Broadening Your Library: Racism and Social Injustice

In order to continue the discussion from the thought-provoking discussions Sand Hill hosted, we have compiled a list of books to read with your children and to encourage your children to read on their own. While this list is not exhaustive, it is a great place to start exploring issues such as racism, diversity, and social injustice. It is never too early to start these important conversations.

Elementary School (grades K-5):

A Kids Book about Racism by Jelani Memory

Alma and How She Got Her Name by Juana Martinez-Neal

All are Welcome by Alexandra Penfold and Suzanne Kaufman

Desmond and the Very Mean Word by Archbishop Desmond Tutu

Each Kindness by Jacqueline Woodson

I am Enough by Grace Byers

Let's Talk about Race by Julius Lester

Resist: 35 Profiles of Ordinary People Who Rose Up against Tyranny and Injustice by Veronica Chambers

Skin Like Mine by LaTashia M. Perry

Something Happened in Our Town: A Child's Story about Racial Injustice by Marianne Celano, PhD

The Day You Begin by Jacqueline Woodson

The Other Side by Jacqueline Woodson and E.B. Lewis

The Youngest Marcher by Cynthia Levinson

We're Different, We're the Same (Sesame Street) by Bobbi Kates

Middle School (grades 6-8):

Betty before X by Ilyasah Shabazz

Black Enough: Stories of Being Young & Black in America by Ibi Zoboi, Tracey Baptiste, et al.

Chains (The Seeds of America Trilogy) by Laurie Halse Anderson

Ghost Boys by Jewell Parker Rhodes

Look Both Ways: A Tale Told in Ten Blocks by Jason Reynolds

March by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin and Nate Powell

Not My Idea: a Book about Whiteness by Anastasia Higgenbotham

One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams Garcia

Piecing Me Together by Renee Watson

Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You by Jason Reynolds and Ibram X. Kendi

Stand Up, Yumi Chung! By Jessica Kim

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

We Rise, We Resist, We Raise our Voice by Wade Hudson and Cheryl Willis Hudson

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