Reading for Racial Justice: 
A booklist compiled by the South Burlington Public Library

Adult Nonfiction

*African American Poetry: 250 years of struggle & song* edited by Kevin Young  
*Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates  
*Black is the Body: stories from my grandmother’s time, my mother’s time and mine* by Emily Bernard  
*The Black Friend: on being a better white person* by Frederick Joseph  
*Caste: the origins of our discontent* by Isabel Wilkerson  
*The Color of Law: a forgotten history of how our government segregated America* by Richard Rothstein  
*Citizen: an American Lyric* by Claudia Rankine  
*The Dead are Arising: the life of Malcolm X* by Les Payne and Tamara Payne  
*His truth is marching on: John Lewis and the power of hope* by Jon Meacham  
*How to be an antiracist* by Ibram X. Kendi  
*How to make a slave and other essays* by Jerald Walker  
*I'm Still Here: black dignity in a world made for whiteness* by Austin Channing Brown  
*The Inner Work of Racial Justice: healing ourselves and transforming our communities through mindfulness* by Rhonda V. Magee  
*Make Change: how to fight injustice, dismantle systematic oppression and own our future* by Shaun King  
*The New Jim Crow: mass incarceration in the age of colorblindness* by Michelle Alexander  
*Tears We Cannot Stop: a sermon to White America* by Michael Eric Dyson  
*So you want to talk about race* by Ijeoma Oluo  
*Stamped from the beginning: the definitive history of racist ideas in America* by Ibram X. Kendi  
*Uncomfortable conversations with a black man* by Emmanuel Acho  
*When they call you a terrorist: a Black Lives Matter memoir* by Patrisse Khan-Cullors and Asha Bandele  
*The white ally toolkit: using active listening, empathy, and personal storytelling to promote racial equality* by David W. Campt  
*White Fragility: why it’s so hard for White people to talk about racism* by Robin J. DiAngelo
Adult Fiction
Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
An American Marriage by Tayari Jones
American Spy by Lauren Wilkinson
Betsey Brown by Ntozake Shange
Boy, Snow, Bird by Helen Oyeyemi
Deacon King Kong by James McBride
Delicious Foods by James Hannaham
Everywhere You Don't Belong by Gabriel Bump
Girl, Woman, Other by Bernadine Evaristo
Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi
How Long 'Til Black Future Month? by N.K. Jemisin
Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison
A Lesson Before Dying by Ernest J. Gaines
Native Son by Richard Wright
The Nickel Boys by Colson Whitehead
Queenie by Candice Carty-Williams
The Sellout by Paul Beatty
Sing, Unburied, Sing by Jesmyn Ward
Such a Fun Age by Kiley Reid
The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett
The Water Dancer by Ta-Nehisi Coates

Children's
Black Women Who Dared by Naomi M. Moyer
Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson
The Day You Begin by Jacqueline Woodson
Enough! 20 Protestors Who Changed America by Emily Easton
Ghost Boys by Jewell Parker Rhodes
A Good Kind of Trouble by Lisa Moore Ramee
Hair Love by Matthew A. Cherry
Harbor Me by Jacqueline Woodson
Momma, did you hear the news? by Sanya Whittaker Gragg
New Kid by Jerry Craft
Not My Idea: a book about whiteness by Anastasia Higginbotham
Skin Again by bell hooks
We Rise, We Resist, We Raise Our Voices edited by Wade Hudson and Cheryl Wells Hudson

Young Adult
All American Boys by Jason Reynolds
Black Enough: stories of being young and black in America edited by Ibi Zoboi
Concrete Rose by Angie Thomas
Dear Martin by Nic Stone
The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas
I Am Alfonso Jones by Tony Medina
Light It Up by Kekla Magoon
Monday's Not Coming by Tiffany D. Jackson
One of the Good Ones by Maika Moulite and Maritza Moulite
Punching the Air by Ibi Zoboi
A Song Below Water by Bethany C. Morrow
Tyler Johnson Was Here by Jay Coates