



Resources for Families

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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 Ekua Holmes, Rafael Lopez, James Ransome, Javaka Steptoe, and more, this anthology empowers the nation's youth to listen, learn, and build a better tomorrow.

Juneteenth

Book Recommendations

Juneteenth for Mazie by Floyd Cooper (ages 6-8)

https://www.eyeseeme.com/products/juneteenth-for-mazie?_pos=1&_sid=244ee4df7&_ss=r

Video read-aloud of *Juneteenth for Mazie*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R4TvA7lw64Q>

Juneteenth by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson and Drew Nelson (Grades 2-8)

https://www.eyeseeme.com/products/juneteenth-1?_pos=7&_sid=2ecbb0c11&_ss=r

If you search The Conscious Kid on Instagram (@theconsciouskid) or Facebook, you will find a video read-aloud of *Juneteenth* being read by the author.

“Summer Reading List for Young People at a time of Crisis”

Jason Reynolds, writer and the Library of Congress’ ambassador for young people’s literature, shares summer reading lists for youth that fit the current moment.

https://www.pbs.org/newshour/amp/show/summer-reading-lists-for-young-people-at-a-time-of-crisis?_twitter_impression=true

Adults

How to Be an Antiracist by Ibram X. Kendi (it is my understanding that this book has sold out all over the country and the publisher is working on printing more copies, so there may be a delay)

<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>

Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson

https://www.eyeseeme.com/products/just-mercy-a-story-of-justice-and-redemption?_pos=1&_sid=78b59eb4a&_ss=r

Just Mercy (Adapted for Young Adults) by Bryan Stevenson

https://www.eyeseeme.com/products/just-mercy-adapted-for-young-adults-a-true-story-of-the-fight-for-justice?_pos=2&_sid=78b59eb4a&_ss=r

Other Resources:

Events (since these events have already happened, many times you can find a recording)

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>

***The Breaking News* by Sarah Lynne Reul (Ages 4-8)**

This is a picture book about a little girl who notices how the news is affecting her family and wants to do something to help. This link provides a read-aloud by the author and along with pre-reading questions, conversation starters, comprehension questions, and activities.

<https://www.sutori.com/story/the-breaking-news--NcS5ECxjzNruBgSGrSF51ovy>

The Purpose and Power of Protests (Ages 8 and up)

Provides a family discussion guide for engaging your family and community in conversations about protests. You will be given some historical context, conversation starters, and action steps.

<https://www.adl.org/education/resources/tools-and-strategies/the-purpose-and-power-of-protest>

7 Engaging Picture Books about Voting and Elections

<https://www.adl.org/blog/7-engaging-picture-books-about-voting-and-elections>

Let's Talk about Voting! (ages 10 and up)

Provides some historical context, discussion questions to help engage your child in conversation, and ways to take action.

<https://www.adl.org/education/resources/tools-and-strategies/lets-talk-about-voting>

Early Childhood FAQ

Provides some helpful tools and strategies to help have conversations about a variety of diversity and inclusivity related topics.

<https://www.adl.org/education/resources/tools-and-strategies/question-corner>

PBS KIDS Talk About: Race and Racism - October 9th

“The show will feature kids and their parents talking about race and racial justice-related topics in an age-appropriate way, such as noticing differences in race, understanding what racism can look like, and embracing the role we all have to play in standing up for ourselves and each other--offering viewers ideas to build on as they continue these important conversations at home.”

<https://www.pbs.org/about/about-pbs/blogs/news/new-pbs-kids-talk-about-race-and-racism-special-to-debut-on-october-9/>

TedTalks

“Lucky Zip Codes” Amy Hunter

<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.

“The Danger of a Single Story” Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

https://www.ted.com/talks/chimamanda_ngozi_adichie_the_danger_of_a_single_story?referrer=playlist-talks_to_help_you_understand_r

Our lives, our cultures, are composed of many overlapping stories. Novelist, Chimamanda Adichie tells the story of how she found her authentic cultural voice - and warns that if we hear only a single story about another person or country, we risk a critical misunderstanding.

“We Need to Talk About Injustice” Bryan Stevenson

https://www.ted.com/talks/bryan_stevenson_we_need_to_talk_about_an_injustice?referrer=playlist-talks_to_help_you_understand_r#t-970991

Human Rights lawyer, Bryan Stevenson, shares some hard truths about America's justice system, starting with a massive imbalance along racial lines

Other Virtual Resources

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/>

Brittany Packnett Cunningham: <https://brittanypacknett.com/>

Activist, Educator, Writer, co-founder of Campaign Zero, was a member of President Barack Obama's 21st Century Policing Task Force

Vera Ahiyya (@thetututeacher on Instagram) she is a kindergarten teacher, book influencer, and presenter: If you are looking for a way to talk to your younger child/children about race/racism, she did an outstanding job explaining it to her kindergarten students. She also read the book *Let's Talk About Race* by Julius Lester and had a wonderful call to action for the students. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1vHymutysWU&feature=youtu.be>