

BLACK HISTORY MONTH BOOK DRIVE



A quality education begins with reading. When children are able to read to learn, they imagine more richly, develop a stronger vocabulary and engage in critical thinking. For United Way, increasing access to books is one way we help set kids up for future success.

United Way of Buffalo & Erie County has partnered with Juneteenth and Zawadi Books to host a Black History Month book drive. All donated books will be distributed at the 2022 Juneteenth Festival, June 19–20, at MLK Park.

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP

Shop

Use our specially curated list to purchase books from your favorite retailer. Looking to shop local? All titles are available from Zawadi Books, 1382 Jefferson Ave, Buffalo, NY 14208. Shop in-store Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 12–4 p.m. or by phone at 716-903-6740.

Drop

Books can be dropped off or shipped directly to United Way of Buffalo & Erie County, 742 Delaware Ave, Buffalo, NY 14209. (Lobby hours 9 a.m.–3 p.m, M–F)

Donate

You can also make a monetary donation toward the book drive. Funds raised will be used to purchase books directly from Zawadi Books. Thanks to our Corporate Volunteer Program Sponsors, GEICO and Curbell, **all monetary donations to the book drive will be matched \$1 for \$1 up to \$2,000.**

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ZAWADI BOOKS SUGGESTED READING LIST

Board Books

Curls by Ruth Forman
Every Little Thing by Bob Marley

Hey, Black Child by Useni Perkins
One Love by Bob Marley

Whistle for Willie by Ezra Jack Keats

Picture Books (suggested ages 5–10)

The 1619 Project: Born on the Water
by Nicole Hannah-Jon

The Year We Learned to Fly by Jacqueline Woodson

I Am Smart, I Am Blessed, I Can Do Anything
by Alissa Hatem

Your Legacy by Schele Williams

All Are Welcome by Alexander Penfold

The ABC's of Black History by Rio Cortez

28 Days: Moments in Black History That Changed the
World by Charles R. Smith, Jr.

King of Kindergarten by Derrick Barnes

Somebody Else by LaGaze Rodgers

I Love My Nappy Hair by Elizabeth Festus

Books (suggested ages 11–16)

The Girl from the Tar Paper School by Jeri Canfield

Becoming (adapted for young readers)
by Michelle Obama

Never Caught: The Story of Ona Judge
by Erica Armstrong

Black Women in Science by Kimberly Pellum

Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice by Phillip Hoose

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas

Concrete Rose by Angie Thomas

Becoming Muhammad Ali by James Patterson and
Kwame Alexander

Dear Justyce by Nic Stone

Booked by Kwame Alexander

Tears of a Tiger by Sharon Draper

Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper

Before the Ever After by Jacqueline Woodson

Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Boy
by Emmanuel Echo

Eye on History by Eva M. Doyle

The Revolution Will Rhyme (poetry)
by Jillian Hanesworth

She Came to Slay: The Life and Times of Harriet Tubman
by Erica Dunbar

The Hill We Climb (poetry) by Amanda Gorman

Adult Books

The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison

The Underground Railroad: A Novel by Colson Whitehead

Becoming by Michelle Obama

A Promised Land by Barack Obama

Autobiography of Malcolm X
by Alex Haley and Malcolm X

Miseducation of the Negro by Carter G. Woodson

Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates

The 1619 Project by Nicole Hannah-Jones

Caste by Isabel Wilkinson

Where Do We Go From Here? by Martin Luther King, Jr.