

Special note for 2022: In the midst of the pandemic, the health and well-being of people remains our primary concern. There are many activities, tools and resources in this action kit that can easily be adapted as virtual experiences for participation in this year's National Day of Racial Healing.

We are grateful to [WebJunction](#) for pulling together this list of 10 ways your library and community can recognize the National Day of Racial Healing.

VORACIOUS READERS

Peruse these lists of inspiring books:

- [Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation-themed materials](#), from the Great Stories Club of the American Library Association. The page provides free access to all of the materials that a librarian or educator would need to host one of the TRHT reading and discussion series ALA developed: reading lists, discussion questions, framing essays, racial healing circle prompts, print-ready design materials, etc.
- [A Collection of Diverse Book Lists](#), from We Need Diverse Books.org
- [Resisting Racism](#), a research guide for middle grade and young adult readers on resisting racism from University of Washington Libraries
- [Books Matter Literature List](#) from the Anti-Defamation League
- [Unity, Kindness and Peace Booklist](#) by the American Library Association
- [PBS Books](#) includes several booklists that celebrate diversity and multiculturalism.
- [The Anisfield Wolf Book Awards](#) is the nation's only juried prize for literature that addresses racism and diversity. It is chaired by Henry Louis Gates Jr. and recently completed its 86th annual award cycle.

BOOK CLUB MEMBERS

- Invite your virtual book clubs to select reading material in honor of the National Day of Racial Healing. [Here's how a book club in Battle Creek, Mich., got involved previously.](#)

LIBRARIANS AND SPECIAL EVENT COORDINATORS

- Promote relevant and inspiring books in your displays, bulletin boards, and on your websites and email newsletters. Use the lists for voracious readers above to spark your thinking.
- Invite the whole community to read the same book in honor of the National Day of Racial Healing and hold community discussions of the selected book online.
- Consider a summer reading series and hosting virtual conversations to continue the dialogue after the National Day of Racial Healing.
- Team up with local organizations to host a community discussion, framed by the [National Day of Racial Healing Conversation Guide](#).
- Host a virtual film screening or watch party, musical conversation, cultural event or storytelling session for the National Day of Racial Healing on Jan. 18, 2022.
- Dedicate your children's story hour to the National Day of Racial Healing.

- Find a space in the library for people to contribute their declarations of support for racial healing. Use a white board, chalkboard wall or poster board with the words “I will promote racial healing by” at the top and ask your patrons to fill in their ideas.
- Explore [WebJunction's Access and Equity topic area](#), as a basis for exploring racial equity opportunities with your colleagues.
- Be sure to promote your events and efforts on social media, using the hashtag **#HowWeHeal**.