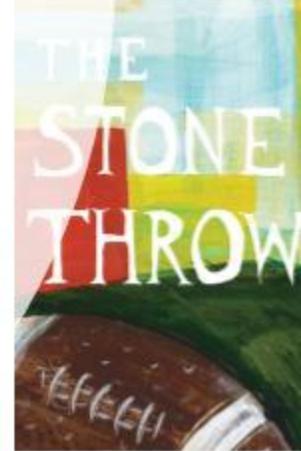
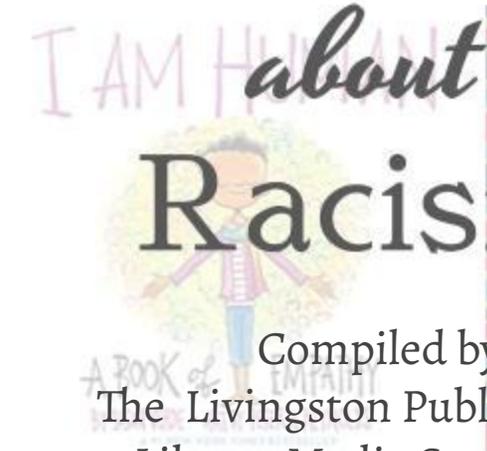
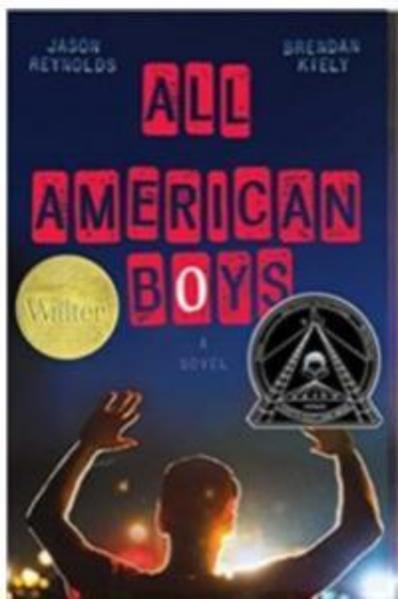
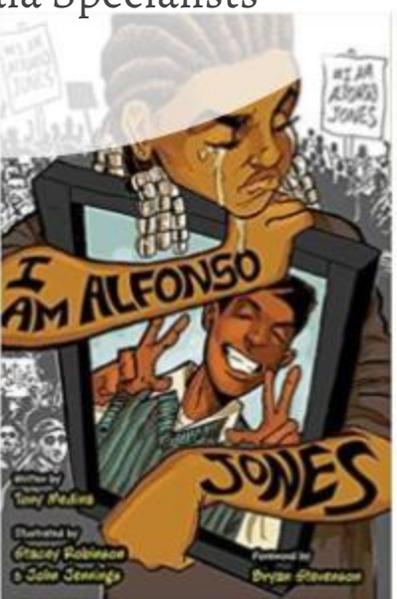
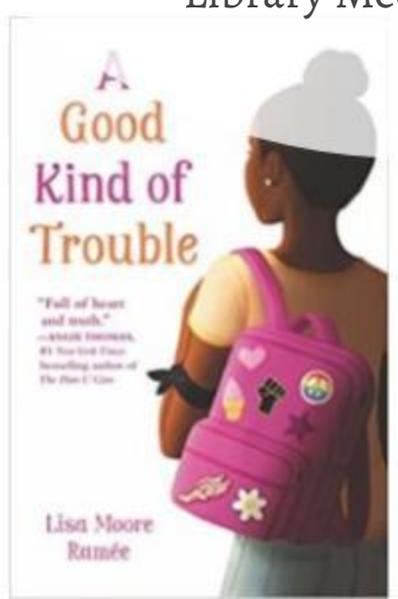
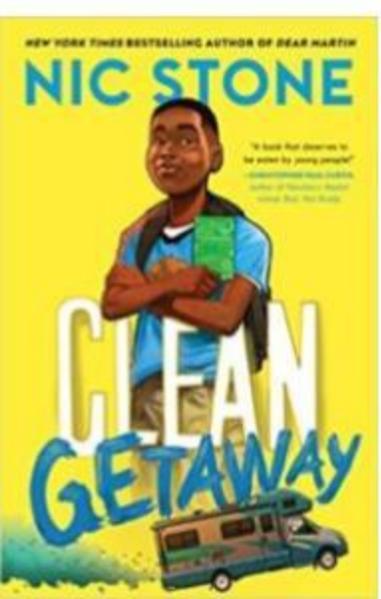


Resources to help Talk to Children



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Multilevel Resources

*"I am no longer accepting the things I cannot
change. I am changing the things I cannot
accept."*

ANGELA DAVIS



Multilevel Resources

Resource	Description
 The logo for 'Today's Parent' features the word 'Today's' in a smaller, teal font above the word 'Parent' in a large, bold, teal font.	<p>This list includes 27 books to help talk to your children about racism, and varies from picture books up to middle grade literature. Multiple perspectives are represented in this list.</p>
 The logo for 'The Children's Book Review Growing Readers' features a red circle containing a white book with a green leaf growing from it. To the right, the text 'The Children's Book Review' is in black, with 'Book Review' in a larger font, and 'Growing Readers' is in a smaller green font below it.	<p>A list of books for kids and teens, this website provides a detailed publishes synopsis for its recommended titles, many of which are available through the Livingston Public Library's digital services..</p>
 The logo for 'Brightly' features the word 'Brightly' in a white, serif font on an orange rectangular background. Below it, the tagline 'READING IS JUST THE BEGINNING' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.	<p>This resource includes an article covering approaches to talking to your children about racism and is followed by a list of suggested books to aid you in the process. Books range from picture books to young adult literature.</p>
 The image shows a photograph of author Jason Reynolds sitting and looking thoughtful, next to the 'TODAY' logo which consists of an orange rainbow graphic above the word 'TODAY' in a bold, black, sans-serif font.	<p>Listen to Jason Reynolds discuss how to talk to kids about race issues. Appropriate for grades 6+</p>

Multilevel Resources

Resource	Description
	<p>Recent protests are sparking questions from children. Not shying away from those conversations is the first step in raising an anti-racist child</p>
	<p>This resource offers a way to explore this topic through art with a free downloadable coloring book that is appropriate for all ages.</p> <p>This book was created as part of the Black Lives Matter At School movement by educators to bring these ideas to the classroom in an age appropriate way to young children.</p>
	<p>The Livingston Public Library has collected a great list of resources with links to ebooks for each grade level.</p>
	<p>Common Sense Media, a trusted source for educators, offers a range of suggested texts, each with a rating, age level, and brief description. At the top of this list, you can filter by age group. Additional relevant resource lists are linked on this page as well.</p>

Children's Resources

"Be the change you wish to see in the world."

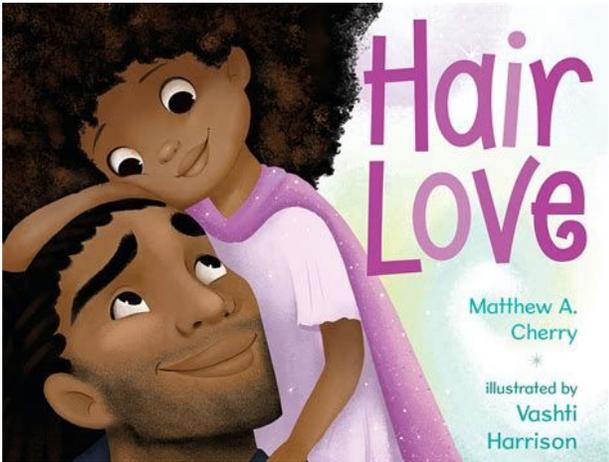
MAHATMA GANDHI



Children's Resources

Resource	Description
 <p>Epic! Start a Conversation About Race</p> <p>Epic! Equality and Race</p>	<p>These lists includes a number of picture books that approach the topic of racism through various perspectives and experiences. Included are eBooks, audiobooks, and Read-to-Me books. Contact your Library Media Specialist to gain free access to Epic.</p>
	<p>Broken down by ages from 6 months through 8 years of age, this article talks to parents about how to address race and racism with their children in age-appropriate ways.</p>
	<p>This list, compiled to celebrate Black History Month, offers a number of high quality picture books that are said to be “starting points for conversations about African American history.”</p>
	<p>This source not only recommends books, but organizes these recommendations with specific talking points for parents to help them start talking about race with their “littles.”</p>
	<p>This list includes 20 picture books featuring strong black women.</p>

Children's Resources

Resource	Description
	<p>The Brown Bookshelf is designed to push awareness of the myriad Black voices writing for young readers. Specifically consider watching their KidLit Rally for Black Lives in which many Black authors speak directly to children.</p>
	<p>This infographic discusses the importance of talking to young children about race and racism and also includes a number of websites for additional learning.</p>
	<p>Hair Love, an Oscar®-winning animated short film from Matthew A. Cherry, tells the heartfelt story of an African American father learning to do his daughter's hair for the first time.</p>
	<p>This title, read aloud with permission from Imagination Press, tells the story of two families, one black and one white, trying to make sense of a police shooting of a black man in their town.</p>

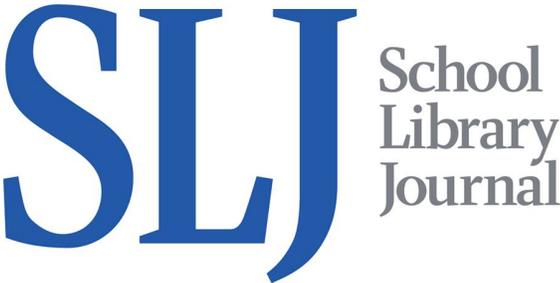
Middle Grade Resources

*Life's most persistent and urgent question is,
"What are you doing for others?"*

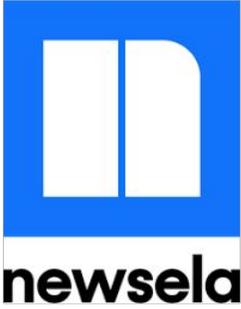
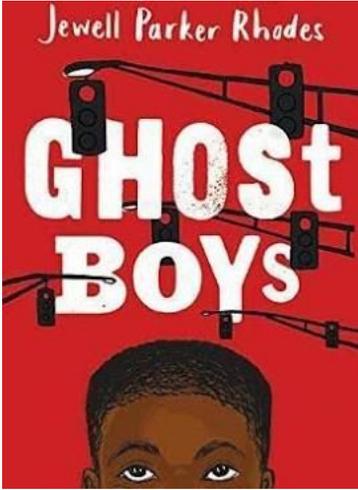
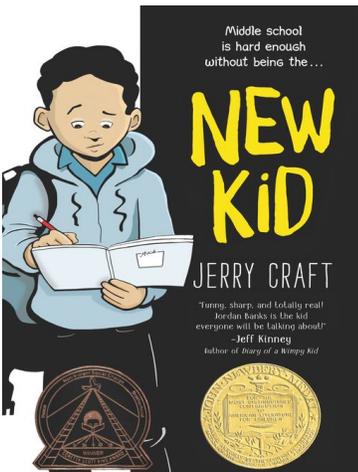
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.



Middle Grade Resources

Resource	Description
	<p>Use these materials with middle and high school students to help them understand the long history of anti-Black racism in the United States, and think about ways to address it in their own families and communities.</p>
	<p>Encourage your middle schooler to take action by writing to local officials about the treatment of black Americans by police departments. Students can utilize the model letter to help them.</p>
	<p>This list includes a number of middle school appropriate books written by black authors and featuring black protagonists.</p>
	<p>This list, entitled “Social Justice: Fifteen titles to address inequity, equality, and organizing for young readers” includes books recommended for readers from upper elementary up through 8th grade. Both summaries and grade level recommendations are made available by this highly reputable source.</p>
	<p>This article provides age-appropriate information regarding protests happening in response to George Floyd’s death and police violence.</p>

Middle Grade Resources

Resource	Description
	<p>Students can log in with their school Google accounts to access the following:</p> <p>America's History of Protest Text Set</p> <p>Analysis: Definition of systemic racism in sociology</p> <p>"We're sick of it": Anger over police killings shatters U.S.</p>
	<p>This opinion article, written by a student, answers the question, <i>"What Is Your Reaction to the Days of Protest That Have Followed the Death of George Floyd?"</i></p>
	<p>A heartbreaking and powerful story about a black boy killed by a police officer, drawing connections through history, from award-winning author Jewell Parker Rhodes: Only the living can make the world better. Live and make it better.</p> <p>This book is available at the Livingston Public Library as an audiobook or an ebook through Overdrive. Parker Rhodes has many other books on this and other difficult subjects.</p>
	<p><i>New Kid</i> is the first graphic novel to win a Newbery Award. In this story, Craft's main character struggles with being one of the only African American students in a prestigious private school where a majority of the students are white.</p> <p>This book is available at the Livingston Public Library as an audiobook or an ebook through Overdrive.</p>

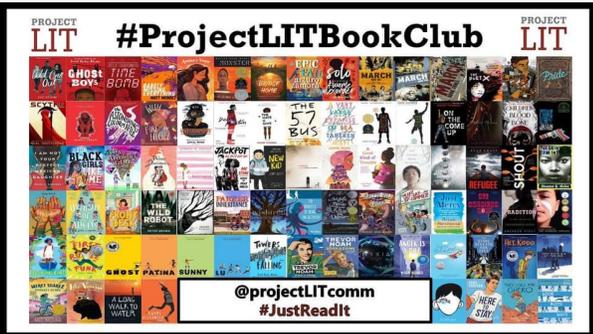
Young Adult Resources

*"It is not enough to be compassionate. You
must act."*

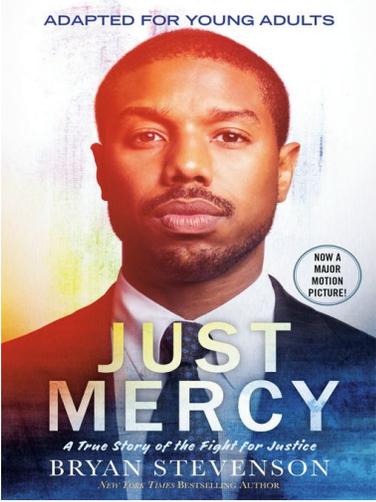
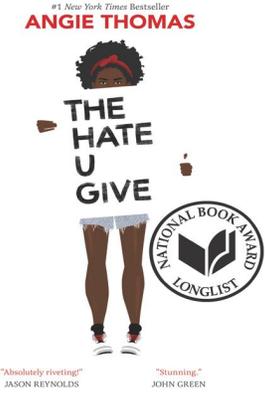
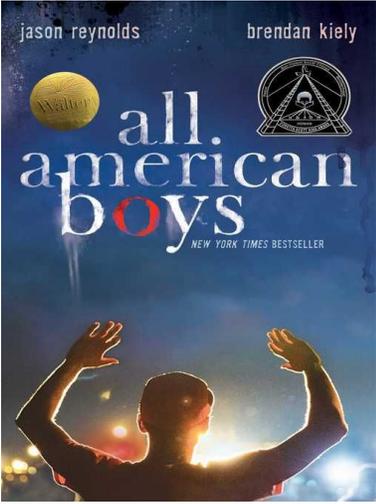
THE DALAI LAMA



Young Adult Resources

Resource	Description
 <p>A black and white graphic featuring a stylized face with hands raised in a gesture of protest or solidarity. The words "BLACK LIVES MATTER" are written in a circular path above the face. Below the face, the text "#BLACKLIVESMATTERATSCHOOL" and "NONE OF US ARE FREE UNTIL WE ARE ALL FREE." is written in a bold, sans-serif font.</p>	<p>Encourage your teen to explore the topic of race through the Student Creative Challenge. Your child will be able to create a unique work of art in response to the prompt: <i>What do the “mirrors, windows, and sliding glass doors” look like when we create a world where Black Lives Matter at school?</i></p>
 <p>The PBS LearningMedia logo, consisting of a white circle containing a stylized human head profile with a brain inside, followed by the text "PBS LearningMedia" in a white, sans-serif font, all set against a solid blue background.</p>	<p>Use these materials with middle and high school students to help them understand the long history of anti-Black racism in the United States and think about ways to address it in their own families and communities.</p>
 <p>The ThoughtCo. logo, with "Thought" in a large, bold, black sans-serif font and "Co." in a smaller, bold, gold sans-serif font.</p>	<p>ThoughtCo. offers a very focused list of 7 powerful books to help start discussions about race and racism with your teen. Use the synopsis and suggested ages to help your teen select the just-right book. Use the discussion questions to help engage in meaningful conversations about the text.</p>
 <p>A collage of various book covers from the ProjectLit Book Club. The covers are arranged in a grid and feature diverse titles and authors. At the bottom of the collage, the text "@projectLITcomm #JustReadIt" is displayed in a white box with a black border.</p>	<p>The ProjectLit Community is a national grassroots Literacy movement designed to promote reading with culturally relevant books that highlight diverse experiences.</p>

Young Adult Resources

Resource	Description
	<p>This YA version is based on the NYT bestseller and tells the story of author working to protect human rights and fighting for those who have suffered from poverty, been wrongly convicted, or have been discriminated against. It is meant to raise awareness and encourage action.</p> <p>This book is available at the Livingston Public Library as an audiobook or an ebook through Overdrive.</p>
	<p>Starr, a 16-year old, is navigating the challenge between her two worlds: her neighborhood and the prestigious school where she is in the minority. Her world is shattered when she witnesses her unarmed best friend fatally shot by a police officer. As the only witness, Starr feels pressure from all sides.</p> <p>This book is available at the Livingston Public Library as an audiobook or an ebook through Overdrive.</p>
	<p>Told in alternating voices from the perspective of two teens, one black and one white, this book addresses the timely topic: the act of a police officer that rocks a community to its core.</p> <p>This book is available at the Livingston Public Library as an audiobook or an ebook through Overdrive.</p> <p>Reynolds also has a new book called Stamped: Racism, Anti-racism, and You. which addresses the issues of racism, its impact, and what can be done to make change.</p>