

Stand Against Racism Booklist April 27, 2012



“Racism hurts everyone” – Annual theme

The Stand Against Racism is a movement of the YWCA that aims to eliminate racism by raising awareness through its annual event.

Since 2007 organizations across the United States have been invited to become Participating Sites by hosting their own “Stand” locally. Individuals are then invited to join any of the “Stands,” where hundreds of thousands of people will take a Stand Against Racism across the country. The event is commemorated Friday, April 27th and in synagogues and churches April 28th and 29th.

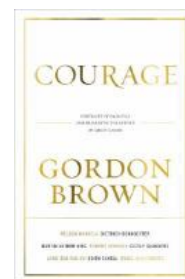
The following is a selected list of books, videos and websites that will help you learn more about those who have taken a stand against racism. All books and videos are available at the Norfolk Public Library, and the websites may be viewed online at any of the public computers located in the library.

NONFICTION

The following is a selected list of books that will help you learn more about those who have taken a stand against racism.

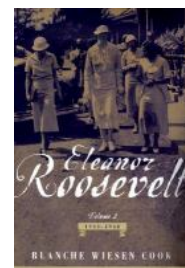
Courage: Eight Portraits

(Gordon Brown) Celebrates the life and achievements of eight individuals who have demonstrated courage and perseverance in the pursuit of their causes, including Cicely Saunders who developed the hospice idea, and Aung San Suu Kyi, an advocate for democracy in Myanmar.



Eleanor Roosevelt

(Blanche Wiesen Cook) This highly readable, well-researched work of feminist scholarship erases the image of the young Eleanor Roosevelt (1884-1962) as a long suffering, repressed wife and presents her as a strong, ever-evolving individual who overcame an emotionally impoverished childhood to become a champion of social justice and a woman deeply involved in enduring relationships.

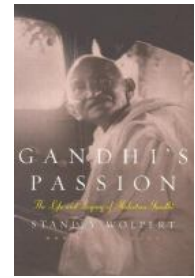


Dietrich Bonhoeffer: A Life in Pictures

(Renate Bethge and Christian Gremmels) Offers a helpful introduction to Bonhoeffer (1906-1945) through word and image: his childhood and education, his work as a pastor and professor, and his resistance to the Nazi regime that culminated in his 1945 execution.

Gandhi's Passion: The Life and Legacy of Mahatma Gandhi

(Stanley Wolpert) Unprecedented representation of Gandhi's passionate personality to work towards justice and the profound complexities that compelled his actions and brought freedom to India.

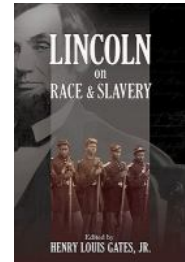


Fire in the Heart: How White Activists Embrace Racial Justice

(Mark R. Warren) *Fire in the Heart* uncovers the dynamic processes through which some white Americans become activists for racial justice. The book reports powerful accounts of the development of racial awareness drawn from in-depth interviews with fifty white activists in the fields of community organizing, education, and criminal justice reform.

Lincoln on Race & Slavery

(Henry Louis Gates, Jr) Acclaimed Harvard scholar and documentary filmmaker Henry Louis Gates, Jr., presents the full range of Lincoln's views, gathered from his private letters, speeches, official documents, and even race jokes, arranged chronologically from the late 1830s to the 1860s. At turns inspiring and disturbing, this book charts the progress of a war within Lincoln himself.



Long Walk to Freedom: The Autobiography of Nelson Mandela.

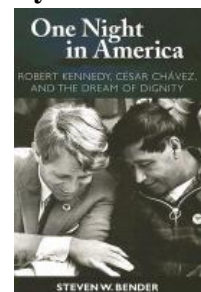
Winner of the Nobel Peace Prize and the first democratically elected president of South Africa, Mandela began his autobiography during the course of his 27 years in prison. He recounts the complex and delicate negotiations that led both to his freedom and to the beginning of the end of apartheid and ends with his election as South Africa's president.

The Norfolk 17: A Personal Narrative on Desegregation in Norfolk, Virginia, in 1958-1962

(Andrew I. Heidelberg) Chronicles the heroic efforts of 17 students who were the first to desegregate six previously all-white public schools in Norfolk, Virginia.

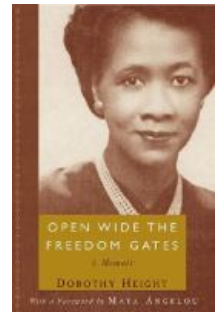
One Night in America: Robert Kennedy, César Chávez, and the Dream of Dignity

(Steven W. Bender) Both optimists, Kennedy and Chávez shared a common vision of equality. They united in the 1960s to crusade for the rights of migrant farm workers. Bender chronicles their warm friendship and embraces their bold political vision for making the American dream a reality for all and examines their shared legacy and its continuing influence on political issues including immigration, education, war, poverty, and religion.



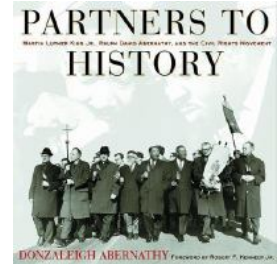
Open Wide the Freedom Gates: A Memoir

(Dorothy Height) Born in Richmond, Va., in 1912 and raised in the steel and mining country outside Pittsburgh, Height imbibed determination early along with the uplifting, public-service spirit of the colored women's club movement, she explains here in telling her 90-plus-year story of personal, political, gender, and racial struggle to keep the faith and fight for right. She was key figure in the struggles for school desegregation, voting rights, employment opportunities and public accommodations in the 1950s and 1960s and served as chair and president *emerita* of the National Council of Negro Women until her recent death.



Partners to History: Martin Luther King, Jr., Ralph David Abernathy, and the Civil Rights Movement

(Donzaleigh Abernathy) An insider's view of the civil rights movement, juxtaposing family remembrances with history and speeches by her father and his dear friend and close collaborator, Martin Luther King, Jr.

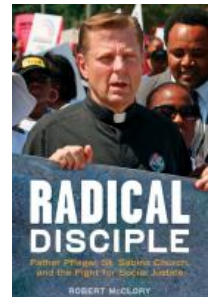


A Promise and a Way of Life: White Antiracist Activism

(Becky Thompson) Life histories of 39 antiracist, American activists from the past half-century, considers the roles of white antiracists in several social movements--the Civil Rights and Black Power movements, multiracial feminism, the Central American peace movement, the struggle for antiracist education, and activism against the prison industry--and considers both the contributions and the limitations of such activism.

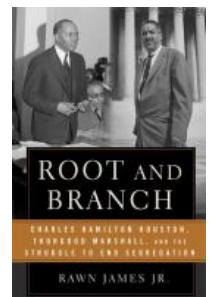
Radical Disciple: Father Pfleger, St. Sabina Church, and the Fight for Social Justice

(Robert McClory) This biography concentrates on Father Michael Pfleger's highly-controversial work at St. Sabina (Chicago) from his earliest days there and covers his efforts to build up the parish, his activism, his work to rejuvenate the community, his battles with church leaders, and his strong relationship with his parishioners. His aggressive, innovative leadership has empowered thousands, making St. Sabina church one of the largest and most active black Catholic congregations in the country.



Root and Branch: Charles Hamilton Houston, Thurgood Marshall, and the Struggle to End Segregation

(Rawn James, Jr.) Tells the epic story of the two fiercely dedicated lawyers who lead the fight from county courthouses to the marble halls of the Supreme Court, and in the process laid the legal foundations of the Civil Rights movement.



To Tell the Truth Freely: The Life of Ida B. Wells

(Mia Bay) The story of the teacher, journalist, businesswoman and political activist including her struggles with men's hierarchy and occasionally, other black activists. She traveled the US and Europe campaigning against lynching and for equality and justice.

To the Mountaintop: Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Sacred Mission to Save America, 1955-1968

(*Stewart Burns*) A history of a turbulent time, chronicles the civil rights leader’s struggles with faith and leadership from his days as a novice minister until his assassination in 1968.

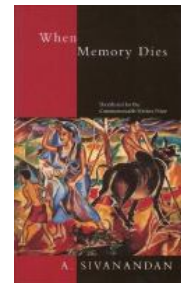


W.E.B. Du Bois: The Fight for Equality and the American Century, 1919-1963 and W.E.B. DuBois--Biography of a Race, 1868-1919

(*David Levering Lewis*) A literate, rich, and meticulously researched two-volume biography of the complex scholar/activist DuBois, premier architect of the civil rights movement in the United States.

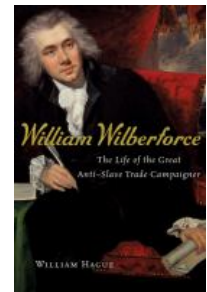
When Memory Dies

(*A. Sivanandan*) A powerful three-generational saga of a Sri Lankan family's search for coherence and continuity in a country broken by colonial occupation and riven by ethnic wars. After immigrating to Britain, Sivanandan devoted himself to working for racial justice in the U.K. and Europe.



William Wilberforce: The Life of the Great Anti-slave Trade Campaigner

(*William Hague*) A clearly written, sympathetic work about a long-time member of Parliament who became convinced of the righteousness of abolition after becoming an evangelical Christian in 1785, that provides plenty of historical context about Britain's involvement in the slave trade and British domestic affairs, making this rewarding reading for those interested in the history of Britain as well as the history of the battle for equality and justice.



YOUNG ADULT

These are books about racism and overcoming prejudice for teens.

Everything You Need to Know About Racism: An Introduction for Teens

(*Nasoan Sheftel-Gomes*) Discusses the nature and effects of racism and ways to deal with it and take a stand against it.

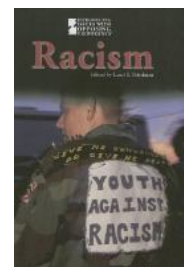
Flygirl

(*Sherri L. Smith*) Ida Mae Jones dreams of flight. Her daddy was a pilot and being black didn’t stop him from fulfilling his dreams. But her daddy is gone now, and being a woman, and being black, are two strikes against her. During World War II, she “passes” for white in order to join the Women Airforce Service Pilots. While Ida Mae chases her dream, she must also decide who it is she really wants to be. (Fiction)



Racism

(*Llauri Friedman*) An Opposing Viewpoints book on the issues surrounding racism, affirmative action, racial profiling, and racist speech in America.

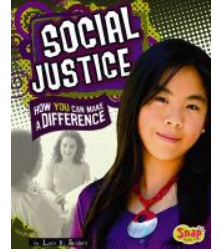


The Rock and the River

(*Kekla Magoon*) In 1968 Chicago, fourteen-year-old Sam Childs is caught in a conflict between his father's nonviolent approach to seeking civil rights for African Americans and his older brother, who has joined the Black Panther Party. (Fiction)

Social Justice : How You Can Make a Difference (*Lynn Bogen Sanders*)

Describes what social justice activism is and serves as a guide explaining how youth can make a change in their world.

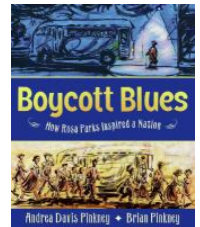


JUVENILE

These are books about racism and overcoming prejudice for children.

Boycott Blues: How Rosa Parks Inspired a Nation

(*Andrea Davis Pinkney; illustrations by Brian Pinkney*) Illustrations and rhythmic text recall the December, 1955, bus boycott in Montgomery, Alabama.

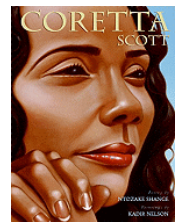


Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice

(*Phillip Hoose*) Presents the life of the Alabama teenager who played an integral but little-known role in the Montgomery bus strike of 1955-1956, once by refusing to give up a bus seat, and again by becoming a plaintiff in the landmark civil rights case against the bus company.

Coretta Scott

(*Ntozake Shange*) Examines the life of Martin Luther King's wife, Coretta, who in her own right, was a civil rights pioneer who experienced the injustices of the segregated South and who continued her husband's mission after his assassination.

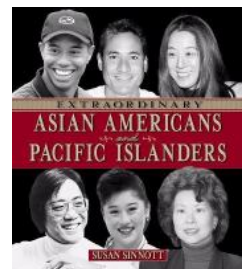


Eleanor Roosevelt: First Lady of the World

(*Ryan Jacobson; illustrated by Gordon Purcell and Barbara Schulz*). A biography describing the childhood, private life, and years of public service of the popular First Lady, Eleanor Roosevelt. Written in graphic-novel format.

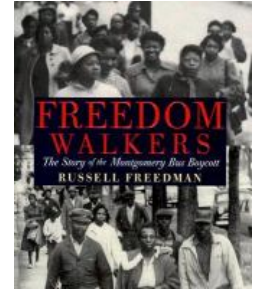
Extraordinary Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders

(*Susan Sinnott*) Biographical sketches of notable Asian Americans and Pacific Islander Americans, from the nineteenth century up to the present including Dalip Singh Saund, and Indian-born Sekh man who settled as a farmer in California in the 1920s, founded the Indian American Association of America, championed citizenship rights for South Asians, and became the first Asian American member of Congress, serving three terms

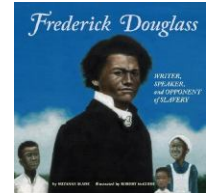


Freedom Walkers: The Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott

(Russell Freedman) Covers the events surrounding and including the Montgomery Bus Boycott, the end of segregation on buses with an emphasis on depictions of regular people and forgotten local crusaders working together to make the boycott possible and triumphant, from inspiring descriptions of drivers getting up at dawn to take others to work to accounts of well-known civil-rights lawyers working to find the right plaintiff to challenge unjust laws.

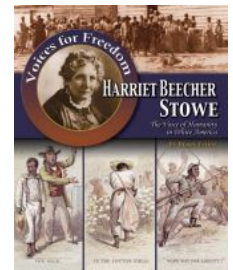


Frederick Douglass: Writer, Speaker, and Opponent of Slavery (Suzanne Slade; illustrated by Robert McGuire) Highlights the life and accomplishments of the escaped slave who went on to fight for the abolition of slavery.



Harriet Beecher Stowe: The Voice of Humanity in White America

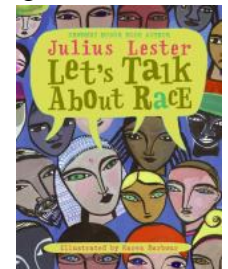
(Henry Elliot) From a series of biographies portraying a generation of true American heroes whose vision, words, and actions were a source of inspiration to the abolitionist movement and the fight to free African-American slaves before and during the Civil War.



John Lewis in the Lead : A Story of the Civil Rights Movement

(Jim Haskins and Kathleen Benson; illustrations by Benny Andrews)

This biography of John Lewis, Georgia Congressman and one of the “Big Six” civil rights leaders of the 1960s, focuses on his youth and culminating in the voter registration drives that sparked “Bloody Sunday,” as hundreds of people walked across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama.



Let's Talk About Race

(Julius Lester; illustrated by Karen Barbour) The author uses an intimate and conversational tone to introduce the concept of race as only one component in an individual’s or nation’s “story.”

Nelson Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom

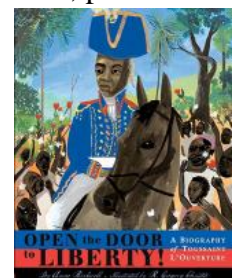
(abridged by Chris Van Wyk; illustrated by Paddy Bouma)Presents an abridged version of the autobiography of the South African leader, in which he chronicles his life, including his tribal years, his time spent in prison, and his return to lead his people.

Our Children Can Soar: A Celebration of Rosa, Barack, and the Pioneers of Change

(Michelle Cook) Rosa sat so Martin could march. Martin marched so Barack could run. Barack ran so our children can soar. This is the seed of a unique picture book that is part historical, part poetry, and entirely inspirational.

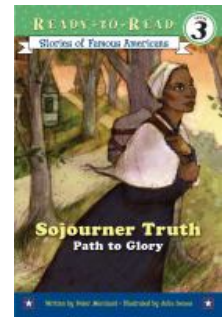
Open the Door to Liberty!: A Biography of Toussaint L'Ouverture

(Anne Rockwell; illustrated by R. Gregory Christie) Presents the life and accomplishments of the eighteenth-century slave who led his people in the struggle for an independent Haiti and became its ruling governor in 1799.



Sojourner Truth: Path to Glory

(*Peter Merchant; illustrated by Julie Denos*) Sojourner Truth had a tough childhood. She was born a slave, and many of the families she worked for treated her poorly. But when she was finally freed, Sojourner used her life to teach others about women's rights and the power of freedom.



VIDEOS

The following is a selected list of videos that will help you learn more about those who have taken a stand against racism.

Bonhoeffer

(*Journey Films*) Documentary on the life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a young German theologian who was one of the first to openly resist Adolf Hitler. Features photographs, archival footage, and interviews with family members, friends, students, and associates of Bonhoeffer, including the last interview with Bonhoeffer's close friend and historian, Eberhard Bethge.

Brother Outsider: The Life of Bayard Rustin

(*ITVS*) Examines the life of Bayard Rustin, one of the first "freedom riders," an adviser to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and A. Philip Randolph, and an organizer of the 1963 March on Washington. However, Rustin was forced to play a background role in landmark civil rights events because of his homosexuality.

Chisholm '72: Unbought & Unbossed

(*Lantern Lane Entertainment*) Brooklyn Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm campaigned to become the Democratic Party's presidential nominee in 1972. From the announcement of her candidacy in January to the Democratic National Convention in Miami that July. Chisholm's fight for inclusion encompassed all Americans "who agree that the institutions of this country belong to all of the people who inhabit it."

Frederick Douglass

(*Scott Paddor / A&E Network*) The story of Frederick Douglass, escaped slave and abolitionist orator.

The Help

(*Dreamworks*) Limited and persecuted by racial divides in 1962 Jackson, Mississippi, three women, including an African-American maid, her sassy and chronically unemployed friend and a recently graduated white woman, team up for a clandestine project against a backdrop of the budding civil rights era. Based on the book by Kathryn Stockett.



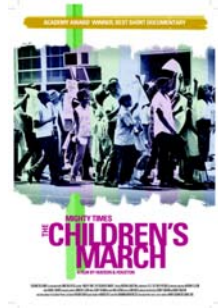
Invictus

(Warner Bros.) In 1994, having been released from his long imprisonment, Nelson Mandela is elected as the first president of post-apartheid South Africa. Racial tension runs high. As hosts of the 1995 Rugby World Cup, South Africa's low ranked national team, the Springboks, have a berth in the tournament. Mandela begins making public appearances supporting the team, and meets privately with captain Francois Pienaar, encouraging him to inspire his teammates to victory with the Springboks' new slogan is "One team, One nation." Based on the book *Playing the Enemy: Nelson Mandela and the Game that Made a Nation* by John Calin.



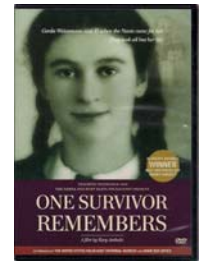
Mighty Times: The Children's March

(Southern Poverty Law Center and Tell the Truth Pictures) In May of 1963, Martin Luther King, Jr. asked black people of Birmingham, Alabama to go to jail in the cause of racial equality. When the school children marched, over 5,000 of them were arrested. This led President Kennedy to sponsor the 1964 Civil Rights Act which eventually led to the march on Washington. Contains vintage film footage, re-stagings of some activities and interviews with some of the protesters.



One Survivor Remembers: A Teaching Kit for Grades 8 through 12

(HBO and the US Holocaust Memorial Museum) Gerda Weissmann Klein takes us on her journey of Holocaust survival through a series of interviews, photographs and footage shot in the actual locations of her memories.



Ruby Bridges

(Disney) When bright six year old Ruby is chosen to be the first African-American to integrate her local New Orleans elementary school, she is subjected to the true ugliness of racism for the very first time.

Something to Cheer About: Oscar Robertson and the Crispus Attucks Tigers (Figaro Films) In 1955, Oscar Robertson and his teammates at the segregated Crispus Attucks High School rose from the hatred and racism of the time to be the first all-black team ever to win a state championship. With their innovative style of play, this brilliant group of athletes changed basketball forever. This is the true story of the coach, school and team that inspired the nation.

Something the Lord Made

(HBO Films) Tells the emotional true story of two men who defined the rules of their time to launch a medical revolution, set against the backdrop of the Jim Crow south. Working in 1940s Baltimore on an unprecedented technique for performing heart surgery on "blue babies", Dr. Alfred Blalock and lab technician Vivien Thomas from an impressive team. As Blalock and Thomas invent a new field of medicine, saving thousands of lives in the process, social pressures threaten to undermine their collaboration and tear them apart.



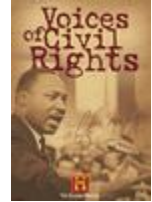
The Tuskegee Airmen

(*Rubicon Productions*) The story of an experiment – “to see if Blacks had the intellectual and physical ability to fly an aircraft in combat.” These pilots, trained in the “deep South,” became the Tuskegee Airmen, flying combat aircraft during World War II for their country. They battled on two fronts: against the Axis powers in Europe and North Africa, and the racism at home.



Voices of Civil Rights

(*History Channel*) A collection of documentary films that spotlight civil rights activists including Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks who fought for positive change in America.



DATABASES

Databases are subscription resources that contain reliable, timely, and authoritative online sources of information. Links to these are found on the Library’s Webpage at www.npl.lib.va.us under “Databases.” Use your Norfolk Public Library card number for access to these resources:

Biography In Context

Full text articles drawn from hundreds of periodicals and books that provide biographical information from ancient days to the present.

Encyclopedia of World Biography

A multicultural biographical electronic book that covers notable individuals from every part of the world and from all time periods who have made significant contributions to human culture.

Encyclopedia Virginia

A chronicle of the state’s history, politics, and geography through the perspectives of all the ethnically, culturally, and linguistically diverse peoples who have lived there (Free database).

World Book Online

Containing every article from the 22-volume printed set plus thousands more, this database has multimedia maps, videos, and articles including contributions of people who have worked against racism.

WEBSITES

The following is a selected list websites that will help you learn more about those who have taken a stand against racism locally and nationally.

Stand Against Racism: www.standagainstracism.org

YWCA website for the movement that offers additional information on national events, and discussion board.

YWCA of South Hampton Roads: www.ywca-shr.org

The local YWCA website that shares information on how the local organization works to implement the mission of the YWCA: Eliminating Racism and Empowering Women. The YWCA of South Hampton Roads is sponsoring a free conversation about race relations at 3:00 p.m. on April 27 at the Chrysler Museum inspired by the “30 Americans” exhibit.

Fight against Racism, Discrimination and Xenophobia

www.unesco.org/shs/againstdiscrimination

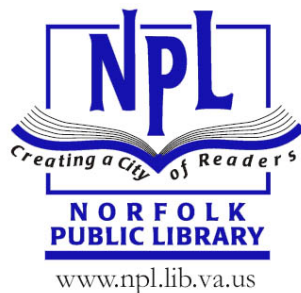
UNESCO website of the United Nations’ world-wide contributions to the fight against racism and discrimination through research, educational programs and resources, mobilizing leaders, and projects.

The King Center: www.thekingcenter.org

Established in 1968 by Coretta Scott King, The King Center is the official, living memorial dedicated to the advancement of the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., leader of America’s greatest nonviolent movement for justice, equality and peace.

Southern Poverty Law Center: www.splcenter.org

The Southern Poverty Law Center is a nonprofit civil rights organization dedicated to fighting hate and bigotry, and to seeking justice for the most vulnerable members of society. A leading provider of anti-bias education resources.



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