

Reading List – Deepen Your Understanding

Race in St. Louis History

- Never Been a Time by Harper Barnes
- Mapping Decline by Colin Gordon
- Grassroots at the Gateway by Clarence Lang
- That's the Way it Was by Vida "Sister" Goldman Prince
- Olivia's Story by Jeffrey Copeland
- Mill Creek Valley A Soul of Saint Louis: The Life and Death of a Black Neighborhood by Ron Fagerstrom
- Ferguson's Fault Lines by Kimberly Norwood
- Ferguson and Faith by Leah Gunning-Francis
- Tell the Truth & Shame the Devil by Lezley McSpadden

Contemporary Civil Rights Issues

- Disintegration: The Splintering of Black America by Eugene Robinson
- The N Word: Who Can Say It, Who Shouldn't and Why by Jabari Asim
- Uprooting Racism: How White People Can Work for Racial Justice by Paul Kivel
- The Meaning of Freedom: And Other Difficult Dialogues by Angela Y. Davis
- Creative Community Organizing: A Guide for Rabble-Rousers, Activists, and Quiet Lovers of Justice by Si Kahn
- The House That Race Built edited by Wahneema Lubiano
- Black Stats: African Americans by the Numbers in the Twenty-First Century by Monique W. Morris
- Great American City: Chicago and the Enduring Neighborhood Effect by Robert J. Sampson
- The News: A User's Manual by Alain De Botton
- Combined Destinies: Whites Sharing Grief about Racism by Jealous T. Ann
- The Divide: American Injustice in the Age of the Wealth Gap by Mat Taibbi
- Pedagogy of the Oppressed by Paulo Freire
- White Like Me: Reflections on Race from a Privileged Son by Tim Wise
- Witnessing Whiteness: The Need to Talk about Race and How to Do It by Shelly Tochluk
- Dog Whistle Politics: How Coded Racial Appeals Have Reinvented Racism and Wrecked the Middle Class by Ian Haney-Lopez
- Race Matters by Cornel West
- The Health Gap by Michael Marmot
- The Color of Law by Richard Rothstein
- Power, Privilege and Difference by Allen Johnson
- Are We Born Racist? by Jeremy Adam Smith
- Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America by Michael Eric Dyson

Memoir

- The Beautiful Struggle: A Father, Two Sons and an Unlikely Road to Manhood by Ta-Nehisi Coates
- The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates by Wes Moore
- The Grace of Silence: A Family Memoir by Michele Norris
- High on the Hog: A Culinary Journey from Africa to America by Jessica B. Harris
- March (Trilogy) by John Lewis
- Men We Reaped by Jesmyn Ward
- The Fire Next Time by James Baldwin
- At the Elbows of My Elders by Gail Milissa Grant
- A Mighty Long Way by Carlotta Walls Lanier
- Black Like Me by John Howard Griffin
- Fire Shut Up in My Bones by Charles Blow
- Sister: An African American Life in Search of Justice by Silvia Bell White
- The Warmth of Other Suns by Isabel Wilkerson
- Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates
- Waking up White, and Finding Myself in the Story of Race by Debby Irving
- How to be Black by Baratunde Thurston
- Hillbilly Elegy by J.D. Vance
- Education of a WASP by Lois M. Stalvey

Novels and Stories Exploring Race

- Welcome to Braggsville by T. Geronimo Johnson
- Boy, Snow, Bird by Helen Oyeyemi
- Americannah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
- The Burgess Boys by Elizabeth Strout
- Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison
- A Taste of Honey by Jabari Asim
- Betsey Brown by Ntozake Shange
- A Lesson Before Dying by Ernest J. Gaines
- Native Son by Richard Wright
- King Hedley II by August Wilson
- Stuck Rubber Baby by Howard Cruse
- Playing in the Dark: Whiteness and the Literary Imagination by Toni Morrison
- All about Skin: Short Fiction by Women of Color by Jina Ortiz
- Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead
- The Price of the Ticket by James Baldwin
- Norton Anthology of African American Literature by Henry Louis Gates, Editor

Policing and Incarceration

- Rise of the Warrior Cop by Radley Balko
- The New Jim Crow by Michelle Alexander
- Losing Legitimacy by Gary Lafree

- Mass Incarceration on Trial by Jonathan Simon
- Suspicion Nation by Lisa Bloom
- The Central Park Five by Sarah Burns
- Arbitrary Justice by Angela J. Davis
- Life in Prison by Stanley “Tookie” Williams
- No Choirboy: Murder, Violence and Teenagers on Death Row by Susan Kuklin
- Why Are So Many Black Men in Prison? by Demico Boothe
- Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson

Civil Rights History

- Freedom Summer: The Savage Season of 1964 That Made Mississippi Burn and Made America a Democracy by Bruce Watson
- Lynching of Cleo Wright by Dominic J. Capeci JR
- The Freedom Summer Murders by Don Mitchell
- The Eve of Destruction: How 1965 Transformed America by James T. Patterson
- The Fire Next Time by James Baldwin
- American Slavery, American Freedom by Edmund S. Morgan
- A Mighty Long Way: My Journey to Justice at Little Rock Central High School by Carlotta Walls Lanier
- Waking from the Dream: The Struggle for Civil Rights in the Shadow of Martin Luther King, Jr. by David Chappell
- Turn Away Thy Son: Little Rock, the Crisis That Shocked the Nation by Elizabeth Jacoway
- Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice by Phillip Hoose
- Buried in the Bitter Waters: The Hidden History of Racial Cleansing in America by Elliot Jaspin
- Medical Apartheid: The Dark History of Medical Experimentation on Black Americans from Colonial Times to the Present by Harriet Washington
- Race Riot: Chicago in the Red Summer of 1919 by William Tuttle
- Strange Fruit, Volume I: Uncelebrated Narratives from Black History by Joel Christian Gill, Henry Louis Gates, Jr.
- All Eyes Are Upon Us: Race and Politics from Boston to Brooklyn Sokol Jason
- A Black Gambler's World of Liquor, Vice, and Presidential Politics: William Thomas Scott of Illinois, 1839-1917 by Bruce Mouser, Henry Louis Gates Jr.
- Black Moses: The Story of Marcus Garvey and the Universal Negro Improvement Association by E. David Cronon
- Sundown Towns: A Hidden Dimension of American Racism by James Loewen
- White Rage by Carol Anderson
- Generations of Captivity by Ira Berlin
- Blood of Emmett Till by Timothy B. Tyson
- The History of White People by Nell Irvin Painter
- The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot