/>

Additional/Online Resources:

Anti Defamation League (www.adl.org)

This resource provides a lot of good background information to gain a better understanding of the issues. It also provides some discussion questions.

<https://www.adl.org/education/resources/tools-and-strategies/george-floyd-racism-and-law-enforcement>

Thinking about Social Justice Through Crafts and Conversations

Each of these activities have discussion questions to help prompt conversations.

<https://www.adl.org/education/resources/tools-and-strategies/thinking-about-social-justice-through-crafts-and>

Lucky Zip Codes (TedTalk video)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gdX8uN6VbUE>

How are our lives shaped by the zip code we're born into? Who gets to be lucky? Does it matter if I live in 63103, 63130, 63112, 63121, 63145, 63105? What will it take for us to live in a world where destiny is more than geography?

St. Louis needs to look inward after the events in Ferguson

As director of racial justice for YWCA Metro St. Louis, Amy Hunter is responsible for ensuring that eliminating racism. Part of the YWCA's two-prong mission of eliminating racism and empowering women, is incorporated in all of the organization's internal and external programming.

National Museum of African American History and Culture

"Talking About Race" Web Portal

<https://nmaahc.si.edu/about/news/national-museum-african-american-history-and-culture-releases-talking-about-race-web>

Who to Follow on Social Media

The Conscious Kid: <https://www.theconsciouskid.org/>

White Girl Learning: <https://whitegirllearning.com/>

Teaching Tolerance (this is geared toward teachers, however, it is full of good information that can be useful for parents as well.): <https://www.tolerance.org/>