

Resources and Further Learning for Black History Month and beyond

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Volunteering on the Juneteenth Planning Committee is part of the work we do at Newton North High School Families Organizing for Racial Justice (NNHS FORJ). We are connected with FORJ Newton:

Families Organizing for Racial Justice (FORJ) is a group of diverse Newton families helping our children learn about issues of power and inequality and **how to stand up for racial justice**. We seek to generate **understanding** and **curiosity** about the differences in our society, and to work together towards **racial equity**.

We strive to achieve safe and welcoming environments that enhance the well-being of all people. We promote healing and connection between individuals and communities. **We speak out against injustice, support our kids to be upstanders, and take action to address bias and inequity.** We offer lectures on race and diversity, discussion groups, community events, Dynamic Diversity trainings and more. We follow the lead from our communities and help families foster inclusion in our city and schools.

The FORJ Newton newsletter includes activities to **DO, READ, LISTEN & WATCH** that promote racial justice awareness building. I have also added other opportunities.

DO:

Newton FORJ Book Celebration

February 11-28

Newtonville Books, 10 Langley Rd, Newton

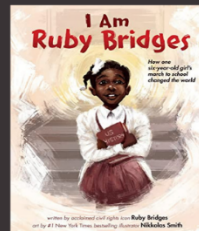
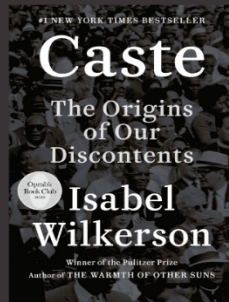
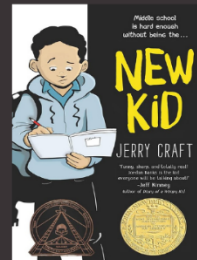
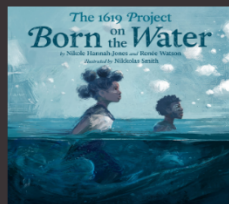
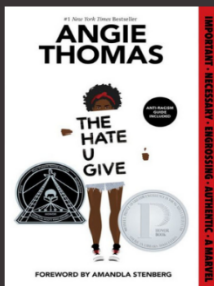
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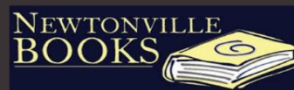
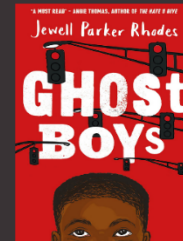
Celebrate Black History History Month with a...

BOOK CELEBRATION

Join FORJ and Newtonville Books for a book celebration! All February, visit **Newtonville Books (10 Langley Rd., Newton Center)**, purchase books curated by FORJ school leaders highlighting inclusion and justice, and grab some FORJ swag.



We are so
excited to
see you at



FORJ wants to connect with you! Follow us on Instagram (@forjnewton). Tag us in your post of your home library, your kiddos' favorite book, or your trip to Newtonville Books!

DO:

Learn about [Black History in Newton](#) at the Historic Newton website and at the Jackson Homestead. You can find out more about the history of Black Newtonians and how they contributed to the city.



DO:

Visit just Bookish <https://www.justbook-ish.com/about> founded by Porsha Olayiwola and Bing Broderick

[just -Bookish](#) This article describes the founders and their goals for the bookstore.

A LITERARY GATHERING SPACE FOR CREATIVE COMMUNITIES IN FIELDS CORNER

Our Boston bookstore seeks to shift the narrative in the publishing world by housing a collection of books by writers whose work often challenges political paradigms. Partnering with numerous organizations and artists, we offer a centralized hub and networking space in a cozy and comfortable book-cafe setting.

LISTEN:



Friday, February 28

Mark Copeland & Friends Concert

Allen Center for the Arts, 35 Webster St, Newton

7:30 PM -8:30 PM

[Register Here](#)

Mark Copeland is a pianist, organist, composer, and educator. Mr. Copeland, his musical trio, and three wonderful singers will perform various genres of music including gospel, soul, and smooth jazz.

LISTEN:



The Side Door Podcast

[Collected, a podcast: To Sweat Like Beyoncé](#)

Beyoncé is one of the most well-known and appreciated Black women in music today, but to understand her work, we need to look at who came before her and what those women contributed to the story of Black women on stage. In this special guest episode, curator Krystal Klingenberg introduces a new season of Collected, a podcast from the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History, all about Black women in music.

WATCH:



"Families Embracing Anti-Bias Values": An Evening with Story Starters

Wed, Feb. 26 7-9 PM

West Newton Cinema, 1296 Washington Street Newton

Story Starters is hosting a free movie screening and moderated discussion of this 50-minute documentary by award-winning producers John Nimmo and Debbie LeeKeenan.

The film documentary raises up the voices of multiple families with diverse identities, talking about their hopes, fears, strengths, challenges, and questions as they figure out: What kind of world do we want to create with our children?

Please come build community and join the conversation. Register [here](#).

WATCH:



Sunday, February 23

Behind the Screen: Nickel Boys

West Newton Cinema, 1296 Washington St, West Newton

2:20 pm – 3:30 PM

[Register Here](#)

Join us for a powerful panel discussion on *The Nickel Boys*, a film based on Colson Whitehead's impactful novel. Hosted at West Newton Cinema, this event will explore the film's profound themes through the lens of distinguished voices from film, theater, and history.

Panelists include:

Theodore "Regge" Life – Renowned filmmaker, educator, and Executive Director of Global Film Network Inc.

Naheem Garcia – Celebrated actor and theater educator with a distinguished career in film and theater.

Bradley Craig – Assistant Professor of History and African American & Black Diaspora Studies at Boston University.

Moderated by: Dr. Myisha S. Eatmon – Assistant Professor at Harvard University, specializing in African American history and law.

The panel is free, but reservations are suggested as space is limited. The *Nickel Boys* will screen before the discussion at noon and you may purchase tickets for the film

at <https://ticketing.uswest.veezi.com/purchase/48589?siteToken=sq9871g21qvhktp727tnes3e3g>