

2025 UWF Reading Program Books

Education for Mission	Type	Topic	Price	Library Availability
After the Last Border by Jessica Goudeau		refugees in America	\$13	Co(2); SJ(10); SC(1); SV(3); MT(1)
Becoming Kin: An Indigenous Call to Unforgetting the Past & Reimagining our Future by Patty Krawec		indigenous view of colonialism	\$19	SC audio on Hoopla
The Bookwoman's Daughter: Novel by Kim Michele Richardson	V	Kentucky pack-horse librarian	\$13	Co(9);SJ(10);SC(3);SV(2); MT(1) +eBook/audio LP
Fortune: How Race Broke my Family & the World & How to Repair It by Lisa Sharon Harper		race relations	\$9	Co(3); SJ(2); SC Hoopla; SV(1)
The Girl with the Louding Voice: Novel by Abi Dare	BB V/S	African life	\$9	Co(38);SJ(9); SC(3); SV(2) MT(1) +eBook/audio LP
How to Reach the West Again: 6 Essential Elements of a Missionary Encounter by Timothy Keller	KO	rethink evangelism	\$9	
How the Word is Passed: A Reckoning with the History of Slavery Across America by Clint Smith		how slavery shaped our nation	\$11	Co(10); SJ(12); SV(1): MT(2) +eBook/audio
The Making of Asian America: A History by Erika Lee		Asian American life	\$14	Co(5); SJ(6); SC(1); MT(2); +eBook/audio
Rough Sleepers: Dr. Jim O'Connell's Urgent Mission to Bring Healing to Homeless People by Tracy Kidder	V	homelessness	\$16	Co(9);SJ(7);SC(1);SV(4); MT(2) +eBook/audio LP
The Lucky Ones by Linda Williams Jackson	YT	poverty	\$8	Co(6); SJ(10); SC(1); SV(3) +eBook/audio
The Witness Blanket: Truth, Art & Reconciliation by Carey Newman & Kirstie Hudson	YT	indigenous art	\$19	SC eBook on Hoopla
Sitti's Bird: A Gaza Story by Malak Mattar	CH	Gaza war	\$9	Co(5); SC(2)
The Tower of Life: How Yaffa Eliach Rebuilt Her Town in Stories and Photographs by Chana Stiefel	CH	Holocaust artist biography	\$18	Co(13)+eBook; SJ(3); SC(1); SV(2); MT(2)

Leadership Development

Brown Girl's Epiphany: Reclaim Your Intuition & Step into Your Power by Aurelia Davila Pratt	L	overcoming trauma	\$8	Co: audio on Hoopla SC: eBook on Hoopla
A Right Worthy Woman: Novel by Ruth P. Watson		Virginia's black Wall Street	\$27	Co(3); SJ(3); SC(1)
The Girls in the Wild Fig Tree: How I Fought to Save Myself, My Sister & 1000s of Girls Worldwide-Nice Leng'ete	V	Kenyan human rights activist	\$13	Co(2); SJ(2)
I Won't Shut Up: Finding Your Voice When the World Tries to Silence You by Ally Henny		opposing oppression	\$15	Co(5); SC(Hoopla eBook)
The Making of Biblical Womanhood: How the Subjugation of Women Became Gospel Truth - Beth Barr		Biblical womanhood	\$11	Co(4); SJ(4); SC(1); SV(1); +eBook/audio
My Body is Not a Prayer Request: Disability Justice in the Church by Amy Kenny		ableism in the church	\$11	Co(1); SC(Hoopla eBook)
The Power of Together: Discover the Christian Life You've Been Missing by Jim Putman	KO	relationship	\$18	
Raise Your Voice: Why We Stay Silent & How to Speak Up by Kathy Khang		when & how to speak	\$4	SJ(Ebsco eBook)
Unbossed: How Black Girls are Leading the Way by Khristi Lauren Adams		Black voice for change	\$16	Co(2); SC(Hoopla eBook)
We are Not Here to be Bystanders: Memoir of Love & Resistance by Linda Sarsour	BB	Women's March organizer	\$11	Co(2); SJ(2); SV(1); SC(1 + eBook); MT(1)
Black Girls Unbossed: Young World Changers Leading the Way by Khristi Lauren Adams	YT	Unbossed for middle schoolers	\$10	SC (1 + Hoopla eBook) SV(2)
Pauli Murray: The Life of a Pioneering Feminist & Civil Rights Activist by Rosita Stevens-Holsey	YT CH	1944 activist bio	\$12	SV(1)
We're in This Together: YA Edition of We Are Not Here to be Bystanders by Linda Sarsour	YT	Women's March organizer	\$16	SJ(3); SC(2); SV(1)
Love is Loud: How Diane Nash Led the Civil Rights Movement by Sandra Neil Wallace	CH	civil rights leader	\$13	Co(9); SJ(3); SC(1); SV(1) MT(1)
Until Someone Listens: Story about Borders, Family & One Girl's Mission by Estela Juarez	CH SP	immigration	\$12	Co(9); SJ(6); SC(Hoopla audio); SV(2) +Spanish

Nurturing For Community

All That is Secret (Annalee Spain mystery) by Patricia Raybon		1920 Colorado crime solver	\$11	Co(2); MT(1); SC(Hoopla audio/eBook)
All You Can Ever Know: Memoir by Nicole Chung		Korean adoption	\$11	Co(13);SJ(6); SC(3): SV(3) MT(2) +eBook/audio LP
The First Advent in Palestine: Reversals, Resistance, & Complexity of Hope by Kelley Nikondeha	V	Advent story	\$15	Co(3); SC(Hoopla eBook)
The Light We Carry by Michelle Obama	KO SP	staying hopeful	\$15	All libraries have many + eBook/audio LP
Meeting God in Paul: Reflections for the Season of Lent by Rowan Williams	KO	Lent reflections	\$13	
Seven Transforming Gifts of Menopause: an Unexpected Spiritual Journey by Cheryl B. Johns		spiritual aspect of menopause	\$10	SC(1 + Hoopla eBook)
Speak, Okinawa: Memoir by Elizabeth Miki Brina	V/S	mixed marriage	\$14	Co(4+eBook/audio); SC(1) SJ(3+eBook);SV(1); MT(1)
Start With Hello: Simple Ways to Live as Neighbors by Shannon Martin		human connection	\$10	Co(4); SC(Hoopla eBook)
Under the Skin: The Hidden Toll of Racism on American Lives & Our Nation by Linda Villarosa		health care disparity	\$15	Co(6+eBook/audio); SC(2); SV(2); MT(2)
All My Rage: novel by Sabaa Tahir	V	immigration	\$8	Co(19);SJ(9); SC(4); SV(2) MT(1) +eBook/audio
Charisma's Turn: graphic novel by Monique Couvson	YT	black power	\$18	Co(6); SJ(5); SC(1); SV(1) + eBook
Starfish by Lisa Fipps	SP	fat shaming	\$7	All +eBook/audio/Spanish
New Kid by Jerry Craft	SP	fitting in at school	\$8	All +eBook/audio
You Are Here: Connecting Flights by Ellen Oh	YT	Asian Americans	\$8	All +eBook/audio
Berry Song by Michaela Goade	KO	loving the earth	\$12	All +audio SC(+Korean)
Grandpa's Window by Laura Gehl	CH	grieving	\$12	Co(6); SC(Hoopla); SV(2)
Something Happened in Our Town by Marianne Celano, Arietta Collins & Ann Hazzard	CH SP	racism	\$10	Co(9); SJ(8); SC(5); MT(1) +audio/Spanish

Social Action

A Bigger Picture: My Fight to Bring a New African Voice to the Climate Crisis by Vanessa Nakate		climate justice	\$8	Co(3); SJ(2); SC(1); SV(1)
Before the Streetlights Come On: Black America's Urgent Call for Climate Solutions by Heather Toney		climate justice	\$12	SC(Hoopla eBook); MT(1)
The Darkness Manifesto: On Light Pollution, Night Ecology & Ancient Rhythms That Sustain Life by Johan Eklof		light pollution	\$12	Co(3); SJ(2); SC(1); SV(1) MT(1) +eBook
Our Missing Hearts: novel by Celeste Ng	SP	missing mom	\$10	All +eBook/audio LP
Solito: memoir by Javier Zamora	SP	Salvadoran immigrant	\$11	All +eBook/Spanish
The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life & Freedom on Death Row by Anthony Ray Hinton	SP V	death row justice	\$10	Co(8); SJ(6); SC(4): SV(4) MT(2) +eBook/audio
Time: Story of Love That Held Us Together When Incarceration Kept Us Apart by Fox & Rob Richardson	L	incarceration	\$10	SC(Hoopla eBook)
Viral Justice: How We Grow the World We Want by Ruha Benjamin		COVID & police violence	\$16	Co(2); SJ(3); SC(1); MT(1) +eBook/audio
What We Owe the Future by William MacAskill	KO	the future world	\$12	Co(8); SJ(4); SC(1); SV(1) MT(1) +eBook/audio
I Rise: novel by Marie Arnold	YT	inequality/racism	\$11	Co(5); SJ(5); SC(1); SV(1) +eBook
The Sum of Us (adapted for YA readers): How Racism Hurts Everyone by Heather McGhee	YT	racism	\$11	Co(3); SJ(7); MT(1) +eBook all have adult version +audio
This is Your Time by Ruby Bridges	YT CH	civil rights	\$4	All +eBook/audio
Victory, Stand! Raising My Fist for Justice by Tommie Smith, Derrick Barnes & Dawud Anyabwile	YT	racism in Olympics	\$17	Co(9); SJ(10);SC(2); SV(1) MT(1) +eBook/audio
An Asian American A to Z: A Children's Guide to Our History by Cathy Linh Che & Kyle Lucia Wu	CH	Asian Americans	\$13	Co(6); SJ(7); SV(2) SC(3+Hoopla eBook)
Choosing Brave: How Mamie Till-Mobley & Emmitt Till Sparked the Civil Rights Movement by Angela Joy	CH V	civil rights	\$12	Co(6); SJ(10); SC(3); SV(3); MT(2) +eBook

Spiritual Growth

The Enneagram for Black Liberation: Return to Who You Are Beneath the Armor You Carry by Chichi Agorom		finding wholeness	\$20	Co(Hoopla eBook); SC(Hoopla eBook)
Forgiving What You Can't Forget by Lysa Terkeurst	SP	forgiveness	\$16	Co(6); SJ(6); SC(1); SV(1) MT(1) +eBook/audio/Spanish
The Gift of the Unexpected: Discovering Who You Were Meant to be When Life Goes Off Plan by Jillian Benfield		major life changes	\$9	SC(Hoopla eBook)
Hope in Disarray: Piecing Our Lives Together in Faith by Grace Ji-Sun Kim		hope	\$17	SC(Hoopla eBook/audio)
Jesus and the Disinherited by Howard Thurman		civil rights	\$12	Co(eBook);SV(eBook);MT(1)
Living Resistance: An Indigenous Vision for Seeking Wholeness Every Day by Kaitlin Curtice		belonging & connection	\$13	Co(4); SC(1+eBook); SV(1)
Miracles and Other Reasonable Things: A Story of Unlearning & Relearning God by Sarah Bessey		healing	\$19	Co(1); SJ(2); SV(1)
Mission u Curriculum: Welcome Home by Neomi Fletcher	KO SP	God relationship	\$15	
Mission u Curriculum 2025: Practicing Hope	KO SP	hope		
Spiritual Practices for Soul Care: 40 Ways to Deepen Your Faith by Barbara Peacock	BB	spiritual disciplines	\$19	Co(Hoopla eBook/audio); SC(Hoopla eBook)
We Cry Justice: Reading the Bible with the Poor People's Campaign by Liz Theoharis		moral revival	\$14	SC(Hoopla eBook)
What Makes You Come Alive: A Spiritual Walk with Howard Thurman by Lerita Coleman Brown		spirituality & ethics	\$22	Co(Hoopla audio); SC(Hoopla eBook)
The Wild Land Within: Cultivating Wholeness Through Spiritual Practice by Lisa Colon Delay		devotional practices	\$17	SC(Hoopla eBook)
The Women of the Bible Speak: The Wisdom of 16 Women & Their Lessons for Today by Shannon Bream	SP	Biblical women	\$15	Co(5); SJ(11);SC(1); SV(1) MT(1) + eBook/audio LP
Words of Love: A Healing Journey with the Ten Commandments by Eugenia Anne Gamble		10 commandments	\$15	SC(Hoopla eBook)
Mission u Curriculum: Cultivating Symbiosis: The Nature of God's Kin-dom by Nica Sy	YT	relationships	\$15	
Mission u 2025: Communities of the Spirit: Living into Hope as Resurrection People	YT	hope		
Whistlestop Tales: Around the World in 10 Bible Stories by Krish Kandiah & Miriam Kandiah	YT	How God uses all people	\$11	
The Little Book of Joy by Delai Lama & Desmond Tutu	CH	finding joy	\$11	Co(4); SV(2); MT(1)
Mission u Curriculum: Me in the Kin-dom! by Kathy Cook	CH	the Lord's prayer	\$15	
Mission u 2025: Hope as Resurrection People	CH	hope		

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Type: BB = Bonus Book (counts as 2 books)
 YT = Suitable for youth
 CH = Suitable for children
 KO = Also available in Korean
 SP = Also available in Spanish
 LP = Also available in large print
 V = includes graphic violence
 L = includes profane language
 S = includes sexual content

Library: Co: Santa Clara County library system
 SJ: San Jose City library system
 SC: Santa Clara City Library
 SV: Sunnyvale Library
 MT: Monterey County library system

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