

2027 UWF Reading Program Books

Education for Mission	Type	Topic	Price	Library Availability
Last to Eat, Last to Learn by Pashtana Durrani & Tamara Bralo Citadel	V	women in Afghanistan	\$20	Co(5); SJ(3); SC(1); SV(2) + eBook/audio
A Day in the Life of Abed Salama by Nathan Thrall	V	Palestinians in Israel	\$11	Co(7); SJ(6); SC(2); SV(1) MT(1) +eBook/audio
Action in Waiting by Christoph Friedrich Blumhardt	KO	service vs. salvation	\$7	Co & SC: Hoopla eBook
Brown Church: Five Centuries of Latina/o Social Justice, Theology, & Identity by Robert Chao Romero		social justice for Latinas	\$12	Co(Hoopla audio/eBook); SC(1)
Brown Faces, White Spaces by Latasha Morrison		racial reconciliation	\$12	SV(1) + CloudLib eBook MT audio
No Man's Land: The International Methodist Deaconess Movement by Priscilla Pope-Levison		Methodist deaconesses	\$27	SC(Hoopla eBook)
Praying with Our Feet: Pursuing Justice and Healing on the Streets by Lindsey Krinks		homelessness	\$10	Co(2)+Hoopla eBook/audio SC(Hoopla eBook)
Stealing: a novel by Margaret Verble	V S	Indian boarding school	\$12	Co(5); SJ(3); SC(2); MT(3); +eBook/audio
This Book is Free and Yours to Keep: Notes from the Appalachian Prison Book Project by Connie Banta, etc.		prison life	\$27	
White Poverty: How Exposing Myths about Race & Class can Reconstruct American Democracy by William Barber		poverty & race	\$13	Co(3+audio); SJ(2+eBook) SC(1+audio); MT(1)
Wesleyan Vile-tality: Reclaiming the Heart of Methodist Identity by Ashley Boggan		Methodist identity	\$18	
You Only Get What You're Organized to Take by Liz Theoharis & Noam Sandweiss-Back		poverty in America	\$15	Co(3)
The Lost Year: A Survival Story of the Ukrainian Famine by Katherine Marsh	YT	1930s Ukraine	\$8	Co(6); SJ(17); SC(2); SV(1) MT(5) +audio/eBook
Made in Asian America: A History for Young People by Erica Lee & Christina Soontornvat	YT	Asian-American history	\$8	Co(5); SJ(23)+audio/eBook SC(2); SV(2); MT(2)
Keepunumuk: Weeachumun's Thanksgiving Story by Danielle Greendeer, Anthony Perry & Alexis Buntin	CH	Wampanoags @ 1st Thanksgiving	\$10	Co(15); SJ(45); SC(5); SV(3); MT(3) +eBook
Unspeakable: The Tulsa Race Massacre by Carole Boston Weatherford	CH V	African-American injustices	\$12	Co(12); SC: Hoopla video SJ(24); SV(1); MT(2)
2+ episodes of "Voices from the Field"				https://uwfaith.org/resource/podcasts/

Leadership Development

Calling In: How to Start Making Change with Those You'd Rather Cancel by Loretta Ross		connecting with deplorables	\$16	Co(4+audio); SJ(3); SV(1); MT(1)
The First Ladies: a novel by Marie Benedict & Victoria Murray	V	Eleanor Roosevelt & Mary M Bethune	\$10	Co(7); SJ(6); SC(3); SV(4) MT(6) +LP/eBook/audio
The Girls Who Stepped Out of Line: Untold Stories of Women who Changed Course of WWII by Mari Eder		war heroines	\$10	Co(9+audio); SJ(3); SV(1) MT(eBook) +LP/eBook
Have You Got Good Religion? Black Women's Faith, Courage, Leadership in Civil Rights Movement by A Mingo		fighting injustice	\$27	
How We Learn to be Brave: Decisive Moments in Life & Faith by Mariann Edgar Budde	SP	courage	\$12	Co(10); SJ(5) +eBook/audio SC(audio); MT(audio)
Lovely One by Ketanji Brown Jackson		ascent to Supreme Court	\$10	Co(15); SJ(9); SC(1);SV(1) MT(2) +LP/eBook/audio
Necessary Trouble: Growing Up at Midcentury by Drew Gilpin Faust		race & gender inequities	\$14	Co(9); SJ(7); SC(1+eBook) SV(1); MT(2) +audio
Radiant Rebellion: Reclaim Aging, Practice Joy and Raise a Little Hell by Karen Walrond		aging	\$13	Co(8); SC(1) +Hoopla eBook/audio; SV(1)

They Called Me a Lioness: A Palestinian Girl's Fight for Freedom by Ahed Tamimi & Dena Takruri	V	Palestinian activism	\$13	Co(2); SC(1) +audio SJ(2); SV(1)
When Women Lead: What They Achieve, Why They Succeed, How We Learn from Them by Julia Boorstin		leadership attributes	\$11	Co(3+audio); SJ(4); SC(2); SV(1); MT(6)
Black Girl You Are Atlas by Renee Watson	YT	poetry of black girlhood	\$11	Co(7+video); SJ(2) SC(1); SV(1); MT(1) +audio
Dorothy Height (She Persisted) by Kelly S Lyons	YT	civil rights	\$15	Co(6); SJ(6+audio); SC(1); SV(1); MT(audio)
The Reel Wish by Yamile Saied Mendez	YT SP	ballet: stage fright	\$17	Co(8); SJ(14) +audio SC(1) SV(1); MT(2)
Fighting for Yes! The Story of Disability Rights Activist Judith Heumann by Maryann Cocca-Leffler	CH	disability rights	\$11	Co(4); SJ(3); SC(1) SV(1); MT(1) +audio/video/eBook
I Am Ruby Bridges by Ruby Bridges	CH	desegregation	\$8	Co(7+audio/eBook); SJ(6); SC(Hoopla); SV(1); MT(1)
She Sang for India: How M.S. Subbulakshmi Used Her Voice for Change by Suma Subramaniam	CH	Indian singer	\$17	Co(3+eBook); SJ(4); SC(2); SV(4)

Nurturing For Community

A Council of Dolls: a novel by Mona S Power	V S	3 generations of Native Americans	\$10	Co(8+eBook/audio); SC(2); SJ(eBook); SV(1); MT(audio)
The Amen Effect: Ancient Wisdom to Mend Our Broken Hearts and World by Sharon Brous		loneliness & alienation	\$13	Co(3); SJ(2) +audio SC(1); SV(1+eBook)
And So I Roar: a novel by Abi Dare	V S	family secrets in Nigeria	\$9	Co(7+eBook/audio); SJ(6); SC(1); SV(1); MT(eBook)
Cherished Belonging: The Healing Power of Love in Divided Times by Gregory Boyle	V L	overcoming barriers	\$17	Co(5); SJ(5) +eBook/audio SV(1) MT(1)
The Comfort of Crows: A Backyard Year by Margaret Renkl		nature	\$15	Co(8); SJ(4); SC(1); SV(1) MT(2) +eBook/audio
Honor: a novel by Thrity Umrigar	V L SP	religious division in India	\$10	Co(13);SJ(7); SC(4); SV(2) MT(3) +LP/eBook/audio
James: a novel by Percival Everett	V L S	Huck Finn from Jim's perspective	\$13	All libraries have many + eBook/audio LP
The Many Lives of Mama Love: A Memoir of Lying, Stealing, Writing and Healing by Lara L Hardin	L	opioid addiction & incarceration	\$12	Co(16);SJ(4); SC(2); SV(1) MT(5) +LP/eBook/audio
Redwood Court: a novel by Delana Dameron		black community	\$9	Co(10); SJ(8); SC(1); SV(1); MT(eBook/audio)
Say the Right Thing: How Your Words Can Glorify God and Encourage Others by Carolyn Lacey	KO	Speaking with love	\$15	Co(audio); SC(audio)
They Got Daddy: One Family's Reckoning with Racism and Faith by Sharon Tubbs	V	Racism	\$20	Co(Hoopla eBook)
Buffalo Dreamer: a novel by Violet Duncan	YT	Indian boarding schools	\$8	Co(16);SJ(10);SC(4)+audio SV(2); MT(audio)
Imposter Syndrome and Other Confessions of Alejandra Kim: a novel by Patricia Park	YT	acceptance	\$10	Co(7); SJ(5); SC(1) +audio SV(1); MT(3)
Tree. Table. Book.: a novel by Lois Lowry	YT S	aging	\$8	Co(31); SJ(20); SC(3); SV(3) +eBook/audio
Girls on the Rise by Amanda Gorman	CH	poetry on cooperation	\$11	Co(11+eBook/audio); SJ(24); SC(3); SV(1); MT(3)
Punky Aloha by Shar Tuiasoa	CH	making friends	\$12	Co(8); SJ(24); SC(2); SV(2)
Rainbow Allies: The True Story of Kids Who Stood Against Hate by Nancy Churnin	CH	LGBTQ+	\$12	Co(11+eBook); SJ(eBook) SC(eBook); SV(2)
Response magazine (6 issues)				https://uwfaith.org/resource/response-magazine/

Social Action

Four Red Sweaters: Powerful True Stories of Women and the Holocaust by Lucy Adlington	V	holocaust	\$10	Co(5); SJ(3); SC(1); SV(2) MT(1) +LP/eBook/audio
Halfway Home: Race, Punishment, and the Afterlife of Mass Incarceration by Reuben J Miller	V L	incarceration recovery	\$12	Co(1+eBk); SJ(3); SC(1+eBk); SV(1)
His Name is George Floyd: One Man's Life and the Struggle for Racial Justice by Robert Samuels	V	racial justice	\$10	Co(10); SJ(1); SC(1) +eBook/audio; SV(1) MT(1)
Holy Ground: On Activism, Environmental Justice, and Finding Hope by Catherine Coleman Flowers		enviornmental justice	\$14	Co(4+audio); SJ(3)
Medicine River: A Story of Survival and the Legacy of Indian Boarding Schools by Mary A Pember	BB V	Indian boarding schools	\$16	Co(3+eBook/audio); SJ(4); SC(2+audio); SV(audio)
My Side of the River: A Memoir by Elizabeth Gutierrez	L	immigration	\$13	Co(5); SJ(2); SC(2); SV(1) +audio
Original Sins: The (Mis)education of Black & Native Children & the Construction of Racism by Eve Ewing		education justice	\$19	Co(10);SJ(4); SC(1); SV(2) MT(1) +LP/eBook/audio
Rooted:The American Legacy of Land Theft & the Modern Movement for Black Land Ownership by Brea Baker		property justice	\$17	Co(6+eBook/audio); SJ(3); SC(1); SV(1); MT(audio)
The Tyranny of Merit: What's Become of the Common Good by Michael J Sandel	KO SP	inequality: What is success?	\$11	Co(7); SJ(3);+eBook/audio SC(audio)
We Are Not Numbers: The Voices of Gaza's Youth by Ahmed Alnaouq	BB V	Palestinians	\$20	Co(3); SC(1); MT(1)
We Do This 'Til We Free Us: Abolitionist Organizing and Transforming Justice by Mariame Kaba	SP	activism for racial justice	\$13	Co(3+eBook/audio); SJ(4); SC(1+eBook); SV(1) MT(1)
Safe Harbor: a novel by Padma Venkatraman	YT	immigration & enviornmentalism	\$10	Co(10); SJ(12); SC(2); SV(2); MT(3) +eBook/audio
We Deserve Monuments: a novel by Jas Hammonds	YT	friendship	\$13	Co(6); SJ(5); SC(1); SV(1) MT(2) +eBook/audio
Best Believe: The Tres Hermanas, A Sisterhood for the Common Good by Nonieqa Ramos	CH	bilingual education	\$12	Co(10+eBook/audio); SJ(3); SC(eBook); SV(2)
God's Earth is Something to Fight For by Amy Houts	CH	enviornmentalism	\$19	
Opal Lee and What it Means to be Free: The True Story of the Grandmother of Juneteenth by Alice Duncan	CH	Juneteenth	\$9	Co(16); SJ(6); SC(2); SV(1) MT(1) +eBook/audio

Spiritual Growth

Black Woman Grief: A Guide to Hope and Wholeness by Natasha Smith		hope after trauma and loss	\$15	Co & SC(Hoopla eBook); SJ(3+eBook); SV(eBook)
Counterfeit Gods: The Empty Promises of Money, Sex, & Power, & the Only Hope that Matters by Timothy Keller	KO SP	measures of success	\$10	Co(5); SJ(4)
Eve Isn't Evil: Feminist Readings of the Bible to Upend Our Assumptions by Julie Faith Parker		The Bible through feminist lens	\$13	Co(Hoopla audio)
Field Notes for the Wilderness: Practices for an Evolving Faith by Sarah Bessey		spiritual practices	\$14	Co(3+audio); SC(1); SV(1)
God Didn't Make Us to Hate Us: Devotions to Liberate Your Fiath & Reconnect w/ Joy by Lizzie McManus-Dail		devotions for spiritual healing	\$20	Co(audio)
Here: A Spirituality of Staying in a Culture of Leaving by Lydia Sohn		potential within circumstances	\$12	
The Lord's Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught by Adam Hamilton		prayer	\$20	Co(Hoopla audio)
Loving Our Own Bones: Disability Wisdom and ... Knowing Ourselves Whole by Julia Watts Belser		understanding disability	\$15	Co(4); SJ(2); SV(eBook); MT(eBook/audio)
Draw the Circle Wide: An Exploration of Christian Hospitality (Mission u curriculum) by Kathy Nelson	KO SP	hospitality		www.Amazon.com

Night Flyer: Harriet Tubman and the Faith Dreams of a Free People by Tiya Miles	V	spirituality in racism	\$12	Co(3); SJ(4); SC(1+audio) SV(1); MT(audio)
Season's Greetings: Christmas Letters from Those Who Were There by Ruth L. Boling		Christmas story	\$13	Co(Hoopla eBook) SC(Hoopla eBook)
The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World by Robin Wall Kimmerer	SP	Native American values	\$11	Co(17);SJ(12);SC(3);SV(3) MT(audio) +eBook/audio
With God in Every Breath: A Guide to Drawing Closer to Jesus Through Your Senses by Whitney R Simpson		connection with God	\$16	Co(Hoopla eBook/audio) SC(Hoopla eBook/audio)
Christian Hospitality is So Worth It..Even When (youth Mission u) by Garlinda Burton	YT	hospitality		www.Amazon.com
Whistlestop Tales: Around the Bible with 10 Extraordinary Children (vol 2) by Krish&Miriam Kandiah	YT CH	disabilities in Bible stories	\$18	
The Book of Belonging: Bible Stories for Kind and Contemplative Kids by Mariko Clark	CH	Bible stories on belonging	\$16	Co(7+eBook/audio); SJ(9)
The Just Love Story Bible by Jacqui Lewis & Shannon Daley-Harris	CH	Bible stories on big questions	\$21	Co(Hoopla eBook/audio) SC(Hoopla eBook)
God's Big Table (Children's Mission u) by Margaret Fraizer	CH	hospitality	\$14	www.Amazon.com
2 Faith Talk podcasts				https://uwfaith.org/resources/podcasts/

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KO = Also available in Korean
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S = includes sexual content

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