Anti-Racism Reading and Resources List
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American Association of Law Libraries’
Antiracism, diversity, equity and inclusion and social justice resources

Books (chronological: oldest to most recent)

● *The Atlantic*'s “The Anti-Racist Reading List” by Ibram X. Kendi (February 2019)
  ○ A historian, professor, and best-selling author of *How to be an Antiracist*, Kendi provided 38
  nonfiction books after the 2019 revelation of Virginia governor Ralph Northam’s blackface
  history.

● School Library Journal’s Antiracist Resources and Reads: Lists for All Ages (June 2, 2020)
  ○ Includes Shawn Humphrey’s Sidekick Manifesto’s “Racial Equity Sidekick Pledge” guide for
  practicing allyship.

● The Book Reader’s Reading for Change: Booklist-Recommended Antiracism Titles for All Ages (June
  5, 2020)
  ○ The Booklist Reader is a free compilation of library blogs and is a part of the American Library
  Association. In response to the murder of George Floyd on May 25, 2020 the site created this
  list for readers of all ages.

● Autostraddle’s “Raising Anti-Racist Kids: A Guide and Book List for White and Non-Black POC Parents”
  by KaeLyn Rich (June 10, 2020)
  ○ Autostraddle is a feminist, queer women’s media outlet.

Articles, Reports, and Texts (chronological: oldest to most recent)

  ○ **Keywords:** color line, discrimination, prejudice, racism, racial profiling, segregation
  ○ The nation’s leading urban ethnographer, Dr. Anderson, wrote about the American history of
  “the white space,” places in which “black people are required to navigate...as a condition of their
  existence.”

● "Deaths Due to Use of Lethal Force by Law Enforcement Findings From the National Violent Death
  Reporting System, 17 U.S. States, 2009–2012" by Sarah DeGue, PhD., Katherine A. Fowler, PhD., and
  Cynthia Calkins, PhD (August 2018)
  ○ **Keywords:** law enforcement, lethal force, case/incident narratives
  ○ Available on the National Center for Biotechnology Information’s PubMed portal that provides
  access to a free full-text archive of biomedical and life sciences journal literature.

● Autostraddle’s “No Justice, No Pride”
Keywords: Black lives, police, prison
Autostraddle is a feminist, queer women’s media outlet, and its “No Justice, No Pride” tag contains articles such as “#BlackLivesMatter: A Longform Reading List” by co-founder Riese Bernard (June 3, 2020) and Police and Prison Abolition 101: A Syllabus and FAQ by Rachel, managing editor at Autostraddle (April 14, 2021)

- A Radical Library (June 2020)
  - Keywords: Black American history, anti-racism, allyship, civil rights, prisons, policing
  - Google Doc with a plethora of links to educational material & critical texts, including “Anti-racism for White People” Google Doc compilation (May 2020)

- The New York Times’ “‘Pandemic Within a Pandemic’: Coronavirus and Police Brutality Roil Black Communities” by Sheryl Gay Stolberg (June 8, 2020)
  - Keywords: black communities, police, pandemic, Covid-19
  - “Black Americans are bearing the brunt of three crises — police violence, crushing unemployment and the deadliest infectious disease threat in a century — that have laid bare longstanding injustice. Public health experts, activists and lawmakers say the triple threat requires a coordinated response.”

Educational Organizations and Websites
- Smithsonian’s National Museum of African American History & Culture’s Talking about Race
  - The Museum (launched in 2014) provides tools and guidance for talking about race.

- The Marshall Project’s Police Abolition, Policing, and Race

  - Organizations, bail funds, databases, books, and federal hearing & reports.

- Drake University Law Library’s Library Guide: Racial Justice in the U.S., an overview
  - Books, organizations, podcasts.

- ProPublica’s Documenting Hate Project
  - ProPublica (launched in 2007-2008) is an independent, nonprofit newsroom, and this project—a collaboration with other newsrooms and civil rights groups like the Southern Poverty Law Center from post-2016-election to 2019—collected hate crime and bias incident data and related news coverage.

- NAACP’s Criminal Justice Fact Sheet
  - From the site “The criminal justice system is heavily impacted by the bias of police mentality, as well as outdated judicial precedents. It is largely driven by racial disparities, which directly obstruct and deconstruct our minority communities.”

- Movement Hub
  - A centralized platform created to amplify the on-the-ground activism and organizing within Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities across the country.