So You Want to Talk About Race?

It’s time for change, and there’s so much we can do to help support reform. One way is through education, especially the education of the next generation.

We can and should talk about race. It’s difficult. It’s completely uncomfortable, but that’s kind of the point. A parent’s job, and the job of any educator, is to make --to the best of their abilities-- a well-rounded, empathetic, good and kind person, and then to send them out into the world so they can spread all those fantastic qualities and make it a better place. That’s a really tall order, but also one of the most rewarding things any one of us can do.

For our part, we here at Lewisboro Library want to help you have those conversations, so we’ve compiled a list of online resources and books that might make the conversation a little bit easier. This is just a small fraction of what’s out there. Good luck!

**ONLINE RESOURCES**

The National Museum for African American History and Culture has [created](https://nmaahc.si.edu/learn/talking-about-race) a dynamic web portal designed to help guide talking about race.

Children’s Community School in Philadelphia has created a list of resources to help parents teach and talk about Social Justice: http://www.childrenscommunityschool.org/social-justice-resources/

Aimed at white parents, this anti-racist resource guide includes everything from television programs to podcasts: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1BRIF2_zhNe86SGgHa6-VIBO-QgirTwCTugSfKieS5s/edit

This Anti-Racist Resource Guide features a list of places to donate, a breakdown what structural and individual racism is, as well as a really cool reading list categorized by type, including LGBTQ+ books, biographies and black-centered fiction: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1a-lzdtxOLWuzYNGqwIYwxMWADtZ6vJGCpKhtUHHrS54/mobilebasic?urp=gmail_link

ANTI-RACIST PRIMER BOOKS FOR TEENS
(Available through Lewisboro Library, Hoopla, or Overdrive)

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas

The March Trilogy by John Lewis

Monster by Walter Dean Myers and

The Lines We Cross by Randa Abdel-Fattah
Lies We Tell Ourselves by Robin Talley

Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You: A Remix of the National Book Award-winning Stamped from the Beginning by Jason Reynolds & Ibram X. Kendi

This Book Is Anti-Racist: 20 Lessons on How to Wake Up, Take Action, and Do the Work by Tiffany Jewell

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou

BOOKS FOR CHILDREN
(Available through Lewisboro Library, Hoopla, or Overdrive)

All Are Welcome by Alexandra Penfold

Voice of Freedom: Fannie Lou Hamer - Spirit of the Civil Rights Movement
Not My Idea: A Book About Whiteness by Anastasia Higginbotham

The Day You Begin by Jacqueline Woodson

Nelson Mandela by Kadir Nelson

Frederick Douglass: The Lion Who Write History by Walter Dean Myers

Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly

One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia

The Oldest Student by Rita Lorraine Hubbard

Mae Among the Stars Roda Ahmed

Last Stop on Market Street by Matt De La Pena
We Are Family by Patricia Hegarty

You Matter by Christian Robinson

Why Am I Me? by Paige Britt

Separate is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez & Her Family’s Fight for Desegregation by Duncan Tonatiuh