Resources Toward Dismantling Racism
Compiled by UWC members and Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County

Scroll down for books, articles, podcasts, films, children/family resources and more..

Thank you for enhancing your understanding – and applying your learning to making real change. If you have resources to recommend, please send them to office@unityofwalnutcreek.org.

Books:

White Fragility: Why It’s So Hard to Talk to White People About Racism by Robin DiAngelo (https://robindiangelo.com for study guides and more resources)

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

The Half Has Never Been Told: Slavery and the Making of American Capitalism by Edward E. Baptist

Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria? by Beverly Daniel Tatum

How to Be an Antiracist by Ibram X. Kendi

The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness by Michelle Alexander

Me and White Supremacy by Layla F Saad.

White Rage: The Unspoken Truth of Our Racial Divide by Carol Anderson

Biased: Uncovering the Hidden Prejudice That Shapes What We See, Think, and Do by Jennifer L. Eberhardt

The History of White People by Nell Irvin Painter

The Little Book of Racial Healing: Coming to the Table for Truth-Telling, Liberation & Transformation by Thomas Norman DeWolf and Jodie Geddes

Tell Me Who You Are: Sharing Our Stories of Race, Culture, & Identity by Winona Guo and Priya Vulchi

Blood at the Root: A Racial Cleansing in America by Patrick Phillips

Race Talk and the Conspiracy of Silence: Understanding and Facilitating Difficult Dialogues on Race by Derald Wing Sue

Blindspot: Hidden Biases of Good People by Mahzarin R. Banaji and Anthony G. Greenwald

Uprooting Racism: How White People Can Work for Racial Justice by Paul Kivel

Fatal Invention: How Science, Politics, and Big Business Re-create Race in the Twenty-First Century by Dorothy Roberts

Locking Up Our Own by James Forman

The Possessive Investment in Whiteness: How White People Profit from Identity Politics by George Lipsitz

Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson

How the Irish Became White by Noel Ignatiev

Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates

Black Theology & Black Power, God of the Oppressed, A Black Theology of Liberation or The Cross and the Lynching Tree by the Rev. Dr. James Cone

Rules for Radicals by Saul Alinsky

Dirty Hands: Christian Ethics in a Morally Ambiguous World by Garth Baker-Fletcher

God of the Rahtid by Robert Beckford

The Cost of Discipleship by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Manchild in a Promised Land by Claude Brown

Katie’s Canon: Womanism and the Soul of the of the Black Community by Katie Cannon
Freedom is a Constant Struggle: Ferguson, Palestine and the Foundations of a Movement by Angela Davis

The Souls of Black Folk by W.E.B Dubois

Come Hell or High Water: Hurricane Katrina and the Color of Disaster by Michael Eric Dyson

The Black Presidency: Barack Obama and the Politics of Race in America by Michael Eric Dyson

Ferguson and Faith: Sparking Leadership and Awakening Community by Leah Gunning Francis

Pedagogy of the Oppressed by Paulo Freire

Hope and History: Why We Must Share the Story of the Movement by Vincent Harding

The Politics of Jesus: Rediscovering the True Revolutionary Nature of Jesus’ Teachings and How they have been Corrupted by Obery Hendricks

Blessed are the Peacemakers: A Theological Analysis of the Thought of Howard Thurman and Martin Luther King, Jr. by C. Anthony Hunt

Stones of Hope: Essays, Sermons and Prayers on religion and Race, vol. 3 by C. Anthony Hunt

My Hope is Built: Essays, Sermons and Prayers on Religion and Race, vol.2 by C. Anthony Hunt

And Yet the Melody Lingers: Essays, Sermons and Prayers on Religion and Race by C. Anthony Hunt

Doing Justice: Congregations and Community Organizing by Dennis Jacobson

Race, Religion and Resilience in the Neoliberal Age by Cedric Johnson

Is God a White Racist? by William R. Jones

Justice in an Unjust World by Karen Lebacqz

Racism and the Christian Understanding of Man by George Kelsey

Strength to Love by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
“Suffering and Faith” in The Christian Century (April 1960) by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Why We Can’t Wait by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Where do We Go from Here: Chaos or Community? by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Autobiography of Malcolm X by Malcom X

Where have all the Prophets Gone?: Redeeming Prophetic Preaching in America by Marvin McMickle

Pulpit and Politics: Separation of Church and State in the Black Church by Marvin McMickle

Jesus Weeps: Global Encounters on Our Doorstep by Harold Recinos

The Search for Beloved Community by Kenneth Smith and Ira Zepp, Jr.

A Troubling in My Soul: Womanist Perspectives on Evil and Suffering by Emilie Townes

Jesus and the Disinherited by Howard Thurman

The Luminous Darkness: A Personal Interpretation of the Anatomy of Segregation and the Ground of Hope by Howard Thurman

America’s Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege and the Bridge to a New America by Jim Wallis

Prophecy Deliverance by Cornel West

Race Matters by Cornel West

Bonhoeffer’s Black Jesus: Renaissance Theology and an Ethic of Resistance by Reggie Williams

No Difference in the Fare: Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Problem of Racism by Josiah U. Young


Automating Inequality: How High-Tech Tools Profile, Police, and Punish the Poor by Virginia Eubanks
The Age of Surveillance Capitalism: The Fight for a Human Future at the New Frontier of Power by Shoshana Zuboff


Race After Technology: Abolitionist Tools for the New Jim Code by Ruha Benjamin


Chaos or Community by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

My Grandmother’s Hands by Resmaa Menakem

Your Anti-Racism Education Begins – Old Growth Alchemy

Films & Documentaries:

- 13th. Netflix film explores the intersection of race, justice, and mass incarceration. Free on Youtube. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=krfcq5pF8u8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=krfcq5pF8u8)


- Police: Last Week Tonight with John Oliver: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wf4cea5oObY&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wf4cea5oObY&feature=youtu.be)

- Kimberly Jones: How Can We Win: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sb9_qGOa9Go&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sb9_qGOa9Go&feature=youtu.be)

- I Am Not Your Negro is a documentary based on James Baldwin’s unfinished manuscript, “Remember the House.” [https://www.pbs.org/independentlens/films/i-am-not-your-negro/](https://www.pbs.org/independentlens/films/i-am-not-your-negro/)

- 3 1/2 Minutes, 10 Bullets examines the shooting of Jordan Taylor. [https://www.hbo.com/documentaries/3-1-2-minutes-ten-bullets](https://www.hbo.com/documentaries/3-1-2-minutes-ten-bullets)

- The House I Live In looks at the true cost of the War on Drugs. [https://www.pbs.org/independentlens/films/house-i-live-in/](https://www.pbs.org/independentlens/films/house-i-live-in/)

- Do Not Resist: a documentary on the militarization of local police since 9/11. [http://www.donotresistfilm.com](http://www.donotresistfilm.com)
• This Far By Faith: Howard Thurman: https://www.pbs.org/thisfarbyfaith/people/howard_thurman.html

• James Baldwin at Cambridge University: https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=james+baldwin+at+cambridge+university

• Eye On the Prize: Parts 1-4: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NpY2NVcO17U

• Malcolm X: The Ballot or the Bullet: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CRNciryImg

• Dick Gregory, Race, Comedy, Justice: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aD9wJoEfHvE

• Brown Eyes, Blue Eyes: by Jane Elliot. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ebPoSMUL5U

• Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome: by Joy Angela DeGruy. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BGjSday7f_8

• Cracking the Codes: film by World Trust Social Justice & Equity Movement Building. https://www.world-trust.org/individual-streaming-ctc

• White Like Me: film by Tim Wise https://vimeo.com/ondemand/whitelikeme

• PBS.org has a list of available free films and television shows from their website: https://www.pbs.org/articles/2020/06/racism-in-america/

• Toni Morrison: The Pieces I Am https://www.pbs.org/wnet/americanmasters/toni-morrison-the-pieces-i-am-about/12366/ or Amazon for purchase.


• The Apollo: Documentary on HBO. https://www.hbo.com/documentaries/the-apollo

• Nothing But a Man: Film from 1967 on YouTube https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kbNKQwoDrHA


• **Brother to Brother**: 2004 film on Amazon.  [https://www.amazon.com/Brother-Duane-Boutte/dp/B008MA0X0M](https://www.amazon.com/Brother-Duane-Boutte/dp/B008MA0X0M)

• **Talk to Me**: 2007 film on Vudu or Hulu. [https://www.vudu.com/content/movies/details/Talk-to-Me/128882](https://www.vudu.com/content/movies/details/Talk-to-Me/128882)  [https://www.hulu.com/movie/talk-to-me-1724c1a0-2f8c-476b-a38d-c86960794e9e](https://www.hulu.com/movie/talk-to-me-1724c1a0-2f8c-476b-a38d-c86960794e9e)

• The difference between being “not racist” and antiracist: Ibram X. Kendi  [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KCxb15QgFZw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KCxb15QgFZw)

• **Revealing White Privilege and Healing Racial Trauma** with Dr. Kenneth Hardy, RYSE in Richmond, CA. [https://vimeo.com/427600351](https://vimeo.com/427600351)

• **How to deconstruct racism, one headline at a time** by Baratunde Thurston on TED.  [https://www.ted.com/talks/baratunde_thurston_how_to_deconstruct_racism_one_headline_at_a_time#t-721003](https://www.ted.com/talks/baratunde_thurston_how_to_deconstruct_racism_one_headline_at_a_time#t-721003)

• **Call To Mind: Spotlight on Black Trauma and Policing.**  [https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?v=559125224731745&ref=watch_permalink&mc_cid=ea4e374b2c&mc_eid=fb4fab8012](https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?v=559125224731745&ref=watch_permalink&mc_cid=ea4e374b2c&mc_eid=fb4fab8012)


**Articles/Statements:**


• Coming to the Table Educational Resources page ([https://comingtothetable.org/educational-resources/](https://comingtothetable.org/educational-resources/))


• **Dissecting Racial Bias in an Algorithm Used to Manage the Health of Populations** by Ziad Obermeyer, Brian Powers, Christine Vogeli, and Sendhil Mullainathan ([https://science.sciencemag.org/content/366/6464/447](https://science.sciencemag.org/content/366/6464/447))


• **When black people are in pain, white people just join book clubs:** “I’m caught in a time loop where my white friends and acquaintances perform the same pieties over and over again.” ([https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/white-antiracist-allyship-book-clubs/2020/06/11/9edcc766-abf5-11ea-94d2-d7bc43b26b9f_story.html?fbclid=IwAR3a88-aYrV630LU-Eli8duZS184H2GyXdGNytFpH0mB5wedOi0dQ66C2c](https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/white-antiracist-allyship-book-clubs/2020/06/11/9edcc766-abf5-11ea-94d2-d7bc43b26b9f_story.html?fbclid=IwAR3a88-aYrV630LU-Eli8duZS184H2GyXdGNytFpH0mB5wedOi0dQ66C2c))

• **Cornel West on this moment of “escalating consciousness” and the need for radical democracy**. ([https://www.salon.com/2020/06/26/cornel-west-on-this-moment-of-escalating-consciousness-and-the-need-for-radical-democracy/](https://www.salon.com/2020/06/26/cornel-west-on-this-moment-of-escalating-consciousness-and-the-need-for-radical-democracy/))


• “She Loved Who She Was Becoming”: Breonna Taylor and a Family’s Fight for Justice: https://www.theringer.com/2020/6/18/21294510/breonna-taylor-louisville-police-black-lives-matter-protests

• Why Killer Cops Go Free by Ishmael Reed https://www.counterpunch.org/2020/06/19/why-killer-cops-go-free/


• The police have a white nationalist problem — and have for at least 15 years, by Aiden Pink. https://forward.com/news/national/447906/the-police-have-a-white-nationalist-problem-and-have-for-at-least-15-years/?utm_source=PostUp&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Daily%20Newsletter%20RSS_Test&utm_maildate=06/03/2020


White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack by Peggy McIntosh ([Peggy McIntosh Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack](https://www.whiteprivilegeunpacking.com))

10 Ways to Learn About Another Culture UMC General Commission on Religion and Race ([10-ways-to-learn-another-culture](https://www.umc-glcc.org/10-ways-to-learn-another-culture))

To Be White and Christian excerpt from White Awake by Daniel Hill, 2017 Sojourners Magazine ([To Be White and Christian](https://www.sojourners.org当たり前/excerpt-from-white-ahve-by-daniel-hill))

**Podcasts:**


- Pod for the Cause by The Leadership Conference on Civil & Human Rights  [https://civilrights.org/podforthecause/](https://civilrights.org/podforthecause/)

- About Race with Reni Eddo-Lodge [https://www.aboutracepodcast.com](https://www.aboutracepodcast.com)

- Code Switch: NPR [https://www.npr.org/podcasts/510312/codeswitch](https://www.npr.org/podcasts/510312/codeswitch)

- Momentum: A Race Forward Podcast: [https://www.raceforward.org/media/podcast/momentum-race-forward-podcast](https://www.raceforward.org/media/podcast/momentum-race-forward-podcast)

Resources for Children & Families:

For Children

- Anti-Racism Resources for Children
- 31 antiracist children’s books from Embrace Race

For Young People

- Anti-Racism Books for Young People
- What is Privilege (YouTube)

For Parents

- Anti-Racism Reading List for Parents

For families with young people

(not all appropriate for all ages of children)

- Filmography for Black History, Black Experience
- Bay Area cultural sites to visit (not recommended at this time)
- Talking with Kids about Race: Reading Between the Lines [curated list of reads]

Other Resources:

Organizations & Training

- Coming to the Table
- Racial Equity Institute
- Undoing Racism
- Crossroads Antiracism Organizing & Training
- Race Forward
- Courageous Conversations
- Equal Justice Initiative
- Anti-Racist Alliance
- World Trust: Social Justice & Equity Movement Building
Websites/Lists/Collections of Resources

Scaffolded Antiracism Resources

Antiracism Resources for All Ages

Antiracism Resources for White People

The Anti-Racist Starter Pack: TV Series, Documentaries, Movies, TED Talks and Books to Add to Your List: [https://parade.com/1046031/breabaker/anti-racist-tv-movies-documentaries-ted-talks-books/?fbclid=IwAR0l_qHix7LiNilqGydmmANXstDmwH1Amttd-3GaXSPjmNpujSLRf4wrkoQ](https://parade.com/1046031/breabaker/anti-racist-tv-movies-documentaries-ted-talks-books/?fbclid=IwAR0l_qHix7LiNilqGydmmANXstDmwH1Amttd-3GaXSPjmNpujSLRf4wrkoQ)

Local Organizations or Chapters:

- SURJ Contra Costa County: [https://www.facebook.com/SURJCCC](https://www.facebook.com/SURJCCC)

Black Owned Businesses in the East Bay:

California Search: [https://www.supportblackowned.com/states/ca](https://www.supportblackowned.com/states/ca)

Bay Area: [https://projects.sfchronicle.com/2020/black-owned-restaurants/](https://projects.sfchronicle.com/2020/black-owned-restaurants/)

BAOBOB – Bay Area Organization of Black Owned Businesses Directory App: [https://www.facebook.com/BAOBOBdirectory/](https://www.facebook.com/BAOBOBdirectory/)

Concord: [https://www.visitconcordca.com/blog/supporting-concords-black-owned-businesses/](https://www.visitconcordca.com/blog/supporting-concords-black-owned-businesses/)

Bookstores: Consider ordering resources from Black-owned or local, independently owned bookstores, some of which are listed below.

Marcus Books in Oakland is the oldest Black-owned bookstore in the country, 60 years old this year. They aren’t taking online orders right now, but can be reached at 510-652-2344 to place orders. Their store is open at 3900 Martin Luther King Way (near MacAurthur BART), Monday through Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm, for those willing to wear a mask. Please go in small groups, and use the hand sanitizer available there.

Multicultural Children’s Book Store is located at 2325 Hilltop Mall Drive, Richmond, but there are doing all of their orders online at [https://www.multiculturalbookstore.com](https://www.multiculturalbookstore.com). You can
see all the books they offer there. For questions, please email multiculturalbookstore@gmail.com or call Gamara Shiloh 510-322-4781 or 510-209-3063. Great source for children’s books with diverse characters and topics.

**Railroad Book Depot** is a Black-managed store, managed by Janice Glover, the wife of Supervisor Federal Glove. It is is operated by Pittsburg Arts & Community Foundation. It is located at 650 Railroad Ave, Pittsburg, CA. They are open for phone orders, Monday through Friday from 9 am to noon telephone is 925-427-2334. New Books, Used Books, Consignment Sales and More at Pittsburg’s only independent bookstore. Their online bookstore is at [https://www.railroadbookdepot.com/online-store](https://www.railroadbookdepot.com/online-store).

**Ashay By the Bay** is an online Black-centered bookstore in Vallejo that’s operating online at [https://ashaybythebay.com](https://ashaybythebay.com). Their website says that “Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the unexpected huge surge in orders, we are going to pause our store from July 1st – 15th to catch up. During this time you will be able to browse, but you won’t be able to make purchases or use Gift Cards. Our top priority right now is our customers with existing orders. Please know that we will continue to ship as quickly as possible and you can contact us regarding any delayed deliveries and expected ship dates. When we fully reopen our promotions will continue and life will go on. Thanks again for your understanding and patience. Ashay By The Bay” Keep them in mind for the future, and see the wide selection of books they have by age and grade groups.

**Carol’s Book Store** is a Black owned book store in Sacramento at 1913 Del Paso Boulevard, Sacramento. You can order online at [https://carolsbookstore.com/shop](https://carolsbookstore.com/shop) or you can contact them at (916) 600-0151 or hello@carolsbookstore.com.

**Flashlight Books** is at 1537 North Main Street, in Walnut Creek is open Wednesday to Saturdays from 11 am to 6 pm. Contact them by email at contact@flashlightbooks.com to order or use their online presence at [http://www.flashlightbooks.com](http://www.flashlightbooks.com) or 925-278-1797. They have a table and one whole bookcase devoted to Anti-Racism books for folks to educate themselves on Anti-Blackness in America. The store is owned by three white women, one of whom is Jewish and two of whom are LGBTQ. Their main emphasis is children’s books with 20% for adults, but their mission is to include titles on diversity or with diverse characters of every kind. The “Anti-Racist Baby” book by Dr. Ibram X. Kendi is on back order until mid-July.

**Rakestraw Books** is 3 Railroad Avenue, in Danville and is open from Monday to Saturday, 9:30 am to 4 pm. Order online at [https://www.rakestrawbooks.com](https://www.rakestrawbooks.com) or call (925) 837-7337. They have some of the books in the store, but many books are on backorder or waitlisted. Personal masks are required and they provide hand sanitizer at the door to enter the store. More information on visiting the store is at [https://www.rakestrawbooks.com/page/visiting](https://www.rakestrawbooks.com/page/visiting).